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THE STATES assembled on Tuesday, 14th December 1993 at 9.30 a.m. under the Presidency of the Bailiff, Sir Peter Crill, C.B.E.

All Members were present with the exception of -

Senator Richard Joseph Shenton - out of the Island Senator Terence John Le Main - out of the Island Deputy Philip Roy Cabot of Trinity - ill.

Prayers were read by the President

Congratulations to newly-elected Presidents

The Bailiff congratulated the newly-elected Presidents of Committees on their appointments.

Personal Statement by Deputy J.L. Dorey of St. Helier

Deputy Jeremy Laurence Dorey made a statement in the following terms -

"I am grateful to you, Sir, for giving me this opportunity to make a brief personal statement.

I must begin by making it clear that my intention is not to offend any Member of this House, but merely to make my own position quite clear, regarding certain comments which have been made since last Thursday's elections for Committee Presidents - comments which I believe may have been made in haste, to be regretted at leisure.

As a confirmed athiest, I cannot join in

the States' opening prayer, because it appeals to a deity in whom I do not believe; even so, I recognise and heartily approve the spirit of the words in that prayer, which ask God to grant to this Assembly the gifts of wisdom and care, and to unite the hearts of all its Members. Wisdom and unity are surely vital to our purpose.

As a new Member of this House, I am only too keenly aware of a level of public expectation which I am uncertain of being able to satisfy. Indeed, my abiding feeling since election day, has been one of grateful surprise that I should have been chosen, together with a heavy weight of responsibility to the electors.

But if I am to achieve anything during my time here, it can only be with the active co-operation of other Members, both new and old. I am glad to say that co-operation has been freely given, up to now, and I would be very sad to see it withheld in the future, purely on the basis of some real or imagined political grouping.

There is no Member here, new or old, nor any group of Members, with a monopoly on the truth. We will not always (perhaps not even often) agree as to the best course of action, but there is, for me, a world of difference between forceful argument based on sincerely-held beliefs, and aggression dictated by dogma.

I believe I must speak for many, when I maintain that this House, and the people it represents, can only be damaged by a war among us; but I guarantee, if there is to be any sort of war, that I will not wear the uniform of either side.

I hope that we will have no more talk of threats, undue pressure, or unwillingness to respond to rational argument. The results of last Thursday's elections may not have always suited all Members, but we in this Assembly should be the last people to complain about the vagaries of the democratic process. I voted on the strength of the presentations given by the candidates, and I see no reason to believe that other Members did otherwise, although they may have been assisted in their choice, quite properly, by what they already knew of the candidates.

I will close by saying that I ask for just

two things, in my time here: the first is the power to cope with a mountain of paperwork, without losing touch with the concerns of the ordinary people who trusted me with their vote; and the second is that I, and all of us, should continue to benefit both from the enthusiasm and energy of new Members, and from the experience and willing assistance of those who are less new."

Appointment of Committees

THE STATES, pursuant of their Act dated 9th December 1993, with regard to the appointment of Presidents of Committees, made the following appointments -

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Senator R.R. Jeune, O.B.E., President

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P.F. Horsfall J.S. Rothwell N.L. Quérée

Connétable

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Deputies

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Senator

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Connétables

E.C. Quénault of St. Brelade J. Roche of St. Saviour

Deputies

D.R. Maltwood of St. Mary J.N. Le Fondré of St. Lawrence F.H. Walker of St. Helier

DEFENCE COMMITTEE

Deputy M.A. Wavell of St. Saviour, President

Senators

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Deputies

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Deputy

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COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY INTO CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO THE RELEASE FROM CONTRACT OF FORMER CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF SPORT, LEISURE AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Deputy R.E.R. Rumboll of St. Helier, President

JERSEY TRANSPORT AUTHORITY

Deputy D.R. Maltwood of St. Mary, Chairman

One representative of the following Committees -

Harbours and Airport Committee Senator P.A. Bailhache

Agriculture and Fisheries Committee Senator J.S. Rothwell

Tourism Committee Senator C. Stein

Three Members of the States, appointed on the recommendation of the Chairman -

Senator

R.R. Jeune, O.B.E.

Deputies

R.E.R. Rumboll of St. Helier A.J. Layzell of St. Brelade

Deputy Industrial Disputes Officer: appointment

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of Deputy Margaret Anne Le Geyt of St. Saviour and in accordance with Article 2 of the Industrial Disputes (Jersey) Law 1956, as amended, appointed Senator Vernon Amy Tomes as Deputy Industrial Disputes Officer.

Suspension of Standing Order No. 18

THE STATES, adopting a Proposition of the Finance and Economics Committee, suspended Standing Order No. 18 to allow the draft Public Finances (Administration) (Amendment No. 7) (Jersey) Law 1993 (Appointed Day) Act 1993 to be considered at this meeting.

Public Finances (Administration) (Amendment No. 7) (Jersey) Law 1993 (Appointed Day) Act 1993.

THE STATES, in pursuance of paragraph (3) of Article 9 of the Public Finances (Administration) (Amendment No. 7) (Jersey) Law 1993, made the Public Finances (Administration) (Amendment No. 7) (Jersey) Law 1993 (Appointed Day) Act 1993.

Compliments of the season

Senator Reginald Robert Jeune, on behalf of the Senators, Connétable John Pepin Le Sueur of St. John, on behalf of the Connétables, and Deputy Robin Ernest Richard Rumboll of St. Helier, on behalf of the Deputies, wished the Bailiff and Lady Crill, the Law Officers and the Officers of the States, the compliments of the season.

The Bailiff, in return, wished the Members of the States and their families a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

THE STATES rose at 10.25 a.m.

G.H.C. COPPOCK

Greffier of the States.