THE STATES assembled on Tuesday 23rd September 2008, at 09.30 a.m. under the Presidency of Mr. Michael Nelson de la Haye, Greffier of the States.

All members were present at roll call with the exception of –

Senator Wendy Kinnard – ill

Senator Paul Francis Routier – en défaut (défaut raised at 9.47 a.m.)

Senator Terence John Le Main- en défaut (défaut raised at 10.22 a.m.)

Connétable Kenneth Alan Le Brun of St. Mary- en défaut (défaut raised at 11.12 a.m.)

Connétable Thomas John du Feu of St. Peter- en défaut (défaut raised at 10.01 a.m.)

Connétable John Le Sueur Gallichan of Trinity- en défaut

Connétable Michael Keith Jackson of St. Brelade- excused

Deputy Geoffrey Peter Southern of St. Helier- en défaut (défaut raised at 9.54 a.m.)

Deputy James Gordon Reed of St. Ouen-ill

Deputy Patrick John Dennis Ryan of St. Helier-ill

Deputy Deidre Wendy Mezbourian of St. Lawrence- en défaut

Deputy Anne Enid Pryke of Trinity – en défaut

Deputy Ian Joseph Gorst of St. Clement- en défaut

Prayers read by the Deputy Greffier of the States

Notification of lodged propositions

Draft Amendment (No. 9) of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey (P.140/2008): P.140/2008. amendments.

Lodged: 23rd September 2008.

Senator M.E. Vibert.

Withdrawal of lodged propositions

THE STATES noted that, in accordance with Standing Order 34(1), the proposer of the following proposition lodged "au Greffe" had informed the Greffier of the States that it had been withdrawn –

P.136/2008.

Energy From Waste Facility: Public Inquiry.

Lodged: 28th August 2008.

Connétable of St. Helier.

Draft Annual Business Plan 2009 P.113/2008

THE STATES resumed consideration of the Draft Annual Business Plan 2009 and adopting paragraph (h) approved the Legislation Programme for 2009, as set out in Part Three of the report, Summary Table H, pages 102 to 104 of the report.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 36 CONTRE: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

Senator L. Norman

Senator F.H. Walker

Senator T.A. Le Sueur

Senator P.F. Routier

Senator M.E. Vibert

Senator P.F.C. Ozouf

Senator T.J. Le Main

Senator B.E. Shenton

Senator J.L. Perchard

Connétable of St. Ouen

Connétable of St. Peter

Connétable of St. Clement

Connétable of St. Lawrence

Connétable of Grouville

Connétable of St. Saviour

Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S)

Deputy A. Breckon (S)

Deputy J.J. Huet (H)

Deputy of St. Martin

Deputy G.C.L. Baudains (C)

Deputy C.J. Scott Warren (S)

Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier (S)

Deputy J.B. Fox (H)

Deputy J.A. Martin (H)

Deputy S.C. Ferguson (B)

Deputy of Grouville

Deputy of St. Peter

Deputy J.A. Hilton (H)

Deputy G.W.J. de Faye (H)

Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré (L)

Deputy S.S.P.A. Power (B)

Deputy S. Pitman (H)

Deputy A.J.D. Maclean (H)

Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)

Deputy of St. John

Deputy of St. Mary

Change of Presidency

Mr. Michael Nelson de la Haye, Greffier of the States, retired from the Chair during consideration of paragraph (h) of the Draft Annual Business Plan 2009 (the Legislation Programme for 2009), and the meeting continued under the Presidency of the Bailiff.

Draft Companies (Annual Returns – Additional Charge) (Jersey) Regulations 200- P.129/2008

THE STATES commenced consideration of the Draft Companies (Annual Returns – Additional Charge) (Jersey) Regulations 200- and adopted the principles.

THE STATES adopted an amendment of the Minister for Economic Development that in Regulation 2 the following Regulation should be substituted –

"2 Citation, commencement and application

- These Regulations may be cited as the Companies (Annual Returns Additional Charge) (1) (Jersey) Regulations 200- and shall come into force 7 days after they are made.
- (2) These Regulations shall not apply upon the delivery of an annual return of a company for the year of return 2008 or earlier.".

THE STATES, having been informed that the relevant scrutiny panel had indicated that it did not wish to scrutinise the draft legislation, adopted Regulations 1 and 2, as amended.

THE STATES, in pursuance of Articles 201(2) and 220(1) of the Companies (Jersey) Law 1991, made Regulations entitled the Draft Companies (Annual Returns – Additional Charge) (Jersey) Regulations 2008.

Draft Police Procedures and Criminal Evidence (Amendment of Schedule 1) (No. 1) (Jersey) Regulations 200- P.130/2008

THE STATES commenced consideration of the Draft Police Procedures and Criminal Evidence (Amendment of Schedule 1) (No. 1) (Jersey) Regulations 200 and adopted the principles.

THE STATES, having been informed that the relevant scrutiny panel had indicated that it did not wish to scrutinise the draft legislation, adopted Regulations 1 and 2.

THE STATES, in pursuance of Articles 3(10) and 113 of the Police Procedures and Criminal Evidence (Jersey) Law 2003, made Regulations entitled the Police Procedures and Criminal Evidence (Amendment of Schedule 1) (No. 1) (Jersey) Regulations 2008.

Income support, food costs bonus, income tax allowances and/or exemptions – increases to offset GST on foodstuffs and domestic energy P.138/2008

THE STATES commenced consideration of a proposition of Deputy John Alexander Nicholas Le Fondré of St. Lawrence entitled Income Support, food costs bonus, income tax allowances and/or exemptions – increases to offset GST on foodstuffs and domestic energy' (P.138/2008), and rejected an amendment of Deputy Le Fondre that in paragraph (a) the words and domestic energy should be deleted, and in paragraph (b) the words or on domestic energy" should be deleted in both places where they appeared.

Members present voted as follows -

CONTRE: 37 POUR: 1 **ABSTAIN: 1**

Deputy P.N. Troy (B) Senator S. Syvret Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré (L)

> Senator L. Norman Senator F.H. Walker Senator T.A. Le Sueur Senator P.F. Routier Senator M.E. Vibert Senator P.F.C. Ozouf Senator T.J. Le Main

Senator B.E. Shenton

Senator F.E. Cohen Senator J.L. Perchard

Connétable of St. Mary

Connétable of St. Clement Connétable of St. Lawrence

Connétable of Grouville

Connétable of St. Martin Connétable of St. John Connétable of St. Saviour Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S) Deputy A. Breckon (S) Deputy J.J. Huet (H) Deputy of St. Martin Deputy G.C.L. Baudains (C) Deputy C.J. Scott Warren Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier **(S)** Deputy J.B. Fox (H) Deputy J.A. Martin (H) Deputy G.P. Southern (H) Deputy S.C. Ferguson (B) Deputy of Grouville Deputy J.A. Hilton (H) Deputy G.W.J. de Faye (H) Deputy S.S.P.A. Power (B) Deputy A.J.D. Maclean (H) Deputy K.C. Lewis (S) Deputy of St. John Deputy of St. Mary

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of Deputy John Alexander Nicholas Le Fondré of St. Lawrence entitle 'Income Support, food costs bonus, income tax allowances and/or exemptions – increases to offset GST on foodstuffs and domestic energy' (P.138/2008) agreed –

- (a) that appropriate increases, with a total cost equivalent to the tax revenue that would be lost to the States if foodstuffs and domestic energy were exempted or zero-rated for Goods and Services Tax in accordance with United Kingdom Value Added Tax arrangements, should be made to
 - (i) income support,
 - (ii) the Food Costs (Offset of Average GST) Bonus (as defined under the Food Costs (Offset of Average GST) Bonus (Jersey) Regulations 2008), and
 - (iii) income tax allowances and/or exemptions, in such proportions to provide a benefit to as many members of the population as practicable, but to provide proportionately most benefit to the less well-off and vulnerable in society in Jersey,

and requested the Minister for Treasury and Resources and the Minister for Social Security to bring forward for approval the necessary legislation to give effect to the decision, together with a request under Article 11(8) of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2005 in respect of the additional expenditure required; and

(b) agreed that the increases set out in paragraph (a) would only remain in place while GST was payable on foodstuffs or on domestic energy and that they would be adjusted proportionately in the event of any future decision by the States to zero-rate or exempt foodstuffs or domestic energy.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 34 CONTRE: 6 ABSTAIN: 0

Senator F.H. Walker Senator T.A. Le Sueur Senator P.F. Routier Senator M.E. Vibert Senator P.F.C. Ozouf Senator T.J. Le Main Senator J.L. Perchard Connétable of St. Ouen

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Deputy A.J.D. Maclean (H)

Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)

Deputy of St. John

Deputy of St. Mary

Senator S. Syvret Senator L. Norman Senator F.E. Cohen Deputy A. Breckon (S) Deputy G.P. Southern (H) Deputy of Grouville

Change of Presidency

The Bailiff retired from the Chair during consideration of the proposition entitled 'Income Support, food costs bonus, income tax allowances and/or exemptions – increases to offset GST on foodstuffs and domestic energy' (P.138/2008) and the meeting continued under the Presidency of Mr. Michael Nelson de la Haye, Greffio of the States. The States re-assembled after the lunch adjournment under the Presidency of the Bailiff.

Statements on a matter of official responsibility

(see Official Report/Hansard)

The Minister for Economic Development made a statement concerning a review of Depositor Protection in Jersey.

Arrangement of public business for future meetings

THE STATES acceded to the request of the Minister for Economic Development, in accordance with Standing Order 26(7), to reduce the minimum lodging period in respect of the propositions concerning the Draft Boats and Surf Riding (Control) (Amendment No. 28) (Jersey) Regulations 200 (P.148/2008) and the Draft Amendment (No. 33) to the Tariff of Harbour and Light Dues (P.149/2008) which had been lodged 'au Greffe' on 19th

September 2008, and were matters of such urgency and importance that it would be prejudicial to Jersey to delay their debate.

THE STATES agreed the following arrangement of public business for future meetings proposed, as amended, by the Chairman of the Privileges and Procedures Committee in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 88 (3) –

21st October 2008

Draft Foundations (Jersey) Law 200-.

Minister for Economic Development.

Lodged: 9th September 2008.

Integrated Coastal Zone Management Strategy. P.76/2008. Lodged: 23rd May 2008. Minister for Planning and Environment. Esplanade Quarter Masterplan, St. Helier: development agreement– approval by the P.111/2008. States. Lodged: 3rd July 2008. Senator J.L. Perchard. Draft States of Jersey (Amendment No. 5) Law 200. P.122/2008. Lodged: 29th July 2008. Privileges and Procedures Committee. Draft Policing of Parks (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 200-. P.131/2008. Lodged: 12th August 2008. Minister for Transport and Technical Services. Jersey Air Cadets' HQ, La Rue Carrée, St. Brelade-proposed Deed of Arrangement. P.132/2008. Lodged: 14th August 2008. Minister for Treasury and Resources. Artificial Insemination of Bovines: fees. P.135/2008. Lodged: 26th August 2008. Minister for Planning and Environment. Committee of Inquiry: Energy from Waste plant procurement process. P.139/2008. Lodged: 4th September 2008. Deputy G.C.L. Baudains of St. Clement. Draft Amendment (No. 9) of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey. P.140/2008. Lodged: 5th September 2008. Privileges and Procedures Committee. Draft Amendment (No. 9) of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey (P.140/2008): P.140/2008. amendments. Amd. Lodged: 23rd September 2008. Senator M.E. Vibert. Draft Employment (Amendment No. 4) (Jersey) Law 200. P.142/2008. Lodged: 8th September 2008. Minister for Social Security.

P.143/2008.

Draft Income Support (Special Payments) (Cold Weather Payments) (Amendment) P.144/2008. (Jersey) Regulations 200-. Lodged: 9th September 2008. Minister for Social Security. Draft States of Jersey (Powers, Privileges and Immunities) (Scrutiny panels, PAC and P.145/2008. PPC) (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 200-. Lodged: 9th September 2008. Privileges and Procedures Committee. Draft Prison (Amendment No. 6) (Jersey) Law 2007 (Appointed Day) Act 200. P.146/2008. Lodged: 12th September 2008. Minister for Home Affairs. Rates: the States' liability. P.147/2008. Lodged: 16th September 2008. Connétable of St. Helier. Draft Boats and Surf Riding (Control) (Amendment No. 28) (Jersey) Regulations 200. P.148/2008. Lodged: 19th September 2008. Minister for Economic Development. Draft Amendment (No. 33) to the Tariff of Harbour and Light Dues. P.149/2008. Lodged: 19th September 2008. Minister for Economic Development. 2nd December 2008 Rental Deposit Scheme to Protect Tenants' Deposits. P.137/2008. Lodged: 29th August 2008. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier. Financial Services Compensation Scheme. P.150/2008. Lodged: 19th September 2008. Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier. 3rd February 2009 Machinery of Government: modifications. P.141/2008. Lodged: 8th September 2008. Deputy G.C.L. Baudains of St. Clement.

THE STATES rose at 3.07 p.m.

A.H. HARRIS

Deputy Greffier of the States