THE STATES assembled on Wednesday, 3rd December 2003 at 9.30 a.m. under the Presidency of the Bailiff, Sir Philip Bailhache.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, Air Chief Marshal Sir John Cheshire, K.B.E., C.B., was present.

All members were present with the exception of –

Senator Paul Vincent Francis Le Claire – ill John Baudains Germain, Connétable of St. Martin– ill Michael John Touzel, Connétable of St. John– excused Alan Breckon, Deputy of St. Saviour– ill Collin Hedley Egré, Deputy of St. Peter– ill

Prayers

Budget 2004 Amendments and Comments.

THE STATES allowed the Treasurer of the States to be present in the Chamber during the consideration of the Budget.

THE STATES resumed consideration of the Budget 2004, and decided to allow the following estimates of revenue expenditure and income of the following Committees, as detailed in the undermentioned pages of the Budget –

Policy and Resources Committee – Pages 6 to 10

Privileges and Procedures Committee - Pages 11 to 13

Environment and Public Services Committee (Planning and Environment) - Pages 19 to 21

THE STATES commenced consideration of the estimates of the revenue expenditure and income of the Environment and Public Services Committee (Public Services), and rejected an amendment of Deputy Celia Joyce Scott Warren of St. Saviour that on page 23 of the Budget the estimate of revenue expenditure of the Environmen and Public Services Committee (Public Services) be increased from £18,831,300 to £19,895,300 by adding £1,064,000 to the estimate for buses.

Members present voted as follows –

"Pour" (10)

Connétables

St. Helier.

Deputies

St. John, Dorey(H), Scott Warren(S), Farnham(S), Le Hérissier(S), Martin(H), Southern(H), Grouvill De Faye(H).

"Contre" (35)

Senators

Le Maistre, Syvret, Norman, Walker, Le Sueur, Routier, M. Vibert, Ozouf, E. Vibert.

Connétables

St. Ouen, St. Saviour, St. Brelade, St. Mary, St. Peter, St. Clement, Trinity, St. Lawrence, Grouville.

Deputies

Trinity, Duhamel(S), Huet(H), St. Martin, Le Main(H), Dubras(L), Baudains(C), Troy(B), Voisin(L), Fo. (H), Bridge(H), Ferguson(B), St. Mary, St. Ouen, Ryan(H), Taylor(C), Hilton(H).

THE STATES, having further considered the estimates of the revenue expenditure and income of the Environment and Public Services Committee (Public Services), decided to allow the said estimates as detailed in the undermentioned pages of the Budget as follows –

Environment and Public Services Committee (Public Services) – Pages 22 to 24

THE STATES commenced consideration of the estimates of the revenue expenditure and income of the Economic Development Committee, and granted leave to Deputy Geoffrey Peter Southern of St. Helier to withdraw his amendment, (P.166/2003 lodged "au Greffe" on 18th November 2003), that on pages 28 and 29 of the Budget the estimate of revenue expenditure of the Economic Development Committee be increased from £18,537,500 to £18,721,500 by adding £184,000 to enable the dairy industry to provide free school milk.

THE STATES resumed consideration of the estimates of the revenue expenditure and income of the Economic Development Committee and rejected an amendment of the Connétable of St. Helier that on pages 28 and 29 of the Budget the estimate of revenue expenditure of the Economic Development Committee be reduced from $\pounds 18,537,500$ to $\pounds 18,187,500$.

THE STATES, having further considered the estimates of the revenue expenditure and income of the Economic Development Committee, decided to allow the said estimates as detailed in the undermentioned pages of the Budget as follows –

Economic Development Committee – Pages 25 to 30.

Adjournment

THE STATES then adjourned, having agreed that outstanding matters in the Budget 2004 and other items of public business should stand over until Thursday 4th December 2003.

THE STATES rose at 6.00 p.m.

M.N. DE LA HAYE

Greffier of the States.