



THE STATES assembled on Tuesday,
31st July, 1984 at 10.15 a.m. under the
Presidency of the Bailiff, Sir Frank
Ereaut.

All members were present with the exception of –

Senator Richard Joseph Shenton – out of the Island.

Edgar John Becquet, Deputy of Trinity – out of the Island.

Prayers.

Tribute to the late Mr. J.D. Gready – former member of the House.

The Bailiff paid tribute to the late Mr. John Dean Gready, a former Deputy of St. Brelade. The States observed one minute's silence as a mark of respect.

Subordinate legislation tabled.

The following enactments were laid before the States, namely –

1. Road Traffic (Saint Ouen) (Amendment No. 6) (Jersey) Order, 1984. R & O 7293.
2. Road Traffic (Saint Helier) (Amendment No. 6) (Jersey) Order, 1984. R & O 7294.
3. Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment No. 14) (Jersey) Order, 1984. R & O 7295.
4. Fire Service (General Provisions) (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Order, 1984. R & O 7296.
5. Health Insurance (Pharmaceutical Benefit) (General Provisions) (Amendment No. 18) (Jersey) Order, 1984. R & O 7297.

6. Battle of Flowers (Jersey) Order, 1984. R & O 7298.
7. Parish of Saint Clement Fête (Jersey) Order, 1984. R & O 7299.
8. Saint Martin's Fête (Jersey) Order, 1984. R & O 7300.
9. Road Traffic (Public Parking Places) (Amendment No. 18) (Jersey) Order, 1984. R & O 7301.
10. Social Security (Earnings Limit) (Jersey) Order, 1984. R & O 7302.
11. Health Insurance (Pharmaceutical Benefit) (General Provisions) (Amendment No. 19) (Jersey) Order, 1984. R & O 7303.
12. Traffic Signs (Amendment No. 11) (Jersey) Order, 1984. R & O 7304.

Draft Barclays Banks (Jersey) Law, 198 . (P.89/84): report. P.105/84.

The Finance and Economics Committee by Act dated 11th July, 1984, presented to the States a Report relating to the Proposition of Deputy Sir Martin Le Quesne of St. Saviour (P.89/84) about the Draft Barclays Bank (Jersey) Law, 198 .

THE STATES ordered that the said Report be printed and distributed.

Contingencies Vote of Credit – Establishment Committee.

THE STATES noted an Act of the Finance and Economics Committee dated 25th July, 1984, informing the House that it had made available to the Establishment Committee the sum of £20,000 from the Contingencies Vote of Credit to enable it to undertake a work study of Hospital Manual Worker posts.

Matters noted – land transaction.

THE STATES noted Acts of the Finance and Economics Committee dated 27th June, 11th and 25th July, 1984, showing that in pursuance of Standing Orders relating to certain transactions in land, the Committee had approved –

- (a) as recommended by the Harbours and Airport Committee, the lease to the Ministry of Defence of approximately 230 square feet of office accommodation situated near the Watch Tower on the Victoria Pier, St. Helier for a period of 9 years with a rent review and break clauses at the end of the third and sixth years with effect from 26th March, 1984, at an annual rent of £30 for the purpose of naval control of shipping exercises and for the instruction of naval and reserve staff;
- (b) as recommended by the Housing Committee, the purchase of No. 17 Dorset Street, St. Helier for the sum of £45,000 from Miss Florence Ann Harris with each party to be responsible for its own legal costs;
- (c) as recommended by the Housing Committee the purchase from Mr. Maurice O'Connell of No. 19 Columbus Street, St. Helier, for a consideration of £22,500 for the realty on the basis of each party paying its own legal fees;
- (d) as recommended by the Resources Recovery Board, the lease by the Public of the Island to Mr. Andre Jegat of the lower storey of the building on the Scrap Metal Processing Site, Bellozanne, measuring approximately 12,000 square feet and shown on Drawing SK-1362 for a period of nine years at a rent of £2,000 a year subject to rent reviews every third year;
- (e) as recommended by the Housing Committee, the passing of a Contract de Transaction with Mr. Roy William Dobin and Mrs. Greta Catherine Dobin, née Mallet, the owners of Maison d'Poupée, Poonah Road, St. Helier, in order to agree that the existing gable and roof of the property might remain as they were in part built on the party wall between that

property and Nos. 4 and 5, Clare Street, St. Helier, and also that the capping on the wall might remain as was at present;

- (f) as recommended by the Public Works Committee, the leasing to Miss Carolyn Mary Tanner of approximately 9½ vergées of land situated to the south of Field 691, St. Brelade, for a further period of three years, with effect from 24th June, 1984, at an annual rent of £120, in order to exercise and graze her horses;
- (g) as recommended by the Harbours and Airport Committee, the further lease to Mr. Leonard Edward John Moon of Westview House, Mont à La Brune, St. Peter, of certain areas of grazing land alongside the southern boundary of Jersey Airport (being land lettings 33A, 38, 40 and 56) measuring 13.25 vergées in total for a period of three years with effect from 24th June, 1984 at a rent of £25 a vergée a year giving an annual rent of £331.25;
- (h) as recommended by the Harbours and Airport Committee, the lease to Mr. Richard Holmes of Les Buis Chaumière, St. Mary of just under one vergée of land and on the former site of the demolished properties Archlow Villa, Cairnfield and Glenmoor situated on the northern boundary of the airfield for a period of one year certain and thereafter six months' notice on either side with effect from 1st July, 1984 at a rent of £30 a year as a small holding for agricultural/horticultural use;
- (i) as recommended by the Island Development Committee the sale of land, measuring approximately 2,513.25 square feet and shown coloured red on Drawing No. 12.159.1 to Owing Trust of the Communicare Community Centre, St. Brelade, for the nominal sum of £1 with the Committee bearing the costs of the transaction subject to the public retaining a right of pedestrian access over the footpath and to Communicare's being prepared to maintain the footpath in perpetuity;

- (j) as recommended by the Island Development Committee and in pursuance of an Act of the States dated 13th March, 1966, the sale of the freehold interest in the area of land being Site 16, Rue des Pres Trading Estate, St. Saviour shown on Drawing No. 02.144.6 and measuring approximately 2,600 square feet to Comet Properties Limited for the sum of £2.50 a square foot making a consideration of £6,500 to permit the access of heavy goods vehicles to the stores facilities at the rear of the Company's building being constructed on the site;
- (k) as recommended by the Housing Committee to the sale to Kleinwort Benson (C.I.) Limited of an area of land at Clos Paumelle, St. Saviour, marked red on Drawing No. APP/1/8/2-2/84 measuring approximately 700 square feet for a consideration of £1 with the purchasers to be responsible for all legal costs.

Matters noted – financial transactions.

THE STATES noted Acts of the Finance and Economics Committee dated 13th June and 25th July, 1984, showing that in pursuance of Rule 5 of the Public Finances (General) (Jersey) Rules, 1967, as amended, the Committee had noted that –

- (a) the Housing Committee had accepted the lowest of seven tenders, namely that submitted by A.C. Mauger & Son (Sunwin) Limited in the sum of £986,895.00 in a contract period of 45 weeks for the development of the site of St. Mary's House, Roussel Street, St. Helier;
- (b) the Public Health Committee had accepted the lowest of five tenders, namely that submitted by J.F. Marett and Son Limited in the sum of £62,513.52 in a contract period of 14 weeks for the extension of Le Geyt Centre to provide a severely handicapped unit and printing workshop.

Matters lodged.

The following subject was lodged “au Greffe” –

Golf course: rezoning of land (P.88/84) – second amendment. P.104/84.

Presented by Senator John Le Marquand.

The following subjects were lodged “au Greffe” on 3rd July, 1984 –

1. **Draft Gambling (Gaming and Lotteries) (Amendment No. 7) (Jersey) Regulations, 198 . P.92/84.**

Presented by the Gambling Control Committee. The States decided to take this subject into consideration at the present Sitting.

2. **Sunday Trading: amendment re. photographic goods. P.93/84.**

Presented by the Tourism Committee. The States decided to take this subject into consideration at the present Sitting.

3. **Draft Building Loans (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment No. 18) (Jersey) Regulations, 198 . P.94/84.**

Presented by the Housing Committee.

4. **Constitution of Special Committee to consider contribution to U.K. towards defence and international representation costs (P.85/84): amendment. P.95/84.**

Presented by Senator Ralph Vibert.

5. **Constitution of Special Committee to consider contribution to U.K. towards defence and international representation costs (P.85/84): second amendment. P.96/84.**

Presented by Deputy Donald George Filleul of St. Helier.

The following subject was lodged “au Greffe” on 10th July, 1984 –

Contribution of Special Committee to consider contribution to U.K. towards defence and international representation costs (P.85/84): third amendment. P.97/84.

Presented by Deputy Maurice Clement Buesnel of St. Helier.

The following subjects were lodged “au Greffe” on 17th July, 1984 –

1. **Belleville, St. Aubin – approval of drawings. P.98/84.**
Presented by the Housing Committee. The States rejected the request of the President of the Housing Committee to take this subject into consideration at the present Sitting and decided to take it into consideration on 21st August, 1984.
2. **Draft Merchant Shipping (Deck Officers) (Jersey) Regulations, 1984. P.99/84.**
Presented by the Harbours and Airport Committee. The States decided to take this subject into consideration at the present Sitting.
3. **Draft Merchant Shipping (Marine Engineer Officers) (Jersey) Regulations, 1984. P.100/84.**
Presented by the Harbours and Airport Committee. The States decided to take this subject into consideration at the present Sitting.
4. **Golf course: rezoning of land at Les Quennevais. P.101/84.**
Presented by Deputy Graham Douglas Thorne of St. Brelade.
5. **Draft Road Transport Lighting (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Regulations, 1984. P.102/84.**
Presented by the Defence Committee. The States decided to take this subject into consideration at the present Sitting.
6. **Golf course: rezoning of land (P.88/84) – amendment. P.103/84.**
Presented by the Finance and Economics Committee.

No. 1 Hampton Villas, Parade, St. Helier: lease to P.53/84.

THE STATES acceded to the request of the President of the Public Health Committee that the Proposition relating to the lease of No. 1 Hampton Villas, Parade, St. Helier (P.53/84 – lodged on 1st May, 1984) be considered at the present Sitting.

Gambling Control Committee – establishment: supplementary vote of credit. P.91/84. Withdrawn.

THE STATES acceded to the request of the President of the Finance and Economics Committee that the Proposition relating to the supplementary vote of credit for the Gambling Control Committee – establishment (P.91/84 – lodged on Supply Day held on 26th June, 1984) be withdrawn.

“Video nasties” – introduction of legislation. Questions and answers.

Deputy Michael Walter Bonn of St. Peter asked Senator Reginald Robert Jeune, President of the Education Committee, the following questions –

- “1. Is the President aware of how many individuals and how many organisations are worried about the necessity to bring in the necessary legislation to prohibit the sale of ‘video nasties’ as soon as possible?
2. How soon can we expect the necessary legislation to be ready for presentation to the States?”

The President of the Education Committee replied as follows –

- “1. I am very well aware of the concern expressed by individuals and organisations in Jersey about the sale and rental of so-called video nasties in the Island. My Committee and officers have in fact taken the lead in developing and promoting a code of conduct for local video retailers which has had some effect in

removing from local shelves the more extreme examples of visual violence. Members of the States will recall that at the invitation of my Committee Mr. Graham Bright, M.P., addressed the majority of members following a showing of excerpts from videos in December last.

2. Following that visit and after consultation with the Bailiff, the Crown Officers and the Home Office a brief has been supplied to the Law Draftsman for local legislation which will closely follow the pattern set in Mr. Bright's Private Member's Bill which has now received the Royal Assent. I anticipate that I shall be able to place a Video Recordings (Jersey) Law before the States early in the new Session."

Cost of Living Index. Statement.

The President of the Finance and Economics Committee made a statement in the following terms –

"The Finance and Economics Committee in view of the interest shown in the States on 7th February, 1984, as a result of questions asked by Senator J.C. Averty of Deputy J. Roche, the Chairman of the Joint Advisory Council, regarding the Jersey Cost of Living Index, decided to ask the Policy Advisory Committee to look at the origins and base of the Index and consider whether any changes were desired. That Committee, following a meeting with the Chairman and the Secretary of the Joint Advisory Council, recommended that an independent statistician should be asked to look at the Jersey Cost of Living Index, either to give the existing method a clean bill of health or make suggestions for improvements. That recommendation was accepted by my Committee and agreed with the Chairman of the Joint Advisory Council.

A senior statistician with the Department of Employment, which is responsible for the United Kingdom retail prices index, is to visit the Island in the autumn to carry out the required review, and when his findings are known and have been considered by my Committee and the Joint

Advisory Council, a further statement will be made to the House.”

B.B.C. Radio Jersey – housing of Manager. Statement.

The President of the Housing Committee made a statement in the following terms –

“Members will be aware that, on 18th June, 1984, the Royal Court upheld an Appeal by the B.B.C. against the Committee’s refusal to consent to the Corporation purchasing a property in which to house the Manager, for the time being, of Radio Jersey on grounds of his essential employment.

During the Debate, on 28th January, 1981, the President of the Broadcasting Committee assured this House that, apart from the first Manager, the Station would be manned by local residents. By Act dated the 9th January, 1981, the Housing Committee had informed the Broadcasting Committee that, if a Manager without residential qualifications was employed, then it should be on a contract basis, during which time a local person should be trained to take over the post. This point was emphasised by the President of the Housing Committee during the Debate. Several Members of my Committee believe that this was a significant factor during the Debate.

Shortly after that Debate, the President of the Housing Committee, and the President of the Broadcasting Committee, met with the Deputy General Manager, B.B.C. Local Radio, to discuss the housing of non-residentially qualified staff. The Committee’s policy was fully explained. It was stated that, at that time, there was no question of the B.B.C. seeking to purchase a house in which to house its Local Manager. Following that meeting, the Committee wrote to the Corporation to confirm the following points –

1. In the longer term, the Corporation would be expected to man the Station from among those who possessed full residential qualifications.

2. It was accepted that, initially, it might not be possible to recruit a Manager who possessed residential qualifications. If this turned out to be the case, the Committee would be prepared to issue a temporary consent to a non-local Manager, for a period not exceeding five years. At the end of that period, it was hoped that the Manager would be replaced by a person with residential qualifications.
3. It was hoped that the Corporation would be able to recruit both Producers from among persons with residential qualifications. If, however, that turned out not to be possible, then the Committee would issue a temporary housing consent for one non-local Producer for a period not exceeding three years. It was unlikely that the Committee would agree to renew that consent for a further period.

There was not, at that time, any indication from the Corporation that the Committee's terms were unacceptable or unworkable.

In 1982, the Corporation made application to the Committee for consent to purchase a property in which to house the Manager of its Local Radio Station. There followed what can only be described as a volte-face in a Paper on B.B.C. career structures which stated that, given the Corporation's established policy and, having regard to National Union Agreements, it was not, and indeed never had been, a realistic possibility that the Station would be managed by a person with residential qualifications who had been trained specially to take over the post.

My Committee, at that time, refused to accept that it was not possible to recruit and train a local resident to manage the Station. The B.B.C.'s policy on career structures and its agreements with the Unions on open competition for all jobs, were matters for the Corporation to resolve and not the Housing Committee. My Committee felt that the Corporation had not justified a long-term requirement to house a non-residentially qualified Manager and refused

consent to the application, feeling that the Corporation's relatively short-term needs could be best met through a leasehold situation.

The Committee's decision was subsequently referred to a Review Board, which found in favour of the Corporation, and requested the Committee to reconsider its decision.

My Committee considered the whole case afresh, and it became clear that the appointment of a Manager with residential qualifications was not a realistic possibility. The Committee was reminded, however, that the Corporation's existing contract with the States expires in November, 1988, albeit that both parties have agreed that they would not refuse to renew it for any insubstantial reasons. The Committee felt that both it and the States had been misled over the housing requirements which would result from the establishment of the B.B.C. Local Radio Station and that there must at least be some doubt whether the States would agree to renew the contract unconditionally, for example, the States might only agree to renew the contract if the Corporation undertook to man the Station with local residents. It was not for my Committee to pre-empt any decision of the States. Accordingly, the Committee maintained its refusal of consent to purchase a property. That decision was overturned, on Appeal, by the Royal Court."

Emission of dioxins from incineration plants. Statement.

The President of the Resources Recovery Board made a statement in the following terms –

“Publicity was first given to the detection of ‘dioxins’ in the flue gases emitted by Incineration Plants burning municipal wastes in Europe in 1977.

In view of the newspaper reports published in Europe in England and in Jersey in recent weeks, I would like to reassure the House on the matter.

There is no single chemical compound known as Dioxin.

'Dioxins' are formed by the low temperature combustion of organic matter containing chlorine or its compounds.

In considering the combustion of waste domestic material we are concerned about the emission of –

- (a) POLY CHLORINATED DIBENZO-P-DIOXINS –
of which there are 75; and
- (b) POLY CHLORINATED DIBENZO FURANS –
of which there are 135.

Pollution scientists are particularly concerned about one of these, known as 2,3,7,8 tetra chlorinated dibenzo dioxin (2,3,7,8 TCDD) and this has been the subject of study since 1977.

The recent newspaper reports concern two plants in Hamburg in the Federal Republic of Germany and I have had enquiries made about the tests on these two plants.

I am advised that on one of these plants, which is of similar design to the Jersey plant, no hazardous emissions were detected, but that on the other plant, where less satisfactory results were recorded, the incinerators under test were older and of a different design to the Jersey plant.

The Board has consulted with the Department of the Environment and with the Warren Spring Laboratory. This is a government laboratory which specialises in matters of environmental pollution and which has been studying dioxin emissions for 7 years. Tests are being conducted at the Incinerator in the U.K. which is located in an area of high population density.

The Board's engineers have studied Reports on dioxin emissions by Swiss, German and American Environmental Protection Agencies who have also been concerned with pollution by dioxin emissions from refuse Incinerator Plants over a number of years. Their findings

are typified by a definitive American Report dated May 1983, which concludes –

‘While the statements made today about risks from PCDDs and PCDFs from combustion of municipal wastes can only be interim in nature, it appears that certainly the worst fears about adverse effects on public health will not be realised and that more likely a significant health concern does not exist. At the time public officials and plant operators must remain conscious of the potential for a problem and act responsibly.’

Finally, I would advise the House that the Resources Recovery Board will adopt any standards which may be used in the U.K. in the future and will consider the use of any others adopted elsewhere which may be more stringent than those used in the U.K.”

Land at First Tower, St. Helier: transfer of administration.

THE STATES, adopting a Proposition of the Resources Recovery Board, approved the transfer of the administration of public land at First Tower, St. Helier, shown on Drawing No. 383/2 from the Resources Recovery Board to the Public Works Committee to enable certain road works to be carried out.

Lister House, 35½ The Parade, St. Helier.

THE STATES, adopting a Proposition of the Public Works Committee –

- (a) approved the sale to Doctor Derek Haydn Taylor of the half-share in the party wall alongside Lister House, 35½ The Parade, St. Helier, with the right to place windows and doorways with pedestrian access in the said wall, for the sum of £5,500, together with the sum of £75 in respect of the legal costs incurred;
- (b) authorised the Attorney General and the Greffier of the States to pass the necessary contract in the matter;

- (c) authorised the Treasurer of the States to receive the amounts connected with the above transaction.

O.S.L. Channel Islands Travel Service: lease of accommodation.

THE STATES, adopting a Proposition of the Harbours and Airport Committee –

- (a) approved the lease to O.S.L. Channel Islands Travel Service of the first floor of the Airline Administration Building No. 3 at Jersey Airport with effect from 1st September, 1984, for a period of five years with a rent review after three years, on the basis of current market rentals at an annual rent of £7,348.25 representing a rate of £4.75 a square foot a year;
- (b) authorised the Greffier of the States to sign the necessary agreement;
- (c) authorised the Treasurer of the States to receive the rent as it became due.

Dummy Lane, St. Helier: acquisition.

THE STATES, adopting a Proposition of the Housing Committee –

- (a) approved the purchase by the public of the Island of an area of Dummy Lane shown hatched in red on drawing No. 2769/103 and authorised the Greffier of the States to sign the said drawing on behalf of the States;
- (b) agreed that, as it is not possible to agree a fair and proper purchase price with the owner, the Island Development Committee should be empowered, in exercise of Article 4 of the Island Planning (Jersey) Law, 1964, to acquire the land by compulsory purchase on behalf of the public, in accordance with the provisions of the Compulsory Purchase of Land (Procedure) (Jersey) Law, 1961, as amended;

- (c) authorised the payment or discharge of the expenses to be incurred in connexion with the acquisition of the land and of all interest therein, including the commutation of any Seignorial rights and the payment of legal expenses out of the Vote of Credit granted to the Housing Committee under the heading “building, purchase and rehabilitation of dwellings” (C1103); and
- (d) authorised the Attorney General and the Greffier of the States to pass on behalf of the public any contracts which it is found necessary to pass in connexion with the acquisition of the said land and any interest therein.

Committee of Inquiry: fuel oil prices.

THE STATES rejected a Proposition of Senator Jane Patricia Sandeman that a Committee of Inquiry be appointed into the price of fuel oil in Jersey.

Members present voted as follows –

“Pour” (22)

Senators

Sandeman, Baal.

Connétables

Grouville, St. Peter, St. Clement.

Deputies

Mourant(H), Morel(S), Quenault(B), Perkins(C),
Le Brocq(H), Le Quesne(S), St. Martin, Filleul(H),
Vandervliet(L), Le Main(H), Le Fondré(L),
Buesnel(H), Grouville, St. Mary, Beadle(B),
Thorne(B), Wavell(H).

“Contre” (29)

Senators

Vibert, Le Marquand, Jeune, Averty, Binnington,
de Carteret, Horsfall, Ellis, Rothwell.

Connétables

St. Ouen, St. Mary, St. Saviour, St. John, Trinity,
St. Brelade, St. Martin, St. Helier, St. Lawrence.

Deputies

St. Ouen, Le Maistre(H), Le Gallais(S), Roche(S),
St. Peter, Farley(H), Rumboll(H), Blampied(H),
Billot(S), Norman(C), St. John.

Constitution of Special Committee to consider invitation to make a regular annual contribution towards the costs of defence expenditure by the United Kingdom and of international representation by the United Kingdom on behalf of the Island.

THE STATES commenced consideration of a Proposition of Senator Ralph Vibert regarding the constitution of a Special Committee to consider the making of a contribution to the United Kingdom towards defence and international representation. The States accepted an amendment of Deputy Donald George Filleul of St. Helier that in paragraph (a) for the words after “Special Committee” there should be substituted the words –

- “(i) to consider the matter; and
- (ii) to consider alternative ways in which the Island could assist towards such costs; and to report thereon to the States.”

THE STATES, having rejected an amendment of Deputy Maurice Clement Buesnel of St. Helier that at the end of paragraph (b) there should be added “these names should include one lady member of the States and also a member who has not served in the States for more than three years”, adopted an amendment of Senator Ralph Vibert to paragraph (b) and accordingly agreed –

- (a) following the invitation from the Home Secretary to the Insular Authorities to consider whether it would be reasonable and practicable for the Island to make a regular annual contribution towards the costs of defence expenditure of the United Kingdom and of international representation by the United Kingdom

on behalf of the Island, to constitute a Special Committee –

- (i) to consider the matter; and
- (ii) to consider alternative ways in which the Island could assist toward such costs,

and to report thereon to the States;

- (b) to appoint the following as members of the Special Committee –

Senator Ralph Vibert

Senator John Le Marquand

Senator Richard Joseph Shenton

Senator John William Ellis

Connétable Charles Alan Le Maistre of Grouville

Deputy Philip George Mourant of St. Helier

Deputy Sir Martin Le Quesne of St. Saviour.

Gas Company Relocation: loan and ancillary matters.

THE STATES, adopting a Proposition of the Finance and Economics Committee –

- (a) approved the grant to the Jersey Gas Company Limited of an interest free loan of £1.5 million, to be advanced in three equal tranches of £500,000 on 1st October, 1984, 1st January, 1985 and 1st April, 1985, and to be repayable in five annual instalments of £300,000 commencing on 31st March, 1993, the loan to be secured on the Company's real property, excluding an area to the north of the Company's LPG storage and production plant at Tunnell Street and the area to the west of the plant which houses the Company's offices, workshops, stores and staff accommodation;

- (b) agreed to lease to the Company 101,625 square feet of land at La Collette Reclamation Scheme for a period of 99 years with effect from 1st May, 1978, on condition that throughout that period the Company continues to supply gas, at an annual rent fixed in accordance with an agreed formula, the rent to be reviewed every five years, and accordingly to rescind their Act dated 7th March, 1978 regarding the lease of land at La Collette to the Company;
- (c) agreed that the Lois (1918 à 1965) sur la Compagnie du Gaz should be amended in the following principal respects –
 - (i) the provisions restricting the Company's Ordinary dividend to 10% per annum, and the restrictions on interim dividends, to be removed as well as those provisions relating to the creation of certain special reserves and funds, so that in future all undistributed profits can be carried forward without restriction;
 - (ii) the distribution to be permitted of all realised profits;
 - (iii) the enabling of undistributed profits (including realised capital gains) to be capitalised and the sums capitalised to be applied in paying up unissued shares to be issued as bonus shares in each case for the benefit of shareholders who would have been entitled to participate in a dividend;
 - (iv) the objects and powers of the Company to be updated and extended;
 - (v) the States to be given the power, if it appears to the States to be necessary to do so in the public interest, to determine the Company's tariffs after having regard, inter alia, to the ability of the Company to pay a reasonable dividend on the Ordinary shares;

- (vi) the States to be given the power to acquire at open market value any fixed asset essential to the production and supply of gas if the Company decided to dispose of it;
 - (vii) the Company to be obliged to give the States not less than one year's notice of any intention to discontinue the production and supply of gas;
 - (viii) the present right of the States on one year's notice to acquire the Company's business or undertaking according to a price formula set by the Law to be replaced by provisions stating that the basis of acquisition of the undertaking should be the open market value of the business or undertaking as if sold as a going concern, or, if higher, the aggregate open market values of the assets employed in the undertaking (less liabilities taken over). The provisions also to provide that the States may not make a general offer to the shareholders for a consideration less than that derived from applying the basis of acquisition of the undertaking unless the Directors agree;
 - (ix) the provisions relating to the borrowing powers of the Company to be amended so as to give power to borrow and give security at the discretion of the Directors;
- (d) authorised the Attorney General and the Greffier of the States to pass the necessary contracts with the Jersey Gas Company;
 - (e) authorised the Treasurer of the States to pay and receive the appropriate amounts as they become due.

Draft Gambling (Gaming and Lotteries) (Amendment No. 7) (Jersey) Regulations, 198 . P.92/84. Deferred.

THE STATES commenced consideration of the draft Gambling (Gaming and Lotteries) (Amendment No. 7) (Jersey)

Regulations, 198 (P.92/84 – lodged on 3rd July, 1984) and after discussion deferred the matter to 21st August, 1984.

Sunday Trading: amendment re. photographic goods.

THE STATES, adopting a Proposition of the Tourism Committee amended their Act of 15th May, 1984, so as to add, after sub-paragraph (j) of paragraph (d), an additional sub-paragraph as follows –

- (k) photographic goods, supplies and accessories, including blank video tapes.

Merchant Shipping (Deck Officers) (Jersey) Regulations, 1984.

THE STATES by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by Order in Council of the twenty-eighth day of March, 1771, made Regulations entitled the Merchant Shipping (Deck Officers) (Jersey) Regulations, 1984.

Merchant Shipping (Marine Engineering Officers) (Jersey) Regulations, 1984.

THE STATES, by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by the Order in Council of the twenty-eighth day of March, 1771, made Regulations entitled the Merchant Shipping (Marine Engineering Officers) (Jersey) Regulations, 1984.

Road Transport Lighting (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Regulations, 1984.

THE STATES, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the Order in Council of the twenty-eighth day of December, 1951, and Article 14A of the Road Transport Lighting (Jersey) Law, 1956, as amended, made Regulations entitled the Road Transport Lighting (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Regulations, 1984.

No. 1 Hampton Villas, Parade, St. Helier.

THE STATES, adopting a Proposition of the Public Health Committee –

- (a) approved the leasing from the Trustees of the John Clive Le Seilleur Trust by the Public of the Island of No. 1 Hampton Villas, Parade, St. Helier for 21 years as from 24th June, 1984, at an annual rent of £5,500 to be reviewed every third year, the Public to be responsible for the payment of rates, insurance and interior and exterior repairs;
- (b) authorised the Attorney General and the Greffier of the States to pass the necessary contract in the matter;
- (c) authorised the Treasurer of the States to pay the rent as it became due.

THE STATES rose at 4.15 p.m.

E.J.M. POTTER,

Greffier of the States.