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THE STATES assembled on Tuesday, 6th November, 1990 at 10.00 a.m. under the Presidency of the Bailiff, Sir Peter Crill, C.B.E.

All Members were present with the exception of -

Senator Bernard Thomas Binnington - out of the Island.
Senator John Stephen Rothwell - out of the Island.
Fred Philip Webber Clarke, Connétable of St. Helier - out of the Island.
Richard Winter Le Sauteur, Connétable of Grouville - out of the Island.
David John de la Haye, Deputy of St.
Helier - out of the Island.
Henri Leon Dubras, Deputy of St.
Martin - ill.
Percy John Le Masurier, Deputy of St.
Ouen - out of the Island.

Prayers

Deputy M.A. Wavell of St. Helier - welcome

The Bailiff, on behalf of the States, welcomed Deputy Michael Adam Wavell of St. Helier on his return to the States after his recent accident.

Deputy Greffier - appointment

The Bailiff informed the House that Miss C.M. Newcombe would be appointed Deputy Greffier of the States from 1st

Subordinate legislation tabled

The following enactments were laid before the States, namely -

- 1. Collective Investment Funds (Recognized Funds) (General Provisions) (Amendment No. 5) (Jersey) Order 1990. R. & O. 8124.
- 2. Water (Temporary Restrictions) (No. 2) (Revocation) (Jersey) Order 1990. R & O 8127.

Department of Postal Administration: report for 1989

The Committee for Postal Administration by Act dated 24th October 1990, presented to the States a report of the Department of Postal Administration for the year 1989.

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

Matter noted - land transaction

THE STATES noted an Act of the Finance and Economics Committee dated 29th October 1990, showing that in pursuance of Standing Orders relation to certain transactions in land, the Committee had approved, as recommended by the Public Health Committee, the lease from Mrs. Jane Perée, née Swift, of the one-bedroomed Flat 4, 73 Rouge Bouillon, St. Helier for a period of one year from 1st November 1990, with an option to renew for a further year, at a rent of #80 a week.

Matter noted - financial transaction

THE STATES noted an Act of the Finance and Economics Committee, dated 29th October 1990 showing that in pursuance of Rule 5 of the Public Finances (General) (Jersey) Rules 1967, as amended, the Committee had noted that the Defence

Committee had accepted the lowest of three tenders, namely that submitted by A.C. Mauger and Son (Sunwin) Limited, in the sum of #2,469,663, in a contract period of 63 weeks for the Territorial Army Unit Headquarters at the R.E. Yard, South Hill, St. Helier.

Matters lodged

The following subjects were lodged ``au Greffe" -

- Rent rebate scheme for private sector tenants: extension of scheme. P.166/90.
 Presented by the Housing Committee.
- 2. Draft Building Loans (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment No. 20) (Jersey) Regulations 199 . P.167/90. Presented by the Housing Committee.
- Caesarean Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club: removal of air dome. P.168/90.
 Presented Deputy M.C. Buesnel of St. Helier.
- Draft Family Allowances (Jersey) Law 1972 (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 199 . P.169/90.
 Presented by the Social Security Committee.
- 5. Draft Family Allowances (Amendment) (Jersey)
 Regulations 199 . P.170/90.
 Presented by the Social
 Security Committee.
- 6. States of Jersey Standing Orders: miscellaneous amendments. P.171/90. Presented by the House Committee.
- 7. Draft Act establishing a Scheme to provide compensation for victims of crimes of

violence. P.172/90. Presented by the Defence Committee.

- 8. Public Employees (Contributory Retirement Scheme) (General) (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 199 . P.173/90. Presented by the Establishment Committee.
- 9. Draft Census (Jersey)
 Regulations 199 . P.174/90.
 Presented by the Etat Civil
 Committee.
- Chief Officer, States of Jersey Police Force: extension of contract. P.175/90.
 Presented by the Defence Committee.
- Draft Amendment (No. 13) to the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey. P.176/90.
 Presented by the House Committee.
- 12. Fourth report: States' sittings and planning of public business. P.177/90. Presented by the House Committee.

Sex discrimination. P.135/90

THE STATES acceded to the request of Senator Corrie Stein that the proposition relating to sex discrimination (lodged on 11th September 1990) be deferred from the present Sitting to a later date.

Public rank taxi legislation: amendment. P.162/90

THE STATES acceded to the request of Senator Dereck André Carter that consideration of the proposition relating to the amendment of public rank taxi legislation (lodged on 23rd October 1990 by the Defence Committee) be deferred from the present Sitting to the first item of matters lodged under Public Business on

20th November 1990.

Arrangement of Public Business for the present Sitting

THE STATES confirmed that the following subjects lodged au Greffe should be considered at the present Sitting -

Draft Christmas Bonus (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 199 . P.160/90. Lodged: 23rd October 1990. Social Security Committee.

Law Draftsman designate: appointment. P.164/90. Lodged: 23rd October 1990. Establishment Committee.

Arrangement of Public Business for next Sitting on 20th November 1990

THE STATES confirmed that the following subjects lodged au Greffe should be considered at the next Sitting on 20th November 1990 -

Public rank taxi legislation: amendment. P.162/90. Lodged: 23rd October 1990. Defence Committee.

Rent rebate scheme for private sector tenants: extension of scheme. P.166/90. Lodged: 6th November 1990. Housing Committee.

Draft Building Loans (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment No. 20) (Jersey) Regulations 199 . P.167/90. Lodged: 6th November 1990. Housing Committee.

Caesarean Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club: removal of air dome. P.168/90. Lodged: 6th November 1990. Deputy M.C. Buesnel of St. Helier.

Draft Family Allowances (Jersey) Law 1972 (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 199 . P.169/90. Lodged: 6th November 1990. Social Security Committee.

Draft Family Allowances (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 199 . P.170/90. Lodged: 6th November 1990. Social Security Committee.

Draft Census (Jersey) Regulations 199 . P.174/90. Lodged: 6th November 1990. Etat Civil Committee.

Public Employees (Contributory Retirement Scheme) (General) (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 199 . P.173/90. Lodged: 6th November 1990. Establishment Committee.

Draft Act establishing a Scheme to provide compensation for victims of crimes of violence. P.172/90. Lodged: 6th November 1990. Defence Committee.

Chief Officer, States of Jersey Police Force: extension of contract. P.175/90. Lodged: 6th November 1990. Defence Committee.

Draft Amendment (No. 13) to the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey. P.176/90. Lodged: 6th November 1990.

House Committee.

Fourth report: States' sittings and planning of public business. P.177/90.

Lodged: 6th November 1990.

House Committee.

La Moye Prison - weekly cost of keeping a prisoner. Questions and answers

Deputy Maurice Clement Buesnel of St. Helier asked Deputy Edgar John Becquet of Trinity, President of the Prison Board, the following questions -

Question 1

"Can the President say what the total weekly cost is of keeping a prisoner at La Moye Prison?"

The President of the Prison Board replied as follows -

"The total weekly cost of keeping a prisoner at La Moye Prison in 1989 was #86.52. This does not include provision for staff wages, capital expenditure and capital servicing."

Supplementary question and answer

Senator R.R. Jeune - ``Why the President saw fit to omit staff wages. It would seem to be that it was a very, very essential part, and could he please give us the total cost, if not today, at a subsequent occasion"?

President, Prison Board - ``When I discussed this with the Prison Governor I thought that some of these matters were not relevant because they were on-going matters and what the Deputy was asking was how much in food and such things as that was the cost. I will give the figure now, if the House really wants me to. The figure is #447.02."

Deputy Buesnel

Question 2

"Will the President confirm his statement made in the States recently that a creditor pays #15 a day to keep a debtor in prison?"

President, Prison Board

"I can confirm that a charge of #15 a day is made to the creditor to keep a debtor in prison other than in cases involving maintenance arrears or where the debtor is imprisoned for other matters. Although this contribution is based on the costs arising from the number of prisoner days, it excludes fixed costs such as wages and capital servicing, as all such expenses remain the responsibility of the Prison

Supplementary questions and answers

Deputy M.C. Buesnel - ``If all costs including manpower and capital costs are taken into account, does the President feel that in 1990 it is right that the taxpayer should subsidise improvident charities in being able to gaol non-payers."

President, Prison Board - "The position is in regard to prisoners at La Moye, there are prisoners who are there because of infractions of the law and there are prisoners there which we call `civil prisoners', that is to say persons who are in prison for other matters but infraction of the law. The position is this, that in accordance with the Prison Law, it is the duty of the Law to supply a prison for the incarceration of these people, and under the Law it would not be possible for the Prison Board to charge anything like the cost of actually keeping them. I think I can put this in better perspective in that the debtors in prison in 1980 amounted in all to three. Of these one was in for maintenance and there is no charge in that case, one served 31 days and one served nine days. The number of debtors in 1990 totalled five. Of these one was for maintenance arrears. one was remanded on criminal charges, so therefore there would be no charges in that case, of the remainder, three served two days each, one served 11 days."

Senator T.J. Le Main - ``Can the President confirm that it is correct that some prisoners can earn up to #150 a week wages in the prison?"

President, Prison Board - ``I will have to have notice of that question. It depends on what kind of work they do, but long-term prisoners earn some money but there is a maximum limit on what they can earn. But I can't answer that question as to how much a week they earn. The amount really for most prisoners is very small indeed."

Light industry and redundancies. Questions and answers

Deputy Shirley Margaret Baudains of St. Helier asked Senator Reginald Robert Jeune, President of the Finance and Economics Committee, the following questions -

Ouestion 1

"Given the considerable demise of light industry in Jersey, would the President confirm what action is being taken to arrest this rapid decline?"

The President of the Finance and Economics Committee replied as follows -

"The decline of light industry in Jersey in recent years involving the closure of the RCA and Redetronics factories, the impending closure of OTC and the relocation of part of the Channel Islands Knitwear operation to the United Kingdom, has come about because of a combination of local and external economic conditions.

Of particular relevance has been the difficult labour market conditions that have prevailed in the Island whereby light industry has been faced with the problem of competing for staff with other sectors better able to support higher wages and salaries, and also seen as offering greater job security. This problem has been compounded by an inability to bring into the Island immigrant workers with the skills and experience required because of the housing difficulties. Externally, there has been the need of many firms to rationalise their operations in order to survive in an increasingly competitive trading climate, and financial assistance has been made available by many governments to encourage businesses to locate in areas of relatively high unemployment.

In every case where the forthcoming closure of a factory has been made known, the management has been asked whether there is anything the States could do of a practical nature to persuade them to change their decision. In every case the answer has been in the negative. No government can resist market forces. However, what governments can seek to do is to ensure that through the maintenance of a successful economy those who are made redundant through no fault of their own have a better chance of finding alternative employment. In this respect the success of States' policies to date, in supporting an economy that has maintained full employment, has ensured that those who have been made redundant in recent years, or for whom redundancy is in prospect, have been and should continue to be much better placed in finding alternative employment than those made redundant in most parts of the United Kingdom and the rest of Western Europe."

Deputy Baudains

Question 2

"Would the President confirm to this House whether or not any written applications have been received by his Committee from internal or external sources to set up any type of light industry or extend such existing schemes locally?"

President, Finance and Economics Committee

"Because of the market influences to which I have referred in the answer to the previous question, the Deputy should not be surprised when I say that in recent times there have been no formal applications made to my Committee for the establishment of new light industry manufacturing for export or the significant expansion of existing light industry. Enquiries have been received by the Economic Adviser's office but these have not been proceeded with. There is an

initial interest in the Island, particularly from owners of businesses who are attracted to the idea of residing in the Island and relocating part or the whole of their business activities. However, many of those making such enquiries are in high technology industries and have a need to bring to the Island a number of senior managers, and employees with the required skills, and the number of employment opportunities offered from which local residents might benefit have been relatively few in number. Also the request is normally for a green field site on which to build a modern factory.

With the benefit of somewhat easier labour market conditions, and/or a greater opportunity for green field site development, both Guernsey and the Isle of Man have been more successful in attracting light industry, but these Islands too have faced recent plant closures. In this context, perhaps I can quote from two recent reports.

Firstly the States of Guernsey Advisory and Finance Committee's Policy Planning, Economic and Financial Report published in July of this year -

The manufacturing sector received a severe setback at the beginning of this year when the closure of Tektronix was announced with a loss of 229 jobs. This represents about 10 per cent of those employed in manufacturing and nearly 20 per cent of those working in the export earning firms reducing the value of exports by one-third. Demand for labour in the Island has meant that redundant staff have been rapidly absorbed by other businesses'.

Secondly in the Isle of Man Government's Policy Report for the 1990s published in October of this year - The recent experience of Ronaldsway Aircraft Company has served as a timely reminder that the Island cannot isolate itself from the impact of world affairs. The pace of change in Eastern Europe, developments in the Gulf, high interest rates and general world economic trends can all affect local industry which increasingly competes in international markets'."

Deputy Baudains

Question 3

"Given the declared manpower redundancies i.e. OTC - 170 members of staff, and the recent announcement by Channel Island Knitwear Company to shed some 24 jobs, would the President indicate to the House what action his Committee is taking to find redeployment for the same, and whether or not his Committee is prepared to offer financial support to retrain or reskill the redundant staff?"

President, Finance and Economics Committee

``The main protection for those to be made redundant by Channel Island Knitwear, and over the next two years by OTC, must lie in the Island maintaining a buoyant economy with full employment. That is the declared intention of the Policy and Resources Committee. I am aware that there is considerable anxiety among the employees affected that the zero job growth policy will mean that there will be insufficient jobs available when they are needed. However, in this context, perhaps I could refer to what the Economic Adviser told Mr. Kavanagh, the Local District Official of the TGWU when he met with him on 17th July and which the Economic Adviser on the following day communicated to the Managing Director of OTC. That is, firstly, that zero job growth relates to the total work force of the Island. To the extent there are redundancies, other firms will be able to expand their work

force without coming into conflict with the overall objective. Secondly, that ahead of the date when employees are made redundant it will be possible to inform other employers that, if they want to increase the number of staff through the recruitment of the redundant staff, they can be expected to obtain the necessary licence to do so. This has been the practice of the Committee for some time in response to declared redundancies; for example the closure earlier this year of a firm of stockbrokers.

The Economic Adviser went on to say to the Managing Director that to the extent that those companies offering employment in 1992 are looking for different skills, which can be obtained through off the job training over a reasonably short period, perhaps this could be provided for by Highlands College working in conjunction with OTC, and this was a matter that the Economic Adviser indicated he would be pleased to discuss with the Managing Director.

I understand OTC is already talking to Highlands but that these and other discussions on the subject of retraining and re-employment are awaiting the finalising of the programme for the phased closure of the plant. My Committee will be watching closely the progress of these discussions, and will be taking a close interest in their satisfactory outcome.

On the subject of retraining, perhaps I could couple with my answer to the Deputy's question a response also to her next question in which she asks whether or not my Committee can insist that the parent company of OTC should be fully responsible for funding the retraining and reskilling of its redundant staff.

I am sure that support for training can and should be considered in conjunction with the Advisory Training Council and Highlands College. As I have already indicated this point has been put to the company and I have no doubt that nearer the time when the redundancies are to occur the opportunity will be taken to meet this requirement. The States for their part have no power to insist that the parent company of OTC should be fully responsible for funding the retraining and reskilling of its redundant staff. But from the discussions that have taken place to date there is every indication that OTC and its parent company will assist with the retraining and reskilling in every way they can."

Supplementary question and answer

Senator R.J. Shenton - "In view of the fact that I have in my possession a letter of 2nd November from the Overseas Trading Corporation management to the staff when they say that phased closure will be brought in which is different to that which most of us figured at the time, was our concern, I remember hearing Senator Horsfall at the time saying that everyone would go out of the doors in 1992, they appear to have changed their ground on this, but there is a passage here that says exactly when departments will be closed has not been decided, but certainly would not be this side of Christmas. In view of the fact that Christmas is only six weeks away, it is so close that I hope the President will assure me that Mr. Powell and whoever is dealing with this matter from his Committee will get into urgent discussions with the department because that is not the way these people want to enjoy or spend their Christmas, wondering if next week or the week after Christmas is their time to lose their job?"

President, Finance and Economics Committee - ``Mr. Powell is in close contact, as I am sure the Members will understand, with the managing director of OTC and there is a degree of sympathy on their part on these matters and I will certainly take up this point. It is as Senator Shenton has said, and I am stressing here, it is a phased closure, I think we all thought it was all going to happen in one fell swoop, but whether they have changed their ground or not, it is now quite clear that it was a misunderstanding and it is now quite definitely a phased closure."

Deputy Baudains

Question 4

"Given that it is intended to make 170 jobs redundant in 1992, would the President indicate to this House, given nil growth in 1992, whether his Committee intends to relax the current edict in order to employ redundant staff?"

President, Finance and Economics Committee

"I believe I have already answered the question in my response to question 3. There is no need to relax the zero job growth policy. I would repeat that if employers wish to take advantage of the labour to be made available by the closure of OTC, or the redundancies declared by Channel Island Knitwear, they have only to approach my Committee. There is nothing in the zero job growth policy that should frustrate a change in the disposition of the existing workforce. Also while 1992 may be seen by some as a difficult year for employment growth, I would mention that it is also the year when the statutory age for full-time education is increased to 16, and when therefore there will be a once and for all reduction in the number of young persons coming on to the job market. In addition there will be many job vacancies to fill reflecting the rate of labour turnover which is particularly high among immigrant workers.

Employers generally have stated that if local labour is available it is preferred because it is more stable, and I see no reason to doubt that this view will be reflected in a keen interest in the employees to be made

redundant, a process to which my Committee will give every encouragement. However, this process cannot be advanced until the programme for the phased closure of the plant is agreed, and the number and nature of the employees to be made redundant at any one time and the timing of their redundancy is known. The company has been informed that as soon as this stage is reached we will be pleased to enter into active discussions on the question of alternative employment opportunities involving management, the employees and their representatives.

Finally, I would emphasise that there is no question of all the staff of OTC being placed on the labour market at one time. The management of the company has made it clear that the closure of the plant will be phased."

Payments to certain old age pensioners. Questions and answers

Deputy Shirley Margaret Baudains of St. Helier asked Senator Reginald Robert Jeune, Chairman of the Working Party on Need, the following questions

Question 1

"Will the Chairman confirm that whereas persons in receipt of a Social Security old age pension benefit from an annual increase, pensioners who reside in homes for senior citizens and hospitals have not received any increase for two years in the sum of £10.00 weekly which they receive by way of personal expenses?"

The Chairman of the Working Party on Need replied as follows -

"The Deputy is incorrect in stating that the amount of pocket money paid to the elderly in residential homes has not been increased for two years.

In August 1989 the Working Party On Need considered the amount of pocket money paid each week as part of the normal annual review of welfare benefits, and reminded the Connétables that the then £9.00 a week had remained unchanged for two years.

The President of the Comité de Connétables wrote to me on 12th September 1989 and stated that `taking into consideration the cost of living increase and the United Kingdom pocket money allowance, the Connétables agreed to augment the allowance by £1.00. Therefore with effect from 1st October 1989 the pocket money allowance will be £10.00'.

This year the Working Party on Need has considered the recommendations of the Study Group on Benefits that the Working Party set up under the chairmanship of Mr. John Lees, Controller of Social Security. The Study Group recommended in respect of the financial support for those in need accommodated in residential homes and nursing homes that a standardised schedule of rates should be established on a year to year basis through the Working Party on Need.

Proposals in response to this and related recommendations have been put to the Comité de Connétables for consideration, and a reply is currently awaited. The personal allowance to which the Deputy has referred will be reviewed by the Working Party as part of this exercise. The St. Helier Community Services Department recently also has asked the Comité de Connétables for its thoughts on the level of the personal allowance. This request was considered by the Comité at its meeting last Saturday and the views of the Comité are now to be submitted to the Working Party for its consideration."

Supplementary question and answer

Senator Betty Brooke - ``I am pleased to see by the end of the answer the term `pocket money' had changed to `personal allowance', I consider the

term `pocket money' in reference to the elderly in care is not a term that I like to see, one gets pocket money as a child, you should have a personal allowance and I would like that term always to be referred to. It is slightly patronising, I think, if I may say so."

Ouestion 2

"Will the Chairman give an assurance that the Working Party will review the amount of this payment to take account of increased costs during the last two years?"

President, Working Party on Need

"I have no doubt that the personal allowance paid should be reviewed regularly together with the other welfare benefits. I hope that from my answer to her first question the Deputy will see that such a review is very much in mind at the present time."

Supplementary questions and answers

Senator R.J. Shenton - "Will the President accept that whatever the replies have been to these questions, I think the point made by Senator Mrs. Brooke is relevant, but I also feel that what is quite relevant, I'm sure most members do not need a Working Party or anyone else to tell them the amount paid to these elderly residents is quite frankly a disgrace, that they should be paid much more, the House would support much more, all that I ask is that they recognise when elderly people go into residential homes it is nice for them to have a little bit of money to spend on those people of the family who visit them whether it be grandchildren or other visitors, it is a part of our way of allowing them to have the dignity which should come with old age and having done so much for the community."

Deputy Baudains - ``I would like to think that when the Working Party on

Need do consider this that a 10 per cent increase will not be the amount because this is ridiculous, they really need a lot more than 10 per cent, hopefully 25 per cent, or 50 per cent?"

Senator Corrie Stein - ``I would like to ask if possible the Committee, to not always refer to the United Kingdom because their standard of life is a lot lower than it is here and I want our standard of life to be reflected in the kind of money that those people are receiving."

Complaints concerning members of the States of Jersey and the Avon and Somerset Police Forces. Statement

The President of the Defence Committee made a statement in the following terms -

"Members will recall that in 1989 former Chief Inspector Charles Edward Quinn made a number of complaints concerning, principally, members of the States of Jersey and the Avon and Somerset Police Forces.

At the request of my Committee the Home Office arranged for the complaints to be investigated by Mr. G.M. Jones, Deputy Chief Constable of the Staffordshire Police. I am happy to say that, with one exception, they have been found to be wholly unsubstantiated.

The one exception concerned a senior officer of the States of Jersey Police Force whose conduct was criticised during the Assize trial in 1987 of Mr. Quinn and two other police officers. Following the trial this officer has been disciplined.

I hope, therefore, that the matter may now be considered closed. I should add that the report enforces the trust and confidence my Committee has in the Chief Officer and his Force." La Grande Maison, St. Catherine, St. Martin

THE STATES, having accepted an amendment of Deputy Carlyle John Le Herissier Hinault of St. John that for the words ``Island Development Committee" there should be substituted the words ``Housing Committee", adopted a proposition of the Agriculture and Fisheries Committee and agreed to transfer the administration of the dwelling house La Grande Maison, St. Catherine, St. Martin from the Agriculture and Fisheries Committee to the Housing Committee.

Policing of Roads, Parks and Sea Beaches (Application of Fines) (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Law 1990. P.150/90

THE STATES, subject to the sanction of Her Most Excellent Majesty in Council, adopted a Law entitled the Policing of Roads, Parks and Sea Beaches (Application of Fines) (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Law 1990.

Social Security Pension Scheme: extra benefits. P.151/90

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of Senator Richard Joseph Shenton, requested the Social Security Committee to present a report to the States at the earliest opportunity with regard to updating their present scheme to take into account cases of hardship which are being experienced in the Island because of the low level of some pension payments, showing, inter alia, examples of how, with a slight increase in employer contributions, extra benefits could be provided to persons of pensionable age who are solely dependent on the Social Security Scheme.

Elections for Senator or Deputy: age disqualification. P.152/90. Withdrawn

THE STATES having commenced consideration of a proposition of Senator Richard Joseph Shenton regarding age disqualification in regard to elections for

Senator or Deputy, Senator Shenton withdrew the proposition.

Gluten-free foods: financial assistance. P.155/90

THE STATES adopted a proposition of the Social Security Committee, and having noted the financial burden experienced by a very small group of persons as a result of a clinically identified requirement for a special gluten-free diet, approved the introduction of a scheme to provide financial assistance to those persons as outlined in the report of the Social Security Committee dated 19th July 1990.

Beau Vallon Hotel, St. Helier: purchase. P.157/90

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Housing Committee -

- (a) authorised that Committee to purchase on behalf of the public from Beau Vallon Limited the property Beau Vallon Hotel, Trinity Hill, St. Helier, for a consideration of #655,000 with each party being responsible for the payment of their own legal costs;
- (b) authorised the Island Development Committee to make the necessary funds available from its capital vote of credit ``Acquisition of Land - Major Reserve" (C0904).
- (c) authorised the Attorney General and the Greffier of the States to pass the necessary contracts in the matter.

24-28 Albert Street and 3 Clearview Street, St. Helier: purchase and redevelopment. P.158/90

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Housing Committee -

(a) approved the purchase from Mr. Ralph Cyril Mauger of the

properties, 24, 24½, 26, 28, 28½ Albert Street, and 3 Clearview Street, St. Helier, for a consideration of #232,000 with each party being responsible for the payment of their own legal fees;

- (b) authorised the Attorney General and the Greffier of the States to pass the necessary contract;
- (c) authorised the Treasurer of the States to pay the amount connected with the above transaction from the capital vote of credit C0904 granted to the Island Development Committee;
- (d) approved Drawings Nos. 401/1, 1A, 2 and 3 showing the construction of three one-bedroomed flats and four two-bedroomed maisonettes, for use as States' rental accommodation;
- (e) authorised the Greffier of the States to sign the said Drawings on behalf of the States;
- (f) accepted the fixed price contract with C.A. Mauger Limited in the sum of #424,800 for the construction of the said flats and maisonettes;
- (g) authorised the Greffier of the States to sign the necessary contract on behalf of the States;
- (h) approved the payment of pre- and post-contract fees to the architect in the sum of #27,824 and to the heating and mains services engineer in the sum of #4,248;
- (i) authorised the Treasurer of the States to pay the amounts specified in sub-paragraphs (f) and (h) above at the appropriate time, out of the Housing Committee's capital vote of credit "Building, Purchase and Rehabilitation of Dwellings"

Advocates (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Law 1990 (Appointed Day) Act 1990. P.161/90

THE STATES, in pursuance of paragraph (2) of Article 4 of the Advocates (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Law 1990 made an Act entitled the Advocates (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Law 1990 (Appointed Day) Act 1990.

Amendment (No. 12) to the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey. P.163/90

THE STATES commenced consideration of an Amendment to Standing Orders proposed by the House Committee, and accepted an amendment that in Standing Order No. 1, for paragraph (2) there should be substituted the following paragraph -

"(2) after paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 41 there shall be inserted the following paragraph -

`(1A) The Presidents of the Policy and Resources Committee, the Finance and Economics Committee, the Island Development Committee and the Establishment Committee shall be appointed, in that order, before the Presidents of other Committees and delegations of the States.'"

THE STATES, in pursuance of Articles 16 and 27 of the States of Jersey Law 1966 as amended made a Standing Order entitled Amendment (No. 12) to the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey.

St. Martin's School: extension. P.159/90

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Education Committee -

(a) approved Drawings Nos. 2708/50 and 2708/51 showing the construction of two new classrooms at St. Martin's School;

(b) authorised the Greffier of the States to sign the said Drawings on behalf of the States.

Christmas Bonus (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 1990. P.160/90

THE STATES, by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by the Order in Council of the fourteenth day of April 1884, made Regulations entitled the Christmas Bonus (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 1990.

Law Draftsman designate: appointment. P.164/90

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Establishment Committee, approved the appointment of Geoffrey Henry Charles Coppock, Esquire, as Law Draftsman with effect from 1st January 1991.

THE STATES rose at 12.02 p.m.

R.S. GRAY

Deputy Greffier of the States.