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THE STATES assembled on Thursday, 26th November 1992 at 9.30 a.m. under the Presidency of Senator Bernard Thomas Binnington

All Members were present with the exception of -

Senator Nigel Lewis Quérée - out of the Island Robert Lester Le Brocq, Connétable of St. Helier - out of the Island Evelyn Mabel Pullin, Deputy of St. Saviour - out of the Island

Prayers

Field 1587, Claremont Road, St. Saviour: compulsory purchase. P.177/92 Bagatelle Nurseries, Claremont Road, St. Saviour: compulsory purchase. P.178/92

THE STATES acceded to the request of the President of the Island Development Committee that the propositions regarding the compulsory purchase of Field 1587, Claremont Road, St. Saviour/St. Helier, and Bagatelle Nurseries, Claremont Road, St. Saviour, (both lodged on 10th November 1992 by the Connétable of St. Saviour) be deferred from the present Sitting to a later date.

Residential land availability. Statement

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

"I promised when the House met on Tuesday November 24th 1992, that I would make a statement today concerning the revised residential land availability report which has now been thoroughly checked and extended to the year 2000 by officers of the Island Development and Housing Committees, with the full co-operation of the Chief Adviser's office.

I am pleased to say that Mr. Colin Powell has confirmed that the need for future first-time buyer housing can be satisfied without the need to zone more green field sites for development. He adds that his analysis would suggest a need for caution in zoning further sites for development beyond those which have already been identified. He recommends that a review of current trends should be undertaken on a six-monthly basis. This will be done.

I shall be meeting the President of the Housing Committee and his Chief Officer on Monday next and after discussing this together we shall bring a detailed report to this House as soon as possible."

3, 5 and 7 Wesley Street, St. Helier: approval of drawings. P.174/92

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Housing Committee -

- 1. approved drawings Nos. 2430/11B, 15, 18, 20A and 21, showing the redevelopment of 3, 5 and 7 Wesley Street, St. Helier, with four two-bedroomed houses;
- 2. authorised the Greffier of the States to sign the said drawings.

Family Allowances (No. 2) (Jersey) Regulations 1992, P.175/92

THE STATES, in pursuance of Article 7 of the Family Allowances (Jersey) Law 1972, as amended, made Regulations entitled the Family Allowances (No. 2) (Jersey) Regulations 1992.

Change in Presidency

The States adjourned and re-assembled under the

Presidency of the Bailiff, Sir Peter Crill, C.B.E.

Home Secretary - meeting with delegation: Communiqué

The Bailiff read the following Communiqué issued following the meeting of the Home Secretary with a delegation on 25th November 1992 -

"A delegation of the States of Jersey, led by the Bailiff today met the Home Secretary to discuss issues on which members of the delegation had expressed concern following the removal from office of the Deputy Bailiff of Jersey last June.

The Home Secretary sought to reassure the delegation on the following matters -

He understood the concern which many Jersey people had expressed when the Deputy Bailiff had been removed from office. That was why special steps had been taken at the time to explain the reasons fully. It remained a matter of regret that he had had to act but the step had been unavoidable.

The fact that the delegation which came to make representations in support of the Deputy Bailiff last April was not in the event received by a Minister implied no under-valuing of the delegation's weight or case. On the contrary, the coincidence with the General Election campaign simply meant that, exceptionally, Ministers were not available.

The delegation's views had, of course, been promptly and very fully reported to Ministers by the Permanent Under-Secretary of State.

He was glad to have the opportunity to emphasise that, as now, the consultation which the Home Office undertakes with the Insular Authorities, via the Lieutenant Governor, will be understood to include consultation with the States on matters dealt with by one or more of its constituent Committees.

Similarly, he could reaffirm that

Members of the States, normally led by the Bailiff, will continue to have the opportunity of discussing with Ministers of Her Majesty's Government issues of concern to the Insular Authorities or which concern the relationship between the United Kingdom and the Insular Authorities.

Finally, having previously indicated that he would be prepared to entertain proposals, the Home Secretary invited the delegation to say whether it wished to recommend any changes in the constitutional relationship between the Island and the Crown. Although the delegation stated that it did not see the need for immediate changes, it was encouraged by the agreement of the Home Secretary that he would be willing to receive representations from the Insular Authorities should they wish to make them. After discussion it was agreed in principle to review the way in which Island Laws are considered by the Home Office and receive Royal Assent. Detailed proposals to this end will be examined and finalised as soon as possible.

In conclusion, the Home Secretary stressed the high value he placed on the maintenance of the ancient and intimate ties with Jersey, and all parties agreed that the meeting had served to reinforce the good relationships between H.M. Government and the Insular Authorities."

Nuclear industry. P.168/92

THE STATES commenced consideration of a proposition of Deputy Stuart Syvret of St. Helier in which they were asked to object to any further operation of the nuclear reprocessing plant at Cap de la Hague and any international movement of radioactive materials to or from the plant; and to request H.M. Government to forward the States' objection to the governments of France and Japan.

THE STATES adopted an Amendment of Senator Corrie Stein which substituted the word "operation" by "intensification", deleted the words "and any further movement of radioactive materials to or from the plant", substituted the word "governments" by the word "government" and deleted the words "and

Japan".

Members voted as follows -

"Pour" (31)

Senators

Jeune, Binnington, Horsfall, Baal, Rothwell, Le Maistre, Stein, Chinn.

Connétables

St. Clement, St. Ouen, St. Brelade, Trinity, St. Martin, St. Saviour.

Deputies

Wavell(H), Blampied(H), Norman(C), St. John, Le Sueur(H), St. Ouen, Coutanche(L), Huelin(B), St. Mary, Bailhache(H), Rabet(H), Clarke-Halifax(S), Le Fondré(L), St, Martin, Le Geyt(S), Crespel(H), Trinity.

``Contre" (12)

Senators

Le Main, Carter.

Connétables

St. Mary, St. Peter, Grouville.

Deputies

Beadle(B), St. Peter, H. Baudains(C), Buesnel(H), S. Baudains(H), Grouville, Syvret(H).

THE STATES adopted the proposition as amended and objected to any further intensification of the nuclear reprocessing plant at Cap de la Hague; and requested H.M. Government to forward the States' objection to the government of France.

Members voted as follows -

"Pour" (30)

Senators

Jeune, Binnington, Horsfall, Baal, Rothwell, Le Maistre, Carter, Chinn.

Connétables

St. Clement, St. Mary, St. Ouen, St. Brelade, Trinity, St. Martin, St. Saviour.

Deputies

Wavell(H), Blampied(H), Norman(C), H. Baudains(C), Le Sueur(H), St. Ouen, Coutanche(L), Huelin(B), St. Mary, Bailhache(H), Clarke-Halifax(S), Le Fondré(L), St, Martin, Le Geyt(S), Trinity.

``Contre" (8)

Senator

Le Main.

Connétables

St. Peter, Grouville.

Deputies

Beadle(B), St. Peter, Buesnel(H), Grouville, Syvret(H).

THE STATES rose at 12.30 p.m.

G.H.C. COPPOCK

Greffier of the States.