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THE STATES assembled on Tuesday, 22nd February 1994 at 9.30 a.m. under the Presidency of the Bailiff, Sir Peter Crill, C.B.E.

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

All Members were present with the exception of -

Robin Ernest Richard Rumboll, Deputy of St. Helier - out of the Island.
Derek Ryder Maltwood, Deputy of St. Mary - out of the Island.
Frank Harrison Walker, Deputy of St. Helier - out of the Island.

Prayers were read by the President

Connétable of St. Martin - retirement

The Bailiff, on behalf of the States, thanked Mr. Stanley John de la Haye, Connétable of St. Martin, for his services to the Island over many years and conveyed to him the best wishes of the Assembly on his retirement.

Matters lodged

The following subject was lodged ``au Greffe" -

Draft Termination of Employment -Minimum Periods of Notice (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 199 - P.22/94. Presented by the Public Health Committee. Arrangement of Public Business for the next Sitting on 15th March 1994

THE STATES confirmed that the following subjects lodged ``au Greffe" should be considered at the next Sitting on 15th March 1994 -

Draft Health Care (Registration) (Jersey) Law 199 - P.19/94. Lodged: 15th February 1994. Public Health Committee.

Draft Highways (Road Humps) (Jersey) Regulations 199 - P.18/94. Lodged: 15th February 1994. Public Services Committee.

Telecommunications Services - Tariffs - P.21/94. Lodged: 15th February 1994. Telecommunications Board.

Audit Commission: appointment P.13/94. Lodged: 2nd February 1994.

Finance and Economics Committee.

Committee of Inquiry into circumstances leading to the release from contract of former Chief Executive Officer of Sport, Leisure and

Recreation Department - statement

The Connétable of St. John, on behalf of the President of the Committee of Inquiry into circumstances leading to the release from contract of the former Chief Executive Officer of Sport, Leisure and Recreation Department, made a statement in the following terms -

`As there is a possibility that the House will not sit again until 15th March 1994 I would like to take this opportunity to inform the House of the progress achieved by the Committee of Inquiry and of its plans to conclude the Inquiry.

The House will recall the terms of reference of the Committee of Inquiry, appointed under Article 30 of the States of Jersey Law 1966, which were to inquire into the circumstances which led to Miss Mary Frances Alexander, Chief Executive Officer

of the Sport, Leisure and Recreation Department, being released from her contract of employment, and the reasons for agreeing to the settlement reached and to report thereon to the States. This Inquiry is therefore an inquiry into fact, and it is the Committee's rôle to determine the facts surrounding the above issues.

The House will know that the Committee as previously constituted obtained a considerable volume of material relevant to the inquiry. This included detailed written submissions from certain States' Members, Committees, departmental officers and organisations, and from a number of individuals, including Miss Alexander. The Committee is now well advanced in its review of those submissions and other relevant information, and in identifying the issues and any conflicts of evidence that the Committee must resolve in order to establish the facts of the matter.

It is the Committee's view that it should take whatever steps are necessary to establish and verify those facts, and that it should devote such time as is necessary to complete this task in a thorough and efficient manner. Part of this process will include public hearings of certain parties who have already made written submissions to the Committee, so as to enable the Committee to determine and establish the truth about the circumstances that it is investigating. Whilst it is not possible to determine dates at this stage, I can assure the House that the hearings will be held as soon as possible in order that the Committee may conclude its inquiries and report thereon to this House."

Manual Workers' Joint Council Employers' Side Membership

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Establishment Committee, and in accordance with their Act dated 9th November 1961 concerning the membership of the Manual Workers' Joint Council, approved the nomination of the six representatives of the States to serve as members of the Employers' Side of the Council, as follows -

Mr. Jack Roche, Connétable of St. Saviour

Deputy Shirley Margaret Baudains of St. Helier
Deputy Frank Harrison Walker of St. Helier
Deputy David Leon Crespel of St. Helier
Mr. Michael John Pinel, Chief Executive
Officer, Housing Department
Mr. Christopher John Mulready, Chief
Executive Officer, Public Services
Department.

Public Employees' Contributory Retirement Scheme Committee of Management: membership

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Establishment Committee, and in accordance with Regulation 3(5) of the Public Employees (Contributory Retirement Scheme) (General) (Jersey) Regulations 1989, as amended, approved the appointment of Deputy Frank Harrison Walker of St. Helier and Deputy Shirley Margaret Baudains of St. Helier as employer representatives on the Committee of Management for the period ending 31st December 1994, in place of Senator Richard Joseph Shenton and Senator Corrie Stein.

Transfer of administration of properties

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Island Development Committee, approved the transfer of administration of the undermentioned properties from the Island Development Committee to the Committees shown below -

- (a) 13 Lempriere Street, St. Helier, to the Housing Committee;
- (b) 7 Springfield Crescent, St. Helier, to the Housing Committee;
- (c) 43 Colomberie, St. Helier, to the Public Services Committee;
- (d) 9 Francis Street, St. Helier, to the Public Services Committee;
- (e) 8, 10 and 26 Rue des Pres, St. Saviour, to the Committee for Postal Administration;
- (f) ``Alzola", La Pouquelaye, St. Helier, to the Public Health Committee.

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Public Services Committee -

- (a) approved drawings Nos. 3197-002, 1-003 and 1-004 showing the outline of the proposed Breakwater, which will enclose a land reclamation scheme south and south-east of La Collette, St. Helier;
- (b) agreed, in principle, to the purchase from the Crown of 81 acres of land, consisting of both sea-bed and foreshore, to the south and south-east of La Collette, St. Helier, at a fair and proper price to be agreed with the Finance and Economics Committee:
- (c) authorised the Greffier of the States to sign the necessary drawings on behalf of the States.

Members present voted on paragraph (a) as follows -

"Pour" (37)

Senators

Shenton, Jeune, Horsfall, Le Maistre, Stein, Chinn, Bailhache, Tomes.

Connétables

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

Deputies

Wavell(S), Norman(C), St. John, St. Peter, H. Baudains(C), St. Ouen, Coutanche(L), Huelin(B), S. Baudains(H), Le Fondré(L), Le Geyt(S), Pullin(S), Trinity, Carter(H), Johns(H), Duhamel(S), Matthews(B), Layzell(B), Huet(H).

``Contre" (11)

Senators

Le Main, Quérée, Syvret.

Connétables

St. Clement, St. Peter.

Deputies

Crespel(H), Routier(H), Dorey(H), Breckon(S), Grouville, St. Martin.

Channel Islands fishing boats in French ports

The Bailiff informed the Assembly that, with regard to the present situation in which Channel Islands fishing boats were being discriminated against in French ports, he had been informed that the United Kingdom Minister of European Affairs would be meeting his counterpart in Paris tomorrow. The question of our Channel Islands fisheries would be on the agenda and the United Kingdom Minister would be registering a strong protest over the activities at Cherbourg yesterday.

THE STATES rose at 1.05 p.m.

C.M. NEWCOMBE

Deputy Greffier of the States.