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THE STATES assembled on Tuesday,
22nd October 1996 at 9.30 a.m. under
the Presidency of the Bailiff,
Sir Philip Bailhache

All members were present with the exception of -

Senator Terence John Le Main - out of the
Island
Senator Stuart Syvret - suspended
Kenneth Priaulx Vibert, Connétable of St.
Ouen - ill
Terence Augustine Le Sueur, Deputy of St.
Helier - out of the Island.

Prayers

United Nations Day for the Eradication of
Poverty - message

The Bailiff informed the Assembly that he had
received the following message from Boutros
Boutros-Ghali, the Secretary General of the
United Nations -

“I am delighted to send my best wishes to
all those in the Channel Island of Jersey
who are participating in the United Nations
Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

This Day poses a challenge to the
international community as a whole to do
more to stem the rising tide of world
poverty. Today, more than one billion
people around the world are living in
absolute poverty of a kind we can barely
imagine. Eight hundred million people, two
hundred million of them children, are
chronically undernourished. In too many
parts of the developing world, people face
a daily struggle to overcome burdens of
disease, civil strife and war.

The eradication of poverty requires constructive and concerted international action. The world's poorest countries cannot address these problems in isolation. They require the technical expertise and economic assistance which can only come from the developed world. And governments in the rich north must do more to combat the twin problems of 'donor fatigue' and the growing debt burden of the developing world.

For our part, the United Nations has made the assault on poverty a priority. Earlier this year, I launched the UN System-wide Special Initiative on Africa. This Initiative, developed in close consultation with Africa's leaders, emphasises the importance of self-reliance and economic reform. It mobilises new resources to meet desperate needs in health, education and employment. It underlines the United Nations' commitment to promoting development and security throughout the world's poorest continent.

In addition, the General Assembly has declared 1997-2006, the first decade for the Eradication of Poverty. At the inter-governmental level, real progress has been made. 117 Heads of State at the 1995 World Summit for Social Development agreed to an integrated approach to poverty eradication based on the concept of partnership between the developed and developing worlds.

Today, we need to go further. We must ensure that commitments made in international fora are translated into practical advances on the ground. We must work hand in hand with the developing world to promote real and lasting reform. We must do more to promote the global goal of sustainable development. And we must finally lift the millstone of debt from around the neck of the poorest countries. If we do all of these things, we can begin at last to eradicate the worldwide scourge of poverty."

Senator V. A. Tomes - welcome

The Bailiff, on behalf of the States, welcomed Senator Vernon Amy Tomes on his return to the States after his recent operation.

Subordinate legislation tabled

The following enactments were laid before the

States, namely -

1. Tourism (General Provisions)
(Amendment No. 4) (Jersey) Order 1996.
R & O 8986.
2. Places of Refreshment
(Registration) (Fees) (Jersey) Order
1996. R & O 8987.

Matters presented

The following matters were presented to the States -

Channel Islands Lottery
Review Group - R.C.26/96.
Presented by the Finance
and Economics and Gambling Control
Committees.
THE STATES ordered that the said report be
printed and distributed.

Social Security Fund as at 30th
September 1994: Actuarial review -
R.C.27/96.
Presented by the Employment and
Social Security Committee.

Matters noted - land transactions

THE STATES noted an Act of the Finance and
Economics Committee dated 14th October 1996,
showing that, in pursuance of Standing Orders
relating to certain transactions in land, the
Committee had approved -

- (a) as recommended by the Planning
and Environment Committee, the lease to
Messrs. Michael Peter George Rondel and
Michael Richard Holley, acting as
officers for and on behalf of the
Jersey Model Aero Club, of two bunkers
situated at Les Landes, St. Ouen,
incorporating permission for the Club
to make use of the model aircraft air
field at Les Landes, for which it had
responsibility for maintenance and
repair for the tarmacadam landing
strip, commencing on 1st March 1996
until 29th February 2005, at an initial
annual rent of £35, increasing to £100
annually at the time of occupation of
the second bunker, with rent reviews
every three years, and subject to the
premises being used solely for private
recreational purposes in connexion with
the Club's activities, with each party

being responsible for the payment of its own legal fees involved in the transaction;

- (b) as recommended by the Planning and Environment Committee, the lease to the St. Brelade Football Club of Field No. 89 and part of Field No. 90, St. Brelade (together measuring 7.4 vergées) for the development of a football pitch, club house and car parking (subject to the grant of development permission), for a period of 25 years from the date of the signing of the lease, at an annual rent of £1,500, subject to review every three years, with each party being responsible for the payment of its own legal fees involved in the transaction;
- (c) as recommended by the Housing Committee, the entering into of a Deed of Arrangement with Mr. Nigel Denis Geary and Mrs. Christine May Taylor Geary, née Le Maistre, the owners of the property No. 2 Willow Grove, Grands Vaux, St. Saviour (situated immediately to the north of the Committee's development located at Mal Assis, Grands Vaux, St. Saviour) in order to establish a boundary line to the east and south of the former property (as set out in an Act of the Committee dated 30th August 1996), with each party being responsible for the payment of its own legal fees involved in the transaction;
- (d) as recommended by the Public Services Committee, the lease to Trou Trading Limited of 570 square feet of land at the western exit lane of the Pier Road car park, St. Helier, for use as a car wash, at an annual rent of £500, subject to annual review, plus ten per cent of the gross audited turnover of the car wash operation, the lease to be on a full repairing and insuring basis, with each party being responsible for the payment of its own legal fees involved in the transaction;
- (e) as recommended by the Health and Social Services Committee, the assignment of the lease granted to Groet Investment Limited in respect of No. 78 New Street, St. Helier for a period of 21 years until 11th May 1999 to Shafique Limited at an annual rent of £4,846.44, for the purposes of

establishing a restaurant, on the same terms and conditions for the remainder of the existing lease, subject to the provision of adequate personal guarantees from Mr. Mohammed Shafique Azam and Mrs. Grace Elizabeth Azam, née Boddy (owners of Shafique Limited), and subject also to approval by the Housing Committee in accordance with Part III of the Housing (Jersey) Law 1949, as amended, with each party being responsible for the payment of its own legal fees involved in the transaction;

(f) as recommended by the Health and Social Services Committee, the renewal of the lease from Mrs. Evelyn Marguerite Hefford, née Hervé, of the three-bedroom property 17 Court Drive, La Route de la Haule, St. Lawrence, for a period of two years from 1st August 1996, at an annual rent of £11,905.15, with all other terms and conditions to remain as contained in the existing lease, including the clause which gave the Committee the option of exercising a three month notice period, and with each party being responsible for the payment of its own legal fees involved in the transaction;

(g) as recommended by the Health and Social Services Committee, the renewal of the lease from Mr. Donald Ernest Brooke Duckworth and Mrs. Siobain Nicollette Duckworth, née Wade, of the property 5 Clos de la Baule, Rue des Prés, Grouville, for a period of one year from 1st April 1996, at an annual rent of £13,020 payable quarterly in advance, with an option to renew for a further year, with the Committee being responsible for the payment of all the legal fees involved in the transaction.

Matters lodged

The following matters were lodged ``au Greffe" -

1. Draft Health and Safety at Work (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Law 199 - P.173/96.
Presented by Employment and Social Security Committee.
2. Draft Sea Fisheries (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Regulations 199 -

- P.174/96.
Presented by the Agriculture and Fisheries Committee.
3. Draft Sea Fisheries (Licensing of Fishing Boats) (Jersey) Regulations 199 - P.175/96.
Presented by the Agriculture and Fisheries Committee.
 4. Draft Convention on Social Security between the United Kingdom and the Netherlands - P.176/96.
Presented by the Employment and Social Security Committee.
 5. Draft Bankruptcy (Désastre) (Amendment No. 4) (Jersey) Law 199 - P.177/96.
Presented by the Finance and Economics Committee.
 6. Draft Vienna Document (Privileges and Immunities) (Jersey) Law 1996 (Appointed Day) Act 199 - P.178/96.
Presented by the Policy and Resources Committee.
 7. Jersey Airport: lease of hangar to JEA Engineering (UK) Limited - P.179/96.
Presented by the Harbours and Airport Committee.
 8. Le Jardin des Carreaux, Queen's Road, St. Helier: approval of drawings - P.180/96.
Presented by the Housing Committee.
 9. Le Geyt Flats, St. Saviour - Phase II: approval of drawings - P.181/96.
Presented by the Housing Committee.
 10. City Disputes Panel Limited: States' sponsorship - P.182/96.
Presented by the Finance and Economics Committee.
 11. Public access to official information: Code of Practice - P.183/96.
Presented by the Special Committee on Freedom of Information.
 12. Police services in Jersey:

independent review - P.184/96.
Presented by the Defence
Committee.

13. Public access to official
information: Code of Practice
(P.183/96) - amendment - P.185/96.
Presented by Deputy R.E.R.
Rumboll of St. Helier.

Arrangement of public business for the present
meeting

Minimum wage - P.154/96

THE STATES acceded to the request of the
President of the Industrial Relations Committee
that consideration of the proposition regarding
a minimum wage (P.154/96 - lodged ``au Greffe"
on 1st October 1996) be deferred from the
present meeting to a later date.

La Rocco Apartments, La Pulente, St. Brelade -
P.166/96

THE STATES acceded to the request of Senator
Pierre François Horsfall, with the agreement of
the President of the Planning and Environment
Committee, that consideration of the proposition
regarding La Rocco Apartments, La Pulente, St.
Brelade (P.166/96 - lodged ``au Greffe" on 8th
October 1996) be deferred from the present
meeting to 5th November 1996.

Draft Advocate and Solicitors (Jersey) Law
199 - P.172/96 (Revised)

THE STATES confirmed that the following matter
lodged ``au Greffe" would be considered at the
present meeting -

Draft Advocates and Solicitors (Jersey) Law
199 - P.172/9 (Revised).
Amended in Second Reading on 8th October
1996.
Legislation Committee.

Police Services in Jersey: Independent Review -
P.171/96. Withdrawn

THE STATES noted that the President of the
Defence Committee had withdrawn the proposition
regarding the independent review of police
services in Jersey (P.171/96 - lodged ``au
Greffe" on 8th October 1996) having lodged a
revised report and proposition at the present

meeting.

THE STATES acceded to the request of the President that the revised projet (P.184/96) be considered at the next meeting on 5th November 1996.

Arrangement of public business for the next meeting on 5th November 1996

THE STATES confirmed that the following matters lodged ``au Greffe" would be considered at the next meeting on 5th November 1996 -

Police Services in Jersey: independent review - P.184/96.
Lodged: 22nd October 1996.
Defence Committee.

Social security scheme: continuity and change - P.132/96.
Lodged: 27th August 1996.
Employment and Social Security Committee.

La Rocco Apartments, La Pulente.
P.166/96
Lodged: 8th October 1996
Planning and Environment Committee.

Draft Sea Fisheries (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Regulations 199 - P.174/96.
Lodged: 22nd October 1996.
Agriculture and Fisheries Committee.

Draft Sea Fisheries (Licensing of Fishing Boats) (Jersey) Regulations 199 - P.175/96.
Lodged: 22nd October 1996.
Agriculture and Fisheries Committee.

Draft Convention on Social Security between the United Kingdom and the Netherlands - P.176/96.
Lodged: 22nd October 1996.
Employment and Social Security Committee.

Draft Bankruptcy (Désastre) (Amendment No. 4) (Jersey) Law 199 - P.177/96.
Lodged: 22nd October 1996.
Finance and Economics Committee.

Draft Vienna Document (Privileges and Immunities) (Jersey) Law 1996 (Appointed

Day) Act 199 - P.178/96.
Lodged: 22nd October 1996.
Policy and Resources Committee.

Jersey Airport: lease of hangar to
JEA Engineering (UK) Limited - P.179/96.
Lodged: 22nd October 1996.
Harbours and Airport Committee.

Le Jardin des Carreaux, Queen's Road,
St. Helier: approval of drawings -
P.180/96.
Lodged: 22nd October 1996.
Housing Committee.

Le Geyt Flats, St. Saviour - Phase
II: approval of drawings - P.181/96.
Lodged: 22nd October 1996.
Housing Committee.

Airport safety - statement

The President of the Harbours and Airport
Committee made a statement in the following
terms -

``As States members and the public may be
confused by conflicting reports, my
Committee and I feel it necessary to make a
statement about the operation of Jersey
Airport. Various media stories have been
published in recent weeks and the Committee
has issued two detailed releases but they
have not been reported in full by all the
media.

The Airport Development has been very
carefully planned over a number of years
with all Airport Departments and some 30
outside companies/agencies involved in the
discussion process. A great many of the
consequential effects of this large
building have been thought through and, by
and large, dealt with. As an example, it
was realised that the building was going to
obscure certain aircraft parking stands to
the south of the tower and new written
procedures were put in place within Air
Traffic Control. Trials with closed circuit
television cameras are now taking place
whilst aircraft movements are fewer. These
trials are to find sites in order that the
cameras may be best placed to suit the air
traffic control operation and the pictures
produced will be of excellent quality. This
is not unusual as CCTV solutions to enable
ATC to have full visibility over all
parking stands are used at several United

Kingdom airports. Cameras will also be needed on the north of the building in order to cover Aurigny's operations and will be installed next spring. Aurigny have operated safely for many years in this area even though they are partly out of sight of the tower. With the removal of the old Arrivals Hall visibility in this sector will be improved.

The effect of the new building on the windspeed recording equipment was anticipated in the design stage in 1994 and remedial action was put in place to site a new mast north of the runway. The new equipment was not in place before the roof of the building was completed because the negotiations with the landowner on whose land the mast was to be sited became very protracted. Information about this equipment delay has been published to all pilots using Jersey Airport and there is a slight under-reading of the windspeed when the wind blows from the north which, on average, is for only a very small percentage of the time.

During the detailed planning phase of the Departures Hall in 1994 three aspects of light were considered. First, no direct sunlight should fall on passengers within the building but the sky should be visible when looking upwards. Second, at night, direct light should not shine from the building which could have any effect on aircraft landing, taking off or on the air traffic control tower. Third, reflections from the roof were to be at a minimum and this consideration was principally to protect aircraft and the air traffic control unit - it was not thought that the building would have any effect on others such as foot passengers or vehicles going past the Airport.

The intensity of the roof glare as seen from Air Traffic Control and, I understand, by some road users, was greater than the design team expected. A number of examinations are being undertaken now with regard to glare produced from the glass and metal roof structure. Two different glass coatings have been produced which appear to resolve the problem. The architectural investigation unit at Cambridge University has been commissioned to carry out a glare assessment study. There must be no significant effect on air traffic control operations by the glare and you may rest assured that a solution will be found. No

official complaint has been received by the Airport Authority from any pilot. The report made by the Air Traffic Controller was "closed on receipt" by the Civil Aviation Authority in view of the remedial actions proposed by the design team and the Committee.

During the development of the new Departures Hall, as is normal to gain planning permission, the States Fire Service was actively involved in both determining the number of exits as a means of escape from the building and for advising on firefighting capability. A sprinkler system of approved design will be installed to cover those areas where flammable items are stored such as the perfume shop, the book shop and the liquor and tobacco shop. Hydrants have been put on the north and east faces of the new building and connected to a pressurised main from a 30,000 gallon tank. In view of the limited mains supply of water and the possibility of electrical failure stopping the Water Company pumping stations, my Committee has a policy of supplying its own water reservoirs. A second large tank will be put close to the south side of the building in order that the States' Fire Service has a reservoir of water to use which is immediately available. As a result of the exercise at the Fuel Farm last week, the States' Fire Service needed four appliances and 22 men to be able to deploy water from the 50,000 gallon tank to the Fuel Farm. They have recommended that pressurised hydrants be placed much nearer to the Fuel Farm and these will be sited by the Fire Service and the Airport Authority shortly and installed during this winter. The exercise also confirmed the need for the planned large tank on the south side of the building to which I have previously referred. The situation with regard to the existing buildings now, therefore, is that there are hydrants with sufficient water pressure on the east and north sides of the old and the new buildings, the 50,000 gallon tank is in place but it would require considerable States' Fire Service resources to use the water effectively for the 1937 building. The firefighting water reserves to deal with the fire in the new departures building will be in place before it becomes operational in the spring of 1997 and will be the subject of a further exercise.

I wish to reassure members and the public

that safety has been and remains an overriding priority of my Committee. A huge investment has been put into the provision of new radars, a new instrument landing system and a new surface for the runway. One of the two taxiways is being replaced this winter in order to meet international criteria and to bear the load of the heavier aircraft now using Jersey Airport. The Airport Management Team and the Committee have a rolling review and replacement programme which is examined in considerable detail each year before application is made for funds. I wish to reassure all members that any significant safety problem which requires immediate investment which has not been planned will be brought to the attention of the Finance and Economics Committee and of this House.

In order to satisfy my Committee that certain airport operations are being carried out effectively, the Airport Director arranges for a number of inspections by outside agencies. The Airport Fire Service has been inspected three times in recent years by the Civil Aviation Authority in order to confirm that its manning levels, equipment, training and methods of operation meet current standards. Satisfactory reports have been received and all recommendations for improvement acted upon. The Civil Aviation Authority Air Traffic Services Standards Department inspects the Air Traffic Control Unit annually and carries out competency tests on a number of controllers. This is because the Committee has insisted for many years that only United Kingdom CAA licence holders are appointed to operate permanently at the Airport. For the last five years, the United Kingdom Department of Transport Aviation Security Inspectors have carried out five tests a year on airport security and examined procedures, access, the security contractor and all the equipment involved. The House will wish to know that neither the United Kingdom Department of Transport nor the Civil Aviation Authority has a statutory ability to carry out these inspections so they are therefore invited and paid for by the Committee.

My Committee and Airport management are concerned at the way in which these problems - and they are problems to be solved - have been published almost as allegations of unsafe practice. I would remind members that over 20 airlines and

many thousands of smaller aircraft continue to operate safely from the airport. Airline operations, safety and security managers visit Jersey from time to time and the airlines all continue to fly here satisfactorily. However, in order to satisfy my Committee and the States that the operations at the airport are being conducted safely and efficiently, the Airport Director is arranging for the Safety Regulation Group inspectors of the Civil Aviation Authority to visit the airport in the near future and to conduct an inspection. It will probably last three days and the report will be made public."

SUPPLEMENTARY VOTES OF CREDIT

THE STATES considered Acts of the Finance and Economics Committee dated 14th October 1996, presenting Acts of the undermentioned Committees and, acceding to the requests contained therein, granted to the said Committees supplementary votes of credit out of the General Reserve as follows -

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Finance and Economics Committee	
Law Officers' Department	
0316 Court and case costs, fees and expenses	340,000
Judicial Greffe	
0326 Court and case costs, fees and expenses	175,000
Viscount's Department	
0336 Court and case costs, fees and expenses	10,000
0337 Désastres - investigation expenses	55,000
Total request	£580,000
Defence Committee	
Miscellaneous	
1020 Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme	75,000
Police	
1217 Court and case costs, fees and expenses	65,000
Total request	£140,000

Public Services Committee

Highways and public land - maintenance
and minor
improvements
2053 Supplies and services 16,000

Highways and public land, beaches and
cleaning
2063 Supplies and services 65,000
2064 Transport 35,000

Total request £116,000

Education Committee

Central services
3103 Premises £355,600

Employment and Social Security Committee

States grants to Insurance Funds
4801 States contribution - Social
Security 481,000

Benefits of a non-contributory nature
4813 Dental Benefit Scheme 210,000

Total request £691,000

Housing Committee

States Houses
5415 Supplies and services 64,700

Private Sector Rent Rebate Scheme
5427 Private sector rent rebates 400,00
0

Total request £464,700

Establishment Committee

5110 Pensions and retirement costs £2,50
0,000

Prison Board

Administration
5501 Staff £200,000

CAPITAL VOTES OF CREDIT

Public Services Committee

C0494 St. Helier surface water
link and storage tank £2,074,400

The total requests granted for the October Supply Day amounted to £7,121,700.

Normandie Pavilion, F.B. Fields, St. Clement: demolition and reconstruction - approval of drawings

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Sport, Leisure and Recreation Committee -

- (a) approved drawings Nos. 9515-20/21/22/23/24 and 26 and Nos. 9505-28 and 29A showing the construction of the new Normandie Pavilion at the F.B. Fields, St. Clement;
- (b) authorised the Greffier of the States to sign the said drawings on behalf of the States.

Mail House: sub-lease of warehouse accommodation at Beaumont, St. Peter

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Committee for Postal Administration, referred to their Act dated 14th May 1996, approving the leasing by the public from the Channel Islands Co-Operative Society Limited, of warehouse accommodation at Goose Green, Beaumont, St. Peter, for the purpose of providing a mail house facility and -

- (a) approved the sub-lease by the public from Sol Distribution Limited, of the office and support accommodation at Goose Green, Beaumont, St. Peter, for the purpose of extending the mail house facility and providing other postal facilities, on an eight year internal repairing and insuring sub-lease at the commencing rental of £16,000 a year, plus a premium payment of £20,000, the rental to be subject to review on 29th September 1998 and 2001 in line with open market rental value for warehouse accommodation, but never to reduce below the current rental at the time of the review, with an option to break the sub-lease on 29th September 2001 (subject to a penalty payment of £20,000 if the option is exercised) with each party being responsible for its own legal costs;
- (b) authorized the Greffier of the States to sign the sub-lease;
- (c) authorized the Treasurer of the States

to pay the rent as it becomes due.

Senator Vernon Amy Tomes, having declared an interest in the matter, withdrew from the Chamber prior to the debate.

Criminal Justice (Evidence and Procedure)
(Jersey) Law 199 - P.122/96

THE STATES, subject to the sanction of Her Most Excellent Majesty in Council, adopted a Law entitled the Criminal Justice (Evidence and Procedure) (Jersey) Law 199 .

Loi (199) (Amendement) sur les remises de biens - P.123/96 (a) (Revised)

THE STATES, subject to the sanction of Her Most Excellent Majesty in Council, adopted a Law entitled the Loi (199) (Amendement) sur les remises de biens.

Bankruptcy (Désastre) (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey)
Law 199 - P.123/96 (b) (Revised)

THE STATES subject to the sanction of Her Most Excellent Majesty in Council, adopted a Law entitled the Bankruptcy (Désastre) (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Law 199 .

Jersey Post Office Limited: incorporation -
P.146/96

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Committee for Postal Administration -

- (a) approved the incorporation of Jersey Post Office Limited as a company, wholly owned by the States of Jersey and in accordance with the draft memorandum and articles of association set out in Appendix A to the report of the Committee for Postal Administration, dated 19th September 1996, having as its principal purpose the running of postal services within the Bailiwick;
- (b) approved the enactment of the necessary legislation, to enable the Committee for Postal Administration to issue licences to run the Island's postal and other services and agreed in principle, subject to appropriate regulating conditions, to the granting by the

Committee of a licence, which would define the exclusive rights and the obligations and duties of the company, to Jersey Post Office Limited to run such services for an initial period of 25 years;

- (c) charged the Committee for Postal Administration to take all the necessary steps to prepare for the incorporation of Jersey Post Office Limited and the issuing of the licence referred to in sub-paragraph (b) and thereafter to regulate, and report to the States on, the activities of Jersey Post Office Limited;
- (d) approved in principle the transfer of the employment of all States' employees working under the administration of the Committee for Postal Administration to Jersey Post Office Limited on the date of incorporation on terms and conditions of employment, which were in general no less favourable than those currently enjoyed by those employees, such terms and conditions to be agreed with the staff and their representatives and to charge the Establishment Committee to make the necessary arrangements;
- (e) agreed that all relevant land and buildings owned by the public and currently under the administration of the Committee for Postal Administration, be leased to Jersey Post Office Limited, on a basis to be negotiated and agreed with the Finance and Economics Committee;
- (f) charged the Committee for Postal Administration to prepare the necessary legislation to -
 - (i) provide the necessary licensing and regulatory framework;
 - (ii) transfer the moveable assets and goods owned by the public and administered by the Committee for Postal Administration to Jersey Post Office Limited;
 - (iii) grant Jersey Post Office Limited the utility rights, privileges and obligations, which were necessary for the provision, operation and maintenance of postal and

other services within the
Bailiwick;

- (iv) enable the transfer of the employment of all States' employees currently working under the administration of the Committee for Postal Administration to Jersey Post Office Limited and to preserve their continuity of employment and acquired pension rights;
- (v) amend or replace, as appropriate, the Post Office (Jersey) Law 1969, to include appropriate offences and penalties in relation to the operation of postal and other services and in relation to the exclusive rights of the States of Jersey and the licensed operator;
- (vi) allow the Committee for Postal Administration to demand information from prospective licensees and to make it an offence to give false or misleading information;
- (vii) make such consequential amendments of other enactments as might be required;
- (g) agreed that the drafting of the Law for the incorporation of the Jersey Post Office should be given a high priority in 1998 and invited the Policy and Resources Committee to note this in their discussions for the 1998 Law Drafting Programme.

Jersey Telecoms Limited: incorporation -
P.147/96

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the
Tele-communications Board -

- (a) approved the incorporation of Jersey Telecoms Limited as a company, wholly owned by the States of Jersey and in accordance with the draft memorandum and articles of association set out in Appendix A to the report of the Telecommunications Board, dated 11th September 1996, and having as its principal purpose the running of public telecommunications systems in the Bailiwick;

- (b) approved the issuing, by the Telecommunications Board to Jersey Telecoms Limited, subject to appropriate regulating conditions, of a licence to run the Island's public telecommunications systems for an initial period of 25 years;
- (c) approved in principle the transfer of all States employees working under the administration of the Telecommunications Board to Jersey Telecoms Limited on the date of incorporation on terms and conditions of employment which were in general no less favourable than those currently enjoyed by those employees, to be agreed with the staff and their representatives, and charged the Establishment Committee to make the necessary arrangements;
- (d) agreed that all relevant land and buildings owned by the public, and currently under the administration of the Telecommunications Board, be leased to Jersey Telecoms Limited, on a basis to be negotiated and agreed with the Finance and Economics Committee;
- (e) charged the Telecommunications Board to prepare the necessary legislation to -
 - (i) provide the necessary licensing and regulatory framework;
 - (ii) transfer the moveable assets owned by the public and administered by the Telecommunications Board for the purpose of providing telecommunication services, and goods owned by the Telecommunications Board, to Jersey Telecoms Limited;
 - (iii) grant Jersey Telecoms Limited the utility rights, privileges and obligations which were necessary for the provision, operation and maintenance of public telecommunications systems within the Bailiwick;
 - (iv) enable the transfer of all States employees currently working under the administration of the Telecommunications Board to Jersey Telecoms Limited and to preserve their continuity of employment and acquired pension rights;

- (v) upgrade fines for offences and to create appropriate offences in relation to the operation of a public telecommunications system by a licensed operator;
- (vi) allow the Telecommunications Board to demand information from prospective licensees and to make it an offence to give false or misleading information;
- (vii) make such consequential amendments of other enactments as might be required.

Motor Traffic (No. 5) (Jersey) Regulations
1996 - P.155/96

THE STATES, in pursuance of the powers conferred on them by the Order in Council of the twenty-sixth day of December 1851 and Article 54A of the Motor Traffic (Jersey) Law 1935, as amended, made Regulations entitled the Motor Traffic (No. 5) (Jersey) Regulations 1996.

Hire Cars (No. 6) (Jersey) Regulations 1996 -
P.156/96

THE STATES, in pursuance of Article 22A of the Hire Cars (Jersey) Law 1964, as amended, made Regulations entitled the Hire Cars (No. 6) (Jersey) Regulations 1996.

Public Service Vehicle (Fees) (Amendment No. 7)
(Jersey) Regulations 1996 - P.157/96

THE STATES, in pursuance of Articles 49A and 54 of the Motor Traffic (Jersey) Law 1935, as amended, made Regulations entitled Public Service Vehicles (Fees) (Amendment No. 7) (Jersey) Regulations 1996.

Motor Vehicles (International Circulation)
(Amendment No. 12) (Jersey) Regulations 1996 -
P.158/96

THE STATES, in pursuance of Article 1 of the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Jersey) Law 1953, made Regulations entitled the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment No. 12) (Jersey) Regulations 1996.

Termination of Tenancies (Procedure) (Jersey)

Law 199 - P.161/96

THE STATES, subject to the sanction of Her Most Excellent Majesty in Council, adopted a Law entitled the Termination of Tenancies (Procedure) (Jersey) Law 199 .

Change in Presidency

During the debate of the draft Termination of Tenancies (Procedure) (Jersey) Law 199 the Bailiff retired from the Chamber and Senator Reginald Robert Jeune, C.B.E. took over the Presidency.

Public Finances (Administration) (Amendment No. 8) (Jersey) Law 1996 (Appointed Day) Act 1996 - P.164/96

THE STATES, in pursuance of Article 11 of the Public Finances (Administration) (Amendment No. 8) (Jersey) Law 1996, made an Act entitled the Public Finances (Administration) (Amendment No. 8) (Jersey) Law 1996 (Appointed Day) Act 1996.

Fields 948, 949 and 950, Les Landes, St. Ouen: transfer of administration - P.167/96

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Planning and Environment Committee -

- (a) approved the transfer of the administration of Fields 948, 949 and 950, Les Landes, St. Ouen, as shown on drawing No. 500/1, from the Planning and Environment Committee to the Agriculture and Fisheries Committee for continued use as agricultural land;
- (b) authorised the Greffier of the States to sign the said drawing on behalf of the States.

Les Landes heathland area, St. Ouen: transfer of administration - P.168/96

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Planning and Environment Committee -

- (a) approved the transfer of administration from the Planning and Environment Committee to the Sport, Leisure and Recreation Committee of two areas of land to the south-west and north-west of the Les Landes Race Course, St. Ouen, totalling 2.7 vergées, as shown

on drawing No. 535/1;

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

Advocates and Solicitors (Jersey) Law 199 -
P.172/96 (Revised)

THE STATES, subject to the sanction of Her Most
Excellent Majesty in Council, adopted a Law
entitled the Advocates and Solicitors (Jersey)
Law 199 .

THE STATES rose at 2.58 p.m.

G.H.C. COPPOCK

Greffier of the States.