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THE STATES assembled on Tuesday,
26th March 1996 at 9.30 a.m. under
the Presidency of the Deputy Bailiff,
Francis Charles Hamon, Esquire

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor,
General Sir Michael Wilkes, K.C.B., C.B.E,
was present.

All members were present with the exception of -

Senator Reginald Robert Jeune - out of the
Island
Senator Vernon Amy Tomes - out of the
Island
Percy John Le Masurier, Deputy of St.
Ouen - out of the Island
John Nicolle Le Fondré, Deputy of St.
Lawrence - ill
Frank Harrison Walker, Deputy of St.
Helier - out of the Island
Philip Roy Cabot, Deputy of Trinity - ill.

Prayers

Visit of Home Secretary - Channel Television and
Jersey Evening Post

THE STATES acceded to the request of Channel
Television and the Jersey Evening Post to
record the visit of the Home Secretary during
the States meeting on 9th April 1996.

Subordinate legislation tabled

The following enactment was laid before the States, namely -

Parish Rate (Form of Documents)
(Amendment No. 6) (Jersey) Order 1996.
R & O 8917.

Matters presented

The following matters were presented to the States -

1. Social Security Committee:
annual report and accounts 1994/95.
Presented by the Employment and Social Security Committee.
2. Residential land availability -
February 1996 - R.C.8/96.
Presented by the Planning and Environment Committee.
THE STATES ordered that the said report be printed and distributed.

Matters noted - land transactions

THE STATES noted an Act of the Finance and Economics Committee dated 18th March 1996, 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 British Airways Plc of a ground site (measuring 538 square feet) adjacent to the Airport Terminal Building, St. Peter, for a period of nine years from a date to be agreed, at an annual rent of £672.50 (representing a rate of £1.25 a square foot), subject to triennial rent reviews with a break clause for termination by either party by giving six months' notice in writing;
- (b) as recommended by the Health and Social Services Committee, the lease from the Parish of St. Lawrence of the one four-bedroom and one two-bedroom flats at the Old Rectory, St. Lawrence, for a period of three years from 24th June 1994 at an annual rent of £12,416, payable quarterly in advance, with the

Committee being responsible for the Parish's legal costs of £485;

- (c) as recommended by the Health and Social Services Committee, the renewal of the lease from Mr. Christian John Langlois and Mrs. Christine Louise Langlois, née Holborrow, of the three-bedroom property, 2 Bel Royal Gardens, St. Lawrence, for a period of one year from 16th February 1996, at an annual rent of £10,028, with an option to renew for a further year following a rent increase;
- (d) as recommended by the Health and Social Services Committee, the renewal of the lease from Mrs. Monica Billot Cotillard, née Le Quesne, of the two-bedroom property L'Hermitage Farm Flat, Les Varines, St. Saviour, for a period of one year from 23rd April 1996 at an annual rent of £7,508, payable quarterly in advance, with an option to renew for a further year following a rent increase and with both sides being given the option of exercising a three month notice period;
- (e) as recommended by the Health and Social Services Committee, the renewal of the lease from Mrs. Anne Dorothy Taylor, née Brooksbank, of the two-bedroom property La Cachette, No. 6 La Hougue Grange Farm, Route de Catillon, Grouville, for a period of one year from 1st February 1996 at an annual rent of £8,880, payable quarterly in advance, with an option to renew for a further year following a rent increase and with both sides being given the option of exercising a three month notice period;
- (f) as recommended by the Health and Social Services Committee, the lease from Mr. Robert Charles Hamon, of the three-bedroom property Little Arch, Pigneaux, Maufant, St. Saviour, for a period of one year from 25th March 1996 at an annual rent of £10,500, payable quarterly in advance, with an option to renew for a further year following a rent review and with both sides being given the option of exercising a three month notice period;

(g) as recommended by the Housing Committee, the entering into of a Deed of Arrangement with the Hotel Metropole (Jersey) Limited and the Ritz Hotel (Jersey) Limited in order to clarify the boundaries between Keith Baal Gardens, St. Helier, and the land which belonged to the aforementioned companies, with the legal costs being met by the public.

Matter noted - acceptance of tender

THE STATES noted an Act of the Finance and Economics Committee dated 18th March 1996, showing that, in pursuance of Rule 5 of the Public Finances (General) (Jersey) Rules 1967, as amended, the Committee had noted that the Harbours and Airport Committee had accepted the lowest of five tenders, namely that submitted by Stansell QVC Limited in the sum of £126,888.00 for the construction of extensions to No. 1 Warehouse, Elizabeth Harbour, Port of St. Helier.

Matters lodged

The following matters were lodged ``au Greffe" -

1. Road Traffic (Saint Helier) (Jersey) Order 1996: annulment - P.44/96.
Presented by Senator P.A. Bailhache.
2. 1 Newtown Buildings, David Place, St. Helier: sale - P.46/96.
Presented by the Health and Social Services Committee.
3. Jersey Airport: lease to International Energy Group Investments Limited - P.47/96.
Presented by the Harbours and Airport Committee.
4. Le Squez School, St. Clement: approval of drawings - P.48/96.
Presented by the Education Committee.
5. Draft Emergency Powers and

Planning (Amendment) (Jersey) Law
199 - P.49/96.
Presented by Senator R.J.
Shenton, on behalf of the Emergencies
Council.

6. Draft Drug Trafficking
(Miscellaneous Provisions) (Jersey) Law
199 (P.18/96): amendments - P.50/96.
Presented by the Finance and
Economics Committee.

Arrangement of public business for the
next meeting on 16th April 1996

THE STATES confirmed that the following matters
lodged ``au Greffe" would be considered at the
meeting on 16th April 1996 -

Draft Drug Trafficking
(Miscellaneous Provisions) (Jersey) Law
199 - P.18/96.
Lodged: 30th January 1996.
Finance and Economics Committee.

Draft Drug Trafficking
(Miscellaneous Provisions) (Jersey) Law
199 (P.18/96): amendments - P.50/96.
Lodged: 26th March 1996
Finance and Economics Committee.

Draft Drug Offences (International
Co-operation) (Jersey) Law 199 - P.19/96.
Lodged: 30th January 1996.
Finance and Economics Committee.

Road Traffic (Saint Helier) (Jersey)
Order 1996: annulment - P.44/96.
Lodged: 26th March 1996.
Senator P.A. Bailhache.

1 Newtown Buildings, David Place, St.
Helier: sale - P.46/96.
Lodged: 26th March 1996.
Health and Social Services Committee.

Jersey Airport: lease to
International Energy Group Investments
Limited - P.47/96.
Lodged: 26th March 1996.
Harbours and Airport Committee.

Le Squez School, St. Clement:
approval of drawings - P.48/96.
Lodged: 26th March 1996.
Education Committee.

Draft Emergency Powers and Planning
(Amendment) (Jersey) Law 199 - P.49/96.
Senator R.J. Shenton, on behalf of
the Emergencies Council.

Draft Island Planning (Use Classes) (Amendment
No. 2) (Jersey) Regulations 199 - P.38/95.
Withdrawn

THE STATES noted that, in pursuance of Standing
Order 17(6) the following subject, previously
lodged ``au Greffe", had been withdrawn -

Draft Island Planning (Use Classes)
(Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Regulations
199 - P.38/95.
Lodged: 14th March 1995.
Planning and Environment Committee.
Report of the Committee presented to the
States on 25th April 1995 - P.52/95.

Disposal of animal waste - questions and
answers: Agriculture and Fisheries Committee
(Tape No. 330)

Deputy Philip John Rondel of St. John asked
Senator John Stephen Rothwell, President of the
Agriculture and Fisheries Committee, the
following questions -

- ``1. Would the President advise members
whether incinerator facilities are
presently operated by the
Agriculture and Fisheries
Committee, or if the Committee has
access to incinerators operated by
any other organisation? If so, for
what purposes are these
incinerators used?

2. If the answer to question 1 is
affirmative, would it be practical to
use the incinerator(s) to burn dead
pets, poultry and abattoir waste?"

The President of the Agriculture and Fisheries
Committee replied as follows -

- ``1. The Committee has a simple batch
incinerator purchased in 1988 at a

cost of £1,600 for the sole purpose of incinerating the carcasses of animals suspected of having BSE. The incinerator is sited at Le Rondin Farm and operated by Department of Agriculture and Fisheries staff. It has occasionally been used to incinerate a farm animal that has been discovered sometime after its death with the carcasses in such a putrid state that it cannot be handled by the staff.

The Committee does not have access to any other incinerator operated by any other organisation. The Public Services and the Health and Social Services Committees do, however, have incinerators.

2. It would not be practical to burn dead pets or poultry in this incinerator. It is designed to take a single large carcass and if it was used for small animals the half incinerated remains would fall out."

Disposal of animal waste - questions and answers: Public Services Committee (Tape No. 330)

Deputy Philip John Rondel of St. John asked Deputy Dereck André Carter of St. Helier, President of the Public Services Committee, the following questions -

1. Would the President advise members of the current method of disposal of dead pets, poultry and animal waste?
2. Has the Public Services Committee investigated other means of disposal of this waste and, if not, does it intend to do so?"

The President of the Public Services Committee replied as follows -

1. These wastes are buried at La Saline and covered with soil immediately. La Saline is opened only on Wednesday mornings and all

deliveries are made then.

Dead pets are held in refrigerated storage at the Animals' Shelter until Wednesday morning when they are delivered to La Saline by the Parish of St. Helier.

I understand that the Agriculture and Fisheries Committee, in conjunction with the Animals' Shelter, are intending to make provisions to enable members of the public who wish to have their pets cremated on an individual basis and to retain the ashes.

2. The House will be aware of the Committee's intention to install a clinical waste incinerator on its site at Bellozanne. This incinerator is designed to take the wastes identified by Deputy Rondel.

The current situation is that tenders have been received, all the tender prices are similar but they exceed the capital currently voted. As a result a request for further capital will be made at the April Supply Day.

I believe the facility to be provided by the Agriculture and Fisheries Committee, mentioned earlier, will still be available to members of the public when the clinical waste incinerator plant at Bellozanne is operational."

Disposal of blue asbestos waste - question and answer (Tape No. 330)

Deputy Philip John Rondel of St. John asked Deputy Dereck André Carter of St. Helier, President of the Public Services Committee, the following question -

``Would the President advise members whether blue asbestos waste is dumped at La Saline, St. John? If so, does the Public Services Department keep accurate records of the places on the site where that particular waste is kept?"

The President of the Public Services Committee replied as follows -

``Large quantities of asbestos waste produced in the Island are usually removed from redundant heating systems by specialist companies. In this situation the Public Services Committee insists that the waste is exported from the Island for disposal.

For small quantities of asbestos, for example that removed from domestic sized installations, the cost of exporting the waste would be prohibitive and so disposal at La Saline is permitted. These wastes may include blue asbestos.

All asbestos delivered to La Saline is placed in one specific location which can be accurately identified."

The `cavern' beneath Fort Regent - questions and answers (Tape No. 330)

Deputy Philip John Rondel of St. John asked Deputy Dereck André Carter of St. Helier, President of the Public Services Committee, the following questions -

- ``1. Would the President inform members -
 - (a) when he expects that the construction of the `cavern' and associated works under Fort Regent will be completed?
 - (b) has the estimated cost of the project changed from the figures given in the President's answers to Senator Le Main's questions on 7th November 1995?
2. Was it the intention of the Public Services Committee to open a shaft at West Centre as part of this project? If so -
 - (a) why was the shaft not opened?
 - (b) has the decision not to open the shaft caused any increase of cost of the project as a whole?"

The President of the Public Services Committee replied as follows -

1.(a) In response to the first part of the Deputy's question, it is currently estimated that the construction of the civil engineering content of the cavern and associated tunnels, which was due for completion in November 1995, will now be completed in October 1996.

This represents a 41 week delay in completion of the works of which only 53 days (nine weeks) Extension of Time has presently been agreed to and granted by the Engineer.

The civil engineering contract will be followed immediately by a five month mechanical and electrical contract for the installation of all the equipment and controls in the cavern.

(b) As regards the second part of the question, the estimated final cost of the project has increased above the figures given in my response to Senator Le Main's questions on 7th November 1995. The main area where additional costs have arisen is in contractual claims for unforeseen conditions and delays.

The costs associated with the agreed items of unforeseen conditions and the delay of 53 days has currently been evaluated at approximately £1 million.

2.(a) I can confirm that it was, and still remains, the Committee's intention to construct a shaft onto the tunnel in the vicinity of Wests Centre.

Initially the shaft was sited in Bath Street, adjacent to Wests Centre, but despite protracted negotiations, the Committee was unable to secure an agreement with the owners and tenants of Wests Centre for the use of part of their private land as a working area during shaft construction.

The shaft was therefore relocated in Peter Street and the method of

construction revised to suit the new location. As a result, construction of the shaft is now programmed to commence early in 1997.

- (b) In answer to the final part of the Deputy's question, the decision to delay the construction of the shaft is not expected to cause an increase in the cost of the project as a whole."

Parking exemptions under the Royal Court Road (Jersey) Regulations 1959 - statement

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

"All members will, I hope, have received various pieces of correspondence regarding the new parking arrangements, and will be aware that today is the last day on which the whole of the Royal Court Road will be available for States members parking.

However, one final formal act is required to give effect to this change.

Therefore, in pursuance of Article 3 of the Royal Court Road Jersey Regulation 1959 I hereby formally suspend Regulations 2(1) and 2(3) of the Regulations with effect from 8 a.m. tomorrow, 27th March 1996.

However, I also specifically authorise all those affected by the above to continue to be allowed vehicular access to those parts of the Royal Court Road, at either end, which shall be marked out for the purpose.

May I remind members that the intention is that some space at the Town Church end will be available for members to drop in to collect papers, etc. May I plead with fit members not to abuse this facility by parking there long term for Committee meetings.

Finally - please remember to turn left as you leave either at lunchtime or this evening."

Crime Strategy Group - statement

The President of the Defence Committee made a

statement in the following terms -

“Members will recall that in the Strategic Policy Review 1995, which was adopted by the States, it was agreed that a Crime Strategy Action Group should be set up comprised of officers of the Committees responsible for law and order and matters directly related thereto. It was intended that this would broaden the approach initiated by the formation of the Drug Strategy Action Group earlier in 1995.

I am pleased to be able to inform members that a Crime Strategy Group has now been formed.

The Crime Strategy Group will have an independent Chairman, and I am most grateful to Advocate Olsen who has accepted an invitation to be the Chairman. He will be supported by the Chief Officer, States of Jersey Police, the Chief Executive, Health and Social Services Department, the Director of Education, the Agent of the Impôts, the Chief Probation Officer, the Prison Governor, a member of the Law Officers' Department nominated by the Attorney General, and a nominee of the Comité des Connétables.

The Group will establish appropriate advisory and consultative machinery to include experts, voluntary agencies and support services.

The terms of reference of the Crime Strategy Group will be to -

- develop an understanding of and report on the scale and nature of all aspects of crime, its detection and its consequences in Jersey, evaluating historical data and current statistics from statutory and voluntary agencies;

- evaluate and report on the strengths and weaknesses of current strategies relating to the reduction of crime, its consequences and its detection, to include the Criminal Justice System;

- investigate, evaluate and report on appropriate initiatives in other jurisdictions;

develop and publish a consultative document underlining the issues, concerns, proposals being considered by the Group by 1st September 1996;

actively consult for a three month period;

produce a draft strategy by 1st June 1997.

The Crime Strategy Group will report to a Policy Group made up of the Presidents of the Defence, Education, Finance and Economics and Health and Social Services Committees, the President of the Probation Committee, the President of the Prison Board and the Chairman of the Comité des Connétables.

The Crime Strategy Group will be supported by an Executive Officer and will share staff and accommodation with the Drug Strategy Group.

The overall mandate is to develop and oversee the implementation of a five-year strategy that will significantly impact upon the level, and the consequences of crime in Jersey. The approach adopted reflects the fact that no one Committee or Department has overall responsibility for law and order. Together with the findings of the Clothier report, when it is received, the recommendations of the Crime Strategy Group will form the basis of the law and order strategy that the States requested the Defence Committee to produce in the Strategic Policy Review 1995."

Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) - statement

The President of the Agriculture and Fisheries Committee made a statement in the following terms -

``All members must be aware of the current problems facing the cattle industry throughout the whole of the British Isles and I would wish to take this opportunity of updating members on the latest situation, and of course, in particular the situation as it affects Jersey.

I do not propose to review the history of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) other than to state that I believe every possible step has been taken in Jersey to ensure animals showing the symptoms of BSE have not been allowed to enter the food chain.

The policy of paying a sum in excess of local meat prices has ensured animals suspected of having BSE are reported to the Department and disposed of. Positive identification of BSE animals can only be undertaken once the brain is removed. The suspect animals do not enter the abattoir or knackers yard area but are slaughtered on the farm on which they are, and the carcasses incinerated at Le Rondin Farm, Trinity. While there is a financial incentive to report BSE suspects I must pay tribute to the farming industry, who despite not wanting their herd to be seen as an 'infected herd' have immediately reported any suspect animals.

126 animals have been slaughtered in six years, four have been identified as not having BSE and the results of the last three animals slaughtered is not yet to hand.

The first suspect animal was identified in December 1988. In that year there was only one animal but by 1993 the number had risen to 35 however by 1995 it had dropped to ten. There has been one confirmed case so far this year. The total number of milking cows and heifers in milk is 4,281 and young stock number 2,653.

All animals entering the abattoir are handled according to a schedule laid down by MAFF whereby those parts of the animal thought to be at risk are removed and shipped from the Island to MAFF approved premises in the United Kingdom.

For some time there has been speculation as to whether there was any link between Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) and Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD). No link has been established. However, the Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee (SEAC) has recently studied the work of the Government Surveillance Unit in Edinburgh which specialises in CJD.

This work, which relates to the ten cases of CJD which have been identified in people aged under 42, has led that Committee to conclude that the unit has identified a previously unrecognised and consistent disease pattern. A review of patients' medical histories, genetic analysis and consideration of other possible causes have failed to explain these cases adequately. There remains no scientific proof that BSE can be transmitted to humans by beef, but the SEAC have concluded that the most likely explanation at present is that these cases are linked to exposure to BSE before the introduction of the specified bovine offal ban in 1989. Against the background of this new finding the Advisory Committee agreed the series of recommendations which the United Kingdom Government made public on Wednesday, 20th March.

The recommendations were -

1. urgent consideration of the need for further research in this area;
2. a prohibition on the use of mammalian meat and bonemeal in feed for all farm animals;
3. that carcasses from cattle aged over 30 months must be deboned in licensed plants supervised by the Meat Hygiene Service and the trimmings must be classified as (SBO's) Specified Bovine Offal.

On the basis that these recommendations were put in place SEAC concluded that the risk from eating beef is now likely to be extremely small.

Clearly this recommendation must do much to allay fears but members will note it is only relevant if the second and third recommendations are put in place. As regards animal feed I am assured that all feed manufacturers have accepted this recommendation and that it is now standard practice.

The third recommendation has direct implications for Jersey, and on Friday last the decision was made that until such time as a deboning plant was in place no bovine

whatsoever would be slaughtered for human consumption at the abattoir.

The announcements by the Secretary of State for Health and the Minister of Agriculture have done little to allay public fear and at their request the SEAC met again this weekend to recommend what, if any, further steps be taken, and in particular to consider the safety of beef in the diet of children.

Yesterday the Secretary of State reported in the House of Commons that the SEAC could see no reason to change its recommendations to suggest that provided its previous recommendations were put in place that beef could not be given to children, in the words of SEAC the risk was extremely small.

The fears as to the safety of United Kingdom beef production has spread worldwide with countries unilaterally banning the importation of British beef. Emotive headlines have called for the slaughter of hundreds of thousands of British cattle while at the same time the EU's Scientific Veterinary Committee backed the British Government's claims that there was no clear evidence that BSE could be transmitted to humans, but believed that exclusion from the food chain of animals most likely to have been exposed to infection should be introduced. The EU veterinary experts met again yesterday and recommended an immediate and indefinite world ban on exports of British beef. Members will now know the EU Veterinary Standing Committee has been reconvened for today and the Commission will meet tomorrow.

Jersey of course exports no beef. Jersey beef is a by-product of the dairy industry and comprises virtually 100 per cent culled cows that have finished their useful life.

This is in contrast to other areas of the British Isles where, as well as dairy herds, there are specialist beef units.

The industry and the general public, despite reassurances, are still doubtful as to the safety of beef and beef products and thus there is a need for a clear lead.

The Agriculture and Fisheries Committee intends to continue with its current policy of identifying and separately destroying BSE suspect animals with the payment of compensation and brains being sent for analysis.

In addition the Committee has decided that no animal feed will be allowed into the Island unless accompanied by a full declaration of its contents showing evidence that it is free of mammalian meat and bonemeal.

Finally, in view of the general disquiet over the alleged links between BSE and the so called human equivalent CJD my Committee, having consulted with the farming industry, intends to maintain the ban introduced last Friday on the slaughter of cattle for human consumption until there has been a thorough assessment of scientific opinion from the United Kingdom and Europe.

We believe these decisions to be in the public interest for both residents and visitors alike."

First Tower, St. Helier: construction of public toilets - approval of drawings

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

- (a) approved drawings Nos. MS 431/01 and 2975/8 showing the proposed construction of public toilets at the Promenade Shelter, west of First Tower Beach Café, Victoria Avenue, St. Helier;
- (b) authorised the Greffier of the States to sign the said drawings on behalf of the States.

Springfield Hall, St. Helier - redevelopment: approval of drawings

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Sport, Leisure and Recreation Committee, referred to their Act dated 12th March 1996 when they approved the demolition of the existing

Springfield Hall, St. Helier, and approved, in principle, the construction of a purpose-built sports and community hall on the site; and

- (a) approved drawings Nos. 1375/58/59/60/61/62/63/64 showing the construction of Springfield Hall;
- (b) authorised the Greffier of the States to sign the said drawings on behalf of the States.

Field 614, La Mielle, Ouaisné, St. Brelade:
purchase of land

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

- (a) approved the purchase on behalf of the public, of approximately 12 vergées of land at Field 614, La Mielle, Ouaisné, St. Brelade, as shown on drawing No. 507/1, from Mr. Guy Moore Dixon for £40,000 (forty thousand pounds) with each party being responsible for their own legal fees;
- (b) authorised the Greffier of the States to sign the said drawing on behalf of the States;
- (c) authorised the Attorney General and the Greffier of the States to pass on behalf of the public any contract that it might be found necessary to pass in connexion with the acquisition of the said land, and any interest therein;
- (d) authorised the payment or discharge of the expenses to be incurred in connexion with the acquisition of the land and all interests therein from the Planning and Environment Committee's capital vote of credit "Acquisition of Land - Major Reserve" (Vote No. C0904).

Gorseland, La Lande du Ouest, St. Brelade:
transfer of administration

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

(a) authorised the transfer of administration of the bungalow, garage and garden known as Gorseland, La Lande du Ouest, St. Brelade, as shown on drawing No. 504/1, from the Planning and Environment Committee to the Defence Committee;

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

Overseas Trading Corporation site, First Tower, St. Helier: transfer of administration of pavilion and grounds

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

(a) authorised the transfer of administration of the pavilion and grounds known as The Sun Bowls Club, First Tower, as shown on drawing No. 506/1, from the Planning and Environment Committee to the Sport, Leisure and Recreation Committee;

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

States members' remuneration - P.31/96 and P.45/96

THE STATES commenced consideration of a proposition of Senator Stuart Syvret concerning States members' remuneration and adopted sub-paragraph (a).

Sub-paragraph (b), clause (i) was adopted.

Members present voted as follows -

``Pour" (45)

Senators

Shenton, Horsfall, Rothwell, Le Main, Le Maistre, Stein, Quérée, Chinn, Bailhache, Syvret.

Connétables

St. Clement, St. Mary, St. Peter, Grouville, St. Helier, St. Saviour,

Trinity, St. Martin, St. Ouen, St. John.

Deputies

Rumboll(H), Wavell(S), Norman(C), St. Peter, H. Baudains(C), Le Sueur(H), Coutanche(L), Huelin(B), St. Mary, S. Baudains(H), Le Geyt(S), Crespel(H), Pullin(S), Carter(H), Johns(H), Duhamel(S), Matthews(B), Routier(H), Dorey(H), Layzell(B), Breckon(S), Grouville, Huet(H), St. Martin, St. John.

``Contre" (0)

Sub-paragraph (b), clause (ii) was adopted.

Members present voted as follows -

``Pour" (39)

Senators

Shenton, Horsfall, Rothwell, Le Main, Le Maistre, Stein, Qu erie, Chinn, Bailhache, Syvret.

Conn tables

St. Mary, St. Peter, Grouville, St. Helier, St. Saviour, Trinit , St. Martin, St. John.

Deputies

Wavell(S), Norman(C), H. Baudains(C), Le Sueur(H), Coutanche(L), Huelin(B), S. Baudains(H), Le Geyt(S), Crespel(H), Pullin(S), Carter(H), Johns(H), Duhamel(S), Matthews(B), Routier(H), Dorey(H), Layzell(B), Breckon(S), Grouville, Huet(H), St. Martin.

``Contre" (6)

Conn tables

St. Clement, St. Ouen.

Deputies

Rumboll(H), St. Peter, St. Mary, St. John.

Senator Syvret then withdrew the remaining paragraphs of the proposition.

THE STATES, adopting the proposition as amended -

- (a) suspended Standing Order No. 44(1); and
- (b) (i) reaffirmed their support for the principle that no-one should be precluded from serving as a member of the States by reason of insufficient income;
- (ii) acknowledged that it may no longer be practical for some members to follow a traditional pattern of paid employment in addition to their States' work.

5, 6 and 7 Newgate Street, St. Helier:
purchase - P.38/96

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Health and Social Services Committee -

- (a) authorised the purchase from Mrs. Valerie Anne Gage, née Taylor, Mrs. Joy Stella Grigg, née Taylor, and Miss Christine Mary Taylor, of the freehold of Nos. 5, 6 and 7 Newgate Street, St. Helier, as shown on drawing No. 502/1, for a consideration of £172,500 with the Committee being responsible for all reasonable legal costs involved in the transaction;
- (b) authorised the Greffier of the States to sign the said drawing on behalf of the States;
- (c) authorised the Attorney General and the Greffier of the States to pass, on behalf of the public, any contracts which it might be found necessary to pass in connexion with the said purchase;
- (d) authorised the payment or discharge of any expenses incurred in connexion with the purchase of the said properties and of all interests therein, from the Planning and Environment Committee's vote of credit "Acquisition of land - Major Reserve" (Vote No. C.0904).

Disabled transport allowance - P.41/96

THE STATES commenced consideration of a proposition of the Employment and Social Security Committee concerning a disabled transport allowance and adopting a proposition of Senator Stuart Syvret, agreed to suspend Standing Order No. 18 to allow the proposition of Senator Syvret proposing an amendment of the proposition of the Employment and Social Security Committee regarding Disabled Transport Allowance to be considered at the present meeting.

THE STATES, after further discussion, adopted the amendments that -

in sub-paragraph (a) there should be deleted all the words from "on the basis" to the end of the paragraph; and

in sub-paragraph (b) there should be deleted all the words from "to help" to the end of the paragraph.

The amended proposition now read -

(a) that a new disability transport allowance be introduced to help certain disabled persons in meeting the extra costs of getting around;

(b) that certain existing non-contributory benefits for disabled persons and their carers, namely attendance allowance and invalid care allowance, be increased to help.

Members present voted on the amendments as follows -

"Pour" (31)

Senators

Shenton, Le Main, Le Maistre, Stein,
Quérée, Syvret.

Connétables

St. Lawrence, St. Mary, St. Peter, St.
Helier, Trinity, St. Martin, St. Ouen, St.
John.

Deputies

Rumboll(H), Wavell(S), St. Peter,
Coutanche(L), Huelin(B), S. Baudains(H),

Carter(H), Duhamel(S), Matthews(B),
Routier(H), Dorey(H), Layzell(B),
Breckon(S), Grouville, Huet(H), St. Martin,
St. John.

``Contre" (14)

Senators

Horsfall, Chinn, Bailhache.

Connétables

St. Clement, St. Brelade, Grouville, St.
Saviour.

Deputies

H. Baudains(C), Le Sueur(H), St. Mary, Le
Geyt(S), Crespel(H), Pullin(S), Johns(H).

The President of the Employment and Social
Security Committee then withdrew the
proposition, having assured the States that the
Committee would bring back further proposals for
debate.

Health Insurance (Amendment No. 11) (Jersey) Law
199 P.42/96 (Revised)

THE STATES, subject to the sanction of Her Most
Excellent Majesty in Council, adopted a Law
entitled the Health Insurance (Amendment No. 11)
(Jersey) Law 199 .

Health Care (Registration) (Jersey) Law 1995
(Appointed Day) Act 1996 - P.43/96

THE STATES, in pursuance of Article 19 of the
Health Care (Registration) (Jersey) Law 1995,
made an Act entitled the Health Care
(Registration) (Jersey) Law 1995 (Appointed Day)
Act 1996.

THE STATES rose at 4 p.m.

G.H.C. COPPOCK

Greffier of the States.