

THE STATES assembled on Tuesday,
5th November 1997 at 9.30 a.m. under
the Presidency of the Bailiff,
Sir Philip Bailhache

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 John Stephen Rothwell - out of the
Island
Senator Jean Amy Le Maistre - out of the
Island

Prayers were read by the Bailiff

Arrangement of public business for the next
meeting on 18th November 1997

THE STATES agreed that the following further
matters lodged ``au Greffe" would be considered
at the meeting on 18th November 1997 -

Draft Public Service Vehicle (Fees)
(Amendment No. 8) (Jersey) Regulations 199
- P.156/97
Lodged: 21st October 1997
Defence Committee

Draft Hire Cars (No. 7) (Jersey)
Regulations 199 - P.157/97
Lodged: 21st October 1997
Defence Committee

Draft Patents (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey)
Law 1997 (Appointed Day) Act 199 - P.158/97
Lodged: 21st October 1997
Finance and Economics Committee

Strategic Policy Review and Action Plan 1997 -
P.149/97, P.150/97 (Revised), P.154/97,
P.155/97, P.160/97, P.161/97 and sixth
amendments.

THE STATES continued discussion of sub-paragraph
(a) of paragraph (1) of the proposition of the
Policy and Resources Committee -

(1) To receive the Strategic Policy Review
and Action Plan 1997 Part I; and

(a) to approve the recommendations on
population and immigration policy
as set out in clauses (i) - (xx)
of sub-paragraph 1.1 of that Part.

THE STATES accepted an amendment of the Housing
Committee that after the word "Part" there
should be inserted the words "except that for
clause (xviii) there shall be substituted the
following -

"(xviii) the Policy and Resources Committee
be requested to investigate and
report to the States on the
introduction of an identity card
scheme, with the object of
monitoring the residential and
employment status of all members
of the Island's population";

THE STATES rejected an amendment of Senator
Richard Joseph Shenton that after the word
"Part" there should be inserted the words
"except that in clause (xx) for the words
"Policy and Resources Committee" there shall
be substituted the words "a Special Committee
appointed for the purpose";

Members voted as follows -

"Pour"(11)

Senators

Shenton, Kinnard.

Connétables

Grouville.

Deputies

St. Baudains(H), Le Geyt(s), Duhamel(S),
Breckon(S), St. John, Le Main(H), Rabet(H),
Crowcroft(H).

"Contre"(40)

Senators

Horsfall, Stein, Qu  r  e, Bailhache, Syvret,
Tomes, Norman, Walker.

Conn  tables

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

Deputies

Wavell(S), H. Baudains(C), Le Sueur(H),
Coutanche(L), St. Mary, Trinity, Pullin(S),
Johns(H), Routier(H), Dorey(H), Layzell(B),
Grouville, Huet(H), St. Martin,
Blampied(H), Vibert(B), de la Haye(B), Le
Cornu(C), St. Peter, Dubras(L), St. Ouen.

THE STATES, adopting sub-paragraph (a) of
paragraph (1) of the proposition, as amended -

(1) received the Strategic Policy Review
and Action Plan 1997 Part 1; and -

(a) approved the recommendations on
population and immigration policy
as set out in clauses (i)-(xx) of
sub-paragraph 1.1 of that Part,

except that -

in clause (i) the words ``that
is around 85,000)" should be
deleted;

in clause (iv) after the
word ``manpower" there should be
inserted the words ``whilst
ensuring social justice in the
Island, and that a statutory
minimum wage and a maternity
benefit equal to that enjoyed by
States employees be introduced as
soon as possible";

in clause (vi) after the words
``public sector" there should be
inserted the words ``without the
need for compulsory redundancies,
except as a last resort" and
after the words ``work force" in
the second place where they
appear, there should be inserted
the words ``, such as ensuring
fair, reasonable and comparable
total remuneration and terms of
employment under any new employer
of the transferred workers;"

at the end of clause (xi) there should be inserted the words ``whilst at all times recognising the need to sustain full employment for all residentially qualified employees, and, at the same time, to ensure that finance industry organisations encourage locally trained personnel to take up senior positions thereby reducing the need for `(j)' category consents";

at the end of clause (xiv) there should be inserted the words ``while recognising that in a small isolated community some form of protection will be required";

at the end of clause (xvii) there should be inserted the words ``and to require manpower returns to be submitted on a quarterly basis";

for clause (xviii) there should be substituted the following -

``(xviii) the Policy and Resources Committee be requested to investigate and report to the States on the introduction of an identity card scheme, with the object of monitoring the residential and employment status of all members of the Island's population."

Members voted as follows -

``Pour"(49)"

Senators

Shenton, Horsfall, Stein, Qu  r  e,
Bailhache, Syvret, Tomes, Norman, Walker,
Kinnard.

Conn  tables

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

Deputies

Wavell(S), H. Baudains(C), Le
Sueur(H), Coutanche(L), St. Mary,
S. Baudains(H), Le Geyt(S), Trinity,

Pullin(S), Duhamel(S), Routier(H),
Dorey(H), Layzell(B), Breckon(S),
Grouville, Huet(H), St. Martin, St. John,
Blampied(H), Rabet(H), Crowcroft(H),
Vibert(B), de la Haye(B), Le Cornu(C),
St. Peter, Dubras(L), St. Ouen.

``Contre" (1)

Deputy

Johns(H).

THE STATES commenced consideration of paragraph
(2) of the proposition of the Policy and
Resources Committee -

(2) to receive the Strategic Policy Review
and Action Plan 1997 Part II and -

(a) to approve the financial and
budgetary strategy of the Finance
and Economics Committee as set out
in sub-paragraphs 5.1 to 5.14 of
that Part;

THE STATES accepted an amendment of Deputy Alan
Breckon of St. Saviour that after the word
``Part" there should be inserted the words
``, except that in sub-paragraphs 5.1 and 5.3 at
the end of the fourth bullet points under the
headings `Budget Strategy' there shall be
inserted the words `especially between those
with mortgage interest relief and rent
payers';".

THE STATES accepted an amendment of Senator
Richard Joseph Shenton that after the word
``Part" there should be inserted the words
`except that in sub-paragraph 5.1 for the third
bullet point under the heading `Short Term
Measures' there shall be substituted the
following -

``* increase the return to general revenues
from Trading Committees by £1.5
million to £7.5 million for 1998 with a
further increase of £0.5 million in
1999;".

THE STATES accepted an amendment of Senator
Wendy Kinnard that after the word ``Part" there
should be inserted the words ``except that in
sub-paragraph 5.1, under the heading `Short Term
Measures', there shall be added an eighth bullet
point as follows -

``* to give tax allowances on child care
costs by 1st January 1998;".

Members present voted as follows on Senator Kinnard's amendment -

``Pour" (46)

Senators

Shenton, Horsfall, Stein, Bailhache,
Syvret, Tomes, Norman, Walker, Kinnard.

Connétables

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

Deputies

Wavell(S), H. Baudains(C), Le Sueur(H),
Coutanche(L), S. Baudains(H), Le Geyt(S),
Trinity, Pullin(S), Johns(H), Duhamel(S),
Routier(H), Dorey(H), Layzell(B),
Breckon(S), Grouville, Huet(H), St. Martin,
St. John, Rabet(H), Crowcroft(H),
Vibert(B), de la Haye(B), St. Peter,
Dubras(L), St. Ouen.

``Contre" (4)

Senators

Quérée.

Deputies

St. Mary, Blampied(H), Le Cornu(C).

THE STATES, adopting sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (2), as amended -

(2) received the Strategic Policy Review and Action Plan 1997 Part II and -

(a) approved the financial and budgetary strategy of the Finance and Economics Committee as set out in sub-paragraphs: 5.1 to 5.14 of that Part;

except that -

in sub-paragraphs 5.1 and 5.3 at the end of the fourth bullet points under the headings ``Budget Strategy" there should be inserted the words ``especially between those with mortgage interest relief and rent payers";

in sub-paragraph 5.1 for the third bullet point under the heading ``Short Term Measures" there should be substituted the following -

``* increase the return to general revenues from Trading Committees by £1.5 million to £7.5 million for 1998 with a further increase of £0.5 million in 1999;"

in sub-paragraph 5.1 there should be added, under the heading ``Short Term Measures", of an eighth bullet point as follows -

``* to give tax allowances on child care costs by 1st January 1998;"

THE STATES continued consideration of paragraph (2) of the proposition of the Policy and Resources Committee -

- (b) to approve the cash limits for each of the non-trading committees for 1998 as set out in Appendix 4.2.

THE STATES having accepted an amendment of Deputy Maurice François Dubras of St. Lawrence that, after the words ``Appendix 4.2" there should be inserted the words ``, except that -

- (i) the cash limit for the Overseas Aid Committee shall be increased from £2,700,000 to £2,835,000, and to request the Finance and Economics Committee to reduce the amount to be allocated to the general reserve in the 1998 Budget accordingly;
- (ii) consideration be given to making a further increase once the Overseas Aid Committee has completed its present review and has submitted a 3 year Business Plan as part of its 5 year Strategic Plan to the States during 1998."

THE STATES, adopting sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (2), as amended -

- (b) approved the cash limits for each of the non-trading committees for 1998 as set out in Appendix 4.2, except that -

- (i) the cash limit for the Overseas Aid Committee should be increased from £2,700,000 to £2,835,000, and the Finance and Economics Committee requested to reduce the amount to be allocated to the general reserve in the 1998 Budget accordingly;
- (ii) consideration be given to making a further increase once the Overseas Aid Committee had completed its present review and had submitted a 3 year Business Plan as part of its 5 year Strategic Plan to the States during 1998.

Adjournment

THE STATES then adjourned, having agreed that consideration of the remaining paragraphs of the proposition on the Strategic Policy Review and Action Plan 1997 (P.149/97) should stand over until after the public business set down for Tuesday 18th November 1997 and that, if necessary, the States would also meet on Wednesday, 19th November 1997.

THE STATES rose at 6.27 p.m.

G.H.C. COPPOCK

Greffier of the States.