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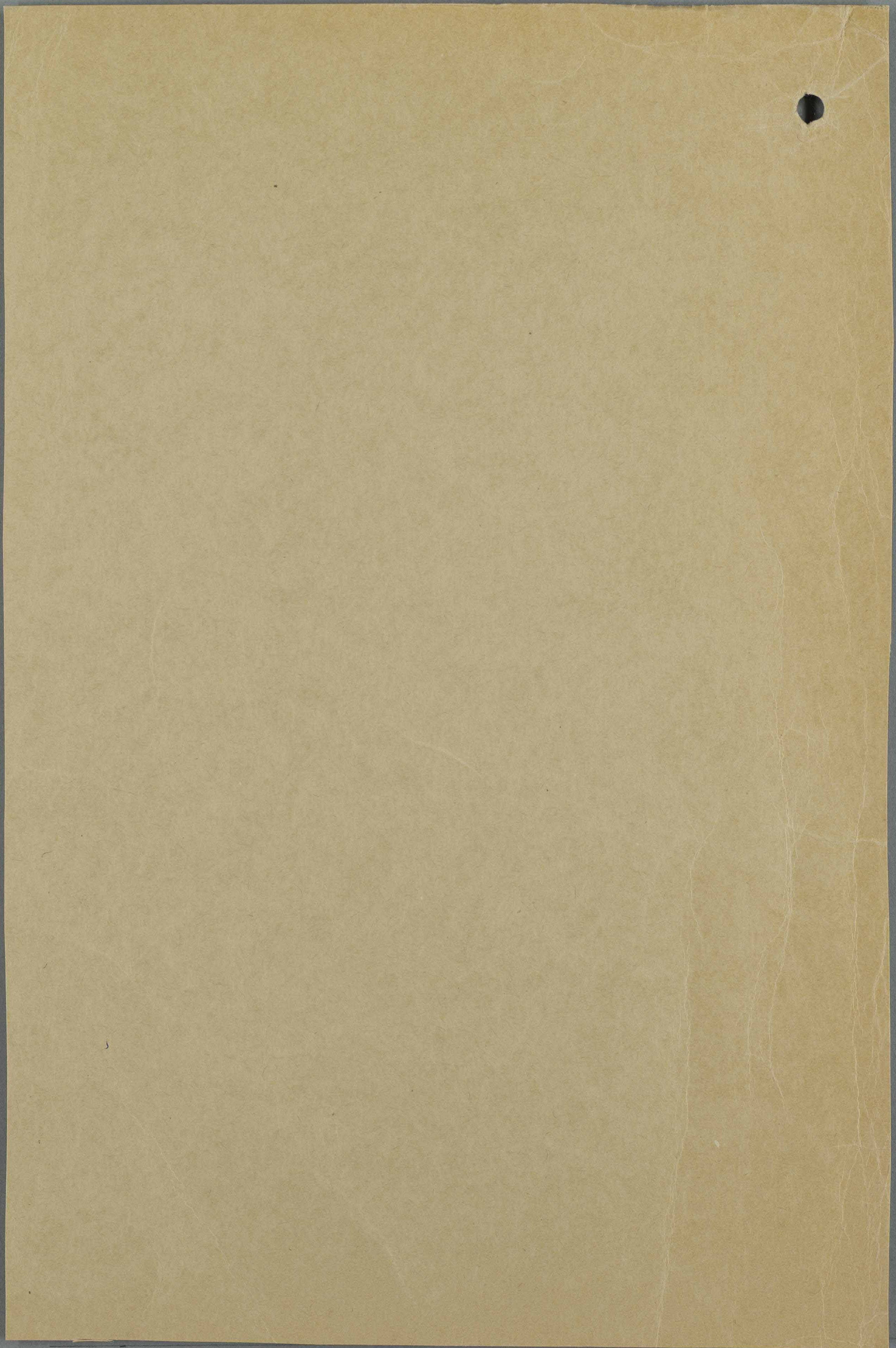
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Published Papers

The following published paper(s) enclosed on this file have been removed and destroyed. Copies may be found elsewhere in The National Archives.

Reform of the Supplementary Benefits Scheme
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Signed AWayland Date 3 August 2010

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15th February 1980

GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION

(i) Awaiting Second Reading

- Broadcasting
- Consular Fees
- Highlands and Islands Air Services (Scotland)
- Insurance Companies (L)
- Law Reform (Misc Prov) (Scotland) (L)
- Police Negotiating Board (L)
- ∅ Reserve Forces (L)

(ii) Committee of Whole House

- ∅ Residential Homes (L)

(iii) Standing Committee

- Civil Aviation
- Employment
- Health Services
- Housing
- Limitation (Amendment) (L)
- Local Government, Planning and Land (No.2)
- Social Security
- Tenants' Rights Etc (Scotland)
- Transport

(iv) Report and Third Reading

- Companies (L)

(v) <u>Orders and Regulations</u>	Date Laid	Whether Controversial	Date Required
Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (USA)	31/1	Maybe	For debate, 18/2
* Export Guarantees	4/2	No	By 21/3
Export Guarantees (No.2)	13/2	No	By 21/3
Farm Capital Grant	31/1	No	For debate, 20/2
Horticulture Capital Grant	31/1	No	For debate, 20/2
* Sea Fish Industry Act 1970	28/1	No	a.s.a.p.

* SI Committee
∅ Consolidation

LORDS

Bees

British Aerospace

Competition

Criminal Justice (Scotland) (L)

Education (No.2)

Industry

National Heritage

New Hebrides (L)

Protection of Trading Interests

∅ Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) (L)

∅ Consolidation

Bills placed upon the Statute Book (20)

Appropriation (No.2) 1979
Bail Etc (Scotland) 1980
Charging Orders 1979
Child Care 1980
Consolidated Fund (No 2) 1979
Education 1979
European Assembly (Pay and Pensions) 1979
European Communities (Greek Accession) 1979
Finance (No.2) 1979
Foster Children 1980
Isle of Man 1979
Justices of the Peace 1979
Kiribati 1979
Papua New Guinea, Western Samoa and Nauru (Misc Prov) 1980
Pensioners' Payments and Social Security 1979
Petroleum Revenue Tax 1980
Sale of Goods 1979
Shipbuilding 1979
Southern Rhodesia 1979
Zimbabwe 1979

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AFFILIATION ORDERS AND ALIMENTS (ANNUAL UP-RATING) BILL

I understand from Mrs Chalker that notwithstanding Mr Taylor's contention that he has found a way of making this Bill acceptable to the Government, this, in fact, is not likely to be so.

Clearly, if Mr Taylor decides to proceed with his Bill in Standing Committee 'C', in this knowledge, there is little we can do about it. However, I think it is important that if this happens, the Minister should make it clear at the earliest opportunity in Committee that the Government will not be prepared to provide a Money Resolution. It is obviously important, that other Private Members should not have reason to believe that the Government is in any way contriving to interfere with Private Members' Time.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Nick Sanders (No.10), John Chilcot (Home Office), John Stevens (Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster's Office) and Ian Maxwell (Lord Chancellor's Office).

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11 February 1980

Dear John,

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME 1980/81

In your letter of 3 January you asked for my Secretary of State's proposals for legislation in the 1980/81 session of Parliament on the assumptions that it would be a session of normal length, starting in the autumn of 1980, and that it would be in order for us to include, if required, any Bills that were put forward for the present session but were not now likely to be enacted.

- I now attach an Annex A listing our seven bids in order of priority
- in their proposed categories, an Annex AA showing their probable order of introduction based on estimated dates of readiness for introduction
- and required dates for Royal Assent, and four copies of an Annex B for each bid. These are all largely self-explanatory but there are a few points I ought to draw to your attention.

We have not included a bid for the Films Bill because, although it has not yet been introduced in the present session, we are still hoping to introduce it before Easter. It has been drafted and printed, but we have not been able to progress it further because of the Article 169 proceedings taken against the UK by the EEC Commission. However if we do not achieve a compromise solution acceptable to the Commission, the Bill as already drafted will be necessary in 1979/80 because we are faced with existing powers (the film levy) expiring in September. I will of course keep you and the Whips of both Houses informed of developments.

Fifth in order of priority but first in probable order of introduction we have put Merchant Shipping. This would be an extremely short and technical Bill (for which collective policy clearance has yet to be sought) but one which is highly desirable in view of its international implications and its possible benefit to our shipowners and their insurers. It should be totally uncontroversial following the

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precedent of similar provisions in the 1979 Merchant Shipping and Carriage by Air and Road Acts. Indeed, we still hope that it might be possible to secure this legislation during the current session, possibly through an additional clause to an existing Bill. I should welcome any comments which you or copy recipients, could make in this regard.

We have not provided a pro forma for the Restrictive Trade Practices (Services) Bill, which was included in the bids for the 1979/80 Programme in the Contingent category. This is because we hope that the possible need for this Bill can be avoided by means of an additional provision in the current Competition Bill, to be introduced in the House of Lords. Should this attempt fail, however, the contingent need for a very short separate Bill might revive.

You will see from Annex A and Annex AA that the Companies Bill though an Essential Bill, second in order of priority, is seventh and last in probable order of introduction. The Annex B for this Bill explains the situation and provides a probable time table.

Depending on the outcome of exercises to consider expenditure reductions, it might be necessary to re-organise export support services in such a comprehensive way as to require legislation. Clearly, at this stage I cannot give any precise form to this possibility - thus there is no proforma at Annex B - but I would like to put up a marker for an Export Services Bill.

Finally, we have made no mention of Consolidation Bills in the sphere of this Department's responsibilities since they are nominally for the Lord Chancellor.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries of the Whips of both Houses for the point about the Films Bill, to the Private Secretaries of all Ministers in charge of Departments for the point about the Merchant Shipping Bill, and to the Private Secretary to First Parliamentary Counsel for the point about the Restrictive Trade Practices (Services) Bill.

Yours ever,

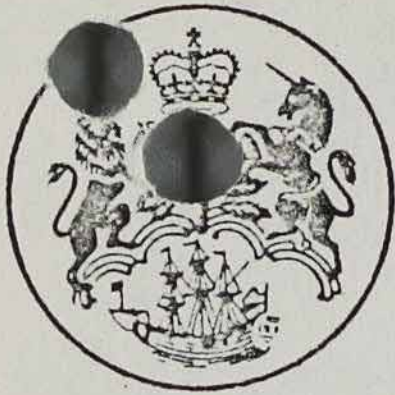
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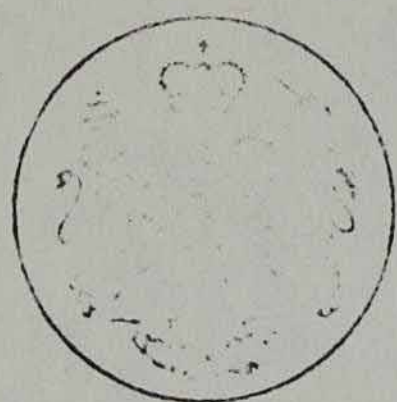
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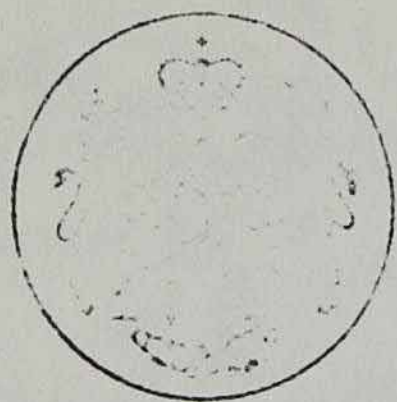
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Letter of 11.2.80 about
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ORDER OF PRIORITY OF PROPOSED BILLS FOR 1980/81 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME

1 ORDER OF PRIORITY	2 TITLE OF BILL	3 LENGTH OF BILL	4 PROPOSED CATEGORY	5 ORDER OF INTRO- DUCTION	6 PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE
1	Insurance Companies	substan- tial (about 45 clauses)	Essential	3	Normal (House of Lords introduction)
2	Companies	Long (50 clauses + long (schedule)	Essential	7	Normal (House of Lords introduction)
3	Common Fund	short (up to 12 clauses)	Contin- gent	2	Normal
4	Fair Trading	substan- tial or long (35 - 60 clauses)	Programme	4	Normal
5	Merchant Shipping	Very short (prob- ably 1 or 2 clauses)	Programme.	1	Second Reading Committee (or Private Member or Peer)
6	Merchant Shipping (Liner Con- ferences)	Prob- ably short (about 10 clauses)	Programme	5	Normal (House of Lords introduction/ Second Reading Committee)
7	Insolvency	Long	Programme	6	Normal (House of Lords introduction)



PROBABLE ORDER OF INTRODUCTION (see Col. 5, ANNEX A) 1980/81

1	2	3	4	5	6
ORDER OF INTRODUCTION	TITLE OF BILL	PROPOSED CATEGORY	ORDER OF PRIORITY	READY	ROYAL ASSENT
1	Merchant Shipping	Programme	5	March/April 1979	As soon as possible (1979/80 if possible)
2	Common Fund	Contingent	3	June 1980 at earliest	April 1981 (or later)
3	Insurance Companies	Essential	1	November 1980	July 1981
4	Fair Trading	Programme	4	November 1980	No deadline
5	Merchant Shipping (Liner Conferences)	Programme	6	January 1981	May 1981
6	Insolvency Companies	Programme	7	Early 1981	No deadline
7		Essential	2	January 1981 (or later)	July 1981

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PUBLIC BILLS 1979/80 SESSION

(Essential Bills marked *)

8 February, 1980

Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
1. Education (July 1979)	16.5.79	Commons 17.5.79	19.6.79	S.C.A. 28.6.79 - 5.7.79	12.7.79	16.7.79	Lords 17.7.79	17.7.79	19.7.79	24.7.79	24.7.79	-	26.7.79
2. Kiribati* (July 1979)	16.5.79.	Commons 17.5.79	24.5.79	11.6.79	11.6.79	11.6.79	Lords 12.6.79	14.6.79	19.6.79	19.6.79	19.6.79	-	19.6.79
3. European* Assembly (Pay and Pensions) (July 1979)	23.5.79.	Commons 24.5.79	22.6.79	16.7.79	16.7.79	16.7.79	Lords 17.7.79	23.7.79	-	-	26.7.79	-	26.7.79
4. Coal Industry*	23.1.80												
5. Energy, Efficiency and Safety, Etc.* (July 1981)	February												
6. Wildlife and Countryside* (April 1981)	Withdrawn												
7. New Towns Money*	Transferred to Local												
8. European Communities (Greek Accession)* (March 1980)	16.10.79	Commons 23.10.79.	30.10.79.	14.11.79	14.11.79	14.11.79	Lords 15.11.79	27.11.79	11.12.79.	-	18.12.79	-	20.12.79

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PUBLIC BILLS 1979/80 SESSION

(Essential Bills marked *)

Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
9. Health Services*	20.11.79	Commons 7.12.79	19.12.79	S.C.G. 7.2.80 -									
10. Broadcasting*	30.1.80	Commons 5.2.80	18.2.80										
11. Shipbuilding* (January 1980)	16.10.79	Commons 23.10.79.	1.11.79	14.11.79	14.11.79	14.11.79	Lords 15.11.79	4.12.79	11.12.79.	-	20.12.79	-	20.12.79
12. Companies* (December 1979)	13.6.79	Lords 14.6.79	25.6.79	2.7.79	16.7.79	23.7.79	Commons 23.7.79.	22.10.79	S.C.A: 6.11.79 - 11.12.79				
13. Companies*	WITHDRAWN												
14. Insurance Com- panies*	16.10.79	Lords 23.10.79	1.11.79	15.11.79	-	22.11.79	Commons 22.11.79.	2RC					
15. Port of London (Financial Assistance)* (March 1980)	27.11.79.												
16. Bees	18.7.79	Commons 23.7.79	25.10.79	S.C.H. 4.12.79.	-	21.1.80	Lords 22.1.80	28.1.80	18.2.80				

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PUBLIC BILLS 1979/80 SESSION

(Essential Bills marked *)

Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
17. International Military Services (Financial Provision)		Not now likely to be proceeded with this session.											
18. National Heritage (March 1980)	20.11.79	Commons 21.11.79	3.12.79	S.C.F. 18.12.79 - 22.1.80	30.1.80	30.1.80	Lords 31.1.80	12.2.80.					
19. Education (No. 2) (March 1980)	24.10.79	Commons 25.10.79	5.11.79	S.C.D. 13.11.79 - (G 29.1.80) 4.2.80	12.2.80	13.2.80.							
20. Employment	5.12.79	Commons 6.12.79	17.12.79	S.C.A. 24.1.80 -									
21. Employment Protection Acts (Amendment)	INCORPORATED IN TRADE UNION BILL												
22. Petroleum and Submarine Pipelines Act (Amendment)	March												
23. Offshore Installations	WITHDRAWN												

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PUBLIC BILLS 1979/80 SESSION

(Essential Bills marked *)

	Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
39.	Limitation Amendment	13.6.79	Lords 14.6.79	25.6.79	16.7.79	23.7.79	26.7.79	Commons 26.7.79	26.10.79	S.C.H.				
40.	Charging Orders	13.6.79	Lords 14.6.79	2.7.79	19.7.79	23.7.79	26.7.79	Commons 26.7.79	26.10.79	S.C.D 6.11.79	20.11.79	20.11.79	21.11.79 27.11.79	6.12.79
41.	Competition	11.7.79	Commons 12.7.79	(23.7.79) 23.10.79	S.C.B. 30.10.79 - 13.12.79	22.1.80	22.1.80	Lords 23.1.80	4.2.80	19.2.80				
42.	Protection of Trading Interests (December 1979)	24.10.79	Commons 31.10.79	15.11.79	S.C.F. 4.12.79	20.12.79	20.12.79	Lords 15.1.80	24.1.80	7.2.80	21.2.80			
43.	Transport (June 1980)	14.11.79	Commons 15.11.79	27.11.79	S.C.H. 11.12.79 -									
44.	Civil Aviation	24.10.79	Commons 31.10.79	19.11.79	S.C.B. 15.1.80 -									
45.	Merchant Shipping Liner Conferences	WITHDRAWN												
46.	Southern Rhodesia (November 1979)	31.10.79	Commons 7.11.79	8.11.79	8.11.79 - 12.11.79	12.11.79	12.11.79	Lords 13.11.79	13.11.79	13.11.79	13.11.79	13.11.79	-	14.11.79
47.	Zimbabwe (December 1979)	27.11.79	Commons 6.12.79	12.12.79	12.12.79	12.12.79	12.12.79	Lords 13.12.79	17.12.79	17.12.79	17.12.79	17.12.79	-	20.12.79

SCOTTISH BILLS

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	Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
1.	Bail, etc. (Scotland)	13.6.79	Commons 14.6.79	Grand Committee 26.6.79	First Scottish 10.7.79 - 12.7.79	25.10.79	25.10.79	Lords 30.10.79	6.11.79	20.11.79	6.12.79	13.12.79	15.1.80	31.1.80
2.	Tenants' Rights Etc. (Scotland)	27.11.79	Commons 5.12.79	14.1.80	First Scottish 29.1.80 -									
3.	Criminal Justice (Scotland)	18.12.79	Lords 18.12.79	15.1.80	29.1.80 & 5.2.80	26.2.80								
4.	Blind Persons (Optical Charges) (Scotland)	Transferred to Health Services												
5.	Highlands and Islands Air Services (Scotland)	5.12.79	Commons 6.12.79	Grand Committee 18.12.79										
6.	Valuation and Rating (Scotland)	Transferred to Local Government, Planning and Land												

SCOTTISH BILLS

Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
7. Remuneration of Teaching Staff (Scotland)		Not now to be proceeded with this session.											
8. Civic Government (Scotland)	Withdrawn												
9. Matrimonial Homes (Rights of Occupancy) (Scotland)		Not now to be proceeded with this session.											
10. Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland)	13.6.79	Lords 14.6.79	3.7.79	17.7.79	23.10.79	1.11.79	Commons 1.11.79	Grand 4.12.79					

SECOND READING COMMITTEE

Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
8. Matrimonial Homes (Rights of Occupation)	Ready												
9. Currency	Not now likely to be proceeded with this session.												

FINANCE BILLS

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	Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
1.	Finance (No.2)	-	Commons 18.6.79.	27.6.79.	3.7.79 - 10.7.79	18.7.79	18.7.79	Lords 19.7.79	24.7.79	-	-	24.7.79	-	26.7.79
2.	Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) (No. 2)	-	Commons 17.7.79.	26.7.79	26.7.79	26.7.79	26.7.79	Lords 27.7.79	27.7.79	-	-	27.7.79	-	27.7.79
3.	Consolidated Fund (No 2)	-	Commons 13.12.79	18.12.79	18.12.79	18.12.79	18.12.79	Lords 19.12.79	20.12.79	-	-	20.12.79	-	20.12.79

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Title	Laid		Required	Joint S I' Committee	Approved	
	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
88. Building Regulations (Northern Ireland).	9.11.79	13.11.79.	-	-	16.11.79	12.12.79
89. Building Societies (Special Advances)	14.11.79	14.11.79	By Christmas	-	30.11.79	27.11.79
90. Southern Rhodesia (Expiring Orders) (Consequential Provisions)	15.11.79	15.11.79	28 sitting days			
91. Hosiery and Knitwear Industry (Scientific Research Levy) (Amendment)	19.11.79	20.11.79	By Christmas	11.12.79	21.12.79	18.12.79
92. Unfair Dismissal (Increase of Compensation Limit).	19.11.79	20.11.79	By 14.12.79.	-	13.12.79	27.11.79
93. Employment Protection (Variation of Limits).	19.11.79	20.11.79	By 14.12.79.	-	13.12.79	27.11.79
94. Representation of the People (Scotland) Amendment.	21.11.79	21.11.79	By Christmas	-	13.12.79	
95. Perjury (Northern Ireland)	21.11.79	21.11.79	By Christmas	-	11.12.79	12.12.79
96. Control of Food Premises (Northern Ireland)	22.11.79	22.11.79	By Christmas	-	11.12.79	12.12.79
97. Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement)(Grants)(Variation)	22.11.79	22.11.79	By Christmas	-	14.12.79	4.12.79
98. Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances)	22.11.79	22.11.79	By Christmas	4.12.79	21.12.79.	
99. Representation of the People (Amendment)	22.11.79	22.11.79	By Christmas	-	13.12.79	6.12.79
100. Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits)	22.11.79	-	By Christmas	-	14.12.79	-
101. Social Security (Contributions, Rerating).	22.11.79	22.11.79	By Christmas	-	13.12.79	4.12.79.

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	Title	Laid		Required	Joint S I' Committee	Approved	
		Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
102.	Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment)	27.11.79	27.11.79	By Christmas	4.12.79	11.12.79	6.12.79
103.	Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (Continuance) (No. 2)	28.11.79	28.11.79	By Christmas	4.12.79	11.12.79	12.12.79
104.	Rate Support Grant	28.11.79	-	As soon as possible	-	16.1.80	-
105.	Rate Support Grant (Increase)	28.11.79.	-	As soon as possible	-	16.1.80	-
106.	Rate Support Grant (Increase) (No. 2)	28.11.79.	-	As soon as possible	-	16.1.80	-
107.	Rate Support Grant (Scotland)	28.11.79.	-	As soon as possible	-	16.1.80	-
108.	Social Security (Contributions, Re-rating) (No. 2)	28.11.79	28.11.79.	By 20.12.79.	4.12.79.	13.12.79	18.12.79
109.	Cinematograph Films (Distribution of Levy) (Amendment)	29.11.79	29.11.79.	By Christmas	4.12.79	21.12.79	13.12.79.
110.	Cinematograph Films (Collection of Levy) (Amendment No. 7)	29.11.79.	29.11.79	By Christmas	4.12.79.	21.12.79	13.12.79
111.	Dangerous Substance and Preparations (Safety)	29.11.79.	29.11.79.	By Christmas	-	See 135	See 135
112.	Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Milk)	29.11.79.	29.11.79.	By Christmas	4.12.79.	21.12.79	13.12.79.
113.	Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Solid Fuel)	29.11.79.	29.11.79.	By Christmas	4.12.79.	21.12.79	13.12.79.
114.	Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances)	29.11.79	29.11.79.	By Christmas	-	21.12.79	18.12.79
115.	Passenger and Goods Vehicles (Recording Equipment)	29.11.79.	29.11.79.	By Christmas	4.12.79.	19.12.79	20.12.79
116.	Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Variation.	30.11.79.	-	As soon as possible	-	See 136	-

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Title	Laid		Required	Joint S I' Committee	Approved	
	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
117. Housing Support Grant (Scotland) (No. 2)	30.11.79.	-	As soon as possible	-	See 137	-
118. Value-Added Tax (International Services) (No. 2)	3.12.79.	-	18.1.80	-	16.1.80	-
119. Southern Rhodesia Constitution (Interim Provisions)	4.12.79.	4.12.79.	As soon as possible	11.12.79	12.12.79	17.12.79
120. Common Agricultural Policy (Agricultural Produce) (Protection of Community Arrangements) (Amendment)	5.12.79.	5.12.79.	28.1.80	11.12.79	25.1.80	17.1.80
121. European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Multilateral Trade Negotiations).	5.12.79. Withdrawn	5.12.79. Withdrawn	As soon as possible	-	See 140	See 140
122. Upholstered Furniture (Safety)	5.12.79.	5.12.79.	By Christmas	11.12.79		18.12.79
123. Water Charges Equalisation.	7.12.79.	-	By Christmas	-	17.12.79	-
124. Pneumoconiosis Etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims)	5.12.79.	5.12.79.	By Christmas	11.12.79	17.12.79	18.12.79
125. Southern Rhodesia (Legal Proceedings and Public Liabilities)	7.12.79.	11.12.79	Within 28 days of 6.12.79	11.12.79	17.1.80	22.1.80
126. Theatres (Northern Ireland)	11.12.79	11.12.79	By Christmas	-	21.12.79	16.1.80
127. Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Amendment.	10.12.79	20.12.79	31.1.80	15.1.80	25.1.80	22.1.80
128. Aviation Security Fund (Second Amendment)	12.12.79.	12.12.79	31.1.80	18.12.79	25.1.80	17.1.80
129. Southern Rhodesia (Constitution of Zimbabwe) (Elections and Appointments).	13.12.79	13.12.79	Within 28 days of 12.12.79	18.12.79	17.1.80	22.1.80
130. Value Added Tax (Fuel and Power) (Metrication)	11.12.79	-	30.1.80	-	21.1.80	-

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Title	Laid		Required	Joint S I' Committee	Approved	
	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
131. Sea Fish Industry (Increase in Rate of Levy)	18.12.79	18.12.79	As soon as possible			23.1.80
132. Financial Assistance for Industry (Increase of Limit)	18.12.79	-	31.1.80	-	25.1.80	-
133. Water Authorities and National Water Council (Limit for Borrowing)	18.12.79	-	31.1.80	-	1.2.80	-
134. INMARSAT (Immunities and Privileges)	19.12.79	19.12.79	6.2.80	22.1.80	1.2.80	28.1.80
135. Dangerous Substances and Preparations (Safety)	20.12.79	20.12.79	As soon as possible	15.1.80	1.2.80	22.1.80
136. Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Variation.	21.12.79	-	-	-	14.1.80	-
137. Housing Support Grant (Scotland)	21.12.79	-	-	-	14.1.80	-
138. Development Board for Rural Wales (Financial Limit)	14.1.80	-	End January/early February	-	8.2.80	-
139. Income Tax (Excess Interest as Distributions)	14.1.80	-	As soon as possible	-	29.1.80	-
140. European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Multilateral Trade Negotiations)	15.1.80	15.1.80	-	22.1.80	23.1.80	31.1.80
141. Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Increase in Rate of Levy)	28.1.80	28.1.80	As soon as possible			21.2.80
142. Farm Capital Grant (Variation) Scheme	31.1.80	31.1.80	9.3.80			
143. Horticulture Capital Grant (Variation) Scheme	31.1.80	31.1.80	9.3.80			
144. Export Guarantees (Limit on Foreign Currency Commitments)	4.2.80					
145. Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (The United States of America).	31.1.80.					

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1. Education (July 1979)	16.5.79	Commons 17.5.79	19.6.79	S.C.A. 28.6.79 - 5.7.79	12.7.79	16.7.79	Lords 17.7.79	17.7.79	19.7.79	24.7.79	24.7.79	-	26.7.79
2. Kiribati* (July 1979)	16.5.79.	Commons 17.5.79	24.5.79	11.6.79	11.6.79	11.6.79	Lords 12.6.79	14.6.79	19.6.79	19.6.79	19.6.79	-	19.6.79
3. European* Assembly (Pay and Pensions) (July 1979)	23.5.79.	Commons 24.5.79	22.6.79	16.7.79	16.7.79	16.7.79	Lords 17.7.79	23.7.79	-	-	26.7.79	-	26.7.79
4. Coal Industry*	23.1.80												
5. Energy, Efficiency and Safety, Etc.* (July 1981)	February												
6. Wildlife and Countryside* (April 1981)	Withdrawn												
7. New Towns Money*	Transferred to Local Government Planning and Land (Bill 25)												
8. European Communities (Greek Accession)* (March 1980)	16.10.79	Commons 23.10.79.	30.10.79.	14.11.79	14.11.79	14.11.79	Lords 15.11.79	27.11.79	11.12.79.	-	18.12.79	-	20.12.79

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9. Health Services*	20.11.79	Commons 7.12.79	19.12.79	S.C.G. 7.2.80 -									
10. Broadcasting*	30.1.80												
11. Shipbuilding* (January 1980)	16.10.79	Commons 23.10.79.	1.11.79	14.11.79	14.11.79	14.11.79	Lords 15.11.79	4.12.79	11.12.79.	-	20.12.79	-	20.12.79
12. Companies* (December 1979)	13.6.79	Lords 14.6.79	25.6.79	2.7.79	16.7.79	23.7.79	Commons 23.7.79.	22.10.79	S.C.A: 6.11.79 - 11.12.79				
13. Companies*	WITHDRAWN												
14. Insurance Com- panies*	16.10.79	Lords 23.10.79	1.11.79	15.11.79	-	22.11.79	Commons 22.11.79.	2RC					
15. Port of London (Financial Assistance)* (March 1980)	27.11.79.												
16. Bees	18.7.79	Commons 23.7.79	25.10.79	S.C.H. 4.12.79.	-	21.1.80	Lords 22.1.80	28.1.80					

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39. Limitation Amendment	13.6.79	Lords 14.6.79	25.6.79	16.7.79	23.7.79	26.7.79	Commons 26.7.79	26.10.79	S.C.H.				
40. Charging Orders	13.6.79	Lords 14.6.79	2.7.79	19.7.79	23.7.79	26.7.79	Commons 26.7.79	26.10.79	S.C.D. 6.11.79	20.11.79	20.11.79	21.11.79 27.11.79	6.12.79
41. Competition	11.7.79	Commons 12.7.79	(23.7.79) 23.10.79	S.C.B. 30.10.79 - 13.12.79	22.1.80	22.1.80	Lords 23.1.80	4.2.80					
42. Protection of Trading Interests (December 1979)	24.10.79	Commons 31.10.79	15.11.79	S.C.F. 4.12.79	20.12.79	20.12.79	Lords 15.1.80	24.1.80	7.2.80				
43. Transport (June 1980)	14.11.79	Commons 15.11.79	27.11.79	S.C.H. 11.12.79 -									
44. Civil Aviation	24.10.79	Commons 31.10.79	19.11.79	S.C.B. 15.1.80 -									
45. Merchant Shipping Liner Conferences	WITHDRAWN												
46. Southern Rhodesia (November 1979)	31.10.79	Commons 7.11.79	8.11.79	8.11.79 - 12.11.79	12.11.79	12.11.79	Lords 13.11.79	13.11.79	13.11.79	13.11.79	13.11.79	-	14.11.79
47. Zimbabwe (December 1979)	27.11.79	Commons 6.12.79	12.12.79	12.12.79	12.12.79	12.12.79	Lords 13.12.79	17.12.79	17.12.79	17.12.79	17.12.79	-	20.12.79

Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
1. Bail, etc. (Scotland)	13.6.79	Commons 14.6.79	Grand Committee 26.6.79	First Scottish 10.7.79 - 12.7.79	25.10.79	25.10.79	Lords 30.10.79	6.11.79	20.11.79	6.12.79	13.12.79	15.1.80	31.1.80
2. Tenants' Rights Etc. (Scotland)	27.11.79	Commons 5.12.79	14.1.80	First Scottish 29.1.80 -									
3. Criminal Justice (Scotland)	18.12.79	Lords 18.12.79	15.1.80	29.1.80 -									
4. Blind Persons (Optical Charges) (Scotland)	Transferred to Health Services												
5. Highlands and Islands Air Services (Scotland)	5.12.79	Commons 6.12.79	Grand Committee 18.12.79										
6. Valuation and Rating (Scotland)	Transferred to Local Government, Planning and Land												

Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
7. Remuneration of Teaching Staff (Scotland)	February												
8. Civic Govern- ment (Scotland)	Withdrawn												
9. Matrimonial Homes (Rights of Occupancy) (Scotland)	February												
10. Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland)	13.6.79	Lords 14.6.79	3.7.79	17.7.79	23.10.79	1.11.79	Commons 1.11.79	Grand 4.12.79					

SECOND READING COMMITTEE

Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
8. Matrimonial Homes (Rights of Occupation)	February												
9. Currency	Not now likely to be proceeded with this session.												

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FINANCE BILLS

Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
1. Finance (No.2)	-	Commons 18.6.79.	27.6.79.	3.7.79 - 10.7.79	18.7.79	18.7.79	Lords 19.7.79	24.7.79	-	-	24.7.79	-	26.7.79
2. Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) (No. 2)	-	Commons 17.7.79.	26.7.79	26.7.79	26.7.79	26.7.79	Lords 27.7.79	27.7.79	-	-	27.7.79	-	27.7.79
3. Consolidated Fund (No 2)	-	Commons 13.12.79	18.12.79	18.12.79	18.12.79	18.12.79	Lords 19.12.79	20.12.79	-	-	20.12.79	-	20.12.79

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Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
15. Interpretation of Legislation (Lord Scarman)		17.1.80	13.2.80										

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Title	Laid		Required	Joint S I' Committee	Approved	
	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
88. Building Regulations (Northern Ireland).	9.11.79	13.11.79.	-	-	16.11.79	12.12.79
89. Building Societies (Special Advances)	14.11.79	14.11.79	By Christmas	-	30.11.79	27.11.79
90. Southern Rhodesia (Expiring Orders) (Consequential Provisions)	15.11.79	15.11.79	28 sitting days			
91. Hosiery and Knitwear Industry (Scientific Research Levy) (Amendment)	19.11.79	20.11.79	By Christmas	11.12.79	21.12.79	18.12.79
92. Unfair Dismissal (Increase of Compensation Limit).	19.11.79	20.11.79	By 14.12.79.	-	13.12.79	27.11.79
93. Employment Protection (Variation of Limits).	19.11.79	20.11.79	By 14.12.79.	-	13.12.79	27.11.79
94. Representation of the People (Scotland) Amendment.	21.11.79	21.11.79	By Christmas	-	13.12.79	
95. Perjury (Northern Ireland)	21.11.79	21.11.79	By Christmas	-	11.12.79	12.12.79
96. Control of Food Premises (Northern Ireland)	22.11.79	22.11.79	By Christmas	-	11.12.79	12.12.79
97. Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement)(Grants)(Variation)	22.11.79	22.11.79	By Christmas	-	14.12.79	4.12.79
98. Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances)	22.11.79	22.11.79	By Christmas	4.12.79	21.12.79.	
99. Representation of the People (Amendment)	22.11.79	22.11.79	By Christmas	-	13.12.79	6.12.79
100. Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits)	22.11.79	-	By Christmas	-	14.12.79	-
101. Social Security (Contributions, Rerating).	22.11.79	22.11.79	By Christmas	-	13.12.79	4.12.79.

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		Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
102.	Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment)	27.11.79	27.11.79	By Christmas	4.12.79	11.12.79	6.12.79
103.	Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (Continuance) (No. 2)	28.11.79	28.11.79	By Christmas	4.12.79	11.12.79	12.12.79
104.	Rate Support Grant	28.11.79	-	As soon as possible	-	16.1.80	-
105.	Rate Support Grant (Increase)	28.11.79.	-	As soon as possible	-	16.1.80	-
106.	Rate Support Grant (Increase) (No. 2)	28.11.79.	-	As soon as possible	-	16.1.80	-
107.	Rate Support Grant (Scotland)	28.11.79.	-	As soon as possible	-	16.1.80	-
108.	Social Security (Contributions, Re-rating) (No. 2)	28.11.79	28.11.79.	By 20.12.79.	4.12.79.	13.12.79	18.12.79
109.	Cinematograph Films (Distribution of Levy) (Amendment)	29.11.79	29.11.79.	By Christmas	4.12.79	21.12.79	13.12.79.
110.	Cinematograph Films (Collection of Levy) (Amendment No. 7)	29.11.79.	29.11.79	By Christmas	4.12.79.	21.12.79	13.12.79
111.	Dangerous Substance and Preparations (Safety)	29.11.79.	29.11.79.	By Christmas	-	See 135	See 135
112.	Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Milk)	29.11.79.	29.11.79.	By Christmas	4.12.79.	21.12.79	13.12.79.
113.	Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Solid Fuel)	29.11.79.	29.11.79.	By Christmas	4.12.79.	21.12.79	13.12.79.
114.	Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances)	29.11.79	29.11.79.	By Christmas	-	21.12.79	18.12.79
115.	Passenger and Goods Vehicles (Recording Equipment)	29.11.79.	29.11.79.	By Christmas	4.12.79.	19.12.79	20.12.79
116.	Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Variation.	30.11.79.	-	As soon as possible	-	See 136	-

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	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
117. Housing Support Grant (Scotland) (No. 2)	30.11.79.	-	As soon as possible	-	See 137	-
118. Value-Added Tax (International Services) (No. 2)	3.12.79.	-	18.1.80	-	16.1.80	-
119. Southern Rhodesia Constitution (Interim Provisions)	4.12.79.	4.12.79.	As soon as possible	11.12.79	12.12.79	17.12.79
120. Common Agricultural Policy (Agricultural Produce) (Protection of Community Arrangements) (Amendment)	5.12.79.	5.12.79.	28.1.80	11.12.79	25.1.80	17.1.80
121. European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Multilateral Trade Negotiations).	5.12.79. Withdrawn	5.12.79. Withdrawn	As soon as possible	-	See 140	See 140
122. Upholstered Furniture (Safety)	5.12.79.	5.12.79.	By Christmas	11.12.79		18.12.79
123. Water Charges Equalisation.	7.12.79.	-	By Christmas	-	17.12.79	-
124. Pneumoconiosis Etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims)	5.12.79.	5.12.79.	By Christmas	11.12.79	17.12.79	18.12.79
125. Southern Rhodesia (Legal Proceedings and Public Liabilities)	7.12.79.	11.12.79	Within 28 days of 6.12.79	11.12.79	17.1.80	22.1.80
126. Theatres (Northern Ireland)	11.12.79	11.12.79	By Christmas	-	21.12.79	16.1.80
127. Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Amendment.	10.12.79	20.12.79	31.1.80	15.1.80	25.1.80	22.1.80
128. Aviation Security Fund (Second Amendment)	12.12.79.	12.12.79	31.1.80	18.12.79	25.1.80	17.1.80
129. Southern Rhodesia (Constitution of Zimbabwe) (Elections and Appointments).	13.12.79	13.12.79	Within 28 days of 12.12.79	18.12.79	17.1.80	22.1.80
130. Value Added Tax (Fuel and Power) (Metrication)	11.12.79	-	30.1.80	-	21.1.80	-

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	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
131. Sea Fish Industry (Increase in Rate of Levy)	18.12.79	18.12.79	As soon as possible			23.1.80
132. Financial Assistance for Industry (Increase of Limit)	18.12.79	-	31.1.80	-	25.1.80	-
133. Water Authorities and National Water Council (Limit for Borrowing)	18.12.79	-	31.1.80	-	1.2.80	-
134. INMARSAT (Immunities and Privileges)	19.12.79	19.12.79	6.2.80	22.1.80	1.2.80	28.1.80
135. Dangerous Substances and Preparations (Safety)	20.12.79	20.12.79	As soon as possible	15.1.80	1.2.80	22.1.80
136. Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Variation.	21.12.79	-	-	-	14.1.80	-
137. Housing Support Grant (Scotland)	21.12.79	-	-	-	14.1.80	-
138. Development Board for Rural Wales (Financial Limit)	14.1.80		End January/early February			
139. Income Tax (Excess Interest as Distributions)	14.1.80	-	As soon as possible	-	29.1.80	-
140. European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Multilateral Trade Negotiations)	15.1.80	15.1.80	-	22.1.80	23.1.80	31.1.80
141. Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Increase in Rate of Levy)	28.1.80	28.1.80				
142. Farm Capital Grant (Variation) Scheme	31.1.80	31.1.80				
143. Horticulture Capital Grant (Variation) Scheme	31.1.80	31.1.80				

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GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION(i) Awaiting Second Reading

Consular Fees
 Highlands and Islands Air Services (Scotland)
 Insurance Companies (L)
 Law Reform (Misc Prov) (Scotland) (L)
 Local Government, Planning and Land (No.2)
 Police Negotiating Board (L)
 ∅ Reserve Forces (L)

(ii) Committee of Whole House

∅ Residential Homes (L)

(iii) Standing Committee

Civil Aviation
 Education (No.2)
 Employment
 Health Services
 Housing
 Limitation (Amendment) (L)
 Social Security
 Tenants' Rights Etc (Scotland)
 Transport

(iv) Report and Third Reading

British Aerospace
 Companies (L)
 Industry

(v) Orders and Regulations

	<u>Date Laid</u>	<u>Whether Controversial</u>	<u>Date Required</u>
* Development Board for Rural Wales	14/1	No	Dept would like debate end/Jan or first week in Feb.
Farm Capital Grant	31/1	No	By 9/3
Horticulture Capital Grant	31/1	No	By 9/3
Sea Fish Industry Act 1970	28/1	No	a.s.a.p.

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∅ Consolidation

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Competition

Criminal Justice (Scotland) (L)

National Heritage

New Hebrides (L)

Protection of Trading Interests

∅ Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) (L)

∅ Consolidation

Bills placed upon the Statute Book (20)

Appropriation (No.2) 1979
Bail Etc (Scotland) 1980
Charging Orders 1979
Child Care 1980
Consolidated Fund (No.2) 1979
Education 1979
European Assembly (Pay and Pensions) 1979
European Communities (Greek Accession) 1979
Finance (No.2) 1979
Foster Children 1980
Isle of Man 1979
Justices of the Peace 1979
Kiribati 1979
Papua New Guinea, Western Samoa and Nauru (Misc Prov) 1980
Pensioners' Payments and Social Security 1979
Petroleum Revenue Tax 1980
Sale of Goods 1979
Shipbuilding 1979
Southern Rhodesia 1979
Zimbabwe 1979



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SECOND READING OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL

There was general agreement at Cabinet yesterday that everything possible should be done to expedite the passage of the Local Government Planning and Land Bill through the Commons so as to alleviate the problems foreseen in the Lords.

Given the stated view of the Opposition that they will oppose this Bill as powerfully as possible, I believe that there should be no question of our giving way to possible Opposition demands for a two day debate on Second Reading. We should resist any such suggestion for three reasons: first, we have only just had a full day's debate on the Rate Support Grant Orders. This provided an opportunity for discussion not only of this year's settlement but, in particular, of the new Block Grant arrangements in the Bill. Secondly, I believe the House would find it difficult to sustain a debate for two days, not least because many members who would otherwise be participating in the debate would by then be heavily engaged in Committee on the Housing Bill. Finally, to give way at the start to demands for extra Parliamentary time would leave us open to continued demands for more time at every stage of the Bill's Parliamentary process. This would be against our interests both in terms of securing Royal Assent for this Bill and for the rest of our legislative programme.

I therefore hope that you and Michael Jopling will schedule only one day's debate on 2nd Reading.

I am copying this to the Prime Minister and other Cabinet colleagues.

Yes
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MICHAEL HESELTINE



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1. Education (July 1979)	16.5.79	Commons 17.5.79	19.6.79	S.C.A. 28.6.79 - 5.7.79	12.7.79	16.7.79	Lords 17.7.79	17.7.79	19.7.79	24.7.79	24.7.79	-	26.7.79
2. Kiribati* (July 1979)	16.5.79.	Commons 17.5.79	24.5.79	11.6.79	11.6.79	11.6.79	Lords 12.6.79	14.6.79	19.6.79	19.6.79	19.6.79	-	19.6.79
3. European* Assembly (Pay and Pensions) (July 1979)	23.5.79.	Commons 24.5.79	22.6.79	16.7.79	16.7.79	16.7.79	Lords 17.7.79	23.7.79	-	-	26.7.79	-	26.7.79
4. Coal Industry*	23.1.80												
5. Energy, Efficiency and Safety, Etc.* (July 1981)	February												
6. Wildlife and Countryside* (April 1981)	Withdrawn												
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9. Health Services*	20.11.79	Commons 7.12.79	19.12.79	S.C.G.									
10. Broadcasting*	January												
11. Shipbuilding* (January 1980)	16.10.79	Commons 23.10.79.	1.11.79	14.11.79	14.11.79	14.11.79	Lords 15.11.79	4.12.79	11.12.79.	-	20.12.79	-	20.12.79
12. Companies* (December 1979)	13.6.79	Lords 14.6.79	25.6.79	2.7.79	16.7.79	23.7.79	Commons 23.7.79.	22.10.79	S.C.A: 6.11.79 - 11.12.79				
13. Companies*	WITHDRAWN												
14. Insurance Com- panies*	16.10.79	Lords 23.10.79	1.11.79	15.11.79	-	22.11.79	Commons 22.11.79.						
15. Port of London (Financial Assistance)* (March 1980)	27.11.79.												
16. Bees	18.7.79	Commons 23.7.79	25.10.79	S.C.H. 4.12.79.	-	21.1.80	Lords 22.1.80	28.1.80					

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Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
17. International Military Services (Financial Provision)													
	Not now likely to be proceeded with this session.												
18. National Heritage (March 1980)	20.11.79	Commons 21.11.79	3.12.79	S.C.F. 18.12.79 - 22.1.80	30.1.80	30.1.80							
19. Education (No. 2) (March 1980)	24.10.79	Commons 25.10.79	5.11.79	S.C.D. 13.11.79 - (G 29.1.80)									
20. Employment	5.12.79	Commons 6.12.79	17.12.79	S.C.A. 24.1.80 -									
21. Employment Protection Acts (Amendment)		INCORPORATED IN TRADE UNION BILL											
22. Petroleum and Submarine Pipelines Act (Amendment)	February												
23. Offshore Installations	WITHDRAWN												

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39. Limitation Amendment	13.6.79	Lords 14.6.79	25.6.79	16.7.79	23.7.79	26.7.79	Commons 26.7.79	26.10.79	S.C.H.				
40. Charging Orders	13.6.79	Lords 14.6.79	2.7.79	19.7.79	23.7.79	26.7.79	Commons 26.7.79	26.10.79	S.C.D. 6.11.79	20.11.79	20.11.79	21.11.79 27.11.79	6.12.79
41. Competition	11.7.79	Commons 12.7.79	(23.7.79) 23.10.79	S.C.B. 30.10.79 - 13.12.79	22.1.80	22.1.80	Lords 23.1.80	4.2.80					
42. Protection of Trading Interests (December 1979)	24.10.79	Commons 31.10.79	15.11.79	S.C.F. 4.12.79	20.12.79	20.12.79	Lords 15.1.80	24.1.80	7.2.80				
43. Transport (June 1980)	14.11.79	Commons 15.11.79	27.11.79	S.C.H. 11.12.79 -									
44. Civil Aviation	24.10.79	Commons 31.10.79	19.11.79	S.C.B. 15.1.80 -									
45. Merchant Shipping Liner Conferences	WITHDRAWN												
46. Southern Rhodesia (November 1979)	31.10.79	Commons 7.11.79	8.11.79	8.11.79 - 12.11.79	12.11.79	12.11.79	Lords 13.11.79	13.11.79	13.11.79	13.11.79	13.11.79	-	14.11.79
47. Zimbabwe (December 1979)	27.11.79	Commons 6.12.79	12.12.79	12.12.79	12.12.79	12.12.79	Lords 13.12.79	17.12.79	17.12.79	17.12.79	17.12.79	-	20.12.79

SCOTTISH BILLS

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Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
1. Bail, etc. (Scotland)	13.6.79	Commons 14.6.79	Grand Committee 26.6.79	First Scottish 10.7.79 - 12.7.79	25.10.79	25.10.79	Lords 30.10.79	6.11.79	20.11.79	6.12.79	13.12.79	15.1.80	
2. Tenants' Rights Etc. (Scotland)	27.11.79	Commons 5.12.79	14.1.80	First Scottish 29.1.80 -									
3. Criminal Justice (Scotland)	18.12.79	Lords 18.12.79	15.1.80	29.1.80 -									
4. Blind Persons (Optical Charges) (Scotland)	Transferred to Health Services (Miscellaneous Provisions)												
5. Highlands and Islands Air Services (Scotland)	5.12.79	Commons 6.12.79	Grand Committee 18.12.79										
6. Valuation and Rating (Scotland)	Transferred to Local Government, Planning and Land												

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SCOTTISH BILLS

	Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
7.	Remuneration of Teaching Staff (Scotland)	February												
8.	Civic Govern- ment (Scotland)	Withdrawn												
9.	Matrimonial Homes (Rights of Occupancy) (Scotland)	February												
10.	Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland)	13.6.79	Lords 14.6.79	3.7.79	17.7.79	23.10.79	1.11.79	Commons 1.11.79	Grand 4.12.79					

SECOND READING COMMITTEE

Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
8. Matrimonial Homes (Rights of Occupation)	February												
9. Currency		Not now likely to be proceeded with this session.											

FINANCE BILLS

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	Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
1.	Finance (No.2)	-	Commons 18.6.79.	27.6.79.	3.7.79 - 10.7.79	18.7.79	18.7.79	Lords 19.7.79	24.7.79	-	-	24.7.79	-	26.7.79
2.	Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) (No. 2)	-	Commons 17.7.79.	26.7.79	26.7.79	26.7.79	26.7.79	Lords 27.7.79	27.7.79	-	-	27.7.79	-	27.7.79
3.	Consolidated Fund (No 2)	-	Commons 13.12.79	18.12.79	18.12.79	18.12.79	18.12.79	Lords 19.12.79	20.12.79	-	-	20.12.79	-	20.12.79

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Title	Laid		Required	Joint S I' Committee	Approved	
	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
88. Building Regulations (Northern Ireland).	9.11.79	13.11.79.	-	-	16.11.79	12.12.79
89. Building Societies (Special Advances)	14.11.79	14.11.79	By Christmas	-	30.11.79	27.11.79
90. Southern Rhodesia (Expiring Orders) (Consequential Provisions)	15.11.79	15.11.79	28 sitting days			
91. Hosiery and Knitwear Industry (Scientific Research Levy) (Amendment)	19.11.79	20.11.79	By Christmas	11.12.79	21.12.79	18.12.79
92. Unfair Dismissal (Increase of Compensation Limit).	19.11.79	20.11.79	By 14.12.79.	-	13.12.79	27.11.79
93. Employment Protection (Variation of Limits).	19.11.79	20.11.79	By 14.12.79.	-	13.12.79	27.11.79
94. Representation of the People (Scotland) Amendment.	21.11.79	21.11.79	By Christmas	-	13.12.79	
95. Perjury (Northern Ireland)	21.11.79	21.11.79	By Christmas	-	11.12.79	12.12.79
96. Control of Food Premises (Northern Ireland)	22.11.79	22.11.79	By Christmas	-	11.12.79	12.12.79
97. Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement)(Grants)(Variation)	22.11.79	22.11.79	By Christmas	-	14.12.79	4.12.79
98. Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances)	22.11.79	22.11.79	By Christmas	4.12.79	21.12.79.	
99. Representation of the People (Amendment)	22.11.79	22.11.79	By Christmas	-	13.12.79	6.12.79
100. Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits)	22.11.79	-	By Christmas	-	14.12.79	-
101. Social Security (Contributions, Rerating).	22.11.79	22.11.79	By Christmas	-	13.12.79	4.12.79.

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	Title	Laid		Required	Joint S I' Committee	Approved	
		Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
102.	Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment)	27.11.79	27.11.79	By Christmas	4.12.79	11.12.79	6.12.79
103.	Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (Continuance) (No. 2)	28.11.79	28.11.79	By Christmas	4.12.79	11.12.79	12.12.79
104.	Rate Support Grant	28.11.79	-	As soon as possible	-	16.1.80	-
105.	Rate Support Grant (Increase)	28.11.79.	-	As soon as possible	-	16.1.80	-
106.	Rate Support Grant (Increase) (No. 2)	28.11.79.	-	As soon as possible	-	16.1.80	-
107.	Rate Support Grant (Scotland)	28.11.79.	-	As soon as possible	-	16.1.80	-
108.	Social Security (Contributions, Re-rating) (No. 2)	28.11.79	28.11.79.	By 20.12.79.	4.12.79.	13.12.79	18.12.79
109.	Cinematograph Films (Distribution of Levy) (Amendment)	29.11.79	29.11.79.	By Christmas	4.12.79	21.12.79	13.12.79.
110.	Cinematograph Films (Collection of Levy) (Amendment No. 7)	29.11.79.	29.11.79	By Christmas	4.12.79.	21.12.79	13.12.79
111.	Dangerous Substance and Preparations (Safety)	29.11.79.	29.11.79.	By Christmas	-	See 135	See 135
112.	Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Milk)	29.11.79.	29.11.79.	By Christmas	4.12.79.	21.12.79	13.12.79.
113.	Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Solid Fuel)	29.11.79.	29.11.79.	By Christmas	4.12.79.	21.12.79	13.12.79.
114.	Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances)	29.11.79	29.11.79.	By Christmas	-	21.12.79	18.12.79
115.	Passenger and Goods Vehicles (Recording Equipment)	29.11.79.	29.11.79.	By Christmas	4.12.79.	19.12.79	20.12.79
116.	Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Variation.	30.11.79.	-	As soon as possible	-	See 136	-

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Title	Laid		Required	Joint S I' Committee	Approved	
	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
117. Housing Support Grant (Scotland) (No. 2)	30.11.79.	-	As soon as possible	-	See 137	-
118. Value-Added Tax (International Services) (No. 2)	3.12.79.	-	18.1.80	-	16.1.80	-
119. Southern Rhodesia Constitution (Interim Provisions)	4.12.79.	4.12.79.	As soon as possible	11.12.79	12.12.79	17.12.79
120. Common Agricultural Policy (Agricultural Produce) (Protection of Community Arrangements) (Amendment)	5.12.79.	5.12.79.	28.1.80	11.12.79	25.1.80	17.1.80
121. European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Multilateral Trade Negotiations).	5.12.79. Withdrawn	5.12.79. Withdrawn	As soon as possible	-	See 140	See 140
122. Upholstered Furniture (Safety)	5.12.79.	5.12.79.	By Christmas	11.12.79		18.12.79
123. Water Charges Equalisation.	7.12.79.	-	By Christmas	-	17.12.79	-
124. Pneumoconiosis Etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims)	5.12.79.	5.12.79.	By Christmas	11.12.79	17.12.79	18.12.79
125. Southern Rhodesia (Legal Proceedings and Public Liabilities)	7.12.79.	11.12.79	Within 28 days of 6.12.79	11.12.79	17.1.80	22.1.80
126. Theatres (Northern Ireland)	11.12.79	11.12.79	By Christmas	-	21.12.79	16.1.80
127. Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Amendment.	10.12.79	20.12.79	31.1.80	15.1.80	25.1.80	22.1.80
128. Aviation Security Fund (Second Amendment)	12.12.79.	12.12.79	31.1.80	18.12.79	25.1.80	17.1.80
129. Southern Rhodesia (Constitution of Zimbabwe) (Elections and Appointments).	13.12.79	13.12.79	Within 28 days of 12.12.79	18.12.79	17.1.80	22.1.80
130. Value Added Tax (Fuel and Power) (Metrication)	11.12.79	-	30.1.80	-	21.1.80	-

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Title	Laid		Required	Joint S I' Committee	Approved	
	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
131. Sea Fish Industry (Increase in Rate of Levy)	18.12.79	18.12.79	As soon as possible			23.1.80
132. Financial Assistance for Industry (Increase of Limit)	18.12.79		31.1.80		25.1.80	
133. Water Authorities and National Water Council (Limit for Borrowing)	18.12.79		31.1.80			
134. INMARSAT (Immunities and Privileges)	19.12.79	19.12.79	6.2.80	22.1.80		28.1.80
135. Dangerous Substances and Preparations (Safety)	20.12.79	20.12.79	As soon as possible	15.1.80		22.1.80
136. Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Variation.	21.12.79		-		14.1.80	
137. Housing Support Grant (Scotland)	21.12.79		-		14.1.80	
138. Development Board for Rural Wales (Financial Limit)	14.1.80		End January/early February			
139. Income Tax (Excess Interest as Distributions)	14.1.80		As soon as possible		29.1.80	
140. European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Multilateral Trade Negotiations)	15.1.80	15.1.80	-	22.1.80	23.1.80	31.1.80

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GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION✓
MS(i) Awaiting Second Reading

∅ Child Care (L)

Consular Fees

∅ Foster Children (L)

Highlands and Islands Air Services (Scotland)

Insurance Companies (L)

Law Reform (Misc Prov) (Scotland) (L)

Local Government, Planning and Land (No.2)

∅ Residential Homes (L)

(ii) Standing Committee

British Aerospace

Civil Aviation

Education (No.2)

Employment

Health Services

Housing

Limitation (Amendment) (L)

Social Security

Tenants' Rights Etc (Scotland)

Transport

(iii) Report and Third Reading

Companies (L)

Industry

National Heritage

(iv) Orders and Regulations

* Dangerous Substances and Preparations

Development Board for Rural Wales

Income Tax

* INMARSAT (Immunities and Privileges)

* Water Authorities

Date Laid	Whether Controversial	Date Required
20/12	No	a.s.a.p.
14/1	No	Dept would like debate end/Jan or first week in Feb.
14/1	No	For debate, 29/1
19/12	No	By 6/2
18/12	Maybe	By 31/1

∅ Consolidation

* SI Committee

LORDS

Bees

Competition

Criminal Justice (Scotland) (L)

New Hebrides (L)

Petroleum Revenue Tax

Police Negotiating Board (L)

Protection of Trading Interests

∅ Reserve Forces (L)

∅ Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) (L)

Awaiting Royal Assent

Bail Etc (Scotland)

Papua New Guinea

∅ Consolidation

Bills placed upon the Statute Book (15)

Appropriation (No.2) 1979
Charging Orders 1979
Consolidated Fund (No.2) 1979
Education 1979
European Assembly (Pay and Pensions) 1979
European Communities (Greek Accession) 1979
Finance (No.2) 1979
Isle of Man 1979
Justices of the Peace 1979
Kiribati 1979
Pensioners' Payments and Social Security 1979
Sale of Goods 1979
Shipbuilding 1979
Southern Rhodesia 1979
Zimbabwe 1979

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PRIME MINISTER

Parliamentary Affairs: Legislative Programme 1979-80

BACKGROUND

You asked the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster to provide you with a progress report on the legislative programme for this Session. His minute of 21st January reports reasonable progress with the Bills already introduced. These Bills are listed in the Annex to the minute, items 1 to 8, according to the stage they had reached at the end of last week. The Competition and Industry Bills are through Standing Committee. The British Aerospace, Transport and Education (No. 2) Bills are in Committee. It has become necessary to introduce a guillotine for the Education (No. 2) Bill which, for financial reasons, must become law by Easter. The major Bills that received Second Reading just before Christmas - Employment, Housing and Social Security - are now, or shortly will be, in Standing Committee. The Chief Whip expects a guillotine to be necessary for the Social Security Bill and perhaps others.

2. It is less satisfactory that a number of major Bills are not yet ready for introduction. Paragraph 7 of the minute and paragraph 9 of the Annex refer. The following are coming to Legislation Committee this week or next and will then be ready for introduction:

Coal Industry

Local Government, Planning and Land (No. 2)

Broadcasting

The Port of London (Financial Assistance) Bill cannot be introduced until Ministers have considered policy issues concerning the finances of the Merseyside Docks and Harbours Board at E(EA) on 30th January. As the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster points out, the Petroleum and Submarine Pipelines (Amendment) Bill is not yet available. You settled the policy at a meeting just before Christmas. The policy issues for the Energy Conservation Bill come to E(EA) on 30th January. Finally, there is the Contempt of Court Bill scheduled for introduction in the Lords, probably in March, on which drafting is proceeding.

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3. In summing up the discussion on the Local Government, Planning and Land Bill on 6th December (CC(79) 24th Conclusions, Minute 2), you referred to likely congestion of business in the House of Lords and the likely extension of the Session. The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster suggests in paragraph 8 of his minute that if Parliament sits into the first part of August the spillover might be restricted to three weeks in October. (The Party Conference is in the week beginning 6th October). It is too early to determine the timetable at this stage. Much will depend on the progress of Bills between now and late spring.

HANDLING

4. You will not want a long discussion. After the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster has introduced his minute, the Chief Whip and the Minister of State, MAFF, may want to comment on the implications of the programme for their respective Houses. You may want to ask the Secretary of State for Energy about progress with his Bills that have yet to be introduced, and to ask the Minister of Transport about the Port of London (Financial Assistance) Bill.

CONCLUSIONS

5. The minute does not seek decisions from Cabinet. Subject to the discussion, you might invite your colleagues to note the position, to confirm that no further major Bills can now be contemplated for this Session, and to stress the need to proceed as quickly as possible with Bills now in Standing Committee and with the preparation of those which have not yet been introduced.

RIA

(Robert Armstrong)

23rd January, 1980



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This is the COC's paper
for Cabinet on Thursday. It is
deliberately a little pessimistic
about the timetable so that
colleagues will not try to bring forward
major new Bills at this stage.

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cc Press Office



PRIME MINISTER

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME 1979/80

1. This minute reviews progress with the Legislative Programme.
2. We have 21 bills which fulfil promises in the Queen's Speech. 16 have already been introduced, although we are not proceeding with the Protection of Official Information Bill. The Nationality Bill will not now come forward this session. There are, therefore, only four bills fulfilling promises in the Queen's Speech still to be introduced: the revised version of the Local Government, Planning and Land Bill, the Broadcasting Bill, the Contempt of Court Bill and the Petroleum and Submarine Pipelines Bill, which gives powers for sales by BNOC.
3. In total, and including the Queen's Speech bills we have introduced 37 Government bills (excluding finance and consolidation bills) so far this session. The Annex shows their present position and also lists the other bills still to be introduced.
4. We have made reasonable progress with the bills we have introduced so far. Among our first batch of major controversial bills the Competition and Industry Bills are through Standing Committee. Others - including Education (No 2), Transport and British Aerospace - are still in Standing Committee. The Chief Whip and I agree that a guillotine will be necessary for the Education (No 2) Bill, and I propose to announce this on Thursday and to table the Motion for debate on Monday 28 January.
5. We then have a second batch of major controversial bills starting in Standing Committee this week. They include Employment, Housing and Social Security. A guillotine is likely to be necessary for the Social Security Bill, and we may need others. I believe we can get most or all of the major bills in both

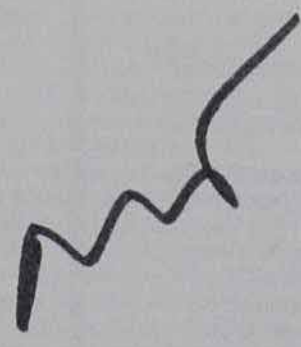
batches to the Lords in time for them to be dealt with by the end of July.

6. I recognise, however, that there will be considerable problems for the House of Lords, especially since they will have also to deal, either in July or during the spillover, with the Local Government, Planning and Land Bill.

7. You will see from the Annex that there are a number of bills in our programme which have yet to be introduced. Some will be going to Legislation Committee later this month. I must express concern, however, that we have not yet seen two of the Bills that the Secretary of State for Energy hopes to bring forward: the Petroleum and Submarine Pipelines Bill and the Energy Conservation Bill. The former in particular is bound to be controversial, and we must have a reasonable time to get it through.

8. I think we can complete the programme we have set ourselves, if necessary by sitting into the first part of August and having a spillover of about three weeks in October. There will be some unavoidable inconvenience to the Lords. I see no prospect of any further substantial bills being added to the programme.

9. I am copying this minute to Cabinet colleagues, the Attorney General, the Lord Advocate, the Minister of Transport, the Chief Whips of both Houses and the Minister of State MAFF. I am also sending a copy to Sir Robert Armstrong.



N. St.J.S.

21 January 1980

GOVERNMENT BILLS 1979/80

(excluding finance and consolidation bills)

POSITION AT 18.1.80

1. Bills already enacted
Education
Kiribati
European Assembly (Pay and Pensions)
European Communities (Greek Accession)
Shipbuilding
Pensioners' Payments and Social Security
Isle of Man
Charging Orders
Southern Rhodesia
Zimbabwe
2. Bills Awaiting Royal Assent
Bail Etc (Scotland)
3. Bills through Commons and in Lords
Papua New Guinea, Western Samoa and Nauru
Protection of Trading Interests
Petroleum Revenue Tax
4. Bills Awaiting Report and Third Reading in Commons
Companies
Competition
Bees
Industry
5. Bills Committed to Commons Standing Committee
National Heritage
Education (No 2)

Cont...

- British Aerospace
Transport
Civil Aviation
Employment
Housing
Social Security
Tenants' Rights, Etc (Scotland)
6. Bills Awaiting Commons Committee
Health Services
Limitation Amendment
7. Bills Awaiting Second Reading in Commons
Insurance Companies
Consular Fees
Highlands and Islands Air Services (Scotland)
Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland)
8. Bills in House of Lords and still to come to Commons
Police Negotiating Board
Criminal Justice (Scotland)
9. Bills still to be introduced
Port of London (Financial Assistance)
New Hebrides
Coal Industry
Local Government, Planning and Land (No 2)
Broadcasting
Petroleum and Submarine pipelines (Amendment)
Energy Conservation
International Organisations (Amendment)
Contempt of Court
Remuneration of Teaching Staff (Scotland)
Matrimonial Homes (Rights of Occupancy) (Scotland)



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Parliamentary Affairs

The Chancellor of the Duchy and the Chief Whip have been taking stock of the position on the legislative programme. They have reached some tentative conclusions about the timing of the recesses for the rest of the year, and hope that it may be possible to rise in the first week in August and still bring the session to an end with a spill-over lasting no longer than the first week in November. This is perhaps an optimistic estimate, but if it can be achieved should be widely welcome.

They have also concluded that the guillotine on the Education Bill should be introduced very soon, perhaps on 28 January (when it would have to be debated after 10.00 p.m. at the end of the Foreign Affairs Debate). Other Bills which will certainly have to be guillotined are Housing and Employment; it is very likely that there will have to be guillotines on the Local Government and Social Security Bills as well.

There are one or two problems outstanding about Bills which have not yet had their second readings. They are not insuperable, but it would help progress if colleagues could be reminded of the urgency attached to some of these Bills.

I suggest that the Chancellor of the Duchy might circulate a short note bringing the Cabinet up to date on most of this, and that it could be discussed briefly at Cabinet next Thursday. Are you content?

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18 January 1980

(Any specific target for Royal Assent shown in brackets after title.)

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PUBLIC BILLS 1979/80 SESSION

(Essential Bills marked *)

18 January 1980

Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
1. Education (July 1979)	16.5.79	Commons 17.5.79	19.6.79	S.C.A. 28.6.79 - 5.7.79	12.7.79	16.7.79	Lords 17.7.79	17.7.79	19.7.79	24.7.79	24.7.79	-	26.7.79
2. Kiribati* (July 1979)	16.5.79.	Commons 17.5.79	24.5.79	11.6.79	11.6.79	11.6.79	Lords 12.6.79	14.6.79	19.6.79	19.6.79	19.6.79	-	19.6.79
3. European* Assembly (Pay and Pensions) (July 1979)	23.5.79.	Commons 24.5.79	22.6.79	16.7.79	16.7.79	16.7.79	Lords 17.7.79	23.7.79	-	-	26.7.79	-	26.7.79
4. Coal Industry* (March 1980)	January												
5. Energy, Efficiency and Safety, Etc.* (July 1981)	February												
6. Wildlife and Countryside* (April 1981)	Withdrawn												
7. New Towns Money*	Transferred to Local Government Planning and Land (Bill 25)												
8. European Communities (Greek Accession)* (March 1980)	16.10.79	Commons 23.10.79.	30.10.79.	14.11.79	14.11.79	14.11.79	Lords 15.11.79	27.11.79	11.12.79.	-	18.12.79	-	20.12.79

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(Essential Bills marked *)

Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
9. Health Services*	20.11.79	Commons 7.12.79	19.12.79	S.C.									
10. Broadcasting*	January												
11. Shipbuilding* (January 1980)	16.10.79	Commons 23.10.79.	1.11.79	14.11.79	14.11.79	14.11.79	Lords 15.11.79	4.12.79	11.12.79.	-	20.12.79	-	20.12.79
12. Companies* (December 1979)	13.6.79	Lords 14.6.79	25.6.79	2.7.79	16.7.79	23.7.79	Commons 23.7.79.	22.10.79	S.C.A: 6.11.79 - 11.12.79				
13. Companies*	WITHDRAWN												
14. Insurance Com- panies*	16.10.79	Lords 23.10.79	1.11.79	15.11.79	-	22.11.79	Commons 22.11.79.						
15. Port of London (Financial Assistance)* (March 1980)	27.11.79.												
16. Bees	18.7.79	Commons 23.7.79	25.10.79	S.C.H. 4.12.79.	21.1.80	21.1.80							

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Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
17. International Military Services (Financial Provision)	Not now likely to be proceeded with this session.												
18. National Heritage (March 1980)	20.11.79	Commons 21.11.79	3.12.79	S.C.F.	18.12.79 -								
19. Education (No. 2) (March 1980)	24.10.79	Commons 25.10.79	5.11.79	S.C.D.	13.11.79 -								
20. Employment	5.12.79	Commons 6.12.79	17.12.79	S.C.A.									
21. Employment Protection Acts (Amendment)	INCORPORATED IN TRADE UNION BILL												
22. Petroleum and Submarine Pipelines Act (Amendment)	February												
23. Offshore Installations	WITHDRAWN												

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(Essential Bills marked *)

Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
39. Limitation Amendment	13.6.79	Lords 14.6.79	25.6.79	16.7.79	23.7.79	26.7.79	Commons 26.7.79	26.10.79	S.C.H.				
40. Charging Orders	13.6.79	Lords 14.6.79	2.7.79	19.7.79	23.7.79	26.7.79	Commons 26.7.79	26.10.79	S.C.D. 6.11.79	20.11.79	20.11.79	21.11.79 27.11.79	6.12.79
41. Competition	11.7.79	Commons 12.7.79	(23.7.79) 23.10.79	S.C.B. 30.10.79 - 13.12.79	22.1.80	22.1.80							
42. Protection of Trading Interests (December 1979)	24.10.79	Commons 31.10.79	15.11.79	S.C.F. 4.12.79	20.12.79	20.12.79	Lords 15.1.80	24.1.80					
43. Transport (June 1980)	14.11.79	Commons 15.11.79	27.11.79	S.C.H. 11.12.79 -									
44. Civil Aviation	24.10.79	Commons 31.10.79	19.11.79	S.C.B. 15.1.80									
45. Merchant Shipping Liner Conferences	WITHDRAWN												
46. Southern Rhodesia (November 1979)	31.10.79	Commons 7.11.79	8.11.79	8.11.79 - 12.11.79	12.11.79	12.11.79	Lords 13.11.79	13.11.79	13.11.79	13.11.79	13.11.79	-	14.11.79
47. Zimbabwe (December 1979)	27.11.79	Commons 6.12.79	12.12.79	12.12.79	12.12.79	12.12.79	Lords 13.12.79	17.12.79	17.12.79	17.12.79	17.12.79	-	20.12.79

SCOTTISH BILLS

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Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
1. Bail, etc. (Scotland)	13.6.79	Commons 14.6.79	Grand Committee 26.6.79	First Scottish 10.7.79 - 12.7.79	25.10.79	25.10.79	Lords 30.10.79	6.11.79	20.11.79	6.12.79	13.12.79	15.1.80	
2. Tenants' Rights Etc. (Scotland)	27.11.79	Commons 5.12.79	14.1.80	First Scottish									
3. Criminal Justice (Scotland)	18.12.79	Lords 18.12.79	15.1.80	29.1.80									
4. Blind Persons (Optical Charges) (Scotland)	Transferred to Health Services (Miscellaneous Provisions)												
5. Highlands and Islands Air Services (Scotland)	5.12.79	Commons 6.12.79	Grand Committee 18.12.79										
6. Valuation and Rating (Scotland)	Transferred to Local Government, Planning and Land												

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SCOTTISH BILLS

Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
7. Remuneration of Teaching Staff (Scotland)	February												
8. Civic Government (Scotland)	Withdrawn												
9. Matrimonial Homes (Rights of Occupancy) (Scotland)	February												
10. Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland)	13.6.79	Lords 14.6.79	3.7.79	17.7.79	23.10.79	1.11.79	Commons 1.11.79	Grand 4.12.79					

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SECOND READING COMMITTEE

	Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
	8. Matrimonial Homes (Rights of Occupation)	January												
	9. Currency	January												

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FINANCE BILLS

Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
1. Finance (No.2)	-	Commons 18.6.79.	27.6.79.	3.7.79 - 10.7.79	18.7.79	18.7.79	Lords 19.7.79	24.7.79	-	-	24.7.79	-	26.7.79
2. Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) (No. 2)	-	Commons 17.7.79.	26.7.79	26.7.79	26.7.79	26.7.79	Lords 27.7.79	27.7.79	-	-	27.7.79	-	27.7.79
3. Consolidated Fund (No 2)	-	Commons 13.12.79	18.12.79	18.12.79	18.12.79	18.12.79	Lords 19.12.79	20.12.79	-	-	20.12.79	-	20.12.79

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	Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
7.	Criminal Justice (Amendment) (Lord Wigoder)	4.7.79	25.6.79	11.7.79	28.11.79	6.2.80	13.2.80							
8.	Dealings with Witnesses (Lord Wigoder)	11.7.79	25.6.79	16.7.79 Withdrawn										
9.	Gaming (Amend- ment) (Lord Birkett)	18.7.79	11.7.79	25.7.79	30.10.79.	-	8.11.79	Commons 8.11.79	(23.11.79) (Blocked) 7.12.79	S.C.'C'				
10.	Laboratory Animals' Protection (Lord Halsbury)	16.10.79	16.7.79	25.10.79	Select Committee									
11.	Bill of Rights (Lord Wade)	7.11.79	23.7.79	8.11.79	22.11.79	29.11.79.	6.12.79.	Commons 6.12.79	14.12.79 Blocked					
12.	Furskins (Lord Paget)	20.11.79	8.11.79	29.11.79	19.12.79.	-	15.1.80	Commons 16.1.80						
13.	Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) (Lord Newall)	20.11.79	8.11.79	29.11.79	13.12.79.	-	20.12.79	Commons 14.1.80						

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	Title	Laid		Required	Joint S I' Committee	Approved	
		Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
88.	Building Regulations (Northern Ireland).	9.11.79	13.11.79.	-	-	16.11.79	12.12.79
89.	Building Societies (Special Advances)	14.11.79	14.11.79	By Christmas	-	30.11.79	27.11.79
90.	Southern Rhodesia (Expiring Orders) (Consequential Provisions)	15.11.79	15.11.79	28 sitting days			
91.	Hosiery and Knitwear Industry (Scientific Research Levy) (Amendment)	19.11.79	20.11.79	By Christmas	11.12.79	21.12.79	18.12.79
92.	Unfair Dismissal (Increase of Compensation Limit).	19.11.79	20.11.79	By 14.12.79.		13.12.79	27.11.79
93.	Employment Protection (Variation of Limits).	19.11.79	20.11.79	By 14.12.79.		13.12.79	27.11.79
94.	Representation of the People (Scotland) Amendment.	21.11.79	21.11.79	By Christmas		13.12.79	
95.	Perjury (Northern Ireland)	21.11.79	21.11.79	By Christmas		11.12.79	12.12.79
96.	Control of Food Premises (Northern Ireland)	22.11.79	22.11.79	By Christmas		11.12.79	12.12.79
97.	Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement)(Grants)(Variation)	22.11.79	22.11.79	By Christmas		14.12.79	4.12.79
98.	Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances)	22.11.79	22.11.79	By Christmas	4.12.79	21.12.79.	
99.	Representation of the People (Amendment)	22.11.79	22.11.79	By Christmas		13.12.79	6.12.79
100.	Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits)	22.11.79	-	By Christmas	-	14.12.79	-
101.	Social Security (Contributions, Rerating).	22.11.79	22.11.79	By Christmas	-	13.12.79	4.12.79.

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Title	Laid		Required	Joint S I' Committee	Approved	
	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
102. Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment)	27.11.79	27.11.79	By Christmas	4.12.79	11.12.79	6.12.79
103. Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (Continuance) (No. 2)	28.11.79	28.11.79	By Christmas	4.12.79	11.12.79	12.12.79
104. Rate Support Grant	28.11.79		As soon as possible		16.1.80	
105. Rate Support Grant (Increase)	28.11.79.		As soon as possible		16.1.80	
106. Rate Support Grant (Increase) (No. 2)	28.11.79.		As soon as possible		16.1.80	
107. Rate Support Grant (Scotland)	28.11.79.		As soon as possible		16.1.80	
108. Social Security (Contributions, Re-rating) (No. 2)	28.11.79	28.11.79.	By 20.12.79.	4.12.79.	13.12.79	18.12.79
109. Cinematograph Films (Distribution of Levy) (Amendment)	29.11.79	29.11.79.	By Christmas	4.12.79	21.12.79	13.12.79.
110. Cinematograph Films (Collection of Levy) (Amendment No. 7)	29.11.79.	29.11.79	By Christmas	4.12.79.	21.12.79	13.12.79
111. Dangerous Substance and Preparations (Safety)	29.11.79.	29.11.79.	By Christmas		See 135	
112. Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Milk)	29.11.79.	29.11.79.	By Christmas	4.12.79.	21.12.79	13.12.79.
113. Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Solid Fuel)	29.11.79.	29.11.79.	By Christmas	4.12.79.	21.12.79	13.12.79.
114. Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances)	29.11.79	29.11.79.	By Christmas		21.12.79	18.12.79
115. Passenger and Goods Vehicles (Recording Equipment)	29.11.79.	29.11.79.	By Christmas	4.12.79.	19.12.79	20.12.79
116. Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Variation.	30.11.79.		As soon as possible		See 136	

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Title	Laid		Required	Joint S I' Committee	Approved	
	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
117. Housing Support Grant (Scotland) (No. 2)	30.11.79.		As soon as possible		See 137	
118. Value-Added Tax (International Services) (No. 2)	3.12.79.		18.1.80		16.1.80	
119. Southern Rhodesia Constitution (Interim Provisions)	4.12.79.	4.12.79.	As soon as possible	11.12.79	12.12.79	17.12.79
120. Common Agricultural Policy (Agricultural Produce) (Protection of Community Arrangements) (Amendment)	5.12.79.	5.12.79.	28.1.80	11.12.79		17.1.80
121. European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Multilateral Trade Negotiations).	5.12.79. Withdrawn	5.12.79. Withdrawn	As soon as possible		See 140	See 140
122. Upholstered Furniture (Safety)	5.12.79.	5.12.79.	By Christmas	11.12.79		18.12.79
123. Water Charges Equalisation.	7.12.79.		By Christmas		17.12.79	
124. Pneumoconiosis Etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims)	5.12.79.	5.12.79.	By Christmas	11.12.79	17.12.79	18.12.79
125. Southern Rhodesia (Legal Proceedings and Public Liabilities)	7.12.79.	7.12.79	Within 28 days of 6.12.79	11.12.79	17.1.80	22.1.80
126. Theatres (Northern Ireland)	11.12.79	11.12.79	By Christmas		21.12.79	16.1.80
127. Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Amendment.	10.12.79		31.1.80	15.1.80		22.1.80
128. Aviation Security Fund (Second Amendment)	12.12.79.	12.12.79	31.1.80	18.12.79		17.1.80
129. Southern Rhodesia (Constitution of Zimbabwe) (Elections and Appointments).	13.12.79	13.12.79	Within 28 days of 12.12.79	18.12.79	17.1.80	22.1.80
130. Value Added Tax (Fuel and Power) (Metrication)	11.12.79		30.1.80		21.1.80	

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Title	Laid		Required	Joint S I' Committee	Approved	
	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
131. Sea Fish Industry (Increase in Rate of Levy)	18.12.79	18.12.79	As soon as possible			
132. Financial Assistance for Industry (Increase of Limit)	18.12.79		31.1.80			
133. Water Authorities and National Water Council (Limit for Borrowing)	18.12.79		31.1.80			
134. INMARSAT (Immunities and Privileges)	19.12.79	19.12.79	6.2.80			
135. Dangerous Substances and Preparations (Safety)	20.12.79	20.12.79	As soon as possible	15.1.80		22.1.80
136. Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Variation.	21.12.79		-		14.1.80	
137. Housing Support Grant (Scotland)	21.12.79		-		14.1.80	
138. Development Board for Rural Wales (Financial Limit)	14.1.80					
139. Income Tax (Excess Interest as Distributions)	14.1.80					
140. European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Multilateral Trade Negotiations)	15.1.80	15.1.80			23.1.80	

GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION

(i) Awaiting Second Reading

- ∅ Child Care (L)
- Consular Fees
- ∅ Foster Children (L)
- Highlands and Islands Air Services (Scotland)
- Insurance Companies (L)
- Law Reform (Misc Prov) (Scotland) (L)
- ∅ Residential Homes (L)

(ii) Standing Committee

- British Aerospace
- Civil Aviation
- Education (No.2)
- Employment
- Health Services
- Housing
- Limitation (Amendment) (L)
- National Heritage
- Social Security
- Tenants' Rights Etc (Scotland)
- Transport

(iii) Report and Third Reading

- Bees
- Companies (L)
- Competition
- Industry

(iv) <u>Orders and Regulations</u>	<u>Date Laid</u>	<u>Whether Controversial</u>	<u>Date Required</u>
* Aviation Security Fund	12/12	No	By 31/1
* Child Benefit	10/12	No	By 31/1
* Common Agricultural Policy	5/12	No	By 28/1
Dangerous Substances and Preparations	20/12	No	a.s.a.p.
Development Board for Rural Wales	14/1	No	Dept would like debate end/Jan or first week in Feb.
European Communities (Definition of Treaties)	15/1	Maybe	For debate, 23/1

* SI Committee
∅ Consolidation

(iv) <u>Orders and Regulations</u>	<u>Date Laid</u>	<u>Whether Controversial</u>	<u>Date Required</u>
* Financial Assistance for Industry	18/12	No	By 31/1, if poss.
Income Tax	14/1	No	a.s.a.p.
INMARSAT (Immunities and Privileges)	19/12	No	By 6/2
Sea Fish Industry	18/12	No	a.s.a.p.
VAT (Fuel and Power)	11/12	No	For debate, 21/1
Water Authorities	18/12	Maybe	By 31/1

LORDS

Criminal Justice (Scotland) (L)
 Papua New Guinea
 Petroleum Revenue Tax
 Police Negotiating Board (L)
 Protection of Trading Interests
 ∅ Reserve Forces (L)
 ∅ Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) (L)

Awaiting Royal Assent

Bail Etc (Scotland)

∅ Consolidation

* SI Committee

Bills placed upon the Statute Book (15)

Appropriation (No.2) 1979
Charging Orders 1979
Consolidated Fund (No.2) 1979
Education 1979
European Assembly (Pay and Pensions) 1979
European Communities (Greek Accession) 1979
Finance (No.2) 1979
Isle of Man 1979
Justices of the Peace 1979
Kiribati 1979
Pensioners' Payments and Social Security 1979
Sale of Goods 1979
Shipbuilding 1979
Southern Rhodesia 1979
Zimbabwe 1979



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14 January 1980

R. Michael

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE BILL

Thank you for copying to me your letter of 20 December to the Chief Whip about the Wildlife and Countryside Bill.

I am glad that it will be possible to leave this Bill over for this session. I agree that Parliamentary Counsel should continue to work on it during this session as and when he can do so since it will clearly increase the prospects for the Bill next session if it is ready for introduction at the start of that session. You will not, I am sure, expect me to give any firm assurances at this stage about its inclusion in the programme since it is for The Queen's Speeches and Future Legislation Committee and the Cabinet to assess the programme as a whole later on this year. I recognise, however, the importance you attach to the Bill.

I hope it will now be possible to secure some measure of agreement on the outstanding controversial provisions of the Bill, particularly those affecting Exmoor, and would be grateful if you would keep the Chief Whip and myself in the picture about any developments following your continued consultations.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, our Cabinet colleagues and to First Parliamentary Counsel and Sir Robert Armstrong.

John R.

The Rt Hon Michael Heseltine MP
Secretary of State for the Environment
Department of the Environment
2 Marsham Street

15 JAN 1980



PRIME MINISTER

PARLIAMENTARY BUSINESS

The Cabinet went through the business for next week at its meeting on 20 December. There has been only one - minor - change so far: the Motions on the Rate Support Grant (Scotland) Order and the Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Orders are to be taken on Wednesday and not on Monday.

Ministers will want to consider the timing of debates on steel and Afghanistan. If it is agreed in principle that there should be an early debate on both subjects, only one can be fitted in next week, because of the need to get through the two Housing Bills and the RSG Orders. The timetable in the following week is rather more flexible; it already includes, provisionally, a debate on nuclear weapons, which was promised for that week by the Chancellor of the Duchy. One possibility would be to have a debate on steel on Wednesday 16 January or Thursday 17 January, take the RSG Orders on the other of those two days and then take the remaining stages of the Competition Bill in the following week. Alternatively, the Speaker would no doubt allow an SO9 application on steel if one was made on Monday and the Government encouraged him. Given the importance of the issue and the fact that you have turned down an official request for a recall to discuss steel, I think there is merit in making Government time available for a debate and that it would be preferable not to inspire an SO9 debate.

We thought briefly of the possibility of combining the debate on nuclear weapons with a debate on Afghanistan. The Ministry of Defence are strongly against that idea, and since there is time in the week beginning 21 January to devote one day to defence and another day to foreign affairs, the best solution might be to have the two subjects on successive days in that week.

/The Opposition

The Opposition have made no approaches to Murdo about any of this yet. This may, of course, be because Mr. Callaghan is away, but it is somewhat surprising.

The Chancellor of the Duchy will have to make a Business Statement on 14 January because of the change to the Scottish Orders. He will obviously need to have a clear view by then of the timetable on both steel and Afghanistan.

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9 January 1980

FROM: THE RT HON MICHAEL JOPLING MP

Parliament



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Government Chief Whip

12 Downing Street, London SW1

9 January 1980

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE BILL

I am most grateful to you for your letter of 20 December.

I am sure that in the circumstances this is the right decision. As you acknowledge, other matters which you raise are for Norman St John-Stevan who I understand will be replying to you direct.

I am copying this letter to the recipients of yours.

The Rt Hon Michael Heseltine MP
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3 January 1980

Dear Private Secretary

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME 1980/81

I am writing to ask you to submit your Minister's proposals for legislation in the 1980/81 session of Parliament.

2. I should be grateful if you could submit four copies of your Department's summary of proposals, set out as in the pro forma at Annex A, together with four copies of the pro forma at Annex B for each Bill. I enclose notes for guidance for the completion of the pro forma. We should be grateful if you would follow these, and if we can give you any further elucidation we should be glad to do so. You should assume a session of normal length, starting in the autumn of 1980, and should include, if required, any Bills that were put forward for the present session (eg in the Reserve list) but are not now likely to be enacted this session.
3. There are two general points that you may like to bear in mind. The first session of this Parliament has been heavy, with a high proportion of substantial and controversial Bills. It is likely that Ministers will be looking for a lighter legislative burden in the forthcoming session. The criteria which are likely to govern the preparation of the programme will therefore include the strength of the case for legislating in 1980/81 rather than later.
4. Second, Bills which can be got ready at, or very near, the beginning of the session are likely to be preferred to others. It is important, therefore, that Departments should indicate the likely state of preparedness of the Bill and give the best realistic estimates of the dates when the Bill will have completed each of its preparatory stages (see paragraph 7 of the notes for guidance). Experience has repeatedly shown that there is nothing to be gained by making unrealistic and over-optimistic estimates of when a Bill is likely to be ready. This leads to Parliamentary time being lost and can jeopardise a Bill's place in the programme. We should be most grateful for the co-operation of Departments in this respect.
5. I should be grateful to receive replies not later than Friday, 8 February 1980.

Yours sincerely

J M LYON

Private Secretary to the:

Prime Minister

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ANNEX A

DEPARTMENT'S BILLS PROPOSED FOR THE
LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME 1980-81

CATEGORY	TITLE OF BILL	LENGTH
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Please list each Bill in its proposed category and in its order of priority within that category.

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ANNEX B

OUTLINE PRO FORMA FOR EACH BILL PROPOSED FOR 1980-81 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME

1. DEPARTMENT
2. TITLE OF BILL
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NOTES ON COMPLETING THE PRO FORMA FOR
EACH BILL PROPOSED FOR 1980-81 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME

1. DEPARTMENT

2. TITLE OF BILL

3. LENGTH OF BILL

An estimate of the length of the Bill is needed so that the demands on drafting capacity and Parliamentary time can be assessed at the earliest possible stage. An accurate forecast of the number of clauses and schedules will not normally be possible, but some indication such as "very short" (not more than 3-4 clauses), "short" (up to, say a dozen clauses), "medium" (12-25 clauses), "substantial" (25-50 clauses), or "long" (over 50 clauses) would be useful.

4. PURPOSE OF BILL

Please state briefly the purpose of each separate topic in the Bill.

5. PROPOSED CATEGORY

The categories for proposed Bills are -

I Essential. Bills which must be enacted during the Session - eg because existing powers or finance would otherwise expire or because of treaty obligations. Please give the reason(s) (this category should not be used simply to reflect a high political priority). Additional non-essential items can sometimes be included in an essential Bill, but consideration will need to be given to the length of the Bill and to the need to avoid controversial provisions which might affect the Bill's enactment.

II Contingent. Bills which might during the Session become Essential as defined above.

III Programme. Bills which can already be identified as being needed for enactment during the 1980-81 Session. The reasons for wishing Bills to be enacted then rather than later in the Parliament should be stated, and any specific disadvantage in delay made clear. (See also 10. below.)

IV Reserve. Bills which do not have sufficient priority for the Programme category but which there would be advantage in enacting in 1980-81 if Parliamentary time could be found.

V Other. Bills for which there is no pressing need in Session 1980-81 but which are nevertheless worth mentioning (eg because they might be suitable for a Private Member).

Where a Bill would cover more than one distinct topic, the appropriate category should be indicated separately for each topic.

6. DEPARTMENTAL PRIORITY

Please mark each of your bids for legislation in the strict order of priority within each category.

7. STATE OF READINESS

We need to have the best possible estimates of the date by which -

- a. Ministers' collective policy clearance will be obtained (ie from the appropriate Ministerial Cabinet Committee);
- b. complete instructions will be ready for Parliamentary Counsel;
- c. the Bill is expected to be ready for introduction.

It is important to have accurate estimates in order to plan for the best use of Parliamentary time in the coming session. Over-optimistic timetables are unhelpful all round. In cases of doubt, earliest and latest dates for each stage of the Bill's preparation should be given.

8. TIMING

Please give, with reasons, the date by which Royal Assent is needed for Essential and Contingent Bills, and where appropriate, target dates for the enactment of Bills in other categories. It would be helpful to distinguish between Bills for which Royal Assent before the end of the session is desirable and those for which Royal Assent by a certain date is likely to be essential.

9. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

A Bill may be suitable for special forms of Parliamentary procedure. Please state whether it might be suitable for any of the following -

- a. Second Reading Committee procedure in the Commons - that is, the Bill is likely to be accepted on all sides of the House as uncontroversial and of little or no political significance;
- b. Scottish or Welsh Grand Committee procedure in the Commons;
- c. Offering to a Private Member successful in the ballot - that is, short, simple, non-constitutional, non-controversial and without significant financial implications.

10. POLITICAL ASPECTS

Please state whether the Bill arises from a Manifesto commitment, or from established party policy and whether there are any firm public commitments about its introduction or timing. Please also cover briefly -

- its likely reception in the House
- whether there is pressure from Groups representing particular interests
- whether it will be controversial politically or for any other reasons
- whether it will appeal to or be strongly opposed by any particular sections of the community.

11. PUBLIC EXPENDITURE AND MANPOWER IMPLICATIONS

Please indicate the effect on central and local government expenditure and manpower of the proposed Bill for the PESC period, and whether PESC provision had been made for any necessary expenditure.

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Rt Hon Norman St John-Stevas
Chancellor of the Duchy of
Lancaster
Privy Council Office
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LONDON SW1

31 December 1979

Dear Norma

Thank you for your letter of 10 December in response to my letter to you about congestion of Parliamentary business and the effect on my three Bills. ^{29.11.79}

The position, however, is not quite as you state in your letter. Following your letter of 4 December, instructions on the Coal Industry Bill were sent to Parliamentary Counsel on 5 December. Supplementary instructions on deferred interest loans - one of the matters reserved by E(EA) - were delivered on 10 December, as soon as they had been cleared by Treasury Officials. A first draft of the Bill has been considered by Parliamentary Counsel. In the light of the advice which I have received from the Attorney General I am not contemplating the inclusion of any provision on the disposal of assets - the other matter reserved by E(EA).

Instructions for the Energy Conservation Bill were sent to Parliamentary Counsel on 7 December with the exception of the matters relating to the British Gas Corporation's supply obligations for which policy approval has only just been obtained and in respect of which further instructions to Counsel will be sent separately.

As you know, I shall be seeking policy approval for the Petroleum and Submarine Pipelines Bill within the next week and drafting authority will be sought immediately, should policy approval be granted.

I am copying this letter to recipients of yours.

Yours -

Dave

D A R HOWELL

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Mr Sanders
 Mr Stevens
 Mr MacLean
 Mr Cumming-Bruce
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 Ms Hall

cc Mr Harrop
 Mr Hyde
 Mr Mountfield

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I promised to let you
 see this. A copy of
 the Queen's Speech is
 also attached

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PROGRESS WITH PUBLIC BILLS 1979/80 SESSION

1. I attach the usual weekly record of progress made with public bills, together with orders and regulations subject to affirmative resolution. This record reflects the position as at the rising of the House for the Christmas recess on 21 December.
2. Thirty-seven Government bills (excluding Finance and Consolidation Bills) have been introduced so far this session. Ten have received Royal Assent. Of the 21 bills which fulfil promises in The Queen's Speech on 15 May, 17 have been introduced, including the Protection of Official Information Bill and the Local Government, Planning and Land Bill, which are not being proceeded with in their current form this session. Of the remaining 4 Queen's Speech Bills, the Nationality Bill will not now be introduced this Session. The other 3 bills - Petroleum and Submarine Pipelines (for which there is no specific Queen's Speech commitment), Broadcasting and Contempt - together with the Local Government, Planning and Land (No. 2) Bill, should be ready for introduction in the early part of next year.
3. Circulation of this record will be resumed after the recess. In order to save copying costs, the first seven pages of the table of orders and regulations will not continue to be reproduced. Those wishing to keep a full record of all affirmative orders and regulations laid this session should retain these pages from the present record. I intend, however, to issue a full list at the end of the session.

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J. M. Lyon
 J M LYON

20 December 1979.



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GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION

(i) Awaiting Second Reading

- ∅ Child Care (L)
- Consular Fees
- ∅ Foster Children (L)
- Highlands and Islands Air Services (Scotland)
- Housing
- Insurance Companies (L)
- Law Reform (Misc Prov) (Scotland) (L)
- ∅ Residential Homes (L)
- Tenants' Rights Etc (Scotland)

(ii) Standing Committee

- British Aerospace
- Civil Aviation
- Education (No.2)
- Employment
- Health Services
- Industry
- Limitation (Amendment) (L)
- National Heritage
- Social Security
- Transport

(iii) Report and Third Reading

- Bees
- Companies (L)
- Competition
- Petroleum Revenue Tax

(iv) Lords Amendments

- Bail Etc. (Scotland)

∅ Consolidation

(v)	<u>Orders and Regulations</u>	<u>Date Laid</u>	<u>Whether Controversial</u>	<u>Date Required</u>
	Aviation Security Fund	12/12	No	By 31/1
	Child Benefit	10/12	No	By 31/1
	Common Agricultural Policy	5/12	No	By 28/1
	Dangerous Substances and Preparations	20/12	No	a.s.a.p.
	Financial Assistance for Industry	18/12	No	By 31/1, if poss.
	Housing Support Grant (Scotland) (No.2)	30/11	No	For debate, 14/1
	Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Variation	30/11	No	For debate, 14/1
	INMARSAT (Immunities and Privileges)	19/12	No	By 6/2
	Rate Support Grant	28/11	No	For debate, 16/1
	Rate Support Grant (Increase)	28/11	No	For debate, 16/1
	Rate Support Grant (Increase) (No.2)	28/11	No	For debate, 16/1
	Rate Support Grant (Scotland)	28/11	No	For debate, 16/1
	Sea Fish Industry	18/12	No	a.s.a.p.
	Southern Rhodesia (Constitution of Zimbabwe)	13/12	Maybe	For debate, 17/1
	Southern Rhodesia (Legal Proceedings, etc)	7/12	Maybe	For debate, 17/1
	VAT (Fuel and Power)	11/12	No	By 30/1
	VAT (International Services)	3/12	No	For debate, 16/1
	Water Authorities	18/12	Maybe	By 31/1

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- Criminal Justice (Scotland) (L)
- Papua New Guinea
- Police Negotiating Board (L)
- Protection of Trading Interests
- ∅ Reserve Forces (L)
- ∅ Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) (L)

∅ Consolidation

Bills placed upon Statute Book (15)

Appropriation (No.2) 1979
Charging Orders 1979
Consolidated Fund (No.2) 1979
Education 1979
European Assembly (Pay and Pensions) 1979
European Communities (Greek Accession) 1979
Finance (No.2) 1979
Isle of Man 1979
Justices of the Peace 1979
Kiribati 1979
Pensioners' Payments and Social Security 1979
Sale of Goods 1979
Shipbuilding 1979
Southern Rhodesia 1979
Zimbabwe 1979

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20 December 1979

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Dear Peter

RSG SETTLEMENT

My Secretary of State intends to write to the chairmen of the local authority associations to reassure them that there is nothing sinister in the deferment of the debate on the RSG Orders until January.

He considers that this is necessary to ensure that the Government continues to receive credit for holding the grant percentage at 61% etc; and so that the settlement should continue to exert the maximum influence over local authority work on budgets and rates for 1980/81.

My Secretary of State would like to issue the letter ^{attached} by midday tomorrow so that the associations will have time to get letters out to their members before Christmas. I would therefore be grateful for any comments by close of play today.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to all members of the Cabinet, the Minister of Transport and Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours sincerely

Jeff Jacobs

Jeff Jacobs
Private Secretary

Martin Rea G19

PS/The Rt Hon Sir Geoffrey Howe QC MP

SECRETARY OF STATE
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ASSOCIATIONS

You will probably have gathered by now that it will not be possible to fit in the annual debate on the rate support grant orders before Christmas, as would normally be the case.

The purpose of this letter is simply to reassure you that the sole reason for this delay is the quite exceptional pressure of Parliamentary business. The orders, as laid before the House of Commons on 28 November, will be debated as soon as practicable after the House reassembles on 14 January.

You may also assure your members that the delay in debating the RSG increase orders will not affect grant payments to authorities. Payments will be increased in mid-January as usual to the level implied by the increase orders from money already voted by Parliament under the Main Order for 1979/80, pending the debate on the increase orders.

I am writing in similar terms to the leaders of the other associations and to the GLC.

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WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE BILL

I have been considering the future of this Bill in the light of the recent discussion at Cabinet.

The proposed habitat provisions are long overdue and are badly needed if this - or any other - Government is to be seen to be taking its nature conservation responsibilities seriously. And, of course, the bulk of the species provisions are essential to meet our EEC and other international commitments. It is inevitable that the nature conservation interests should be wanting to press us rather further than we are willing to go and that the sporting and some other interests should be concerned about certain specifics. But I have the clear impression from the way in which the consultation processes have been going that on the one hand the nature conservation interests would deeply regret the loss of the new provisions we have in mind, while on the other, the farming interests are broadly willing to accept them. This strongly suggests to me that we have got this part of the Bill just about right. On the other hand, there are admittedly more serious difficulties about the footpath provisions - and there is always the problem of Exmoor, on which any proposed course of action (or inaction) is bound to be controversial.

A great deal of work has been put into the Bill over the past six months and I am sure that we must keep up the impetus. Nevertheless, if I can have your assurance that the Bill will be allocated a very early place in the programme for the 1980/81 Session, and if I can press ahead meanwhile with the consultations, I am reluctantly prepared to make an early announcement (the terms of which I would of course clear with you) that it has not been found practicable to introduce the Bill in the current session.

I would very much hope that, in the special circumstances, Norman St John Stevas might find it possible to allow us to continue to make use of the services of Parliamentary Counsel on this Bill during the current session.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, other Cabinet colleagues and Sir Robert Armstrong.

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MICHAEL HESELTINE

The Rt Hon Michael Jopling MP

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PUBLIC BILLS 1979/80 SESSION

(Essential Bills marked *)

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Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
1. Education (July 1979)	16.5.79	Commons 17.5.79	19.6.79	S.C.A. 28.6.79 - 5.7.79	12.7.79	16.7.79	Lords 17.7.79	17.7.79	19.7.79	24.7.79	24.7.79	-	26.7.79
2. Kiribati* (July 1979)	16.5.79.	Commons 17.5.79	24.5.79	11.6.79	11.6.79	11.6.79	Lords 12.6.79	14.6.79	19.6.79	19.6.79	19.6.79	-	19.6.79
3. European* Assembly (Pay and Pensions) (July 1979)	23.5.79.	Commons 24.5.79	22.6.79	16.7.79	16.7.79	16.7.79	Lords 17.7.79	23.7.79	-	-	26.7.79	-	26.7.79
4. Coal Industry* (Finance) (March 1980)	January												
5. Energy, Efficiency and Safety, Etc.* (July 1981)	January												
6. Wildlife and Countryside* (April 1981)	January												
7. New Towns Money*	Transferred to Local Government Planning and Land (Bill 25)												
8. European Communities (Greek Accession)* (March 1980)	16.10.79	Commons 23.10.79.	30.10.79.	14.11.79	14.11.79	14.11.79	Lords 15.11.79	27.11.79	11.12.79.	-	18.12.79		

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PUBLIC BILLS 1979/80 SESSION

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Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
17. International Military Services (Financial Provision)	January												
18. National Heritage (March 1980)	20.11.79	Commons 21.11.79	3.12.79	S.C.F.									
19. Education (No. 2) (March 1980)	24.10.79	Commons 25.10.79	5.11.79	S.C.D. 13.11.79 -									
20. Employment	5.12.79	Commons 6.12.79	17.12.79										
21. Employment Protection Acts (Amendment)	INCORPORATED IN TRADE UNION BILL												
22. Petroleum and Submarine Pipe- lines Act (Amendment)	January												
23. Offshore Installations	WITHDRAWN												

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PUBLIC BILLS 1979/80 SESSION

(Essential Bills marked *)

Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
39. Limitation Amendment	13.6.79	Lords 14.6.79	25.6.79	16.7.79	23.7.79	26.7.79	Commons 26.7.79	26.10.79	S.C.H.				
40. Charging Orders	13.6.79	Lords 14.6.79	2.7.79	19.7.79	23.7.79	26.7.79	Commons 26.7.79	26.10.79	S.C.D 6.11.79	20.11.79	20.11.79	21.11.79 27.11.79	
41. Competition	11.7.79	Commons 12.7.79	(23.7.79) 23.10.79	S.C.B. 30.10.79 -									
42. Protection of Trading Interests (December 1979)	24.10.79	Commons 31.10.79	15.11.79	S.C.F. 4.12.79	20.12.79	20.12.79							
43. Transport (June 1980)	14.11.79	Commons 15.11.79	27.11.79	S.C.H. 11.12.79 -									
44. Civil Aviation	24.10.79	Commons 31.10.79	19.11.79	S.C.B.									
45. Merchant Shipping Liner Conferences	WITHDRAWN												
46. Southern Rhodesia (November 1979)	31.10.79	Commons 7.11.79	8.11.79	8.11.79 - 12.11.79	12.11.79	12.11.79	Lords 13.11.79	13.11.79	13.11.79	13.11.79	13.11.79	-	14.11.79
47. Zimbabwe	27.11.79	Commons 6.12.79	12.12.79	12.12.79	12.12.79	12.12.79		17.12.79	17.12.79	17.12.79	17.12.79		

SCOTTISH BILLS

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Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
1. Bail, etc. (Scotland)	13.6.79	Commons 14.6.79	Grand Committee 26.6.79	First Scottish 10.7.79 - 12.7.79	25.10.79	25.10.79	Lords 30.10.79	6.11.79	20.11.79	6.12.79			
2. Tenants' Rights Etc. (Scotland)	27.11.79	Commons 5.12.79											
3. Criminal Justice (Scotland)	December												
4. Blind Persons (Optical Charges) (Scotland)	Transferred to Health Services (Miscellaneous Provisions)												
5. Highlands and Islands Air Services (Scotland)	5.12.79	Commons 6.12.79	Grand Committee										
6. Valuation and Rating (Scotland)	Transferred to Local Government, Planning and Land												

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SCOTTISH BILLS

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7. Remuneration of Teaching Staff (Scotland)	December												
8. Civic Govern- ment (Scotland)	January												
9. Matrimonial Homes (Rights of Occupancy) (Scotland)	February												
10. Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland)	13.6.79	Lords 14.6.79	3.7.79	17.7.79	23.10.79	1.11.79	Commons 1.11.79	Grand 4.12.79					

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Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
8. Matrimonial Homes (Rights of Occupation)	December												
9. Currency	December												

FINANCE BILLS

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Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
1. Finance (No.2)	-	Commons 18.6.79.	27.6.79.	3.7.79 - 10.7.79	18.7.79	18.7.79	Lords 19.7.79	24.7.79	-	-	24.7.79	-	26.7.79
2. Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) (No. 2)	-	Commons 17.7.79.	26.7.79	26.7.79	26.7.79	26.7.79	Lords 27.7.79	27.7.79	-	-	27.7.79	-	27.7.79
3. Consolidated Fund	-	Commons 13.12.79	18.12.79	18.12.79	18.12.79	18.12.79							

ORDERS AND REGULATIONS - AFFIRMATIVE RESOLUTIONS.

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Title	Laid		Required	Joint S I' Committee	Approved	
	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
1. Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance)	20.3.79.	20.3.79.	29.6.79.	Yes	27.6.79	24.5.79.
2. Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) (NI)	22.3.79.	22.3.79.	20.7.79	-	17.7.79	16.7.79
3. Scotland Act 1978 (Repeal)	22.3.79.	22.3.79.		Yes	20.6.79	28.6.79
4. Wales Act 1978 (Repeal)	22.3.79.	22.3.79.	Summer recess	Yes	26.6.79	5.7.79
5. Industrial Training Levy (Engineering)	28.3.79.	28.3.79.	End of June	Yes	27.6.79	12.6.79
6. Firearms (Amendment) (Northern Ireland)	3.7.79	3.7.79	20.7.79	-	23.7.79	19.7.79
7. Industrial Assurance (Northern Ireland)	See 76	See 76	See 76	See 76	See 76	See 76
8. Capital Transfer Tax (NI Consequential Amendment)	22.3.79	22.3.79	20.7.79	-	17.7.79	16.7.79
9. Iron Casting Industry (Scientific Research Levy) (Amendment)	16.5.79	16.5.79.	28.6.79	Yes	26.6.79	28.6.79
10. Social Security Revaluation of Earnings Factors.	12.6.79	12.6.79	18.6.79	Yes	27.6.79	12.7.79
11. Carriage by Air Acts (Application of Provisions) (Second Amendment)	22.5.79	22.5.79	Mid-July	Yes	13.7.79	17.7.79
12. INTELSAT (Immunities and Privileges)	24.5.79	12.6.79	July Privy Council.	Yes	13.7.79	16.7.79
13. Oslo and Paris Commissions (Immunities and Privileges)	24.5.79	12.6.79.	July Privy Council	Yes	13.7.79	16.7.79
14. Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation)	25.6.79	25.6.79	July Privy Council	Yes	28.6.79	12.7.79
15. Lloyds (General Business)	12.6.79	12.6.79	End of July	Yes	26.7.79	17.7.79

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Title	Laid		Required	Joint S I' Committee	Approved	
	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
16. Northern Ireland Act 1974 (Interim Period Extension)	14.6.79	14.6.79	Early July	Yes	2.7.79	9.7.79
17. Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (Continuance)	14.6.79	14.6.79	Early July	Yes	2.7.79	9.7.79
18. Pneumoconiosis, Byssinosis and Miscellaneous Diseases Benefit (Amendment) Scheme	15.6.79	19.6.79	Summer recess	Yes	13.7.79	24.7.79
19. Customs Duty (Personal Reliefs) (No.1) Order 1975 (Amendment)	15.6.79	-	Summer recess	-	10.7.79	-
20. Air Navigation (Noise Certification)	20.6.79	20.6.79	July Privy Council	Yes	13.7.79	17.7.79
21. International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund (Immunities and Privileges)	21.6.79	12.6.79	July Privy Council	Yes	13.7.79	16.7.79
22. Assistance for House Purchase and Improvement (Variation of Subsidy)	27.6.79	-	18.7.79	-	13.7.79	-
23. St Vincent Termination of Association	27.6.79	27.6.79	July	-	5.7.79	9.7.79
24. Tattooing of Minors (Northern Ireland)	28.6.79	28.6.79	July Privy Council	-	17.7.79	19.7.79
25. Nursing Qualifications (EEC Recognition)	(2.7.79) 6.11.79	(2.7.79) 6.11.79	(Summer recess) 30.11.79.	Yes 13.11.79	(26.7.79) 23.11.79	(24.7.79) 22.11.79.
26. Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments Scheme) (Great Britain) (Amendment)	29.6.79	2.7.79	20.7.79	Yes	20.7.79	19.7.79
27. Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments Scheme) (Northern Ireland) (Amendment)	29.6.79	2.7.79	20.7.79	Yes	20.7.79	19.7.79

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	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
28. Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (Amendment)	2.7.79	2.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	25.7.79	24.7.79
29. Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1976 (Amendment)	2.7.79	2.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	25.7.79	24.7.79
30. Appropriation (No. 2) (Northern Ireland)	4.7.79	4.7.79	July Privy Council	-	23.7.79	24.7.79
31. Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Amendment.	18.7.79	18.7.79	Summer recess	-	19.7.79	26.7.79
32. Coal Industry (Borrowing Powers)	5.7.79	-	Summer recess	-	27.7.79	-
33. Coal Industry (Limit on Grants)	6.7.79	-	Summer recess	-	27.7.79	-
34. European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (ECSC Revision of 9 April 1979 on Supplementary Revenues)	5.7.79	5.7.79	20.7.79	Yes	20.7.79	19.7.79
35. Family Income Supplements (Computation)	4.7.79	4.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	27.7.79	23.7.79
36. Job Release Act 1977 (Continuation)	2.7.79	-	Summer recess	-	27.7.79	-
37. Social Security Benefits Up-rating	4.7.79	4.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	27.7.79	23.7.79
38. Supplementary Benefits (Determination of Requirements)	4.7.79	4.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	27.7.79	23.7.79

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Title	Laid		Required	Joint S I' Committee	Approved	
	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
39. Social Security (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit) Amendment.	5.7.79	5.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	19.7.79	24.7.79
40. Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances)(Amendment)	5.7.79	5.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	20.7.79	25.7.79
41. Ministerial and Other Salaries and Pensions Order	6.7.79	9.7.79	-	Yes	11.7.79	19.7.79
42. International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund (Immunities and Privileges)	9.7.79	9.7.79	-	Yes	13.7.79	16.7.79
43. Ministry of Overseas Development (Dissolution)	[9.7.79] 25.10.79	[9.7.79.] 25.10.79	After recess	31.10.79	30.10.79	6.11.79
44. Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Northern Ireland)	9.7.79	9.7.79	Summer recess	-	17.7.79	19.7.79
45. Asian Development Bank (Second Replenishment of the Asian Development Fund)	10.7.79	-	Summer recess	-	27.7.79	-
46. Inter-American Development Bank (Further Payments)	10.7.79	-	Summer recess	-	27.7.79	-
47. Caribbean Development Bank (Further Payments)	10.7.79	-	Summer recess	-	27.7.79	-
48. African Development Fund (Further Payments to Capital Stock)	10.7.79.	-	Summer recess	-	27.7.79	-
49. Hovercraft (Application of Enactments) (Amendment)	10.7.79	10.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	26.7.79.	25.7.79

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Title	Laid		Required	Joint S I' Committee	Approved	
	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
50. British Shipbuilders' Borrowing Powers (Increase of Limit)	10.7.79	-	Summer recess	-	25.7.79	-
51. European Communities (Iron and Steel Employees Re-adaptation Benefits Scheme)	11.7.79	11.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	25.7.79	23.7.79
52. Employment Protection (Handling of Redundancies) Variation	11.7.79	1.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	24.7.79	25.7.79
53. Unfair Dismissal (Variation of Qualifying Period)	11.7.79	1.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	24.7.79	25.7.79
54. Weights and Measures (Solid Fuel) (Carriage by Rail) (Amendment)	11.7.79.	11.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	27.7.79	23.7.79
55. Docks and Harbours (Rateable Values) (Scotland)	12.7.79	12.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	27.7.79	25.7.79
56. North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Compensation for Smelter Deficits) (No. 2)	12.7.79	-	Summer recess	-	27.7.79	-
57. Social Security (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit) (No. 2)	18.7.79	18.7.79	Summer recess	-	27.7.79	26.7.79
58. Undertaking by the Secretary of State for Scotland.	12.7.79	-	Summer recess	-	25.7.79	-
59. Southern Rhodesia (Immunity for Persons attending Meetings and Consultations)	13.7.79	30.10.79	28 sitting days	31.10.79	Expired	Expired

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Title	Laid		Required	Joint S I' Committee	Approved	
	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
60. Regional Development Grants (Variation of Prescribed Percentages)	24.7.79	25.7.79	Summer recess	-	25.7.79	26.7.79
61. British Railways Board (Borrowing Powers)	17.7.79	-	Summer recess	-	25.7.79	-
62. European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (International Wheat Agreement)	25.7.79		November Privy Council	23.10.79	1.11.79	30.10.79
63. Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 3)	26.7.79	26.7.79	2.11.79	23.10.79	2.11.79	30.10.79
64. Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (No. 2)	26.7.79	26.7.79	2.11.79	23.10.79	2.11.79	30.10.79
65. Plum Material and Clearance Grants Scheme.	31.7.79	31.7.79	19.11.79	23.10.79	2.11.79	30.10.79
66. Fruiting Plum Tree (Planting Grants) Scheme.	31.7.79	31.7.79	19.11.79	23.10.79	2.11.79	30.10.79
67. Customs Duties (ECSC) (Quota and Other Reliefs) (Revocation)	12.9.79.		16.11.79	-	8.11.79	
68. Family Income Supplements (Computation) (No. 2)	22.10.79	23.10.79	November	6.11.79	31.10.79	8.11.79
69. Social Security Benefits Up-rating (Amendment)	22.10.79	23.10.79	9.11.79	6.11.79	8.11.79	8.11.79
70. Social Security (Maximum Additional Component) Amendment	22.10.79	23.10.79	9.11.79	6.11.79	8.11.79	8.11.79
71. Social Security (Earnings-related Addition to Widows' Allowance) (Special Provisions)	22.10.79	23.10.79	9.11.79	6.11.79	8.11.79	8.11.79
72. Hosiery and Knitwear Industry (Scientific Research Levy) (Amendment)	23.10.79	(23.10.79)	By Christmas	31.10.79	Withdrawn	Withdrawn

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Title	Laid		Required	Joint S I' Committee	Approved	
	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
73. Administration of Estates (Northern Ireland)	23.10.79	23.10.79	By Christmas	-	16.11.79	15.11.79
74. Statutory Rules (Northern Ireland)	23.10.79.	23.10.79	By Christmas	-	16.11.79	1.11.79
75. Tax, Consumer Credit and Judicature (Northern Ireland Consequential Amendments)	23.10.79	23.10.79	By Christmas	6.11.79	16.11.79	15.11.79
76. Industrial Assurance (Northern Ireland)	4.4.79.	23.10.79	By Christmas	-	16.11.79	15.11.79
77. Highlands and Islands Development Board Area Extension	23.10.79	23.10.79	1.12.79	6.11.79	8.11.79	15.11.79
78. Employment Subsidies Act 1978 (Renewal) (Great Britain)	23.10.79	-	9 - 23.10.79.	-	16.11.79	-
79. Milk (Extension of Period of Control of Maximum Prices)	25.10.79	25.10.79	13.12.79	31.10.79	23.11.79	22.11.79
80. Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland)	30.10.79	30.10.79	By Christmas	-	16.11.79	15.11.79
81. Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2)	1.11.79	1.11.79	Quickly	13.11.79	23.11.79	15.11.79
82. Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 4)	1.11.79	1.11.79	Quickly	13.11.79	23.11.79	15.11.79
83. Southern Rhodesia (Immunity for Persons attending Meetings and Consultations (No. 2)	31.10.79	31.10.79	28 sitting days	6.11.79		
84. Mineral Exploration (Northern Ireland)	6.11.79	6.11.79	By Christmas		11.12.79	12.12.79
85. Gas Hereditaments (Rateable Values) (Amendment)	6.11.79	6.11.79	End November	13.11.79	23.11.79	22.11.79
86. Housing Corporation Advances (Increase of Limit)	6.11.79	-	3.12.79	-	23.11.79	-
87. Appropriation (No. 3) (Northern Ireland)	8.11.79	8.11.79	End November		11.12.79	12.12.79.

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Title	Laid		Required	Joint S I' Committee	Approved	
	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
88. Building Regulations (Northern Ireland).	9.11.79	13.11.79.	-	-	16.11.79	12.12.79
89. Building Societies (Special Advances)	14.11.79	14.11.79	By Christmas		30.11.79	27.11.79
90. Southern Rhodesia (Expiring Orders) (Consequential Provisions)	15.11.79	15.11.79	28 sitting days			
91. Hosiery and Knitwear Industry (Scientific Research Levy) (Amendment)	19.11.79	20.11.79	By Christmas	11.12.79		
92. Unfair Dismissal (Increase of Compensation Limit).	19.11.79	20.11.79	By 14.12.79.		13.12.79	27.11.79
93. Employment Protection (Variation of Limits).	19.11.79	20.11.79	By 14.12.79.		13.12.79	27.11.79
94. Representation of the People (Scotland) Amendment.	21.11.79	21.11.79	By Christmas		13.12.79	
95. Perjury (Northern Ireland)	21.11.79	21.11.79	By Christmas		11.12.79	12.12.79
96. Control of Food Premises (Northern Ireland)	22.11.79	22.11.79	By Christmas		11.12.79	12.12.79
97. Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement)(Grants)(Variation)	22.11.79	22.11.79	By Christmas			4.12.79
98. Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances)	22.11.79	22.11.79	By Christmas	4.12.79		
99. Representation of the People (Amendment)	22.11.79	22.11.79	By Christmas		13.12.79	6.12.79
100. Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits)	22.11.79		By Christmas			
101. Social Security (Contributions, Rerating).	22.11.79	22.11.79	By Christmas	-	13.12.79	4.12.79.

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Title	Laid		Required	Joint S I' Committee	Approved	
	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
102. Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment)	27.11.79	27.11.79	By Christmas	4.12.79	11.12.79	6.12.79
103. Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (Continuance) (No. 2)	28.11.79	28.11.79	By Christmas	4.12.79	11.12.79	12.12.79
104. Rate Support Grant	28.11.79		As soon as possible			
105. Rate Support Grant (Increase)	28.11.79.		As soon as possible			
106. Rate Support Grant (Increase) (No. 2)	28.11.79.		As soon as possible			
107. Rate Support Grant (Scotland)	28.11.79.		As soon as possible			
108. Social Security (Contributions, Re-rating) (No. 2)	28.11.79	28.11.79.	By 20.12.79.	4.12.79.	13.12.79	18.12.79
109. Cinematograph Films (Distribution of Levy) (Amendment)	29.11.79	29.11.79.	By Christmas	4.12.79		13.12.79.
110. Cinematograph Films (Collection of Levy) (Amendment No. 7)	29.11.79.	29.11.79	By Christmas	4.12.79.		13.12.79
111. Dangerous Substance and Preparations (Safety)	29.11.79.	29.11.79.	By Christmas			13.12.79.
112. Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Milk)	29.11.79.	29.11.79.	By Christmas	4.12.79.		13.12.79.
113. Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Solid Fuel)	29.11.79.	29.11.79.	By Christmas	4.12.79.		13.12.79.
114. Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances)	29.11.79	29.11.79.	By Christmas			18.12.79
115. Passenger and Goods Vehicles (Recording Equipment)	29.11.79.	29.11.79.	By Christmas	4.12.79.	19.12.79	
116. Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Variation.	30.11.79.		As soon as possible			

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Title	Laid		Required	Joint S I' Committee	Approved	
	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
117. Housing Support Grant (Scotland) (No. 2)	30.11.79.		As soon as possible			
118. Value-Added Tax (International Services) (No. 2)	3.12.79.		By Christmas			
119. Southern Rhodesia Constitution (Interim Provisions)	4.12.79.	4.12.79.	As soon as possible	11.12.79	12.12.79	
120. Common Agricultural Policy (Agricultural Produce) (Protection of Community Arrangements) (Amendment)	5.12.79.	5.12.79.	By 28.1.80	11.12.79		
121. European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Multilateral Trade Negotiations).	5.12.79.	5.12.79.	As soon as possible		10.12.79.	18.12.79
122. Upholstered Furniture (Safety)	5.12.79.	5.12.79.	By Christmas	11.12.79		18.12.79
123. Water Charges Equalisation.	7.12.79.		By Christmas		17.12.79	
124. Pneumoconiosis Etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims)	5.12.79.	5.12.79.	By Christmas	11.12.79	17.12.79	18.12.79
125. Southern Rhodesia (Legal Proceedings and Public Liabilities)	7.12.79.			11.12.79		17.12.79
126. Theatres (Northern Ireland)	11.12.79					
127. Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Amendment.	10.12.79					
128. Aviation Security Fund (Second Amendment)	12.12.79.					

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14 December 1979

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Cabinet Minutes CC(79) 25th, item 1, recorded that the Rate Support Grant (Increase) Orders should be debated in the House of Commons the following week, probably on Thursday 20 December. This change to the business proposed for the week of 17 December entailed deferring the remaining stages of the Protection of Trading Interests Bill until after the Christmas recess.

It was necessary, of course, to mention this change to the official Opposition. They raised no specific objection to proceeding with the Rate Support Grant Orders, but they saw no merit in debating them separately from the main RSG Orders, and they requested, very firmly, that as the business was being changed, time should be found for a full day's debate on RSG matters by deferring one of the Second Reading debates arranged for the week of 17 December. In view of this development the Chief Whip thought it right to seek confirmation from the Department of the Environment that there was absolutely no doubt about the need for the Increase Orders to be debated before the recess. The Secretary of State's Private Office gave an assurance that provided the main RSG Orders and the Increase Orders were debated in the week of 14 January, then the arrangements which DOE had negotiated with the Treasury would ensure that local authorities did not run out of funds before then. The Secretary of State's letter of 13 December to the Chief Whip confirms this.

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But for this misunderstanding about the degree of priority to be accorded to the RSG (Increase) Orders, the Chancellor of the Duchy and the Chief Whip had no reason to suppose that Cabinet would not have accepted the business originally proposed. Given that there was no need to debate the Increase Orders before Christmas, the request

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from the Opposition and the awkwardness in splitting the RSG debate - and the difficulties in justifying this on the floor of the House - it was thought best to proceed with the business on the basis of completing the Protection of Trade Interests Bill on Thursday 20 December and taking RSG matters in the week of 14 January.

I am copying this to the Private Secretaries to the Secretaries of State for Environment, Scotland and Wales, the Chief Secretary, the Chief Whip and Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours ever
John Stevens

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the debate - and the difficulties in justifying
this on the floor of the House - it was thought best
to proceed with the business on the basis of completing
the protection of Trade Interests Bill on Thursday 20
December and taking HSC matters in the week of 24
January.

I am certain that the private Secretary to the
Secretary of State for Environment, Scotland and
Wales, the Civil Secretary, the Chief Whip and his
deputy Secretary.

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My ref:

Your ref:

13 December 1979

Dear Sir

As you know, on my way to Cabinet this morning I was contacted by the Association of Metropolitan Authorities who had heard that there was a possibility of the Rate Support Grant Increase Orders being deferred until after Christmas. I was told that this would produce serious cash flow problems necessitating expensive borrowings in the markets. At Cabinet I therefore asked about bringing forward the debate on the Increase Orders only to next week.

I am writing now to confirm, as my office has told yours, that we have been able to devise a method whereby local authorities will be paid the amounts they would have received under the Increase Orders by bringing forward payments under the current main Order. We can do this because there is still sufficient money available which has already been voted by Parliament. My Department was able to confirm with the Treasury earlier this afternoon that we can adopt this solution.

I am sorry for the inconvenience this caused you and your office this morning but I am glad we have been able to find a way out which should be satisfactory to all sides. It is of course imperative that we now have the debate on the Orders as early as possible after the House resumes.

I am copying this to the Prime Minister, the Leader of the House, the Chief Secretary, the Secretaries of State for Scotland and Wales and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours ever

MICHAEL HESELTINE



Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster

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10 December 1979

Dr. Nichol.

Thank you for your letter of 29 November about the timing of the debate on the RSG Orders.

I do understand your keenness to have a debate before Christmas, but I am afraid I cannot yet give you any assurance on this. I am not myself in favour of a debate after 10.00 pm on this subject, which I fear would antagonise the Opposition unduly. If we may wait for a few days to see, for instance, how things develop on the Rhodesia Bill, we might then have a better idea of how we could fit in a debate on the RSG Orders. At all events I would hope to be able to give you time very shortly after the House reassembles.

I am copying this letter to the recipients of yours.

John & Nichol.

The Rt Hon Michael Heseltine MP
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10 December 1979

Mr David

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY LEGISLATION

Thank you for your letter of 3 December about the effect of the congestion of Parliamentary business before Christmas on Department of Energy bills.

As I understand the position, none of your three Bills for this Session is yet ready for introduction or is likely to be in the next few weeks. This is because Parliamentary Counsel has not been able to start work on any of them as he has not yet received any instructions. I know that you have only recently obtained policy agreement to your proposals for the coal industry, and that there are outstanding policy questions on the Petroleum and Submarine Pipelines (Amendment) Bill which have so far prevented you from asking me for drafting authority; but the major provisions of the Energy Conservation Bill were approved by E(EA) Committee in July and I gave drafting authority on 19 September. The importance of getting bills ready in good time has been stressed on many occasions, and any serious delay from now on must inevitably make their passage more doubtful. I will of course do my best to provide time for all three of your bills when you have brought them to Legislation Committee, but the sooner you can do that the more certain we can be. I therefore hope you will ensure that instructions on the Coal Industry and Energy Conservation Bills are sent to Counsel as quickly as possible, and that the outstanding policy points on the Coal Industry and the Submarine Pipelines Bills can be resolved very soon.

I am copying this letter to our Cabinet colleagues, the Chief Whip, and to First Parliamentary Counsel and Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours etc

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GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION

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(i) Awaiting Second Reading

- ∅ Child Care (L)
- Consular Fees
- Employment
- ∅ Foster Children (L)
- Health Services
- Highlands and Islands Air Services (Scotland)
- Insurance Companies (L)
- Law Reform (Misc Prov) (Scotland) (L)
- Petroleum Revenue Tax
- ∅ Residential Homes (L)
- Social Security
- Tenants' Rights, Etc, (Scotland)
- Zimbabwe

(ii) Standing Committee

- British Aerospace
- Civil Aviation
- Companies (L)
- Competition
- Education (No.2)
- Industry
- Limitation (Amendment) (L)
- National Heritage
- Transport

(iii) Report and Third Reading

- Bees
- Protection of Trading Interests

(iv) Orders and Regulations

	Date Laid	Whether Controversial	Date Required
Appropriation (No.3) (NI)	8/11	Yes	For debate, 11/12
Cinematograph Films (Collection of Levy)	29/11	No	By Xmas
Cinematograph Films (Distribution of Levy)	29/11	No	By Xmas
Common Agricultural Policy	5/12	No	By 28/1

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(iv) <u>Orders and Regulations</u>	<u>Date Laid</u>	<u>Whether Controversial</u>	<u>Date Required</u>
Control of Food Premises (NI)	22/11	No	For debate, 11/12
Dangerous Substances and Preparations	29/11	No	By Xmas
* Employment Protection	19/11	Yes	By 14/12
European Communities (Definition of Treaties)	5/12	Maybe	For debate, 10/12
* Fishing Vessels	22/11	No	By Xmas
* Hill Livestock	29/11	No	By Xmas
* Hosiery and Knitwear Industry	19/11	No	By Xmas
Housing Support Grant (Scotland) (No.2)	30/11	No	a.s.a.p.
Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Variation	30/11	No	a.s.a.p.
Mineral Exploration (NI)	6/11	No	For debate, 11/12
Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions)	28/11	Yes	For debate, 11/12
Passenger and Goods Vehicles	29/11	Yes	By Xmas
Perjury (NI)	21/11	No	For debate, 11/12
Pneumoconiosis, Etc.	5/12	No	By Xmas
Rate Support Grant	28/11	No	a.s.a.p.
Rate Support Grant (Increase)	28/11	No	a.s.a.p.
Rate Support Grant (Increase) (No.2)	28/11	No	a.s.a.p.
Rate Support Grant (Scotland)	28/11	No	a.s.a.p.
Representation of the People	22/11	No	For debate, 13/12
Representation of the People (NI)	27/11	No	For debate, 11/12
Representation of the People (Scotland)	21/11	No	For debate, 13/12
* Sea Fish Industry Act 1970	22/11	No	By Xmas
Social Security (Contributions, Re-rating)	22/11	Maybe	For debate, 13/12
* Social Security (Contributions, Re-rating) (No.2)	28/11	Maybe	By 20/12
Southern Rhodesia Constitution	4/12	Maybe	For debate, 12/12
Southern Rhodesia (Expiring Orders)	15/11	Maybe	Within 28 days of 15/11
* Unfair Dismissal	19/11	No	By 14/12
Upholstered Furniture	5/12	No	By Xmas
VAT (International Services)	3/12	No	By Xmas
Water Charges Equalisation	5/12	Maybe	By Xmas
Weights and Measures (Milk)	29/11	No	By Xmas
Weights and Measures (Solid Fuel)	29/11	No	By Xmas

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Bail Etc (Scotland)

European Communities (Greek Accession)

Isle of Man

Papua New Guinea

∅ Reserve Forces (L)

Shipbuilding

∅ Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) (L)

∅ Consolidation

Bills placed upon Statute Book (10)

Appropriation (No.2) 1979

Charging Orders 1979

Education 1979

European Assembly (Pay and Pensions) 1979

Finance (No.2) 1979

Justices of the Peace 1979

Kiribati 1979

Pensioners' Payments and Social Security 1979

Sale of Goods 1979

Southern Rhodesia 1979



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PUBLIC BILLS 1979/80 SESSION

(Essential Bills marked *)

7 December 1979

	Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
1.	Education (July 1979)	16.5.79	Commons 17.5.79	19.6.79	S.C.A. 28.6.79 - 5.7.79	12.7.79	16.7.79	Lords 17.7.79	17.7.79	19.7.79	24.7.79	24.7.79	-	26.7.79
2.	Kiribati* (July 1979)	16.5.79.	Commons 17.5.79	24.5.79	11.6.79	11.6.79	11.6.79	Lords 12.6.79	14.6.79	19.6.79	19.6.79	19.6.79	-	19.6.79
3.	European* Assembly (Pay and Pensions) (July 1979)	23.5.79.	Commons 24.5.79	22.6.79	16.7.79	16.7.79	16.7.79	Lords 17.7.79	23.7.79	-	-	26.7.79	-	26.7.79
4.	Coal Industry* (Finance) (March 1980)	December												
5.	Energy, Efficiency and Safety, Etc.* (July 1981)	January												
6.	Wildlife and Countryside* (April 1981)	January												
7.	New Towns Money*	Transferred to Local Government Planning and Land (Bill 25)												
8.	European Communities (Greek Accession)* (March 1980)	16.10.79	Commons 23.10.79.	30.10.79.	14.11.79	14.11.79	14.11.79	Lords 15.11.79	27.11.79	11.12.79.				

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Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
17. International Military Services (Financial Provision)	January												
18. National Heritage (March 1980)	20.11.79	Commons 21.11.79	3.12.79	S.C.F.									
19. Education (No. 2) (March 1980)	24.10.79	Commons 25.10.79	5.11.79	S.C.D. 13.11.79 -									
20. Employment	5.12.79	Commons 6.12.79	17.12.79										
21. Employment Protection Acts (Amendment)	INCORPORATED IN TRADE UNION BILL												
22. Petroleum and Submarine Pipelines Act (Amendment)	January												
23. Offshore Installations	WITHDRAWN												

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(Essential Bills marked *)

Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
39. Limitation Amendment	13.6.79	Lords 14.6.79	25.6.79	16.7.79	23.7.79	26.7.79	Commons 26.7.79	26.10.79	S.C.H.				
40. Charging Orders	13.6.79	Lords 14.6.79	2.7.79	19.7.79	23.7.79	26.7.79	Commons 26.7.79	26.10.79	S.C.D 6.11.79	20.11.79	20.11.79	21.11.79 27.11.79	
41. Competition	11.7.79	Commons 12.7.79	(23.7.79) 23.10.79	S.C.B. 30.10.79 -									
42. Protection of Trading Interests (December 1979)	24.10.79	Commons 31.10.79	15.11.79	S.C.F. 4.12.79 -									
43. Transport (June 1980)	14.11.79	Commons 15.11.79	27.11.79	S.C.H. 11.12.79 -									
44. Civil Aviation	24.10.79	Commons 31.10.79	19.11.79	S.C.B.									
45. Merchant Shipping Liner Conferences	WITHDRAWN												
46. Southern Rhodesia (November 1979)	31.10.79	Commons 7.11.79	8.11.79	8.11.79 - 12.11.79	12.11.79	12.11.79	Lords 13.11.79	13.11.79	13.11.79	13.11.79	13.11.79	-	14.11.79
47. Zimbabwe	27.11.79	Commons 6.12.79	12.12.79	12.12.79	12.12.79	12.12.79							

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Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
48. Petroleum Revenue Tax	27.11.79	Commons 5.12.79	10.12.79										
49. New Hebrides Independence	January												

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Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
1. Bail, etc. (Scotland)	13.6.79	Commons 14.6.79	Grand Committee 26.6.79	First Scottish 10.7.79 - 12.7.79	25.10.79	25.10.79	Lords 30.10.79	6.11.79	20.11.79	6.12.79			
2. Tenants' Rights Etc. (Scotland)	27.11.79	Commons 5.12.79											
3. Criminal Justice (Scotland)	December												
4. Blind Persons (Optical Charges) (Scotland)	Transferred to Health Services (Miscellaneous Provisions)												
5. Highlands and Islands Air Services (Scotland)	5.12.79	Commons 6.12.79											
6. Valuation and Rating (Scotland)	Transferred to Local Government, Planning and Land												

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Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
7. Remuneration of Teaching Staff (Scotland)	December												
8. Civic Govern- ment (Scotland)	January												
9. Matrimonial Homes (Rights of Occupancy) (Scotland)	February												
10. Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland)	13.6.79	Lords 14.6.79	3.7.79	17.7.79	23.10.79	1.11.79	Commons 1.11.79	Grand 4.12.79					

FINANCE BILLS

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Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
1. Finance (No.2)	-	Commons 18.6.79.	27.6.79.	3.7.79 - 10.7.79	18.7.79	18.7.79	Lords 19.7.79	24.7.79	-	-	24.7.79	-	26.7.79
2. Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) (No. 2)	-	Commons 17.7.79.	26.7.79	26.7.79	26.7.79	26.7.79	Lords 27.7.79	27.7.79	-	-	27.7.79	-	27.7.79

Title	Laid		Required	Joint S I' Committee	Approved	
	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
1. Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance)	20.3.79.	20.3.79.	29.6.79.	Yes	27.6.79	24.5.79.
2. Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) (NI)	22.3.79.	22.3.79.	20.7.79	-	17.7.79	16.7.79
3. Scotland Act 1978 (Repeal)	22.3.79.	22.3.79.		Yes	20.6.79	28.6.79
4. Wales Act 1978 (Repeal)	22.3.79.	22.3.79.	Summer recess	Yes	26.6.79	5.7.79
5. Industrial Training Levy (Engineering)	28.3.79.	28.3.79.	End of June	Yes	27.6.79	12.6.79
6. Firearms (Amendment) (Northern Ireland)	3.7.79	3.7.79	20.7.79	-	23.7.79	19.7.79
7. Industrial Assurance (Northern Ireland)	See 76	See 76	See 76	See 76	See 76	See 76
8. Capital Transfer Tax (NI Consequential Amendment)	22.3.79	22.3.79	20.7.79	-	17.7.79	16.7.79
9. Iron Casting Industry (Scientific Research Levy) (Amendment)	16.5.79	16.5.79.	28.6.79	Yes	26.6.79	28.6.79
10. Social Security Revaluation of Earnings Factors.	12.6.79	12.6.79	18.6.79	Yes	27.6.79	12.7.79
11. Carriage by Air Acts (Application of Provisions) (Second Amendment)	22.5.79	22.5.79	Mid-July	Yes	13.7.79	17.7.79
12. INTELSAT (Immunities and Privileges)	24.5.79	12.6.79	July Privy Council.	Yes	13.7.79	16.7.79
13. Oslo and Paris Commissions (Immunities and Privileges)	24.5.79	12.6.79.	July Privy Council	Yes	13.7.79	16.7.79
14. Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation)	25.6.79	25.6.79	July Privy Council	Yes	28.6.79	12.7.79
15. Lloyds (General Business)	12.6.79	12.6.79	End of July	Yes	26.7.79	17.7.79

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	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
16. Northern Ireland Act 1974 (Interim Period Extension)	14.6.79	14.6.79	Early July	Yes	2.7.79	9.7.79
17. Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (Continuance)	14.6.79	14.6.79	Early July	Yes	2.7.79	9.7.79
18. Pneumoconiosis, Byssinosis and Miscellaneous Diseases Benefit (Amendment) Scheme)	15.6.79	19.6.79	Summer recess	Yes	13.7.79	24.7.79
19. Customs Duty (Personal Reliefs) (No.1) Order 1975 (Amendment)	15.6.79	-	Summer recess	-	10.7.79	-
20. Air Navigation (Noise Certification)	20.6.79	20.6.79	July Privy Council	Yes	13.7.79	17.7.79
21. International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund (Immunities and Privileges)	21.6.79	12.6.79	July Privy Council	Yes	13.7.79	16.7.79
22. Assistance for House Purchase and Improvement (Variation of Subsidy)	27.6.79	-	18.7.79	-	13.7.79	-
23. St Vincent Termination of Association	27.6.79	27.6.79	July	-	5.7.79	9.7.79
24. Tattooing of Minors (Northern Ireland)	28.6.79	28.6.79	July Privy Council	-	17.7.79	19.7.79
25. Nursing Qualifications (EEC Recognition)	(2.7.79) 6.11.79	(2.7.79) 6.11.79	(Summer recess) 30.11.79.	Yes 13.11.79	(26.7.79) 23.11.79	(24.7.79) 22.11.79.
26. Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments Scheme) (Great Britain) (Amendment)	29.6.79	2.7.79	20.7.79	Yes	20.7.79	19.7.79
27. Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments Scheme) (Northern Ireland) (Amendment)	29.6.79	2.7.79	20.7.79	Yes	20.7.79	19.7.79

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Title	Laid		Required	Joint S I' Committee	Approved	
	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
28. Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (Amendment)	2.7.79	2.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	25.7.79	24.7.79
29. Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1976 (Amendment)	2.7.79	2.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	25.7.79	24.7.79
30. Appropriation (No. 2) (Northern Ireland)	4.7.79	4.7.79	July Privy Council	-	23.7.79	24.7.79
31. Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Amendment.	18.7.79	18.7.79	Summer recess	-	19.7.79	26.7.79
32. Coal Industry (Borrowing Powers)	5.7.79	-	Summer recess	-	27.7.79	-
33. Coal Industry (Limit on Grants)	6.7.79	-	Summer recess	-	27.7.79	-
34. European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (ECSC Revision of 9 April 1979 on Supplementary Revenues)	5.7.79	5.7.79	20.7.79	Yes	20.7.79.	19.7.79
35. Family Income Supplements (Computation)	4.7.79	4.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	27.7.79	23.7.79
36. Job Release Act 1977 (Continuation)	2.7.79	-	Summer recess	-	27.7.79	-
37. Social Security Benefits Up-rating	4.7.79	4.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	27.7.79	23.7.79
38. Supplementary Benefits (Determination of Requirements)	4.7.79	4.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	27.7.79	23.7.79

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Title	Laid		Required	Joint S I' Committee	Approved	
	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
39. Social Security (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit) Amendment.	5.7.79	5.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	19.7.79	24.7.79
40. Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) (Amendment)	5.7.79	5.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	20.7.79	25.7.79
41. Ministerial and Other Salaries and Pensions Order	6.7.79	9.7.79	-	Yes	11.7.79	19.7.79
42. International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund (Immunities and Privileges)	9.7.79	9.7.79	-	Yes	13.7.79	16.7.79
43. Ministry of Overseas Development (Dissolution)	[9.7.79] 25.10.79	[9.7.79] 25.10.79	After recess	31.10.79	30.10.79	6.11.79
44. Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Northern Ireland)	9.7.79	9.7.79	Summer recess	-	17.7.79	19.7.79
45. Asian Development Bank (Second Replenishment of the Asian Development Fund)	10.7.79	-	Summer recess	-	27.7.79	-
46. Inter-American Development Bank (Further Payments)	10.7.79	-	Summer recess	-	27.7.79	-
47. Caribbean Development Bank (Further Payments)	10.7.79	-	Summer recess	-	27.7.79	-
48. African Development Fund (Further Payments to Capital Stock)	10.7.79.	-	Summer recess	-	27.7.79	-
49. Hovercraft (Application of Enactments) (Amendment)	10.7.79	10.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	26.7.79.	25.7.79

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Title	Laid		Required	Joint S I' Committee	Approved	
	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
50. British Shipbuilders' Borrowing Powers (Increase of Limit)	10.7.79	-	Summer recess	-	25.7.79	-
51. European Communities (Iron and Steel Employees Re-adaptation Benefits Scheme)	11.7.79	11.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	25.7.79	23.7.79
52. Employment Protection (Handling of Redundancies) Variation	11.7.79	1.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	24.7.79	25.7.79
53. Unfair Dismissal (Variation of Qualifying Period)	11.7.79	1.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	24.7.79	25.7.79
54. Weights and Measures (Solid Fuel) (Carriage by Rail) (Amendment)	11.7.79.	11.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	27.7.79	23.7.79
55. Docks and Harbours (Rateable Values) (Scotland)	12.7.79	12.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	27.7.79	25.7.79
56. North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Compensation for Smelter Deficits) (No. 2)	12.7.79	-	Summer recess	-	27.7.79	-
57. Social Security (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit) (No. 2)	18.7.79	18.7.79	Summer recess	-	27.7.79	26.7.79
58. Undertaking by the Secretary of State for Scotland.	12.7.79	-	Summer recess	-	25.7.79	-
59. Southern Rhodesia (Immunity for Persons attending Meetings and Consultations)	13.7.79	30.10.79	28 sitting days	31.10.79	Expired	Expired

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Title	Laid		Required	Joint S I' Committee	Approved	
	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
60. Regional Development Grants (Variation of Prescribed Percentages)	24.7.79	25.7.79	Summer recess	-	25.7.79	26.7.79
61. British Railways Board (Borrowing Powers)	17.7.79	-	Summer recess	-	25.7.79	-
62. European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (International Wheat Agreement)	25.7.79		November Privy Council	23.10.79	1.11.79	30.10.79
63. Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 3)	26.7.79	26.7.79	2.11.79	23.10.79	2.11.79	30.10.79
64. Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (No. 2)	26.7.79	26.7.79	2.11.79	23.10.79	2.11.79	30.10.79
65. Plum Material and Clearance Grants Scheme.	31.7.79	31.7.79	19.11.79	23.10.79	2.11.79	30.10.79
66. Fruiting Plum Tree (Planting Grants) Scheme.	31.7.79	31.7.79	19.11.79	23.10.79	2.11.79	30.10.79
67. Customs Duties (ECSC) (Quota and Other Reliefs) (Revocation)	12.9.79.		16.11.79	-	8.11.79	
68. Family Income Supplements (Computation) (No. 2)	22.10.79	23.10.79	November	6.11.79	31.10.79	8.11.79
69. Social Security Benefits Uprating (Amendment)	22.10.79	23.10.79	9.11.79	6.11.79	8.11.79	8.11.79
70. Social Security (Maximum Additional Component) Amendment	22.10.79	23.10.79	9.11.79	6.11.79	8.11.79	8.11.79
71. Social Security (Earnings-related Addition to Widows' Allowance) (Special Provisions)	22.10.79	23.10.79	9.11.79	6.11.79	8.11.79	8.11.79
72. Hosiery and Knitwear Industry (Scientific Research Levy) (Amendment)	23.10.79	(23.10.79)	By Christmas	31.10.79	Withdrawn	Withdrawn

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Title	Laid		Required	Joint S I' Committee	Approved	
	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
73. Administration of Estates (Northern Ireland)	23.10.79	23.10.79	By Christmas	-	16.11.79	15.11.79
74. Statutory Rules (Northern Ireland)	23.10.79.	23.10.79	By Christmas	-	16.11.79	1.11.79
75. Tax, Consumer Credit and Judicature (Northern Ireland Consequential Amendments)	23.10.79	23.10.79	By Christmas	6.11.79	16.11.79	15.11.79
76. Industrial Assurance (Northern Ireland)	4.4.79.	23.10.79	By Christmas	-	16.11.79	15.11.79
77. Highlands and Islands Development Board Area Extension	23.10.79	23.10.79	1.12.79	6.11.79	8.11.79	15.11.79
78. Employment Subsidies Act 1978 (Renewal) (Great Britain)	23.10.79	-	9 - 23.10.79.	-	16.11.79	-
79. Milk (Extension of Period of Control of Maximum Prices)	25.10.79	25.10.79	13.12.79	31.10.79	23.11.79	22.11.79
80. Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland)	30.10.79	30.10.79	By Christmas	-	16.11.79	15.11.79
81. Legal Aid (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 2)	1.11.79	1.11.79	Quickly	13.11.79	23.11.79	15.11.79
82. Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Financial Conditions) (No. 4)	1.11.79	1.11.79	Quickly	13.11.79	23.11.79	15.11.79
83. Southern Rhodesia (Immunity for Persons attending Meetings and Consultations (No. 2)	31.10.79	31.10.79	28 sitting days	6.11.79		
84. Mineral Exploration (Northern Ireland)	6.11.79	6.11.79	By Christmas		11.12.79	12.12.79
85. Gas Hereditaments (Rateable Values) (Amendment)	6.11.79	6.11.79	End November	13.11.79	23.11.79	22.11.79
86. Housing Corporation Advances (Increase of Limit)	6.11.79	-	3.12.79	-	23.11.79	-
87. Appropriation (No. 3) (Northern Ireland)	8.11.79	8.11.79	End November		11.12.79	12.12.79.

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Title	Laid		Required	Joint S I' Committee	Approved	
	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
88. Building Regulations (Northern Ireland).	9.11.79	13.11.79.	—	—	16.11.79	12.12.79
89. Building Societies (Special Advances)	14.11.79	14.11.79	By Christmas		30.11.79	27.11.79
90. Southern Rhodesia (Expiring Orders) (Consequential Provisions)	15.11.79	15.11.79	28 sitting days			
91. Hosiery and Knitwear Industry (Scientific Research Levy) (Amendment)	19.11.79	20.11.79	By Christmas			
92. Unfair Dismissal (Increase of Compensation Limit).	19.11.79	20.11.79	By 14.12.79.			27.11.79
93. Employment Protection (Variation of Limits).	19.11.79	20.11.79	By 14.12.79.			27.11.79
94. Representation of the People (Scotland) Amendment.	21.11.79	21.11.79	By Christmas			
95. Perjury (Northern Ireland)	21.11.79	21.11.79	By Christmas		11.12.79	12.12.79
96. Control of Food Premises (Northern Ireland)	22.11.79	22.11.79	By Christmas		11.12.79	12.12.79
97. Fishing Vessels (Acquisition and Improvement)(Grants)(Variation)	22.11.79	22.11.79	By Christmas			4.12.79
98. Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances)	22.11.79	22.11.79	By Christmas	4.12.79		
99. Representation of the People (Amendment)	22.11.79	22.11.79	By Christmas		13.12.79	6.12.79
100. Sea Fish Industry Act 1970 (Relaxation of Time Limits)	22.11.79		By Christmas			
101. Social Security (Contributions, Rerating).	22.11.79	22.11.79	By Christmas	—	13.12.79	4.12.79.

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	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
102. Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment)	27.11.79	27.11.79	By Christmas	4.12.79	11.12.79	6.12.79
103. Northern Ireland (Emergency Pro- visions) Act 1978 (Continuance) (No. 2)	28.11.79	28.11.79	By Christmas	4.12.79	11.12.79	12.12.79
104. Rate Support Grant	28.11.79		As soon as possible			
105. Rate Support Grant (Increase)	28.11.79.		As soon as possible			
106. Rate Support Grant (Increase) (No. 2)	28.11.79.		As soon as possible			
107. Rate Support Grant (Scotland)	28.11.79.		As soon as possible			
108. Social Security (Contributions, Re-rating) (No. 2)	28.11.79	28.11.79.	By 20.12.79.	4.12.79.		
109. Cinematograph Films (Distribution of Levy) (Amendment)	29.11.79	29.11.79.	By Christmas	4.12.79		13.12.79.
110. Cinematograph Films (Collection of Levy) (Amendment No. 7)	29.11.79.	29.11.79	By Christmas	4.12.79.		13.12.79
111. Dangerous Substance and Preparations (Safety)	29.11.79.	29.11.79.	By Christmas			13.12.79.
112. Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Milk)	29.11.79.	29.11.79.	By Christmas	4.12.79.		13.12.79.
113. Weights and Measures Act 1963 (Solid Fuel)	29.11.79.	29.11.79.	By Christmas	4.12.79.		13.12.79.
114. Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances)	29.11.79	29.11.79.	By Christmas			
115. Passenger and Goods Vehicles (Recording Equipment)	29.11.79.	29.11.79.	By Christmas	4.12.79.		
116. Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Variation.	30.11.79.					

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Title	Laid		Required	Joint S I' Committee	Approved	
	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
117. Housing Support Grant (Scotland) (No. 2)	30.11.79.					
118. Value-Added Tax (International Services) (No. 2)	3.12.79.					
119. Southern Rhodesia Constitution (Interim Provisions)	4.12.79.	4.12.79.				
120. Common Agricultural Policy (Agricultural Produce) (Protection of Community Arrangements) (Amendment)	5.12.79.	5.12.79.				
121. European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Multilateral Trade Negotiations).	5.12.79.	5.12.79.			10.12.79.	
122. Upholstered Furniture (Safety)	5.12.79.	5.12.79.				
123. Water Charges Equalisation.	5.12.79.					
124. Pneumoconiosis Etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims)	5.12.79.	5.12.79.				



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POLICE NEGOTIATING BOARD BILL

As you will know, it has been agreed that this Bill should be introduced in the House of Lords next week.

I should be grateful if arrangements could be made for the Bill to be introduced in the House of Lords on Tuesday, 11th December and to be published the following day.

I should be grateful if you could arrange for 40 copies of the Bill to be available in the Printed Paper Office addressed to Lord Belstead after publication.

I am sending copies of this letter to Nick Sanders (Prime Minister's Office) John Lyon (Cabinet Office) John Stevens (Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster's Office) Charles Cumming-Bruce (Government Whips' Office, House of Lords), Murdo Maclean (Chief Whips' Office, House of Commons) and Brian Shillito.

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

5 December 1979

Dear John

Local Government, Planning and Land Bill

The Prime Minister has seen the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster's minute to her of 4 December. She is content that he and the Chief Whip should proceed as suggested in that minute.

No doubt the Chancellor of the Duchy will wish to report the results of his consultations at Cabinet tomorrow.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to the other members of Cabinet including the Minister for Transport and to Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office) and Martin Vile (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever

Nick Sanders

John Stevens, Esq.,
Office of the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

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PRIME MINISTER

Parliamentary Affairs

The Chancellor of the Duchy will want to report to Cabinet on his negotiations over the Local Government, Planning and Land Bill.

There are bids for statements next week on Bingham, Rhodesian amnesties, the third London airport, the Agriculture Council and Post Office democracy. I see no need to discuss the timetable at Cabinet; but we will ask the Chancellor of the Duchy to let us have a recommended sequence before the weekend.

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5 December 1979



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NOTE OF A MEETING BETWEEN THE CHANCELLOR OF THE DUCHY OF LANCASTER AND MR MICHAEL FOOT IN ROOM 4, HOUSE OF COMMONS, AT 9.45 P.M. 5 DECEMBER 1979

The Local Government, Planning and Land Bill

The Chancellor of the Duchy said that the Cabinet would discuss on Thursday whether or not this Bill should continue to proceed first in the Lords. His personal assessment from some soundings he had taken was that the Cabinet would confirm their earlier decision. While he did not accept the arguments advanced by Mr Foot at their meeting on 3 December (and in particular there was no evidence in recent years to show that the Lords had been more favourably disposed towards bills coming from governments of one party than towards those of another), the Chancellor asked whether the Opposition's concern that introduction in the Lords would prevent the Commons declaring their views before the Lords preceded to consider the Bill, would be met if there was a day's general debate in the Commons on a motion for the adjournment.

Mr Foot in refusing this offer said that such a course would disrupt the natural order of business in the Commons which entailed not only a discussion on the principle of the Bill but also an examination in great detail. Since the meeting on 3 December he and some of his colleagues had studied the bill and thought about the Government's proposal to proceed with this major and controversial bill in the Lords with great care, and they remained of the view that it was an absolutely novel procedure which involved a fundamental change in the relationship between the two Houses. To suggest that the Labour Party could introduce a controversial Bill in the Lords was to seriously misunderstand the relationship with the Lords, and the Government were scandalously misinformed if it believed that the Labour Party in the Lords wanted it to start there.

Mr Foot said that the Opposition took their stand on what the then Leader of the House (Mr Whitelaw) said in a debate on a Procedure Committee Report on 16 November 1971 (O.R. Col 375) - which Mr Foot contended was the last time the House of Commons considered the allocation of First Readings between the two Houses: "I am absolutely firm in my view that there are many Bills, the vast majority, which by their very nature, political or, of course, financial, must start in this House. There can be no question of that. They must



start in this House and they do. No Government would ever suggest that they should not."

Mr Foot said that he urged the Government to change its mind. He appreciated the difficulties in doing so when the Bill had already started in the Lords, but the Opposition regarded what had been done with the utmost seriousness. They had advised the Government of their attitude at the outset and if the Bill continued to proceed in the Lords the Opposition would regard it as a serious injury to the House of Commons and a matter which would cause serious difficulties between the parties for a long time to come.

The meeting ended at 10.00 p.m.

J W Stevens
6 December 1979

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*Agreed
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT, PLANNING AND LAND BILL

1. Mr Foot and Mr Cocks came to see the Chief Whip and myself at their request yesterday to pursue the Opposition's challenge to our decision to introduce the Local Government, Planning and Land Bill in the House of Lords. You will have seen in Hansard the report of my exchange with the Leader of the Opposition during business questions on Thursday.

2. Mr Foot did not press Mr Callaghan's earlier argument that the Bill is not appropriate to the Lords because it includes provisions on matters of public expenditure and taxation, or claim that because it affects relationships between central and local government it is a constitutional measure. He argued instead that by introducing a bill of this nature in the House of Lords the Government were taking improper advantage of the Conservative majority in that House in a way which would give Conservative Governments a permanent advantage in the number of controversial bills that they can take through Parliament in one session. He claimed that it is not open to a Labour Government to introduce a controversial bill in the House of Lords because the Conservative majority could defeat it, and that a proper constitutional balance requires the Lords not to take a controversial bill until it has been considered by the Commons and the Lords have been placed under the constraint of the declared wishes of the elected chamber.

3. This is an ingenious argument which will no doubt attract the applause of Labour back benchers. I do not however think we should accept it. There is no established authority for it: Erskine May acknowledges in a brief reference that bills which are likely to arouse political controversy are "generally" introduced in the House of Commons, but the issues which are important in his analysis are those which affect the financial privilege of the Commons and on which the Opposition's case is weak - as they may now have recognised. Although no bill as large and as controversial as the Local Government, Planning and Land Bill has latterly been introduced first in the House of Lords, we can reasonably say that it would be contrary to the well-established practice of the Lords to refuse a second reading to any government bill; that there has been no evidence in recent years to show that the Lords have at subsequent stages been more favourably disposed towards bills coming from governments of one party than towards those from another; and that there has been no recent instance in which the Lords have insisted on rejecting a Commons amendment to a Lords Bill, or have insisted on a Lords amendment to a Commons amendment. I expect the Lord President would also agree that the Lords would in practice be influenced as much

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by the fact that the government had been recently elected with a clear mandate as they would by the bill's previous passage through the Commons. I attach an analysis of Lords proceedings on government bills introduced in that House since 1966-67 which would support a reply on these lines. (We must of course acknowledge that the Parliament Acts do not apply to Lords bills.)

4. The assertion that a Labour Government cannot introduce a substantial bill in the Lords for fear of defeat is not therefore based on evidence or experience, and it is in fact simply a reflection of the Labour Party's view - which we do not share - of the place of the House of Lords in our legislative system.

5. Apart from these theoretical arguments, the practical consequence of giving way would be serious. If we withdraw the Bill from the Lords we shall almost certainly have to make a choice between losing it for this session and extended sittings in the summer and autumn to secure our programme. Either course would expose us to serious criticism from our own supporters. It might be possible to divide the Bill so that the less controversial provisions remain in the Lords and the rest are withdrawn and re-introduced in the Commons, but we should still be faced with the same choice - and the more controversial provisions are naturally the most important to us politically. We should also have set a precedent, contrary to our own principles, which would limit our freedom of manoeuvre for the rest of this and for subsequent Parliaments.

6. I therefore consider that we should stand by our decision to proceed with the Bill in the House of Lords. There is, however, one concession which we might offer, and that is a day's general debate in the House of Commons, on a motion for the adjournment. This would allow the Commons to consider (and vote on) the controversial aspects, especially as regards the proposals on local government. The concession would not, and would not be intended to, meet the Opposition's point of principle; but it would show that we are ready to be flexible and it would provide an answer to the criticism, also made during business questions last week, that we are not treating the Commons with proper consideration. We should however make clear that the purpose of the debate would be to enable the House to consider a matter of immediate and general interest, and not an attempt to meet the argument that the Lords should never consider a substantial bill until it has been taken in the Commons. For the reasons which we discussed in Cabinet last week, it will be difficult to find time for such a debate before Christmas; and I would of course provide it only if the Opposition accepted it in a spirit of co-operation and did not continue their threat to disrupt the programme. We could then hope to obtain our other business before Christmas relatively cheaply (including the Zimbabwe and Employment Bills) so that the overall loss of Parliamentary time would not be significant. I should say that I have no great confidence that the offer will be accepted in this spirit, but I think it would be worth making as a gesture of good will.

7. There is also a problem of timing. The Chief Whip will be discussing business up to Monday, 17 December, with the Opposition

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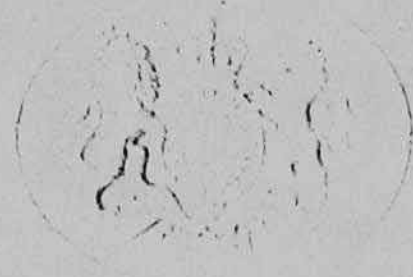
tomorrow, and it will be announced on Thursday. If the offer is to be made we should make it then. If you agree, I will put it to Mr Foot tomorrow, and we can then if necessary consider his reaction and any further action on our part in Cabinet on Thursday.

8. I am sending copies of this minute to our colleagues in Cabinet, to the Minister of Transport and the Chief Whip, and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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4th December 1979



LORDS PROCEEDINGS ON GOVERNMENT BILLS INTRODUCED IN THAT HOUSE

1. The following Government bills were introduced in the House of Lords in the period 1966-67 to 1978-79.

1966-67	Companies Criminal Appeal Criminal Law Tribunals and Inquiries Veterinary Surgeons
1967/68	Civil Aviation Civil Evidence Consumer Protection Social Work (Scotland) Theft
1968/69	Administration of Justice Family Law Reform Law of Property Nurses Town and Country Planning (Scotland)
1969/70	Administration of Justice Matrimonial Proceedings and Property
1970/71	Courts
1971/72	Museums and Galleries (Admission Charges)
1972/73	NHS Reorganisation
1973/74	Protection of the Environment Road Traffic
1974	Consumer Credit Control of Pollution Land Tenure Reform (Scotland) Road Traffic
1974/75	Children Criminal Jurisdiction District Courts (Scotland) Local Land Charges Policyholders Protection Scottish Development Agency Welsh Development Agency
1975/76	Bail Companies (No. 2) Development of Rural Wales Endangered Species (Import and Export) Energy Public Lending Right Rating (Caravan Sites)



- 1976/77 Administration of Justice
Criminal Law
Marriage (Scotland)
Patents.
Torts (Interference with Goods)
- 1977/78 Domestic Proceedings and Magistrates Courts
Medical
State Immunity
Theft
- 1978/79 Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas

2. The Government were defeated on substantive points of policy on only two of these bills: the National Health Service (Reorganisation) Bill introduced by the Conservative Government in 1972-73, and the Energy Bill introduced by the Labour Government in 1975-76.

3. On the National Health Service (Reorganisation) Bill, the issue was whether contraceptives should be provided free or should be subject to prescription charges. An Opposition amendment at the Committee Stage was carried with the help of Liberal and Cross Bench support and some cross voting (19 January, vote 76 to 51, Government reply Cols 1102-04). This amendment was reversed in the Commons and a further division took place in the Lords on a Lords Cross Bench amendment to the Commons amendment. The Government defeated the amendment and the Commons amendment was agreed to (25 June, vote 107 to 58, Government reply Cols 1724-26 and 1755-58).

4. The Labour Government suffered 6 defeats in the Lords during the passage of the Energy Bill. The Opposition in the Lords ultimately accepted Commons amendments on their main points and on other matters the Bill was considerably amended in the Commons, these amendments going some way to meet Opposition criticisms. Details are as follows.

Committee - 2 defeats

- (i) On substantive points of policy - control of end use of crude oil and price control of certain products. Vote 82-49 on 8 April. Government reply Cols. 1827-30.
- (ii) An amendment on a technical matter touching on policy on energy conservation. Vote 78-59 on 12 April, Government reply Cols. 1921-23.

Report - 2 defeats

- (iii) On a Government attempt to restore position lost at (i) above. Vote 77-59 on 10 May. Moved by the Leader of the House Cols. 738-42.
- (iv) An amendment on technical matter touching on policy on flaring controls. Vote 55-49 on 10 May. Government reply Col. 796.

Third Reading - 2 defeats.

- (v) An amendment on substantive policy point - use of fuel for feed stock. Vote 86-75 on 25 May, Government reply Cols. 155-58.
- (vi) A drafting amendment to (iv) above following Government amendments on report. Vote 92-70 on 25 May. Government reply Cols. 174-5.

5. Subsequently, during consideration of Commons amendments -

- (i) An Opposition amendment to a Commons amendment restoring the position lost at (i) above was withdrawn.
- (ii) Commons amendments on flaring were accepted without comment.
- (iii) One section of the Bill was re-written and a number of other amendments accepted without comment.

**10 DOWNING STREET**PRIME MINISTER

Mr. St. John Stevas reports that the Opposition is changing its reasons for objecting to introduction of the Local Government Bill in the Lords.

For both theoretical and practical reasons, he proposes to stick to the decision, but he has it in mind to offer a day's general debate in the Commons before the recess, in the hope that this will help to ease the passage of other urgent business.

Agree that the Chancellor of the Duchy and the Chief Whip should proceed on this basis in tomorrow's business negotiations, reporting to Thursday's Cabinet as necessary?

M.A.P.

Yes
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4 December 1979



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The Chancellor of the Duchy
of Lancaster
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3 December 1979

Dear Norman

Thank you for copying to me your minute to the Prime Minister of 27 November regarding Commons business before Christmas.

I am aware, of course, of the congestion of business and the urgent need to take the Second Readings of essential areas of legislation - not to mention those White Papers which must be debated - but I am concerned that the spill-over into the next sitting following the Recess may have an adverse effect on the programmes of Bills which Departments may wish to introduce either prior to Christmas or immediately the House reassembles.

I am particularly concerned that there should be no delay in giving a Second Reading to the Coal Industry (Finance) Bill as its timetable is particularly tight.

Obviously, I would also be unhappy if my other Bills were to be delayed - given that we are committed to the Petroleum and Submarine Pipelines (Amendment) Bill this Session and that in order to meet our EEC commitments the Energy Efficiency etc, Bill must be passed.

I am copying this to the Prime Minister, the Government Chief Whip, to Cabinet colleagues and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

D A R HOWELL

*Yours
David*

PRIME MINISTER

Mr Callaghan (see attached Hansard) was

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Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster

30 November 1979

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very threatening in the House. We shall have to wait for Monday's meeting, but

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once again the Opposition are in a ~~hopeful~~ ^{hopeful} position and they know it.

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The Prime Minister will see from Hansard the exchange which took place between the Chancellor of the Duchy and the Leader of the Opposition after the business statement yesterday. The Leader of the Opposition asked the Government to reconsider their decision (which had been confirmed by Cabinet last week) that the Local Government, Planning and Land Bill should be introduced in the House of Lords, and he threatened that the Opposition would disrupt Government business in the Commons if they did not.

The Opposition have now repeated their request through the usual channels, and the Chancellor of the Duchy has agreed to see Mr Foot on Monday morning. The Chancellor of the Duchy will hear what he has to say, and will let the Prime Minister have a report, with his advice, after the meeting.

I am copying this letter to Murdo MacLean, Charles Cumming-Bruce and Martin Vile.

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Mr. Callaghan: There are two questions that I wish to raise on business. First, decisions will shortly be reached in Brussels about the future of theatre nuclear modernisation. In October—over a month ago—the Secretary of State for Defence said that he proposed to ask the Leader of the House for an early debate on defence. Since then, my right hon. Friend the Member for Stockton (Mr. Rodgers) has written to the Secretary of State reminding him of this matter and saying that it would be unacceptable that a matter of such importance should be settled without the House being given an opportunity to express its views. Does the Leader of the House intend to fulfil that undertaking, which we think is very important?

Secondly, I turn to a matter that I can hardly believe is true, namely, the report that the Government propose to introduce the local government Bill in the House of Lords. If so, it will be in disregard of all the conventions and understandings between the two Houses. That Bill will clearly affect taxation in the form of rates and alter the powers of the local authorities and the Minister in relation to them. There is no doubt in our mind that, in accordance with the conventions and understandings between the two Houses, the Bill should be introduced into this House. I ask the Leader of the House not to treat the House of Commons with disrespect in this matter, but to give an undertaking that the Bill will be introduced here. I ask him to give that undertaking now.

Mr. St. John-Stevas: I have been in consultation with my right hon. Friend the Secretary of State for Defence about the debate on defence. I shall raise the matter with him again at the request of the Leader of the Opposition.

On the second point, it is the Government's intention that the local government Bill should be introduced in the House of Lords. We are a bicameral legislature. It is fully in accord with precedent that substantial Bills should be introduced into the other place.

As regards the financial aspects of the Bill, I point out to the Leader of the Opposition that in the 1975-76 Session 13 Bills requiring money resolutions were introduced into the other place. Only two Bills requiring money resolutions have so far been introduced by this Government.

Mr. Callaghan: That is not good enough. I do not know to which of the 13 Bills requiring money resolutions were referring. If he is talking about the Rating (Caravan Sites) Bill or the Rating (Charity Shops) Bill in the 1975-76 Session, he may think that he has a scintilla of a case, but we are not ready to accept that. Conservative Members should be just as concerned as we are about this matter. This House is responsible for money and taxation matters. We demand that the right hon. Gentleman ask the Cabinet to reconsider this item and to make a further statement on it, because the Opposition will wish to consider the implications of the Cabinet's decision on future business in the House.

Mr. St. John-Stevas: I cannot give the right hon. Gentleman the undertaking that he requires. His point would be valid if the Bill were primarily a financial measure. It is not. That deals with the constitutional point that Bills that are primarily financial should be introduced into this House. Only a small proportion of the local government Bill, which is important, is concerned with finance.

Mr. Callaghan: Is it or is it not the case that the Bill is concerned with the powers of the Secretary of State to introduce measures that will restrict the right of local authorities to increase their rates by a higher amount than he thinks right? Is that a minor matter in the Bill? Will not the Bill give the Secretary of State power to introduce a unitary grant system? Is that a minor matter? The right hon. Gentleman is treating the House with disrespect. I warn him now. He said that the House would adjourn on 21 December. Let us see how much business he gets before that time if he proceeds in this way.

[there was more at the
end of the Business Question-

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29 November (contd.)

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Mr. James Callaghan : I wish to return to the question of the local government Bill. The plain truth is that the right hon. Gentleman has put forward phoney arguments for introducing the Bill into the House of Lords because he has got himself into a muddle through overloading the programme down here. That is not a sufficiently good excuse for not bringing the Bill before the House of Commons first. The right hon. Gentleman has been dismissive of everything that has been said this afternoon, yet he knows better than most that progress in this House depends upon co-operation. I hope that he does not underestimate the strength of feeling that exists on these benches about this matter. Will he reconsider this matter and see whether there is any prospect of bringing the Bill into this House at an appropriate time, so that it can be given proper consideration? I urge the right hon. Gentleman, in the interests of Government business in this House, to think again about what he is doing if he wants to ensure co-operation.

Mr. St. John-Stevas : The Leader of the Opposition knows very well that if I can accommodate any right hon. or hon. Member I will do so. But this matter has been fully considered by the Cabinet and it is the Government's decision. I would like to help the right hon. Gentleman, but the Government have reached a considered decision on this matter and they will stick by it.



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~~PRIME MINISTER~~2 MARSHAM STREET
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For the record, I think

My ref:

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November 1979

Dear Chancellor

Because I fully understood the pressures on legislative time, I did not object to the proposal contained in your minute of 27 November to the Prime Minister that the RSG Orders should not be debated in the House of Commons until after the Christmas recess. I should, however, make it clear that this presents serious difficulties for local government and could have serious repercussions for the Government. As you will know, successive Governments have ensured that these Orders have been debated before Christmas, apart from 1973/74 when exceptional circumstances caused Geoffrey Rippon to postpone the debate.

Briefly, the problems for local government are as follows. First rating authorities are required by statute to inform precepting authorities of their penny rate product by 1st February, and precepting authorities must fix their precepts six weeks before the end of the financial year. Secondly, because we cannot pay grant under the Increase Orders for 1978/79 and 1979/80 until the Orders have been approved by Parliament, we will cause inevitable cash flow problems for local authorities, forcing them to borrow at the present high level of interest rates. This will give rise to serious criticism from local government.

From the Government's point of view, there are major political difficulties. We run the risk of having to debate the 1980/81 RSG Main Order after the local authority manual workers have settled at a level in excess of what we have allowed in the cash limit. And the reports on the comparability studies for teachers and white collar workers are due in January, and these too may produce settlements in excess of the amounts allowed for the cash limit. This could make it more difficult to defend my assertions that we have allowed in the cash limit 13% for the year on year effect of pay and price increases affecting local authorities.

MP Furthermore, the postponement will cause very real fear on the part of local government that we are about to renege on the settlement we have announced. This uncertainty could undermine the attempts which my colleagues have made to present our policy of stability in the financing of local government expenditure. Certainly further delays might produce rate increases far beyond those which we hope to achieve from this RSG settlement.

I would, therefore, be grateful if you could make every effort to find time for a debate before the Recess. I would be perfectly prepared to take this after 10.00 - as happened last year - if there is no other alternative.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, other members of the Cabinet, and to Michael Jopling.

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for MICHAEL HESELTINE

(Approved by the Secretary
and signed in his absence)

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From the Secretary of State for Social Services

The Rt Hon Michael Jopling MP
Chief Whip
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28 November 1979

Dear Michael,

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME

Reg Prentice has reported to me the discussion at 'L' this morning where I understand it was agreed that there is no possibility of providing time for a Second Reading of our Social Security Bill before Christmas. I rehearsed the difficulties that this will produce in my letter of 23 November but I recognise the pressures on the Parliamentary timetable. One point that I should make is that I intend to proceed as planned with the publication of the Bill and presentation of the White Paper; this was accepted as the right course by 'L' this morning. It would be difficult to postpone publication now for a number of reasons and there is always the possibility that some unforeseen event might even now allow Second Reading before Christmas. But publication this week does mean that there may be an interval of six weeks before Second Reading. On a controversial Bill such as this an extended period between First and Second Reading provides our opponents plenty of time to mobilise opposition and criticism of the proposals. I see no alternative but to accept this and I will use the Press Conference on Thursday and other speaking engagements to get our message across.

More seriously, I am told that the Health Services Bill cannot now expect a Second Reading before Christmas either. This poses some severe problems as I cannot guarantee that the Health Services Board will not feel bound to undertake a further review of pay beds and recommend the withdrawal of more pay beds which I am obliged to implement. I am looking into this urgently and may need to raise it at Cabinet. But if there is no possibility of a Second Reading until the New Year we should reconsider the timetable for publication of the Bill. You will recall that the Opposition expressed concern that we were publishing the Bill, which includes enabling clauses to simplify NHS structures, before there was any debate on the Report of the Royal Commission on the NHS and before publication of the Consultation Paper on NHS Structure. Our response was to point out that the Bill would not receive a Second Reading until the week beginning 17 December, after

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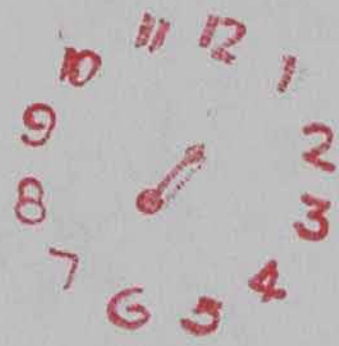
publication of the Consultation Paper on 12/13 December, and there would be a debate on the Royal Commission report when the House returns in January. However, with no prospect of a Second Reading before Christmas there seems no point in publishing the Bill now before the Consultation Paper. I suggest I defer this until 14 December. As I said above I am extremely worried about the implications of this through the continued existence of the Health Services Board and am examining urgently the scope for preventing a further embarrassing withdrawal of pay bed facilities in NHS hospitals.

We will also need to consider the juxtaposition of a Second Reading debate on the Bill with the more general debate on Merrison in the event that both have to come after Christmas. We would hardly have a debate on Merrison between First and Second Reading of the Bill. Yet, it would seem odd to have a general debate on Merrison within a day or two of the Second Reading debate. The Merrison debate may have to be put off for a week or two.

I am copying this letter to the Lord Chancellor, the Leader of the House and other members of the Cabinet, the Prime Minister's Office and Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours
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28 NOV 1979





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Any further action
on the meeting to discuss
the dates of the recess?

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No - decided at Cabinet, I'm
glad to say.

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PRIME MINISTER

BUSINESS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

The Chancellor of the Duchy's minute represents an agreed solution to the problem of fitting in the Second Readings of both the Zimbabwe Bill and the Employment Bill between now and Christmas. We are not expecting that anybody will object to the timetable set out in his minute (which he has copied to Cabinet colleagues).

He would like to have a separate word with you in the next few days about the dates of the recess. His present intention is that the House should rise on 21 December and come back on 14 January. He is apprehensive that you may want to come back on 7 January, which in his view would not go down well.

The major casualty of these proposals is, of course, the Second Reading of the Housing Bill. But it has never been very likely that the Bill would be ready in time for Second Reading before Christmas and all the public commitments which have been given have been for introduction rather than Second Reading before Christmas. Introduction before Christmas is still the target, and the intention is that both Housing Bills (England and Scotland) should have their Second Readings very soon after the Recess.

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PRIME MINISTER

COMMONS BUSINESS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

1. The programme for the Commons between now and Christmas has become seriously congested. The Chief Whip and I have considered how much business can reasonably be fitted in and what is likely to have to wait until after the recess.
2. We shall have to provide for:
 - A Debate on Public Expenditure White Paper
 - 2 Supply Days - one a half-day, to include the vote on account; the other to approve the Winter Supplementary Estimates
 - Debate on the Christmas Adjournment Motion) Can be taken on
 - Consolidated Fund Bill) the same day
 - Christmas Adjournment
 - Private Members' bills - one day
 - Private Members' motions - one and a half days
 - Opposed Private Business - half a day
3. These commitments are unavoidable and will take up $7\frac{1}{2}$ days of the 15 days available from the end of this week. In addition, we should not go into the recess without a debate on the White Paper on the Immigration Rules; and in view of the difficulty we had when Northern Ireland business was taken late at night before the summer recess we should provide a day for Northern Ireland Orders, including their Appropriation Order. This will have to be in addition to tomorrow's debate on the White Paper on the Government of Northern Ireland.
4. This leaves $5\frac{1}{2}$ days for legislative business. I have already announced, in last week's business statement, the Second Reading of the National Heritage Bill on 3 December. For the remaining $4\frac{1}{2}$ days, I propose that first priority should be given to the Zimbabwe Bill, which we need to take to Royal Assent before the recess. This will be difficult, particularly if the Patriotic Front do not fully accept the conclusions of the Conference and the Bill is resisted on that account. We shall need at least $1\frac{1}{2}$ days for the Bill in the Commons and should be prepared to go through the night and on to the next day if necessary.
5. I consider that our next priority should be the Employment Bill. I hope we shall obtain the Second Reading in one day, with an extended sitting if necessary, but we might have to concede more time if the Opposition insist.
6. We must also be prepared to provide for guillotine motions on

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the Industry Bill and, if necessary, the Education Bill. Like you, I should prefer separate motions if at all possible, but I should like to keep open the option of a single motion until we know how much time will be needed for the Zimbabwe and Employment Bills: I should not want to put either of these at risk.

7. The Local Government, Planning and Land Bill will, of course, proceed in the House of Lords as we agreed in Cabinet last week.

8. I am afraid we cannot expect to get through much other business before Christmas. Even the items I have indicated will be difficult enough, with the prospect of several late or all-night sittings. There is very little in hand for emergency debates or unexpected developments. I have therefore had to explain to colleagues in Legislation Committee that I can see virtually no prospect of finding time before Christmas for second readings of the Petroleum Revenue Tax Bill (although we shall introduce the Bill on a Ways and Means Resolution); the Port of London (Financial Assistance) Bill; the National Health Services Bill; the Social Security Bill; or the Tenants' Rights Etc (Scotland) Bill. Nor shall we be able to take the Rate Support Grant Orders for England and Wales or for Scotland, or any other business which is likely to require time before 10.00 pm. I am grateful for the understanding they have shown of the difficult position in which we are placed: the Chief Whip and I will, of course, do everything possible to ensure that bills make good progress after the recess, and are brought to Royal Assent by the due dates where early Royal Assent is required.

9. I am copying this minute to Cabinet colleagues, to the Minister of Transport, the Chief Whip and the Lord Advocate, to First Parliamentary Counsel and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

NBSJS,

27 November 1979

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P.S. I would welcome a brief word about this as the date of the recess when you have a moment.

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

26 November 1979

INDUSTRY BILL:
PARLIAMENTARY HANDLING

The Prime Minister has seen your letter to me of 23 November. She has noted that she would prefer two guillotine motions, taken separately, if we are to take action on the Industry Bill and the Education Bill. I should be grateful for any further comments you might have on this: perhaps they could be incorporated in the minute on the handling of business between now and Christmas which is already being prepared.

I am copying this letter to Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office) and Martin Vile (Cabinet Office).

N. J. SANDERS

J.W. Stevens, Esq.,
Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster's Office.

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PRIME MINISTER

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Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster

23 November 1979

This is the first of several tricky

decisions about Business; the CDL will be

minuting separately about what we can

take before Christmas. Content with

this timetable, subject to

further discussion

in December?

MS

Low Nick

INDUSTRY BILL: PARLIAMENTARY HANDLING

The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster had a meeting Wednesday night with the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretary of State for Industry, the Chief Whip and the Financial Secretary, Treasury, to discuss the Parliamentary handling of the Industry Bill, and, in particular, the timing of a guillotine if one should prove necessary. The Prime Minister might like to be aware of their conclusions.

It was agreed that notice of a sittings motion should be given on 27 November and that it should be moved on 29 November. The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and the Chief Whip would then review the situation with the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Secretary of State for Industry during the week beginning 10 December. They would take account of the progress which the Bill had made in Committee and of Parliamentary circumstances generally; if they judged it necessary notice of a guillotine would be given on 13 December and the guillotine would be moved on about 20 December, to take effect after the Christmas recess. The guillotine motion could cover both the Industry Bill and the Education Bill if a guillotine on the Education Bill is also required.

I am copying this letter to Tony Battishill and Stephen Locke (Treasury), Ian Ellison (Department of Industry), Peter Shaw (Department of Education), Murdo MacLean (Government Whip's Office), Charles Cumming-Bruce (House of Lords) and Martin Vile (Cabinet Office).

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guillotine motion -*

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