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Signed Wayland

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28 MAR 1980

Parliament.

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01 211 6402

John Lyon Esq
Cabinet Office
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LONDON SW1

25 March 1980

Dear John,

will request if required
My letter of 7 February, in response to yours of 3 January asking for our proposals for legislation in the next session of Parliament, identified three Department of Energy bills for the 1980/81 legislative programme. I am now writing to ask that the Petroleum and Continental Shelf Bill (formerly called the Petroleum and Submarine Pipelines (Amendment) Bill) be added to the list.

Drafting authority for this Bill has, in fact, already been given and the original intention was to introduce the Bill in the present session. However, Ministers have now decided that it cannot be introduced this session but it should be as early as possible next session.

I attach the necessary pro-forma.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours ever,

Denis

Denis Walker
Private Secretary



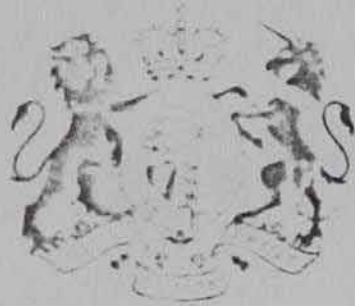
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LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME 1980/81

1. DEPARTMENT
Department of Energy.
2. TITLE OF BILL
Petroleum and Continental Shelf Bill
(formerly called the Petroleum and
Submarine Pipelines Act (Amendment)
Bill).
3. LENGTH OF BILL
Up to 30 clauses.
4. PURPOSE OF BILL
i) To restructure the British National
Oil Corporation, established pursuant
to Part I of the Petroleum and Submarine
Pipelines Act 1975 (PSPA 1975);
ii) To separate BNOC's finances from
those of the National Oil Account, es-
tablished pursuant to Part V of the
PSPA 1975;
iii) To amend other provisions of the
PSPA 1975 relating to such matters as
petroleum production licences, submarine
pipelines, offshore installations and
offshore storage of gas.
5. PROPOSED CATEGORY
Programme.
6. DEPARTMENTAL PRIORITY
7. STATE OF READINESS
Drafting authority given for introduc-
tion of Bill in 1979/80 session. Intro-
duction of Bill now deferred pending
further Ministerial consideration of
policy towards BNOC.
8. TIMING
Current aim is introduction in, say
November with Royal Assent in spring
1981.
9. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE
Normal.
10. POLITICAL DIMENSION
BNOC provisions, potentially involving
restructuring and privatisation of the
Corporation will probably be highly
controversial.
11. PUBLIC EXPENDITURE AND
MANPOWER IMPLICATIONS
Substantial accruals to the Exchequer
could follow the introduction of privat
capital into BNOC.

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25 MAR 1980



Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster

PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE
WHITEHALL, LONDON SW1A 2AT

Parliament

24 March 1980

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To see: you will remember suggesting in Cabinet that the Bills might be amalgamated.

Dear David.

LEGISLATION PROGRAMME 1979/80

It is not to be.

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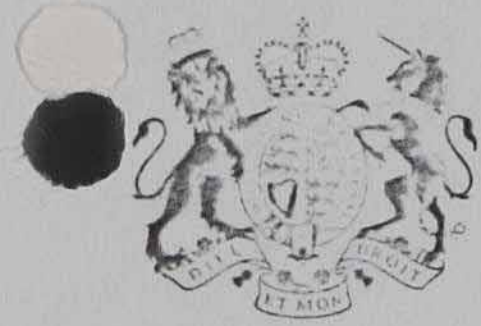
We discussed the problems of this session's legislative programme at Cabinet last week, and I was grateful to you for agreeing that you could confine your claim for space in the crowded programme to the Coal Industry Bill and to those provisions of the proposed Energy Conservation Bill that altered the statutory supply obligations of the British Gas Corporation.

As you will remember, I was asked to consider the suggestion that these two measures, and possibly those relating to the finance of the Port of London and of the White Fish Authority, might be combined into a single measure. Officials have consulted Parliamentary Counsel about this suggestion, and his clear advice is that, although it is technically possible, it would have a number of very undesirable consequences. In the first place, the scope of the Bill would be such that it would become a suitable vehicle for amendments to be moved relating, not only to the industries dealt with in it, but also to other nationalised industries or similar bodies in receipt of public money. Parliamentary Counsel also advises that not all the provisions mentioned in Cabinet discussion would need a money resolution, so that amendments would not necessarily be prevented by the terms of the money resolution.

More generally, the advantages, which are obvious, of adding only one Bill rather than four to a very congested programme have to be balanced against the risk of our being criticised for inviting the House to dispose, in one Second Reading debate, of matters which would normally be dealt with in separate Bills.

My conclusion, therefore, is that it would be best to proceed by way of separate Bills. The sooner they can be introduced the better, and you will no doubt bring your proposals about the British Gas Corporation to Legislation Committee as rapidly as you can. The timing of the introduction of the Coal Industry Bill has, of course, been affected by the steel strike.

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I am copying this letter to the Minister of Agriculture and the Minister of Transport, and would be glad if they could arrange for Bills relating to the Port of London and the White Fish Authority to come forward at a very early date.

I am also copying this letter to the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to the Lord Chancellor and other colleagues on Legislation Committee and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

John *cc* *AK*

The Rt Hon David Howell MP
Secretary of State for Energy
Department of Energy
Thames House South
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London
SW1

25 MAR 1960



FROM THE EARL FERRERS (ACTING LEADER)



Paulson

FROM THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE
HOUSE OF LORDS

21 March 1980

Dear Tim,

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EMPLOYMENT BILL - THE HOUSE OF LORDS

In your letter of 10 March you requested Royal Assent for the Employment Bill by 10 July.

This date was not specifically discussed in Cabinet on Tuesday last. As there is, I understand, a meeting of E Committee on Monday, I am writing to clarify the position.

The two Social Security Bills have been accorded the highest priority. The first will be enacted by Whitsun and on this basis we will plan to complete the second in time for Royal Assent by mid-July. As the Employment Bill will make progress in the intervals between the stages of the Social Security (No 2) Bill, it will not be possible to secure its Report and Third Reading until after the Third Reading of the Social Security (No 2) Bill. It is hoped, therefore, that it will complete its Third Reading in the House of Lords during the week after the Social Security (No 2) Bill has been enacted.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Prime Minister and to the members of the Cabinet.

*Yours ever,
Robin.*

FERRERS

The Rt Hon James Prior MP
Secretary of State for Employment

GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION(i) Awaiting Second Reading

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24 MAR 1980

C O N F I D E N T I A L

cc legal procedure July 79
(Contempt of Court Bill)
Parliament

PRIME MINISTER

Legislation Programme - (C(80) 22)
Contempt of Court Bill - (C(80) 21)

BACKGROUND

The Cabinet last discussed this Session's legislative programme in January (CC(80) 3rd Conclusions, Minute 1), when they noted that the position in the House of Commons was reasonably satisfactory but that there was a risk of serious congestion in the House of Lords. Since then the business managers have had to accommodate the Health Services (Invalid Direction) Bill and the Social Security (No.2) Bill. They have become increasingly conscious of the problems in the Lords, about which the Minister of State, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, sent you a minute on 29th February. The discussion between Ministers, which you then suggested should be held, has clarified but not resolved the issues, and a recent meeting of Legislation Committee failed to agree on the future of the Contempt of Court Bill.

2. The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and the Minister of State, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, raised two sets of issues in their memorandum C(80) 22:-

- (a) Can those Bills whose introduction, for whatever reason, has been delayed (and in particular the Contempt of Court Bill) now be added to the programme?
- (b) What should be the order of priority in the Lords and for Royal Assent of the major Bills now before the Commons?

The Lord Chancellor argues in C(80) 21 that the Contempt of Court Bill should be introduced into the Lords even though its chances of becoming law are uncertain. There are no policy issues outstanding. The Bill is ready for introduction.

HANDLING

3. When the Chancellor of the Duchy has introduced his paper, and the Minister of State, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Lord Ferrers) has explained the problem in the Lords and the constraints on the timetabling of Bills there, you may find it convenient to take the two sets of issues separately.

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4. On additions to the Programme, you may like to ask the Lord Chancellor to argue the case for the Contempt of Court Bill. The Home Secretary may support him. There is Press interest, led by the Sunday Times, in some provisions of the Bill. The Paymaster General may have views on whether it is better to introduce the Bill even though it may not become law or to defer it. Would the publication of the Bill in the form of a White Paper be helpful? The Chief Whip will want to support the general proposition that the Government should not introduce Bills which are unlikely to receive Royal Assent. While this proposition is normally right, other members of the Cabinet may want, in this instance, to support the Lord Chancellor.

5. There should be no dispute about the introduction of the Coal Industry Bill (deferred because of the steel strike), a one-clause Bill on the White Fish Authority, or of the Port of London (Financial Assistance) Bill. Each is quite short and restricted to finance. You may, however, want to ask the Minister of Transport why his Bill is not yet ready. The Secretary of State for Energy may wish to argue for the full Energy Conservation Bill, and the Secretary of State for Trade for the full Films Bill. Cabinet has not, however, the arguments for or against these Bills before them, and you may prefer, as the paper suggests, to remit the matter to Legislation Committee, with an indication that the Bills, so far as practicable, should be restricted to financial provisions.

6. As regards orders of priority, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and the Minister of State, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, have suggested two possibilities. They differ only in that the first (paragraph 6) aims to secure the Housing and Tenants' Rights (Scotland) Bills before the summer recess, and the Local Government, Planning and Land Bill after it. The alternative (paragraph 8) defers the Housing, and the Tenants' Rights Bills in favour of the Local Government, Planning and Land Bill. You will want to ask the Secretary of State for the Environment for his views. He is likely to support the first order of priority, arguing the political importance of securing the council house provisions of the Housing Bill as soon as possible. The Minister of State, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food might be asked

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to assess the risk of the Government defeats over the block grant provisions in the Local Government Bill. Are they really increased if the Bill is not law before the Party Conference? Are the business managers over-reacting to the recent defeat on school transport?

7. Given the length and complexity of the Local Government, Planning and Land Bill and the fact that it was introduced into the Commons after the Housing Bill, the Cabinet may prefer the first order of priority rather than the second. In either event, the Secretary of State for Social Services will protest at the suggestion that the Health Services Bill cannot become law until October. There are good reasons in paragraph 3 of the Annex to C(80) 22 for it to become law earlier. You may want to press the Minister of State, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, on the possibility of time being found for it. If something else has to give way, how strong is the argument put by the Secretary of State for Scotland that the Tenants' Rights (Scotland) Bill must not slip seriously behind the Housing Bill? Other Ministers are likely to be content with what is proposed, which meets the arguments set out in Annex A; for particular Bills. It would be helpful if the Secretary of State for Employment could accept the Employment Bill becoming law by the end of July instead of by 10th July as he wishes. Would three weeks really have the effect suggested in paragraph 2 of Annex A?

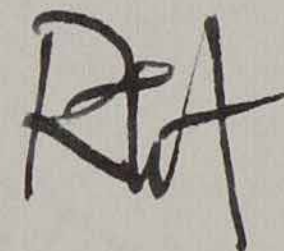
8. Finally, Cabinet may wish to endorse the view provisionally taken in January that, despite the difficulties caused for Scottish members, the summer recess should not begin until 8th August. The exact length of the spillover in October can be settled later, when the Lord President has reassessed the situation on his return from Rhodesia.

CONCLUSIONS

9. Subject to the discussion, you might guide the Cabinet:-
- (i) to agree to the introduction in the House of Lords of the Contempt of Court Bill;

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- (ii) to remit the Energy Conservation and Films Bills to Legislation Committee, with a strong indication that their provisions must be limited to financial matters not requiring lengthy debates in the Lords;
- (iii) to endorse the order of priority in paragraph 6 of C(80) 22, giving priority to the Housing Bill rather than to the Local Government, Planning and Land Bill;
- (iv) to urge the business managers to try and find time for the Health Services Bill in the Lords before the summer recess, but not at the expense of the Bills in (iii) above.



(Robert Armstrong)

17th March 1980



SCOTTISH OFFICE
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The Rt Hon Norman St John-Stevas MP
Leader of the House
Privy Council Office
LONDON SW1

14 March 1980

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LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME

The conclusion of the meeting which you took yesterday to discuss the problems brought out in Robin Ferrers' minute of 29 February to the Prime Minister was that not all the Bills which would be ready for their Lords stages before the recess could be accommodated and that Cabinet would have to decide the priorities among them. To this end you asked the Departments concerned to write to you making a case for their Bills.

Our main concern is the Tenants' Rights etc (Scotland) Bill. As you know this Bill will implement in Scotland one of the Government's major policy commitments. The most important feature is that it will give council house tenants the right to buy their homes. Delay in the Government redeeming this commitment would tell badly against us in the period when house prices are still continuing to rise. The position would be made worse if after the local authority elections in May there was a change of control in some District Councils with the result that fewer authorities than at present were willing to sell on a voluntary basis. Michael Heseltine will, I am sure, be putting similar points to you. The same considerations apply north and south of the border to the implementation of the Government's major initiative on housing. I cannot stress too strongly how important I, as a housing Minister, think it is that the Government should be able to deliver these goods before we break for the summer recess.

As you know the provisional timetable attached to Robin Ferrers' minute (Annex C) discriminates between the Housing and the Tenants' Rights etc Bill. As noted in my letter of 28 February to you I would find this outcome impossible to defend: I think it would do the Government very serious harm in Scotland. The Tenants' Rights etc Bill is significantly shorter than the Housing Bill. It was introduced a fortnight before the Housing Bill. There would be most bitter criticism if it were now to be pushed behind in the legislative queue.

And since I wrote there has been a further significant development. Malcolm Rifkind has managed with great difficulty to persuade the Opposition to agree that the Bill will come out of Standing Committee

by Easter. It seems to me a major achievement that we have managed to avoid a guillotine in the consideration of this highly controversial legislation. We have had to expend some negotiating capital with the Opposition and to trade on the patience and goodwill of our own Members in the long and frequent sittings necessary to achieve this agreement. We would sour relations with the Opposition badly and depress the morale of our own side if at the end of all this the Bill were to languish in the Lords until after the recess.

In my view the importance of the change in housing policy which underlies both the Housing and Tenants' Rights etc Bills argues very strongly for enactment of both Bills before the Recess. I am sure I do not need to say more to you, as we embark on inter-party talks to consider how the handling of Scottish parliamentary business can be improved, how damaging it would be for the Government if, despite all effort made to get the Scottish Bill to its present stage, it was left hanging over the recess while the English Bill reached the Statute Book before then.

I am copying this letter to Michael Jopling, Robin Ferrers and Michael Heseltine.

GEORGE YOUNGER

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The Private Secretary's

Compliments

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14 MAR 1980



Parliament,

PRIME MINISTER

Parliamentary Affairs

Against all expectations, Robert Taylor has withdrawn his Child Maintenance Up-rating Bill. He was persuaded to do this after correspondence with the Chancellor of the Duchy and an indication from the Lord Chancellor that the question could be referred to the Law Commission. The Chancellor of the Duchy swears that he did not go beyond ^{the} Cabinet decision last week that no further pressure should be put on Mr. Taylor. This means that the Abortion Bill will after all get a full day's debate this Friday. Its opponents will do all they can to block it, and they may well succeed. ✓

attached
MS /

The subjects for next Monday's Supply debates will be the North West and the West Midlands. You have already commented on the form of motion for the vote on the Olympics, to be taken after ten o'clock on Monday. ✓

You have discussed with the Chief Whip and (I imagine) the Lord Chancellor the prospects for the Contempt of Court Bill. I suggest that you defer any discussion of the shape of the programme or priorities within the time available until next Tuesday's Cabinet. Lord Ferrers and Mr. St. John-Stevas stand ready to submit a paper for discussion then.

MS

12 March 1980



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Parliament

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SECURITY

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From the Secretary of State for Social Services

The Earl Ferrers
Acting Leader of the House
House of Lords
London SW1

10 March 1980

1. DPC to see
2. MAP "
3. PA

Dear Robin,

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME: HOUSE OF LORDS

I recognise the severe difficulties faced by the House of Lords as summarised in your minute of 29 February to the Prime Minister and am loth to add to them. But I must ask for priority for both the Social Security (No 2) Bill and the Health Services Bill.

I am well aware of the problems which the Social Security (No 2) Bill will cause in both Lords and Commons, despite its relative brevity - 8 Clauses and 1 Schedule. You emphasise the importance of getting the Bill through by the Summer Recess, because of the public expenditure implications. I have to add to that the importance of the operational timetable. The key date here is 24 November 1980 - the date of the uprating. The Bill has an important effect on the uprating of social security benefits. The Uprating Order, which requires Affirmative Resolution in both Houses, cannot be dealt with until both the No 2 Bill and the present Social Security Bill have received Royal Assent. My Department will have to anticipate Royal Assent and the Order in some of its preparatory work, especially as this year's uprating will be unusually complicated because of radical changes in the supplementary benefits scheme. However, it is neither proper nor sensible to anticipate approval of highly controversial legislation for a longer period than is absolutely essential.

I understand that the outline timetable for the Social Security (No 2) Bill is: Second Reading in Commons 15 April, Committee Stage on the floor of the House, out of Commons by 7 May. In the ordinary way we should in early May be sending out some supplementary benefit order books spanning 24 November and therefore including the new rates. The amounts of benefit in these books depend on the national insurance rates which the supplementary benefit is 'topping up', and so on the outcome of Clause [2] of the Social Security (No 2) Bill.

The earlier that the new Bill's passage through the Lords can be achieved, the less risk there will be of a really serious delay in implementing the uprating and of a degree of confusion which will do no good to the pensioners or to us. Mid July must be our outer deadline. I would be happier if the end of June proved possible.

The Health Services Bill presents as great difficulties and I am most disturbed by your suggestion that it cannot get Third Reading in the Lords until the spill-over. We pushed very hard to get Second Reading in the Commons before Christmas and we are now applying pressure to get Committee Stage completed by Easter. There are three especial reasons for urgency - the first is that the Health Services Board, having proposed revocations of pay beds which I was obliged by the present law to implement on 1 January, is now holding back on the understanding that the Bill will go through quickly. If we are not going to get Royal Assent before 1 July I might have difficulty in persuading them not to make further proposals for revocation under the present statute. Once again I would be obliged to implement them, with great embarrassment to the Government. Secondly delay in enacting legislation is already presenting increasingly severe problems for gps wanting loans from the General Practice Finance Corporation to buy or improve practice premises. The need to raise the Corporation's statutory borrowing limit has been acute since last autumn when it had to cease making new loans as its present limit was fully committed. A backlog of over £5 million of business has already built up and is growing. The Banks are becoming more difficult about giving bridging loans. The Corporation Chairman recently wrote to us expressing his serious concern that the Bill might not be enacted before Easter. The prospect of deferment until the autumn would lead to the strongest possible protest from the Corporation. It would also provoke anger and criticism from the medical profession about what they will see as intolerable and avoidable delay, and about the extra costs this is throwing on to gps.

A third reason for urgency - and perhaps the most important politically - which I have previously mentioned in correspondence with Norman St John Stevas is the power to enforce cash limits on Health Authorities. I am relying on the threat of early enactment of this to force the reinstated Lewisham Southwark and Lambeth Area Health Authority to act responsibly.

I hope that an adjustment of priorities will be possible. I assure you that we will take any steps we can to help the Bill move forward as swiftly as possible.

I am copying this to the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretary of State for Employment, the Chancellor of the Duchy, the Chief Whips, the First Parliamentary Counsel and Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours
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The Earl Ferrers
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LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME: THE HOUSE OF LORDS

I was glad to see that your minute to the Prime Minister of 29 February places the Employment Bill in the group of Bills for which it would be desirable to secure Royal Assent by the summer Recess.

It is essential, however, that Royal Assent should be secured for this Bill not later than 10 July, if the Codes on Picketing and the Closed Shop are to be in force for next winter's pay round. Any later date, I am advised, would not enable me to fulfil by statutory obligation to consult the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service before the summer break. It would therefore hold up the subsequent stages in the preparation of the Codes - particularly the publication of the drafts as a basis for consultation with industry - by a full two months.

We are working hard - and meeting with a fair degree of cooperation from the Opposition - to get the Bill out of Committee by Easter. If as I hope we succeed, I shall need directly after the Easter break, some 3-4 days in the Commons for the Report Stage on the Bill and the discussion of the new clause on trade union immunities. I would hope that the Bill should be on its way to the House of Lords by the end of April. I would ask therefore that the Bill should be given the necessary priority to be through all its stages in the Lords by the last week in June.

I am copying this minute to the Prime Minister, to the other recipients of your minute and to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and the Chief Whip (Commons).

Franklin

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10 March 1980

Dear Richard,

My Secretary of State mentioned in his letter of 21 February to the Secretary of State for Industry, copied to the Chief Secretary and the Chief Whip, that we needed an affirmative order before the end of March to increase our contribution to the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme, and that we were statutorily required to lay a statement on the NCB's finances at the same time.

The content of the order and the statement have been agreed between the Treasury and this Department but the Secretary of State has asked me to circulate a copy of the draft Statement. It is designed to say as little as possible on the Board's finances.

We hope to lay at the same time the draft Redundant Mineworkers and Concessionary Coal (Payment Schemes)(Amendment) Order, as agreed between the Chief Secretary and my Secretary of State in their recent exchange of letters.

We ought to lay these orders tomorrow to catch the meeting of the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments on Wednesday.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Prime Minister's Office, Secretary of State for Industry's Office, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster's Office, Chief Whip's Office and to Sir Robert Armstrong's Office.

Yours ever,

Denis Walker

DENIS WALKER
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Mineworkers' Pension Scheme
(Limit on Contributions) Order 1980

STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENERGY
Laid before the House of Commons pursuant to Section 2(4)(c)
of the National Coal Board (Finance) Act 1976

The draft Mineworkers' Pension Scheme (Limit on Contributions) Order 1980, laid before the House of Commons with this statement, provides for the increase to £41.08m of the limit on the contributions which I may make under section 2 of the National Coal Board (Finance) Act 1976 towards expenditure incurred by the National Coal Board in reducing or eliminating deficiencies in the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme which relate to liabilities to and in respect of persons whose service in the coal industry was terminated before 6 April 1975.

Mineworkers' pensions were increased on 24 September 1979 by 11.4% ie for the majority of pensioners receiving £6.62 per week, an increase to £7.37 per week. These increases were made solely for the purpose of maintaining the real value of these pensions. The annual sum which would be required to eliminate over 16 years (the balance of the twenty year period over which the contributions may be paid under the 1976 Act) the resulting increase in the deficiency in the pension fund which is estimated to arise in respect of the pre-April 1975 pensioners is £4.60m. In order to reimburse the Board for this additional outlay, it is accordingly necessary to raise the limit of £18m. laid down in the 1976 Act, and subsequently increased by Orders in 1977, 1978 and 1979 to £36.48m to £41.08m.

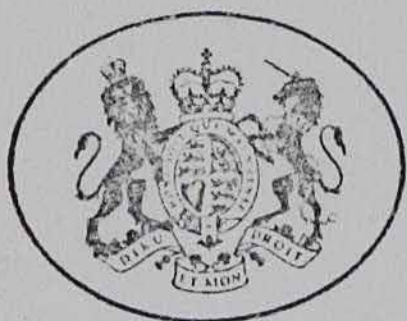
I have reviewed the overall financial position of the Board. The present indications are that, based on unaudited actual results to the end of December 1979 and estimated results for January to March 1980, on a historical cost depreciation basis, and after payment of interest and taking credit for agreed Government social grants, the consolidated results from the Board and its subsidiaries are likely to show a deficit in 1979/80 substantially greater than the sum of £4.6m at issue in this Order.

I expect the Board still to require financial assistance next year. I take the view, therefore, that the financial deficit likely to be suffered this year and the prospects for next, offer no background against which to expect the Board to take on the additional contribution of £4.6m a year which will be necessary if the deficiency in the pension fund is not to increase.

Section 2 of the 1976 Act authorises but does not require me to make any payments, and if the fortunes of the Board improve beyond what can be foreseen at present, then consideration will be given to the possibility of limiting the actual grants paid.

Having regard to all these considerations, I have concluded that this Order should be made.

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Jean Ferrers

INDUSTRY BILL

The Industry Bill has completed its Commons' Stages and had its Second Reading in the Lords on 18 February. I have seen an exchange of correspondence between Tom Trenchard and Bertie Denham which points to the likelihood that the Committee Stage will open on 28 April, leading to Lords' Third Reading on 19 May. This timetable, therefore, holds out some prospect, although no certainty, of the Royal Assent being secured before the end of May.

When the Bill was introduced into the Commons it had a high degree of urgency because of the policy objective at that time of maximising receipts from public sector asset disposals in 1979/80.

Subsequent developments, however, shifted the emphasis from 1979/80 to 1980/81, and because this was so it was no longer necessary to press the Bill through its Lords' Stages with the degree of priority that we had earlier envisaged. (We had at the outset set a target of Royal Assent not later than the third week in March).

But although it is no longer necessary for the Bill to attract a high degree of priority I am anxious that it should not slip unduly. There are two reasons for this, both connected with disposals of public assets. It is obviously the case that the more time that the NEB has available to it within the financial year 1980/81 the greater the range of options it will have for making disposals on favourable terms. The market at present is buoyant but there can be no guarantee that it will continue to be so indefinitely: if it were to fall away in the summer months (as it commonly does) then we might have foregone opportunities that in retrospect could seem very attractive. I am, too, concerned that the NEB should not be given the impression

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that the Government no longer has its heart in the realisation of public sector assets. As I need hardly say this objective remains as important as ever. I think, therefore, it would be desirable if we took reasonable steps to ensure that the Industry Bill is enacted no later than the end of May. I would not wish to suggest that other urgent measures should be dislocated: in particular I am conscious of the priority that must be given to the Aerospace Bill, the Education Bill and other major measures, but I would be most grateful if the management of the Lords' business over the next couple of months could be conducted with an eye to the enactment of the Industry Bill by end-May.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Prime Minister, members of the Cabinet, Norman Fowler, Michael Jopling and Bertie Denham.

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Kevin Joseph



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MS(i) Awaiting Second Reading

Law Reform (Misc Prov) (Scotland) (L)
National Health Service (Invalid Direction)

(ii) Committee of Whole House

New Hebrides (L)

(iii) Standing Committee

Broadcasting
Civil Aviation
Employment
Health Services
Housing
Insurance Companies (L)
Limitation (Amendment) (L)
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(iv) Report and Third Reading

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Location of Offices Bureau	6/3	No	By P.C. mtg. on 21/4
Representation of the People	26/2	No	For debate, 11/3
*Southern Rhodesia (Constitution of Zimbabwe)	26/2	No	By 21/3

* SI Committee

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British Aerospace
Companies (L)
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Criminal Justice (Scotland) (L)
Education (No.2)
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Industry
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Police Negotiating Board (L)
∅ Reserve Forces (L)
∅ Statute Law Revision (Northern Ireland) (L)
∅ Water (Scotland) (L)

Awaiting Royal Assent

∅ Residential Homes (L)
∅ Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) (L)

∅ Consolidation

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Pensioners' Payments and Social Security 1979
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Sale of Goods 1979
Shipbuilding 1979
Southern Rhodesia 1979
Zimbabwe 1979

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HOUSE OF LORDS,
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Lord Ferrers

Legislative Programme

I have seen your minute of 29th February to the Prime Minister, and her Private Secretary's reply. I fully recognise the difficulties which you face.

As you know, my interest is in the Contempt of Court Bill, which is now ready. The Lord Advocate and I will be bringing it to Legislation Committee next Tuesday, and seeking authority for its immediate introduction in the House of Lords. I need not repeat what I said in my minute of 20th February about the importance of the Bill and the need to enact it as soon as we can; I was glad to see that the Prime Minister agrees.

The Queen's Speech commits the Government to take the Bill to Second Reading at the very least, and I hope I may take it that you will be able to arrange a Second Reading debate not too long after Easter, perhaps on a Friday.

We must make every effort thereafter to get the Bill through the House of Lords, if necessary at the expense of other Bills less urgently needed. I very much doubt if more than one day will be required for Committee, or if the remaining stages will take up much, if any, time. I certainly do not believe that it would be either wise or necessary to decide in advance, still less to announce, that we will not be able to take the Bill further than Second Reading. The coming pressure of business now looks to be very great, but an opportunity is nevertheless not unlikely to arise to get the Bill through to the House of Commons.

I would be grateful for a chance to discuss with you and Lord Denham the best way of proceeding with the Bill, and will try to arrange a short meeting for the purpose during the next few days.

I am copying this minute to the recipients of yours, and to the Lord Advocate.

H: of S.M.

4 March 1980



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PRIME MINISTER

PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

There are two matters which I think ought to be discussed after we have dealt with next week's business:

(i) The votes in the House on Members' expense allowances and severance pay and secretaries' pensions;

← — See minute behind from the Chancellor of the Duchy. Page A

(ii) The prospects for the school transport provisions of the Education (No. 2) Bill.

You might ask the Chancellor of the Duchy to comment on the implications of the votes on Members' allowances. He will of course say that the Government has to accept the will of the House, and I take it that your colleagues will agree.

On school transport, you might ask the Secretary of State for Education to outline the position. He will say that he intends to table an amendment in the Lords restricting the right to charge to the first two children in any family, but does not think that this will be enough to carry the day. If the provisions are defeated, he proposes to accept that decision and not to seek to reinstate them in the Commons. The RSG for 1980-81 has been allocated on the assumption that there will be a saving of £20 m. and Mr. Carlisle will say that LEAs will have to find that by other means. The savings in subsequent years (£35 m. in 1981/82, £45 m. in 1982/83 and £50 m. in 1983/84 - all for England and Wales only) will have to be the subject of further negotiations.

You might like to ask Earl Ferrers to comment on the prospects in the Lords, and the Chief Whip and Chancellor of the Duchy on the possibility of seeking to reinstate the Clause in the Commons. The Chief Secretary will want to put in a view on the public expenditure implications. You might remit the issue to the Treasury and the DES for further discussions.

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Other matters

There are two other matters which I suggest should not be discussed tomorrow. The first is the congestion which lies ahead in the House of Lords. You will remember that Lord Ferrers minuted you about the problem. With your agreement, I asked that Ministers with points to raise should put them direct to Lord Ferrers, and this process is still going on. Cabinet can consider the shape of the programme when those discussions have been completed. I attach a further minute from the Lord Chancellor about the Contempt of Court Bill; you will see that it is to be discussed in Legislation Committee next week.

Finally, I see no need to discuss the Abortion Bill in Cabinet. I have minuted you separately about the state of play on it.

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5 March 1980

With the Compliments
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4 March 1980

Dear Charles,

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME: THE HOUSE OF LORDS

We had a word this morning about Earl Ferrers' minute of 29 February in which he proposes, inter alia, that the Tenants' Rights etc (Scotland) Bill should be continued into the spillover, and should not therefore receive Royal Assent by the summer recess.

Lord Ferrers' minute crossed with my Secretary of State's letter of 28 February in which he sets out his strong view that the Tenants' Rights Bill should not be allowed to lag behind the DOE Housing Bill. We agreed that you would take this on board as a response to Lord Ferrers' proposals, and we may expect to discuss the matter further once you have had other responses to Lord Ferrers' minute.

I am copying this letter to Murdo Maclean (Commons Chief Whip's Office), John Stevens (Leader of the House (Commons) Office), Nick Sanders (No 10), David Edmonds (DOE) and David Wright (Cabinet Office).

Yours sincerely,

GODFREY ROBSON
Private Secretary



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3 March 1980

The Prime Minister has seen your Secretary of State's letter of 29 February to the Secretary of State for Energy about the Coal Bill. She has also seen Mr. Howell's letter of 21 February.

The Prime Minister has commented that she agrees with your Secretary of State that it would be better to defer publication of the Coal Bill until the steel strike has been settled.

I am copying this letter to Bill Burroughs (Department of Energy), Alistair Pirie (Chief Secretary's Office) and Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office).

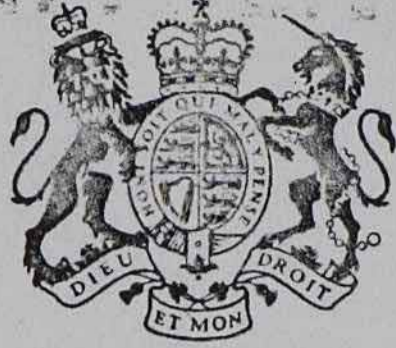
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From the Private Secretary

March
 3 February 1980

Legislative Programme: The House of Lords

The Prime Minister has seen Earl Ferrers' minute of 29 February. She is most grateful to him for having set out the issues in this way. She imagines that some of her colleagues may wish to comment on the points affecting them, and would be grateful if they could do so in the first instance direct to the Business Managers in the Lords, keeping the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and the Chief Whip (Commons) informed.

She hopes that it will be possible to resolve most of the points arising by discussion between the Ministers most concerned. She would be grateful if Lord Ferrers, in consultation with the Business Managers in the Commons, could let her know in due course of any outstanding problems.

I am copying this letter to Private Secretaries to members of Cabinet, including the Minister of Transport and to Murdo Maclean, Sir Henry Rowe and David Wright (Cabinet Office).

N. J. SANDERS

Charles Cumming-Bruce, Esq.
 Chief Whip's Office
 House of Lords

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29 February 1980

GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION

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- Consular Fees
- Highlands and Islands Air Services (Scotland)
- Law Reform (Misc Prov) (Scotland) (L)
- New Hebrides (L)
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- ∅ Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) (L)

(ii) Committee of Whole House

- ∅ Reserve Forces (L)

(iii) Standing Committee

- Broadcasting
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* SI Committee

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(vi) <u>Orders and Regulations (Continued)</u>	<u>Date Laid</u>	<u>Whether Controversial</u>	<u>Date Required</u>
Prevention of Terrorism	19/2	Maybe	For debate 4/3
Representation of the People	26/2	No	By 14/3
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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*	23.6.80												
5. Energy, Efficiency and Safety, Etc.* (July 1980)	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	Commons 5.2.80	18.2.80	S.C.E.									
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
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15. Port of London (Financial Assistance)* (March 1980)	27.11.79.												
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17. International Military Services (Financial Provision)													
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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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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	3.3.80			
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	28.2.80	29.2.80	
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

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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 4.3.80								
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 4.3.80	4.3.80	4.3.80	4.3.80							
6. Valuation and Rating (Scotland)	Transferred to Local Government, Planning and Land												

SCOTTISH BILLS

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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					

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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)	Ready												
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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PUBLIC BILLS 1979/80 SESSION

(Essential Bills marked *)

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73. Access to Commons and Open Country Dr Clark (SO 13)	Corres. 20.2.80	27.2.80	14.3.80										

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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	-	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		27.2.80	21.2.80
142. Farm Capital Grant (Variation) Scheme	31.1.80	31.1.80	9.3.80	19.2.80	20.2.80	28.2.80
143. Horticulture Capital Grant (Variation) Scheme	31.1.80	31.1.80	9.3.80	19.2.80	20.2.80	28.2.80
144. Export Guarantees (Limit on Foreign Currency Commitments)	4.2.80		21.3.80			
145. Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (The United States of	31.1.80.	-	-	-	18.2.80	-

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	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
146. Export Guarantees (Extension of Period (No. 2))	13.2.80		21.3.80			
147. Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1976 (Continuance).	19.2.80	19.2.80	24.3.80		4.3.80	17.3.80
148. Representation of the People (Variation of Limits of Candidates' Election Expenses)	26.2.80	26.2.80				
149. Southern Rhodesia (Constitution of Zimbabwe) (Elections and Appointments) (Amendment)	26.2.80	26.2.80				
150. County Courts (Northern Ireland)	26.2.80	26.2.80				

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PRIME MINISTER

*I agree with
Kerr's
part.*

To see this exchange.
We will report again
if agreement cannot
be reached.

David

COAL BILL

Thank you for your letter of 21 February about the Coal Bill.
I appreciate your difficulties.

*MS
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However, the steel strike may well be entering a critical stage. Private sector steelworkers are returning to work in virtual defiance of their unions. We may be seeing the first signs of strike-weariness amongst BSC employees. Anything which gave the union leadership a rallying cry at this moment could be most damaging to BSC's chances of achieving an acceptable pay settlement.

I fear that to publish the Coal Bill, involving explicit disclosure of the provision for deficit grants to the NCB, might do just that. Already steelworkers feel unfairly treated because they are being asked to earn their pay rise through better productivity whereas, in their eyes, the coal miners were not. They would now see the Government being prepared to finance operating losses in coal whilst refusing to do so for steel. The differences in the situations of NCB and BSC would be lost on the strikers. Their sense of being picked upon would be strengthened.

I hope therefore you will be prepared to go on holding your hand until the strike is settled.

In view of the Prime Minister's close interest in the steel dispute I am copying this letter to her as well as to the recipients of yours.

Edwin Kerr

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Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster

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29 February 1980

Dear Paul

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION (AMENDMENT) BILL

with request if necessary

Thank you for your letter of 26 February addressed to John Stevens recording your Secretary of State's agreement to defer the International Organisations (Amendment) Bill.

The Chancellor of the Duchy is very grateful to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary for agreeing to leave over this Bill for this session. The Queen's Speeches and Future Legislation Committee will wish to consider in due course the bids for next session's legislative programmes, but the Chancellor of the Duchy has noted that your Secretary of State has given this Bill a high priority in his proposals for 1980/81.

I am copying this letter to Nick Sanders (No 10), Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office), Charles Cumming-Bruce (Office of the Chief Whip, House of Lords), to First Parliamentary Counsel and to David Wright (Cabinet Office).

Yours sincerely

MISS PETRA LAIDLAW
Private Secretary

Paul Lever Esq
Private Secretary to the Secretary of State
Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Whitehall

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PRIME MINISTER

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME: PROBLEMS IN THE LORDS

Lord Ferrers has sent you the attached minute (Flag A) about the Lords timetable for the rest of the Session. You will see that it is very congested, and that he expects the Lords to have to sit until 8 August and then again in October.

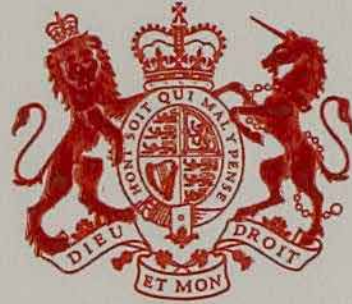
Several of your colleagues may want to comment on points arising from this minute. In particular, the Lord Chancellor is bound to object to the proposition that the Contempt of Court Bill should be dropped. I have consulted those most closely involved, and I suggest that we should encourage Ministers who find themselves in difficulty because of the proposed timetable to seek to resolve their problems with the Business Managers direct. Any outstanding points can then be discussed in Cabinet, perhaps on Thursday 13 March.

Are you content to proceed in this way?

Yes not.

MS

29 February 1980



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FROM THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE
HOUSE OF LORDS

29th February 1980

PRIME MINISTER

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME
THE HOUSE OF LORDS

1. The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster wrote to you on 19th February about the legislative programme. I have since discussed with him and with the Chief Whips of both Houses the position in the House of Lords in particular. It is clear that the main problems which will confront the Government in securing the legislative programme will occur in this House. The Lord President drew attention in Cabinet to the difficulties which would arise as a result of the decision not to proceed with the Local Government Planning and Land Bill in the House of Lords. The recent addition of the Social Security (No.2) Bill to the programme will further exacerbate the situation in this House. I felt it right that I should draw your attention and that of colleagues to these difficulties.
2. There are three main points for consideration:
 - (i) The completion of legislation already introduced together with the Social Security (No.2) Bill will cause severe congestion of business in the House of Lords from now on, becoming increasingly serious in the period from Whitsun to the end of the Session. It will not be possible to proceed with Bills which have not yet been introduced (with the exception of the Social Security (No.2) Bill) other than at the expense of progress with Bills which have been started (see below, paragraphs 3-5).
 - (ii) It will be necessary to agree an order of priority for the main Programme Bills, as only some of the important Bills can reach Royal Assent by the summer recess (see below, paragraphs 6-9).
 - (iii) The House of Lords is likely to have to sit for at least 5-6 weeks after the end of July, in order to complete business which is already in progress and the Social Security (No.2) Bill. It is for consideration when this time can be found (see below, paragraph 10).
3. Those Bills which have not been introduced are listed in Annex A. I hope that I may assume that the Petroleum and Submarine Pipelines Bill and the International Organisations Bill will not now proceed this Session.

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4. It is expected that the Films Bill would not require a full day for any of its stages, and it is therefore possible that it could be included alongside major Bills. The same might be true of a very much shortened version of the Energy Conservation Bill.
5. I recognise the importance which both you and the Lord Chancellor attach to the Contempt of Court Bill, but it is bound to take time in the Lords especially, in my judgement, in Committee. I fear that time simply will not be available for it unless other measures are dropped from the programme in order to make room for it, or unless the Session is extended beyond the estimated 5-6 weeks which are already required for sittings of the House of Lords after the end of July.
6. The Bills for which an order of priority must be established are listed in two groups in Annex B. For planning purposes, I am assuming that it will be desirable to secure Royal Assent by the summer recess for the Social Security (No.2) Bill, the Housing Bill and the Employment Bill. I would hope that this will be possible, but this target would mean that it would not be possible to complete the Local Government Planning and Land (No.2) Bill, the Tenants Rights Etc. (Scotland) Bill and the Health Services Bill until the spillover.
7. Bills which are in the second group are unlikely to reach Royal Assent by the summer recess unless they are allowed to delay to some degree the progress of Bills in the first group.
8. It is expected that the Coal Industry Bill and the Port of London (Financial Assistance) Bill will be able to make progress alongside Bills from both groups, without unduly disrupting their progress. It should, therefore, be possible to take them through their stages in the Lords within a reasonable period after their arrival from the House of Commons.
9. I have given an indication in Annex C of the dates by which I would hope to complete the Lords stages of Bills which have already been introduced. These dates are, of course, provisional.
10. It will be possible to find 4 additional weeks if the House of Lords sits in the first week in August and for the last 3 weeks of October (13th to 31st October). If the House of Lords sits until 8th August it is almost certain that the House of Commons would also have to sit in order to consider Lords amendments. Extra time might be found only by sitting during the Party Conferences (there would be strong resistance to sitting during the Liberal and Labour Party Conferences) or in November. I very much doubt whether it would be possible to keep the House later than 8th August or bring it back from the summer recess before October.



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HOUSE OF LORDS

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11. Achieving the whole programme will put the House under quite exceptional strain, involving strong Whips and late sittings on almost every Government day from Easter until the end of the Session. As this has never been attempted before, it is not possible to forecast with any confidence to what extent the Whips will be obeyed, particularly in the later part of the Session.
12. Precise sitting dates can be considered in the light of the circumstances prevailing nearer the time. I should be grateful, however, for your agreement that we may proceed on the basis of the priorities which I have indicated above.
13. I am copying this minute to members of the Cabinet, the Minister of Transport, and the Chief Whips in both Houses. I am also sending a copy to First Parliamentary Counsel and Sir Robert Armstrong.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ferrers', with a horizontal line underneath.

FERRERS

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House of Lords

ANNEX A

Petroleum and Submarine Pipelines

International Organisations (Amendment)

Films

Energy Conservation

Contempt of Court

Coal Industry

Port of London (Financial Assistance)



House of Lords

ANNEX B

Group 1

Social Security (No.2)

Housing

Employment

Local Government Planning and Land (No.2)

Tenants Rights, etc. (Scotland)

Health Services

Group 2

Broadcasting

Civil Aviation

Highlands and Islands Air Services (Scotland)



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ANNEX C

LORDS THIRD READINGS - PROVISIONAL ESTIMATE

Protection of Trading Interests	28th February
Bees	3rd March
National Heritage	14th or 17th March
Competition	17th March
Criminal Justice (Scotland)	27th March
Education (No.2)	31st March
Aerospace	24th April
Social Security	15th May
Industry	19th May
Transport	12th June
Social Security (No.2)	14th July
Employment	31st July
Housing	5th August
Consular Fees	? end of July
Health Services	spillover
Local Government Planning and Land (No.2)	spillover
Tenants Rights, etc. (Scotland)	spillover
Broadcasting	spillover
Civil Aviation	spillover
Air Services (Scotland)	spillover



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From the Private Secretary

25 February 1980

Legislative Programme : Contempt of Court Bill

The Prime Minister has seen the Chancellor of the Duchy's minute of 19 February and the Lord Chancellor's minute of 20 February.

She very much hopes that it will be possible to find space in the legislative programme to complete proceedings on the Contempt of Court Bill. I understand, however, that there may be further discussions about the prospects for the remainder of this Session in both the Commons and the Lords. I should therefore be grateful to have further advice in due course.

I am copying this letter to John Chilcot (Home Office), Ian Maxwell (Lord Chancellor's Office), Charles Cumming-Bruce (Government Whips' Office, House of Lords), Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office) and David Wright (Cabinet Office).

N. J. SANDERS

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GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION(i) Awaiting Second Reading

Consular Fees

Highlands and Islands Air Services (Scotland)

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

New Hebrides (L)

Police Negotiating Board (L)

∅ Slaughter of Animals (Scotland) (L)

(ii) Committee of Whole House

∅ Reserve Forces (L)

(iii) Standing Committee

Broadcasting

Civil Aviation

Employment

Health Services

Housing

Insurance Companies (L)

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) Orders and Regulations

	Date Laid	Whether Controversial	Date Required
* Export Guarantees	4/2	No	By 21/3
* Export Guarantees (No.2)	13/2	No	By 21/3
Prevention of Terrorism	19/2	Maybe	By 24/3
* Sea Fish Industry Act 1970	28/1	No	a.s.a.p.

* SI Committee

∅ Consolidation

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Bees

British Aerospace

Competition

Criminal Justice (Scotland) (L)

Education (No.2)

Industry

National Heritage

Protection of Trading Interests

∅ Residential Homes (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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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*	23.5.80												
5. Energy, Efficiency and Safety, Etc.* (July 1980)	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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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	S.C.E.									
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	26.2.80 27.2.80	27.2.80		
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 (20.2.80)}					
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	25.2.80.			

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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.	28.2.80				
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	13.2.80.	Lords 14.2.80	25.2.80.					
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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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	3.3.80			
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

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 4.3.80								
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 Govern- ment (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

	Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
	10. Statute Law Revision (Northern Ireland)													

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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)	6.2.80	17.1.80	13.2.80 Withdrawn										

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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	-	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	19.2.80	20.2.80	
143.	Horticulture Capital Grant (Variation) Scheme	31.1.80	31.1.80	9.3.80	19.2.80	20.2.80	
144.	Export Guarantees (Limit on Foreign Currency Commitments)	4.2.80		21.3.80			
145.	Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (The United States of America).	31.1.80.	-	-	-	18.2.80	-

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	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
146. Export Guarantees (Extension of Period (No. 2)	13.2.80		21.3.80			
147. Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1976 (Continuance).	19.2.80					

PRIME MINISTER

Contempt of Court Bill

You saw the Chancellor of the Duchy's minute of 19 February about the legislative programme (Flag A). One of the proposals in that minute was that we might reconsider the need to get the Contempt of Court Bill through by the end of this Session.

Not surprisingly, this has produced a firm rejoinder from the Lord Chancellor (Flag B). I imagine that your sympathies will be with him, but I recommend that we should wait for a few days before coming to decisions. The timetable for the rest of the Session in both the Commons and the Lords is to be reconsidered by officials next week, and we ought to know by Thursday whether there is a real difficulty about the Contempt of Court Bill or not.

Are you content at this stage simply to let the Chancellor of the Duchy's office know that you hope that space can be found for the Contempt of Court Bill but that we await further advice from them on the practicalities?

*Space should be found
for it. MS*

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21 February 1980

Dear Keith

You will remember that when Legislation Committee discussed the Coal Bill on 23 January it was decided to postpone publication until it would no longer adversely affect arguments about issues involved in the steel strike. It was left that I would consult you and the Chief Whip about the timing of introduction.

When we discussed the matter in January we knew that there was a risk that comparisons would be drawn between our policies for coal and steel whether we liked it or not. The risk was increased by the fact that various Government statements with an implication for coal would have to be made before the end of March. Nevertheless, we decided on the delay and I readily accepted this because I recognised your difficulties over steel. But I think it fair to say that none of us at the time thought that the delay would be so long. Indeed, there is still no clear prospect of an end to it if publication of the Bill must await the settlement of the strike. I believe that this prolonged delay has changed the balance of advantage for us and that further delay will risk major difficulty and embarrassment for the Government, on steel as well as on coal. The events which are likely to focus public attention on the comparison between our policies for the two industries are now impending. As you know, estimates have now been published providing for support for the NCB in 1979-80 and estimates will be published next month making similar provision for 1980-81. The Public Expenditure White Paper to appear in mid-March will have to deal with the problem of what to say about coal support. We must have an affirmative order before the end of March to increase our contribution to the deficiency in the Mineworkers' Pension scheme, and we are statutorily required to lay a statement on the NCB's finances at the same time as the draft order. All these events run the risk of provoking public debate about coal and steel. The worst possible outcome, from both your point of view and mine, would be a one-sided debate in which we could not properly present our policy on coal. I am sure that we must avoid this by explaining our coal policy properly, and putting it in the context of the Government's general policy. We have indeed a constructive story to tell and one that may help to reduce the general industrial temperature.

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I might add also that continued delay would create special difficulties on coal. For example, the new deficit grants to the NCB to be paid by the end of the financial year should if possible be authorised not only by the Appropriations Act but also by Second Reading in the Commons of the Coal Bill. I imagine also that further delay in introducing the Bill will increase the difficulties of managing Parliamentary business during the rest of the session.

For all these reasons, I believe that we should now introduce the Coal Bill as quickly as possible and I am writing to seek your agreement to this.

I am sending copies of this letter to John Biffen and Michael Jopling.

D A R Howell

James
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Prime Minister

Legislative Programme
Contempt of Court Bill

In his minute to you of 19th February, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster asked whether I would consider going no further with the Contempt of Court Bill this Session than introduction and Second Reading in the Lords.

I am strongly opposed to this suggestion. The Government is committed to proceeding with this Bill by virtue not only of the explicit promise in the Queen's Speech, but also of our international obligation under the European Human Rights Convention as declared by the Court of Human Rights in the Sunday Times case in April 1979. Moreover, the Bill is eagerly awaited in certain quarters both in Parliament and outside, notably among the press and broadcasters. They would certainly not take the view that the course proposed would be an adequate implementation of the Government's commitment and they would be quick to lay the same charge of procrastination against us as they regularly and justifiably laid against the previous Administration.

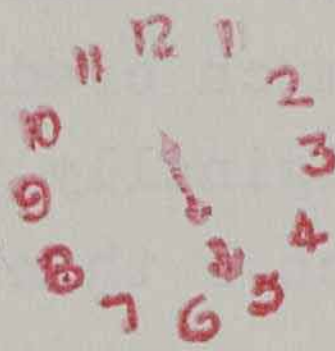
The Contempt of Court Bill is my only important Bill this Session. It is only because of the shortage of drafting resources in the Summer and early Autumn that it is not by now well on its way through Parliament. It is not a long Bill (about 22 clauses and four short schedules) and its main objectives will not be opposed by anyone. Indeed, I think it will be welcomed in both Houses. Although it may arouse some interest and debate at Second Reading in each House, I doubt if the remaining stages will be very time-consuming.

I fully recognise the difficulties which the Chancellor of the Duchy and the Chief Whips in both Houses have to meet. But I think that the Government has little to lose and much credit to gain by pressing ahead with the Contempt Bill as originally planned. I personally would be in some difficulty, which I think would reflect on the Government as a whole, if we were to renege on our plan to do so.

I am copying this to the recipients of the Chancellor of the Duchy's minute.

H. of S. M.
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From the Secretary of State

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20 February 1980

Dear John,

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME 1980/81

Further to my letter to you of 11 February, I
... now enclose a pro forma for the Export Services
Bill. As requested, I have also included the
Bill in Annexes A and AA.

I am copying this to recipients of my earlier
letter.

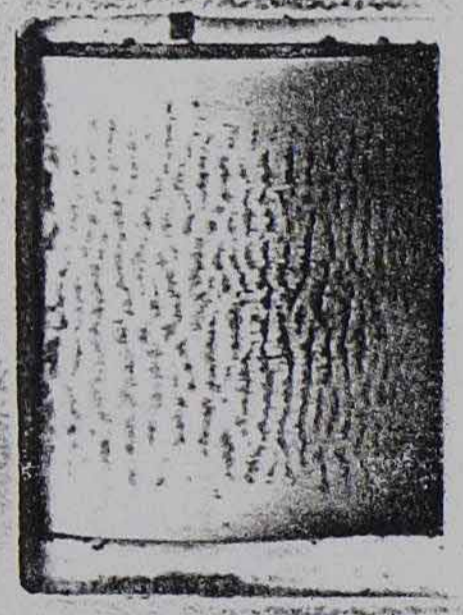
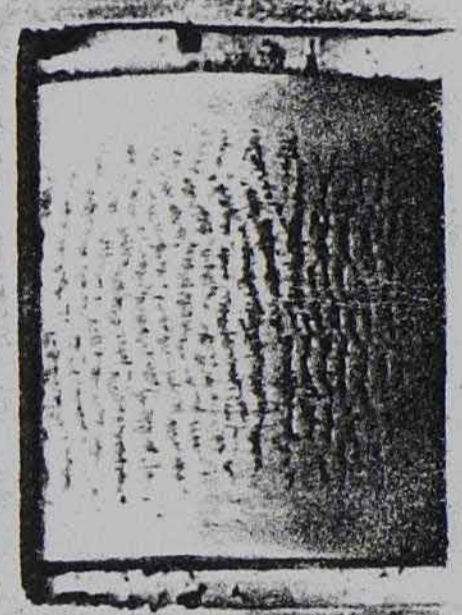
Yours ever,

Nicholas McInnes

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Private Secretary

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1. DEPARTMENT: Trade
2. TITLE OF BILL: Export Services
3. LENGTH OF BILL: Short (up to 12 clauses)
4. PURPOSE OF BILL: To take action to reorganise export services following the Rayner exercise
5. PROPOSED CATEGORY: Programme
6. DEPARTMENTAL PRIORITY: 4
7. STATE OF READINESS: Awaiting completion of the Rayner exercise in Summer 1980.
 - (a) Policy clearance by July 1980
 - (b) Instructions to Counsel by September 1980
 - (c) Introduction in November 1980
8. TIMING: No deadline
9. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE: Normal
10. THE POLITICAL DIMENSION: None
11. PUBLIC EXPENDITURE AND MANPOWER IMPLICATIONS: None

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ORDER OF PRIORITY OF PROPOSED BILLS FOR 1980/81 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME

1	2	3	4	5	6
ORDER OF PRIORITY	TITLE OF BILL	LENGTH OF BILL	PROPOSED CATEGORY	ORDER OF INTRODUCTION	PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE
1	Insurance Companies	substantial (about 45 clauses)	Essential	3	Normal (House of Lords introduction)
2	Companies	Long (50 clauses + long (schedule))	Essential	8	Normal (House of Lords introduction)
3	Common Fund	short (up to 12 clauses)	Contingent	2	Normal
4	Export Services	Short (up to 12 clauses)	Programme	4	Normal
5	Fair Trading	substantial or long (35-60 clauses)	Programme	5	Normal
6	Merchant Shipping	Very short (probably 1 or 2 clauses)	Programme	1	Second Reading Committee (or Private Member or Peer)
7	Merchant Shipping (Liner Conferences)	Probably short (about 10 clauses)	Programme	6	Normal (House of Lords introduction/ Second Reading Committee)
8	Insolvency	Long	Programme	7	Normal (House of Lords introduction)

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PROBABLE ORDER OF INTRODUCTION (see Col 5, ANNEX A) 1981/81

1	2	3	4	5	6
ORDER OF INTRODUCTION	TITLE OF BILL	PROPOSED CATEGORY	ORDER OF PRIORITY	READY	ROYAL ASSENT
1	Merchant Shipping	Programme	6	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	Export Services	Programme	4	November 1980	No deadline
5	Fair Trading	Programme	5	November 1980	No deadline
6	Merchant Shipping (Liner Conferences)	Programme	7	January 1981	May 1981
7	Insolvency Companies	Programme	8	Early 1981	No deadline
8		Essential	2	January 1981 (or later)	July 1981



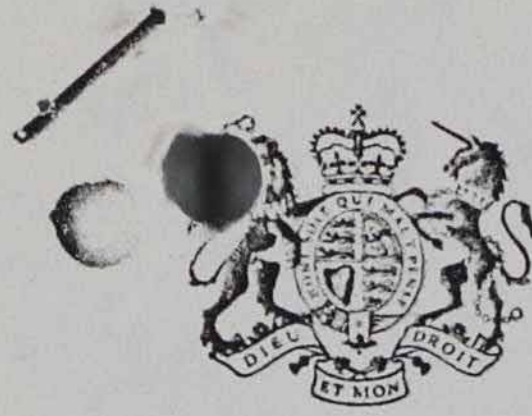
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PRIME MINISTER

SOCIAL SECURITY AND OTHER LEGISLATION

This minute is a sequel to my minute of 7 February and takes account of the decisions summarised in the Chancellor of the Exchequer's minute to you of 15 February.

We shall proceed as quickly as we can with the present Social Security Bill, which has to receive Royal Assent by 23 May.

Parliamentary Counsel has sounded out the House authorities about the possibility of including in the Finance Bill the additional Social Security provisions and the provisions about public sector pensions. The House authorities confirm Parliamentary Counsel's view that this cannot be done; the Speaker would not allow the Finance Bill to be extended for these purposes.

We therefore need a separate Bill to deal with the Social Security changes which Cabinet have agreed. Any provisions about public service pensions and those about supplementary benefits for strikers could go in the same Bill. To get the Bill through both Houses and obtain Royal Assent by mid-July we must aim to publish it before Easter.

I should draw your attention and that of colleagues to three implications for the Parliamentary timetable:

This is another argument for PEWP and Budget on the same day MS

- (a) the report and third reading of the present Social Security Bill will have to take place in the week beginning 17 March. The Public Expenditure White Paper which will announce the further Social Security measures is being published on 18 March. This is an awkward coincidence but if we are to obtain Royal Assent by 23 May it is unavoidable;
- (b) the Social Security (No 2) Bill will have to be published either in the same week or in the following week, which is the week of the Budget;
- (c) in the weeks immediately after Easter we have to find time on the floor of the House for the Finance Bill, the Social Security (No 2) Bill and the remaining stages of the Employment Bill. I think this can be done, especially if the Employment Bill can be handled in the way the Employment Secretary suggested at Cabinet last week, but other Bills may well be delayed.

The need to include a fresh Social Security Bill in our congested programme means that we must look even more critically at the

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prospects for those Bills that have not yet been introduced. The Chancellor of the Exchequer agreed at the meeting on 8 February to consider whether it was still necessary for the Secretary of State for Energy to introduce the Petroleum and Submarine Pipelines (Amendment) Bill this session. Perhaps the Energy Secretary can also look at the need to introduce the Energy Conservation, Etc. Bill. It would greatly help the management of the programme if both these were not now included for the present session.

I understand that the business managers in the Lords see difficulties about finding adequate time for the Contempt of Court Bill. Perhaps the Lord Chancellor would consider whether it would be a sufficient implementation of our Queen's Speech commitment if that Bill were given a second reading as a means of widening debate on its provisions but on the understanding that it might not be able to make further progress this session.

Finally, I should be grateful if the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary could consider deferring the International Organisations (Amendment) Bill.

If these Bills could be deferred we would still hope to be able to complete the rest of the programme by the end of October.

I am copying this minute to other members of the Cabinet, the Minister of Transport, the Chief Whips in both Houses, and the acting Leader of the House of Lords. I am also sending a copy to First Parliamentary Counsel and Sir Robert Armstrong.

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19 February 1980

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any specific target for Royal Assent
(to be marked after title.)

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PUBLIC BILLS 1979/80 SESSION

(Essential Bills marked *) 15 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 (20.2.80))					
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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(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.	28.2.80				
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	13.2.80.	Lords 14.2.80						
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 4.3.80								
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												

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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)													
		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, Rating).	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		20.2.80	
143. Horticulture Capital Grant (Variation) Scheme	31.1.80	31.1.80	9.3.80		20.2.80	
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.				18.2.80	

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Title	Laid		Required	Joint S I' Committee	Approved	
	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
146. Export Guarantees (Extension of Period (No. 2))	13.2.80					

PART 3 ends:-

Legislation Note 15. 2. 80

PART 4 begins:-

Public Bills Note 15. 2. 80.

