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CODES OF PRACTICE

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I attach the revised Codes of Practice on Picketing and the Closed Shop in the form in which they have today been laid before both Houses of Parliament. I have made a few further drafting changes to take account of comments by Keith Joseph and Michael Havers on the version I circulated on 22 October and also to meet some of the criticisms in the report of the Select Committee on Employment published on 4 November.

The Codes are due to be considered by the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments on 11 November and, subject to their approval by the Joint Committee, to be debated in both Houses on 13 November.

I am copying this minute to the members of E Committee, the Lord Chancellor, the Home Secretary, the Attorney General, the Lord Advocate, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, the Lord President, the Chief Whips and Sir Robert Armstrong.



J P 5 November 1980