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LEADER'S CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

135TH MEETING

5.00 p.m., Wednesday, 27th October 1976, in the
Leader's Room at the House of Commons.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the 134th meeting.
 2. Future Business.
 3. Forthcoming Events.
 4. Any other business.
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LEADER'S CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 135th Meeting held at 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 27th October 1976, in the Leader's Room at the House of Commons.

- Present: Mrs. Thatcher (In the Chair)
- Mr. Whitelaw, Sir Keith Joseph, Lord Carrington, Lord Hailsham, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Mr. Pym, Mr. Jenkin, Mr. Peyton, Mr. St. John-Stevas, Mr. Heseltine, Mr. Raison, Mr. Maude, Mr. Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Neave, Mrs. Oppenheim, Mr. Biffen.
- Mr. Atkins.
- In attendance: Mr. Stanley, Mr. Butler, Mr. Patten, Mr. Nicholson.
- Apologies: Mr. Maudling, Mr. Prior, Mr. Gilmour, Lord Thorneycroft.

1. Proposed Business for the Week 1st-8th November

On Monday, 1st November, there would be a debate on a Motion to set up a Select Committee to Inquire into the Conduct and Activities of Members. This would be followed by the Remaining Stages of the Development of Rural Wales Bill (Mr. Edwards, Mr. W. Roberts) and by a debate on Welsh Affairs.

On Tuesday, 2nd November, Mrs. Jill Knight would seek leave to introduce her Marriage (Amendment) Bill under the 10 Minute Rule. This would be followed by the Remaining Stages of the Weights and Measures &c (No.2) Bill (Mrs. Oppenheim, Mr. Lamont) and by consideration of Lords Amendments to the New Towns (Amendment) Bill (Mr. Morris) and by Lords Amendments to the Bail Bill (Mr. E. Gardner) and by Motions relating to Poultry Hygiene Regulations (Mr. Pym).

On Wednesday, 3rd November, Mr. Freud would seek leave to introduce his Shops (Sunday Trading) Bill under the 10 Minute Rule. This would be followed by the Remaining Stages of the Retirement of Teachers (Scotland) Bill (Mr. Taylor) and by the Remaining Stages of the Valuation and Rating (Exempted Classes) (Scotland) Bill (Mr. Taylor). This would be followed by Consideration of Lords Amendments to the Licensing (Scotland) Bill (Mr. Buchanan-Smith, Mr. Rifkind) and by the Remaining Stages of the Sexual Offences (Scotland) Bill (Mr. Rifkind).

On Thursday, 4th November, there would be a debate on Transport policy (Mr. Fowler, Mr. Raison). This would be followed by Proceedings on the Supplementary Benefits Bill (Mr. Awdry) and by the Remaining Stages of the Land Drainage Bill (Mr. Awdry).

On Friday, 5th November, there would be a debate on the

On Monday, 8th November, there would be Consideration of Lords Amendments which might be received.

2. Matters Arising on Business

There was a discussion on the Government's proposal to set up a Select Committee to inquire into the conduct and activities of Members.

The meeting closed at 6.00 p.m.

Minutes of the 134th Meeting

Apologies for this meeting were in fact received from Mr. Maudling, who was taking part in the Rhodesia Debate, and his name should therefore be omitted from the list of those present.

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MONDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER

Speakers:

Debate on Motion to set up a Select Committee to Inquire into the Conduct and Activities of Members

Speakers: Edwards
W. Roberts

Remaining stages of the Development of Rural Wales Bill (Lords)

2 w 45

Whip: 2 line from

4.30 p.m.

Followed by a debate on WELSH AFFAIRS

TUESDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER

10 Minute Rule Bill: Marriage (Amendment)(J. Knight)

Speakers: Oppenheim
Lamont

Remaining stages of the Weights and Measures & (No. 2) Bill (Lords)

Whip: 2 line from

4.30

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Speakers: ~~Raisson~~ Richardson

Consideration of Lords Amendments to the New Towns (Amendment) Bill

Whip: 1 line

Speaker: E. Gardner

Lords Amendments to the Bail Bill (Lords)

Speaker: Pym

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Motions relating to Poultry Hygiene Regulations

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Whip: 1 line

WEDNESDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER

10 Minute Rule Bill: Shops (Sunday Trading) (C. Freud)

Speaker: T. Taylor

Remaining stages of the Retirement of Teachers (Scotland Bill (Lords)

2 w 45

Whip: 2 line from

4.30

Speaker: T. Taylor

and of the Valuation and Rating (Exempted Classes)(Scotland) Bill (Lords)

Whip:

Speaker: Buchanan-Smith
Rifkind

Consideration of Lords Amendments to the Licensing (Scotland) Bill

Whip:
Speaker: Rifkind

Remaining stages of the Sexual Offences (Scotland) Bill, which is a Consolidation Measure

THURSDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER

Speakers: Fowler
Raison

Speaker: Awdry

Speaker: Awdry

Whip: 1 line

Debate on TRANSPORT POLICY

Proceedings on the Supplementary Benefits Bill (Lords)
which is a Consolidation Measure

Remaining stages of the Land Drainage Bill (Lords)
which is a Consolidation Measure

FRIDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER

Speaker: Fowler

Whip: 1 line

Debate on the Green Paper on A PROPOSED NEW HIGHWAY CODE

MONDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER

Consideration of Lords Amendments which may be received.

NOTES ON THE BUSINESS STATEMENT
FOR THURSDAY, 28TH OCTOBER 1976

MONDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER

*DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL
WALES BILL (LORDS)

Report and
Third Reading

[Motion on Select Committee on Conduct of Members]

The Bill was reported from the Standing Committee on
Wednesday, 28th July, after 4 sittings.

Speakers: Mr J Morris
Mr A Jones

* DEBATE ON WELSH AFFAIRS

Debate will arise on a Motion for the Adjournment of the
House.

Speakers: Mr J Morris
Mr A Jones

This last happened on Tuesday 23rd October 1975 following
the remaining stages of the Welsh Development Agency (No.2) Bill
(the debate only lasted 1 hour 57 mins and was resumed
on 12th November 1975.)

It is usual to have one day a Session on the floor in
addition to the Welsh Grand Committee debates which may
be of any number.

On 5th February 1976, the 7th Supply Day, the Opposition
made the day available to Plaid Cymru and the Scottish
National Party for 2 half day debates.

Plaid Cymru chose to debate an Economic Infrastructure
for Wales.

*The rule will be suspended

†The rule will be suspended to compensate for
the time taken on the Bill

TUESDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER

*WEIGHTS AND MEASURES &C
(NO.2)BILL (LORDS)

Report and
Third Reading

This Bill is expected to be reported from the Standing
Committee on Thursday, 28th October, after 2 sittings.

Speakers: Mr J Fraser

*NEW TOWNS(AMENDMENT)
BILL

Lords Amendments

The Lords Amendments were received on Thursday, 22nd July.

Speaker: Mr G Barnett

* BAIL BILL

Lords Amendments

The Lords Amendments are to be received today,
Wednesday, 27th October.

Speaker: Mr B John

9 PRAYERS

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(Mr Francis Pym)

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(Mr A Buchanan-Smith)

POULTRY MEAT (HYGIENE) REGULATIONS 1976 SI No.1209

This Appeared on the Paper on 5th August

POULTRY MEAT (HYGIENE) REGULATIONS(SCOTLAND) SI No.1221

This appeared on the Paper on 14th October.

Praying Time expires on 2nd November.

Speaker: Mr G Strang

WEDNESDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER

*RETIREMENT OF TEACHERS
(SCOTLAND) BILL(LORDS)

Committee and
Remaining stages

This Bill had its Second Reading on Monday, 25th October.

Speaker: Mr F McElhone

*VALUATION AND RATING
(EXEMPTED CLASSES)
(SCOTLAND) BILL(LORDS)

Committee and
Remaining stages

This Bill had its Second Reading on Monday, 25th October.

Speaker: Mr F McElhone

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*The rule will be suspended

9Exempted Business until 11.30 pm

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*LICENSING (SCOTLAND)
BILL

Lords Amendments

The amendments are expected from the Lords on Tuesday,
2nd November.

Speaker: Mr H Ewing

*SEXUAL OFFENCES
(SCOTLAND) BILL(LORDS)

Committee and
remaining stages

This Consolidation Measure had its Second Reading on
Monday, 25th October.

Speaker: Lord Advocate

THURSDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER

Debate on
TRANSPORT POLICY

The Consultation Document on TRANSPORT POLICY was
published on 13th April, 1976.

Speakers: Mr W Rodgers
Mr J Horan

*SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS
BILL (LORDS)

All stages

This Consolidation Measure is expected from the Lords on
Friday, 29th October. By recent practice we propose,
subject to there being no amendments, to take all stages
in one day.

Speaker: Mr A Davidson

*LAND DRAINAGE BILL
(LORDS)

Committee and
Remaining stages

This Consolidation Measure is to have its Second Reading
on Friday, 28th October.

Speaker: Mr A Davidson

FRIDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER

HIGHWAY CODE

The Green Paper "A PROPOSED NEW HIGHWAY CODE" was published
in January. At the time of the debate on the present
Highway Code in 1968 undertakings were given that on the next
occasion the House would be given an opportunity to discuss
the proposals before being asked to approve the new Code.
Debate will arise on a Motion to take note.

Speakers: Mr W Rodgers
Mr J Horan

OR Remaining stages of the Public Lending Right Bill
OR EEC Documents on Road Worthiness of Vehicles

*The rule will be suspended

MONDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER

Consideration of Lords Amendments

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should be dealt with.

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