

NOTE FOR RECORD

RECALL OF THE HOUSE APRIL 1982

Friday 2nd April 1982

Cabinet met at 9.45 am following speculation that the FALKLAND ISLANDS had been invaded by Argentina.

The House met at usual at 9.30 am. At 11.00 am the Lord Privy Seal, (The Rt Hon Humphrey Atkins) made a statement that the situation in the Falkland Islands had become increasingly grave and the would be kept closely under review.

At 2.34 pm the Leader of the House (The Rt Hon Francis Pym) made a Statement to the House that if it appeared that the situation required it the House would be recalled to meet on Saturday or Sunday.

In the event the decision to recall was taken at about 5 pm. The Speaker was then out of London but was contacted and agreed that the House should be recalled to meet on Saturday 3rd April at 11.00 am.

Announcements were made by No.10 to the Press and the Media.

Telegrams were sent by the various Whips Offices in the House to all Members of Parliament (paid for by the Government)

No Whip was issued.

SATURDAY 3RD APRIL 1982

The House met at 11.00 am Prayers

Mr Humphrey Atkins made a Personal Statement that in answer to a supplementary the day before he had inadvertently misled the House about the time at which the Government had last been in touch with the Governor of the Falkland Islands.

At the commencement of Public Business a Motion was moved

"That at this day's sitting, Mr Speaker do Adjourn the House at Two o'clock without putting any Question"

Agreed to on a DIVISION Ayes 204 Noes 115

An Opposition Member (Mr D Stoddart) attempted to move a manuscript amendment to sit until 5.00 pm. This was not selected.

The Debate on the FALKLAND ISLANDS, arose on a Motion for the Adjournment of the House.

The House rose at 2.00 pm

The House of Lords also met at 11.00 am and rose at 1.45 pm

The House rose for the Easter Adjournment on THURSDAY 8TH APRIL UNTIL MONDAY 19TH APRIL

In the event it was decided to recall for a debate on Wednesday 14th April 1982 for a further debate on the FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE ON
SATURDAY, 3RD APRIL, 1982

The House met at usual on Friday 2nd April at 9.30 am.

At 11.00 am the Lord Privy Seal (The Rt Hon Humphrey Atkins) made a Statement that the situation in the FALKLAND ISLANDS had become increasingly grave following rumours that Argentina had invaded the Islands and the situation would be kept closely under review.

At 2.34 pm the Leader of the House (The Rt Hon Francis Pym) made a Statement to the House that if it appeared that the situation in the Falkland Islands made it requisite for the House to meet tomorrow or Sunday representations would be made to Mr Speaker, in accordance with Standing Order No.122 for the appropriate arrangements to be made to recall the House.

In the event at about 5 pm the decision was taken to recall the House.

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SATURDAY, 3RD APRIL 1982

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Mr Humphrey Atkins made a Personal Statement that in answer to Supplementary Questions following his Statement at 11.00am on Friday 2nd April, he had inadvertently misled the House about the time at which the Government had last been in touch with the Governor of the Falkland Islands, ie, that the Government had been in contact at 10.30 a.m, whereas he should have said 8.30 am.

Following the Speaker's instructions for a Recall it was possible to print an Order Paper.

At the commencement of Public Business a Motion was moved "That at this day's sitting, Mr Speaker do adjourn the House at Two o'clock, without putting any Question" Agreed to on a DIVISION Ayes 204 Noes 115.

An Opposition Back Bencher (Mr D Stoddart) attempted to move a Manuscript Amendment to sit until 5.00 pm, but this was not selected.

The debate on THE FALKLAND ISLANDS arose on a Motion for the Adjournment of the House.

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For distribution to:-

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Mr I Cow (2)
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Mr M MacLean

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Mr Speaker (2)
Chairman W/M (3)
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Mr M Cocks (2)
Clerk of the House (3)

SATURDAY 3 APRIL 1982

Prayers

Personal Statement - Mr Humphrey Atkins

MOTION TO BE MOVED AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

To enable Mr Speaker to Adjourn the House at 2.00 pm without putting any question

THE WHIP TO MOVE

ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

1. ADJOURNMENT

The Prime Minister

The Government Chief Whip to move :-

"That this House do now adjourn"

A DEBATE ON THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

The Prime Minister to open for the Government

Mr M Foot to open for the Opposition

Mr J Silkin to wind for the Opposition

Mr J Nott to wind for the Government

AT 2.00 PM :- Mr Speaker will Adjourn the House without putting any question.