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## Cabinet / Cabinet Committee Documents

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CC(79) 9 <sup>th</sup> Conclusions, Minute 2 (Extract)	12/07/79
CC(79) 10 <sup>th</sup> Conclusions, Minute 1	19/07/79
CC(79) 12 <sup>th</sup> Conclusions, Minute 1	26/07/79
CC(79) 17 <sup>th</sup> Conclusions, Minute 1	18/10/79
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Signed A Wayland

Date 3 November 2009

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PUBLIC BILLS 1979/80 SESSION

(Essential Bills marked \*) 23 November, 1979

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





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 Offshore Installations	WITHDRAWN												







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48. Petroleum Revenue Tax													

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

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## SCOTTISH BILLS

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







## 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























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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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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	
89. Building Societies (Special Advances)	14.11.79	14.11.79	By Christmas			
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				
92. Unfair Dismissal (Increase of Compensation Limit).	19.11.79	20.11.79				
93. Employment Protection (Variation of Limits).	19.11.79	20.11.79				
94. Representation of the People (Scotland) Amendment.	21.11.79	21.11.79				
95. Perjury (Northern Ireland)	21.11.79	21.11.79				

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British Aerospace

Civil Aviation

Consular Fees

∅ Justices of the Peace (L)

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

∅ Sale of Goods (L)

Transport

(ii) Standing Committee

Bees

Companies (L)

Competition

Education (No.2)

Industry

Limitation (Amendment) (L)

Protection of Trading Interests

(iii) Committee of Whole House

Papua New Guinea

(iv) Report and Third Reading

Charging Orders (L)

(v) Orders and Regulations

Appropriation (No.3) (NI)

Building Societies

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\* Housing Corporation Advances

\* Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland)

\* Legal Aid (Scotland)

\* Milk (Extension etc)

Mineral Exploration (NI)

\* Nursing Qualifications

Southern Rhodesia (No.2)

Date Laid	Whether Controversial	Date Required
8/11	Yes	By end Nov.
14/11	No	By Xmas
6/11	No	By end Nov.
6/11	No	By 3/12
1/11	No	a.s.a.p.
1/11	No	a.s.a.p.
25/10	Maybe	By 13/12
6/11	No	By Xmas
6/11	No	By 30/11
31/10	Maybe	Within 28 sitting days of 31/10

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∅ Consolidation

	<u>Date Laid</u>	<u>Whether Controversial</u>	<u>Date Required</u>
(v) <u>Orders and Regulations</u> (Continued)			
Southern Rhodesia (Expiring Orders)	15/11	Maybe	Within 28 sitting days of 15/11

LORDS

Bail Etc (Scotland)

∅ Child Care (L)

European Communities (Greek Accession)

∅ Foster Children (L)

Insurance Companies (L)

Isle of Man

Protection of Official Information (L)

∅ Residential Homes (L)

Shipbuilding

\* SI Committee

∅ Consolidation

Bills placed upon the Statute Book (7)

Appropriation (No.2) 1979

Education 1979

European Assembly (Pay and Pensions) 1979

Finance (No.2) 1979

Kiribati 1979

Pensioners' Payments and Social Security 1979

Southern Rhodesia 1979



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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.D.				
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		
41. Competition	11.7.79	Commons 12.7.79	(23.7.79) 23.10.79	S.C.B. 30.10.79 -									
42. Protection of Trading Interests (December 1979)	24.10.79	Commons 31.10.79	15.11.79	S.C.									
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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

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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				
2. Housing (Scotland)	November												
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4. Blind Persons (Optical Charges) (Scotland)	Transferred to Health Services (Miscellaneous Provisions)												
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7. Remuneration of Teaching Staff (Scotland)	December												
8. Civic Govern- ment (Scotland)	January												
9. Matrimonial Homes (Rights of Occupancy) (Scotland)	February												
10. Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland)	13.6.79	Lords 14.6.79	3.7.79	17.7.79	23.10.79	1.11.79	Commons 1.11.79						







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## FINANCE BILLS

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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























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

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

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



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

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

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	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
60. Regional Development Grants (Variation of Prescribed Percentages)	24.7.79	25.7.79	Summer recess	-	25.7.79	26.7.79
61. British Railways Board (Borrowing Powers)	17.7.79	-	Summer recess	-	25.7.79	-
62. European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (International Wheat Agreement)	25.7.79		November Privy Council	23.10.79	1.11.79	30.10.79
63. Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 3)	26.7.79	26.7.79	2.11.79	23.10.79	2.11.79	30.10.79
64. Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (No. 2)	26.7.79	26.7.79	2.11.79	23.10.79	2.11.79	30.10.79
65. Plum Material and Clearance Grants Scheme.	31.7.79	31.7.79	19.11.79	23.10.79	2.11.79	30.10.79
66. Fruiting Plum Tree (Planting Grants) Scheme.	31.7.79	31.7.79	19.11.79	23.10.79	2.11.79	30.10.79
67. Customs Duties (ECSC) (Quota and Other Reliefs) (Revocation)	12.9.79.		16.11.79	-	8.11.79	
68. Family Income Supplements (Computation) (No. 2)	22.10.79	23.10.79	November	6.11.79	31.10.79	8.11.79
69. Social Security Benefits Up-rating (Amendment)	22.10.79	23.10.79	9.11.79	6.11.79	8.11.79	8.11.79
70. Social Security (Maximum Additional Component) Amendment	22.10.79	23.10.79	9.11.79	6.11.79	8.11.79	8.11.79
71. Social Security (Earnings-related Addition to Widows' Allowance) (Special Provisions)	22.10.79	23.10.79	9.11.79	6.11.79	8.11.79	8.11.79
72. Hosiery and Knitwear Industry (Scientific Research Levy) (Amendment)	23.10.79	(23.10.79)	By Christmas	31.10.79		15.11.79

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

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	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
88. Building Regulations (Northern Ireland.)	9.11.79	13.11.79.				
89. Building Societies (Special Advances)	14.11.79	14.11.79				
90. Southern Rhodesia (Expiring Orders) (Consequential Provisions)	15.11.79					





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17. International Military Services (Financial Provision)	January												
18. National Heritage Fund (March 1980)	November												
19. Education (No. 2) (March 1980)	24.10.79	Commons 25.10.79	5.11.79	S.C.D. 13.11.79 -									
20. Trade Union	December												
21. Employment Protection Acts (Amendment)	INCORPORATED IN TRADE UNION BILL												
22. Petroleum and Submarine Pipelines Act (Amendment)	December												
23. Offshore Installations	WITHDRAWN												







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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























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25. Nursing Qualifications (EEC Recognition)	(2.7.79) 6.11.79	(2.7.79) 6.11.79	Summer recess	Yes	26.7.79	24.7.79
26. Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments Scheme) (Great Britain) (Amendment)	29.6.79	2.7.79	20.7.79	Yes	20.7.79	19.7.79
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	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
28. Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (Amendment)	2.7.79	2.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	5.7.79	24.7.79
29. Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1976 (Amendment)	2.7.79	2.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	5.7.79	24.7.79
30. Appropriation (No. 2) (Northern Ireland)	4.7.79	4.7.79	July Privy Council	-	23.7.79	24.7.79
31. Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Amendment.	18.7.79	18.7.79	Summer recess	-	19.7.79	26.7.79
32. Coal Industry (Borrowing Powers)	5.7.79	-	Summer recess	-	27.7.79	-
33. Coal Industry (Limit on Grants)	6.7.79	-	Summer recess	-	27.7.79	-
34. European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (ECSC Revision of 9 April 1979 on Supplementary Revenues)	5.7.79	5.7.79	20.7.79	Yes	20.7.79	19.7.79
35. Family Income Supplements (Computation)	4.7.79	4.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	27.7.79	23.7.79
36. Job Release Act 1977 (Continuation)	2.7.79	-	Summer recess	-	27.7.79	-
37. Social Security Benefits Up-rating	4.7.79	4.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	27.7.79	23.7.79
38. Supplementary Benefits (Determination of Requirements)	4.7.79	4.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	27.7.79	23.7.79

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

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

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Title	Laid		Required	Joint S I' Committee	Approved	
	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
60. Regional Development Grants (Variation of Prescribed Percentages)	24.7.79	25.7.79	Summer recess	-	25.7.79	26.7.79
61. British Railways Board (Borrowing Powers)	17.7.79	-	Summer recess	-	25.7.79	-
62. European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (International Wheat Agreement)	25.7.79		November Privy Council	23.10.79	1.11.79	30.10.79
63. Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 3)	26.7.79	26.7.79	2.11.79	23.10.79	2.11.79	30.10.79
64. Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (No. 2)	26.7.79	26.7.79	2.11.79	23.10.79	2.11.79	30.10.79
65. Plum Material and Clearance Grants Scheme.	31.7.79	31.7.79	19.11.79	23.10.79	2.11.79	30.10.79
66. Fruiting Plum Tree (Planting Grants) Scheme.	31.7.79	31.7.79	19.11.79	23.10.79	2.11.79	30.10.79
67. Customs Duties (ECSC) (Quota and Other Reliefs) (Revocation)	12.9.79.		16.11.79	-	8.11.79	
68. Family Income Supplements (Computation) (No. 2)	22.10.79	23.10.79	November	6.11.79	31.10.79	8.11.79
69. Social Security Benefits Uprating (Amendment)	22.10.79	23.10.79	9.11.79	6.11.79	8.11.79	8.11.79
70. Social Security (Maximum Additional Component) Amendment	22.10.79	23.10.79	9.11.79	6.11.79	8.11.79	8.11.79
71. Social Security (Earnings-related Addition to Widows' Allowance) (Special Provisions)	22.10.79	23.10.79	9.11.79	6.11.79	8.11.79	8.11.79
72. Hosiery and Knitwear Industry (Scientific Research Levy) (Amendment)	23.10.79	23.10.79	By Christmas	31.10.79		15.11.79

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



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GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION(i) Awaiting Second Reading

Civil Aviation  
 Consular Fees  
 Education (No.2)  
 Industry  
 Isle of Man  
 Law Reform (Misc Prov) (Scotland) L  
 Papua New Guinea  
 Protection of Trading Interests

(ii) Standing Committee

Bees  
 Charging Orders (L)  
 Companies (L)  
 Competition  
 Limitation (Amendment) (L)

(iii) Committee of Whole House

European Communities (Greek Accession)  
 Shipbuilding

(iv) Orders and Regulations

	Date Laid	Whether Controversial	Date Required
Administration of Estates (NI)	23/10	No	By Xmas
* Customs Duties	12/9	No	By 16/11
Employment Subsidies	23/10	No	Desirable between 9-23 Nov.
* Highlands and Islands	23/10	No	By 1/12
Hosiery and Knitwear Industry	23/10	No	By Xmas
Industrial Assurance (NI)	4/4	No	By Xmas
Legal Advice and Assistance (Scotland)	1/11	No	a.s.a.p.
Legal Aid (NI)	30/10	No	By Xmas
Legal Aid (Scotland)	1/11	No	a.s.a.p.
Milk (Extension etc)	25/10	Maybe	By 13/12
* Social Security Benefits	22/10	No	By 9/11
* Social Security (Earnings-Related, etc)	22/10	No	By 9/11

\* SI Committee

(iv)	<u>Orders and Regulations</u>	<u>Date Laid</u>	<u>Whether Controversial</u>	<u>Date Required</u>
	* Social Security (Maximum Additional Component)	22/10	No	By 9/11
	Southern Rhodesia (No.2)	31/10	Maybe	Within 28 sitting days of 31/10
	Statutory Rules (NI)	23/10	No	By Xmas
	Tax, Consumer Credit, etc (NI)	23/10	No	By Xmas

LORDS

- Bail Etc (Scotland)
- ∅ Child Care (L)
- ∅ Foster Children (L)
- Insurance Companies (L)
- ∅ Justices of the Peace (L)
- Protection of Official Information (L)
- ∅ Residential Homes (L)
- ∅ Sale of Goods (L)

\* SI Committee

∅ Consolidation

Bills placed upon the Statute Book (6)

Appropriation (No.2) 1979

Education 1979

European Assembly (Pay and Pensions) 1979

Finance (No.2) 1979

Kiribati 1979

Pensioners' Payments and Social Security 1979





## RESTRICTED

## PUBLIC BILLS 1979/80 SESSION

(Essential Bills marked \*)

Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
17. International Military Services (Financial Provision)	January												
18. National Heritage Fund (March 1980)	November												
19. Education (No. 2) (March 1980)	24.10.79	Commons 25.10.79	5.11.79										
20. Trade Union	December												
21. Employment Protection Acts (Amendment)	INCORPORATED IN TRADE UNION BILL												
22. Petroleum and Submarine Pipelines Act (Amendment)	December												
23. Offshore Installations	WITHDRAWN												









## 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					
2. Housing (Scotland)	November												
3. Criminal Justice (Scotland)	November												
4. Blind Persons (Optical Charges) (Scotland)	Transferred to Health Services (Miscellaneous Provisions)												
5. Air Services in the High- lands and Islands (Scotland)	March												
6. Valuation and Rating (Scotland)	Transferred to Local Government, Planning and Land												

## 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.
7. Remuneration of Teaching Staff (Scotland)	November												
8. Civic Government (Scotland)	January												
9. Matrimonial Homes (Rights of Occupancy) (Scotland)	February												
10. Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland)	13.6.79	Lords 14.6.79	3.7.79	17.7.79	23.10.79	1.11.79							



## 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)	November												
9. Currency	November												

## FINANCE BILLS

RESTRICTED

	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	-	26.7.7
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	-	27.7.7























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

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

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	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
28. Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1973 (Amendment)	2.7.79	2.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	3.7.79	24.7.79
29. Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1976 (Amendment)	2.7.79	2.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	3.7.79	24.7.79
30. Appropriation (No. 2) (Northern Ireland)	4.7.79	4.7.79	July Privy Council	-	23.7.79	24.7.79
31. Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Amendment.	18.7.79	18.7.79	Summer recess	-	19.7.79	26.7.79
32. Coal Industry (Borrowing Powers)	5.7.79	-	Summer recess	-	27.7.79	-
33. Coal Industry (Limit on Grants)	6.7.79	-	Summer recess	-	27.7.79	-
34. European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (EEC Revision of 9 April 1979 on Supplementary Revenues)	5.7.79	5.7.79	20.7.79	Yes	20.7.79	19.7.79
35. Family Income Supplements (Computation)	4.7.79	4.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	27.7.79	23.7.79
36. Job Release Act 1977 (Continuation)	2.7.79	-	Summer recess	-	27.7.79	-
37. Social Security Benefits Up-rating	4.7.79	4.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	27.7.79	23.7.79
38. Supplementary Benefits (Determination of Requirements)	4.7.79	4.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	27.7.79	23.7.79

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39. Social Security (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit) Amendment.	5.7.79	5.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	19.7.79	24.7.79
40. Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances)(Amendment)	5.7.79	5.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	20.7.79	25.7.79
41. Ministerial and Other Salaries and Pensions Order	6.7.79	9.7.79		Yes	11.7.79	19.7.79
42. International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund (Immunities and Privileges)	9.7.79	9.7.79		Yes	13.7.79	16.7.79
43. Ministry of Overseas Development (Dissolution)	[9.7.79] 25.10.79	[9.7.79] 25.10.79	After recess	31.10.79	30.10.79	16.11.79
44. Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Northern Ireland)	9.7.79	9.7.79	Summer recess	-	17.7.79	19.7.79
45. Asian Development Bank (Second Replenishment of the Asian Development Fund)	10.7.79	-	Summer recess	-	27.7.79	-
46. Inter-American Development Bank (Further Payments)	10.7.79	-	Summer recess	-	27.7.79	-
47. Caribbean Development Bank (Further Payments)	10.7.79	-	Summer recess	-	27.7.79	-
48. African Development Fund (Further Payments to Capital Stock)	10.7.79.	-	Summer recess	-	27.7.79	-
49. Overcraft (Application of Enactments) (Amendment)	10.7.79	10.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	26.7.79.	25.7.79

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50. British Shipbuilders' Borrowing Powers (Increase of Limit)	10.7.79	-	Summer recess	-	25.7.79	-
51. European Communities (Iron and Steel Employees Re-adaptation Benefits Scheme)	11.7.79	11.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	25.7.79	23.7.79
52. Employment Protection (Handling of Redundancies) Variation	11.7.79	1.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	24.7.79	25.7.79
53. Unfair Dismissal (Variation of Qualifying Period)	11.7.79	1.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	24.7.79	25.7.79
54. Weights and Measures (Solid Fuel) (Carriage by Rail) (Amendment)	11.7.79.	11.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	27.7.79	23.7.79
55. Docks and Harbours (Rateable Values) (Scotland)	12.7.79	12.7.79	Summer recess	Yes	27.7.79	25.7.79
56. North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board (Compensation for Smelter Deficits) (No. 2)	12.7.79	-	Summer recess	-	27.7.79	-
57. Social Security (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit) (No. 2)	18.7.79	18.7.79	Summer recess	-	27.7.79	26.7.79
58. Undertaking by the Secretary of State for Scotland.	12.7.79	-	Summer recess	-	25.7.79	-
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61. British Railways Board (Borrowing Powers)	17.7.79	-	Summer recess	-	25.7.79	-
62. European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (International Wheat Agreement)	25.7.79		November Privy Council	23.10.79	1.11.79	30.10.79
63. Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 3)	26.7.79	26.7.79	2.11.79	23.10.79		30.10.79
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65. Plum Material and Clearance Grants Scheme.	31.7.79	31.7.79	19.11.79	23.10.79		30.10.79
66. Fruiting Plum Tree (Planting Grants) Scheme.	31.7.79	31.7.79	19.11.79	23.10.79		30.10.79
67. Customs Duties (ECSC) (Quota and Other Reliefs) (Revocation)	12.9.79.		16.11.79	Yes		
68. Family Income Supplements (Computation) (No. 2)	22.10.79	23.10.79	November		31.10.79	
69. Social Security Benefits Up-rating (Amendment)	22.10.79	23.10.79	9.11.79	Yes		
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71. Social Security (Earnings-related Addition to Widows' Allowance) (Special Provisions)	22.10.79	23.10.79	9.11.79	Yes		
72. Hosiery and Knitwear Industry (Scientific Research Levy) (Amendment)	23.10.79	23.10.79	By Christmas	31.10.79		

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	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
73. Administration of Estates (Northern Ireland)	23.10.79	23.10.79	By Christmas			1.11.79
74. Statutory Rules (Northern Ireland)	23.10.79.	23.10.79	By Christmas			1.11.79
75. Tax, Consumer Credit and Judicative (Northern Ireland Consequential Amendment)	23.10.79	23.10.79	By Christmas			1.11.79
76. Industrial Assurance (Northern Ireland)	4.4.79.	23.10.79	By Christmas			1.11.79
77. Highlands and Islands Development Board Area Extension	23.10.79	23.10.79	1.12.79			
78. Employment Subsidies Act 1978 (Renewal) (Great Britain)	23.10.79		9 - 23.10.79.			
79. Milk (Extension of Period of Control of Maximum Prices)	25.10.79	25.10.79	13.12.79	31.10.79		
80. Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland)	30.10.79	30.10.79				



Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster

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*Parliament 2*  
~~PRIME MINISTER~~

PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE *A necessary*  
WHITEHALL, LONDON SW1A 2AT *reminder*

*MS*  
*5/11*

2 November 1979

*Dear Q.*

Colleagues will be under no illusions about the difficult period ahead of us, in which we shall have to secure the passage of crucial legislation against concerted obstruction from the Opposition.

I appreciate the efforts which have been and are being made to bring bills to Legislation Committee in good time, and the Chief Whip and I and our colleagues in the House of Lords will do everything possible to ensure that they are presented for Royal Assent by the due dates. Experience with the Competition Bill and the Education Bill has, however, shown that the Opposition will use every possible Parliamentary device to obstruct a contentious bill, and I must ask for the co-operation of colleagues in making sure that opportunities to do so are denied to them. In particular, there must be no faltering in the arrangements for giving notice and publishing a bill after it has been approved by Legislation Committee and for making sure that adequate numbers of copies are available at the voting office at the proper time. These arrangements are the responsibility of the Minister sponsoring the bill: I hope Ministers will supervise them personally and will ensure that the Chief Whip's office and my own are kept in touch and are told at once if any difficulty seems likely to arise. We can then take action to prevent a repetition of the events which occurred last week.

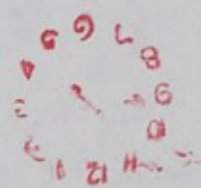
I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister and other colleagues in Cabinet and Legislation Committee, to the Minister of Transport and to First Parliamentary Counsel and Sir Robert Armstrong.

*ever yours*

*Nan StJr.*

The Rt Hon Lord Hailsham  
Chairman of Legislation Committee  
House of Lords





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Secretary of State for Industry

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30 October 1979

The Rt Hon Sir Geoffrey Howe QC MP  
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HMT asked to  
send No 10 a  
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reply AB 6/12  
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when Treasury  
reply  
MS

*Jim Geoffrey*

INDUSTRY BILL

I wrote to you on 19 September about the difficulties of enacting the Industry Bill this financial year if a guillotine is not introduced by 6 December. Nigel Lawson replied on 27 September to say that he thought that it was essential that the Bill should go forward as planned but that a decision on its handling should be deferred until late in November. There was no dissent from this by our colleagues, although considerable doubts have been expressed about the wisdom of an early guillotine. The Bill, as you know, was introduced on 23 October.



I was disturbed to learn, therefore, from Adam Butler, who had a discussion with Michael Jopling that morning, that Michael now considers there is no possibility of entertaining the idea of a guillotine before the Christmas Recess. I understand that the Prime Minister endorses this view. Moreover, Michael considers that a Sittings Motion should not be moved in the Committee until it had sat for two weeks. Since it would hardly be tolerable for the Committee to meet for less than half a dozen times after the guillotine, its use after the Christmas Recess would not allow enough time for their Lordships to consider the Bill before the end of March.

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It seems clear, therefore, that on this advice, unless the Bill makes quite unexpected progress, there can be little realistic possibility of being secured within the current financial year. So far as the interests of my Department are concerned this delay is not unacceptable: the implementation of the Government's policy that are given legislative force by the Bill will not be significantly affected by a slippage of, at the outside, a couple of months. In the case of Rolls Royce it would be desirable to achieve a solution earlier rather than later, but I do not think a few weeks will seriously exacerbate the position. I am fully aware, however, of the importance which the Treasury attached to securing £100m from NEB disposals before 31 March next.

/I think ...



I think, however, that although there can be no certainty there is a fair possibility of the NEB being persuaded that it is within their existing legal powers to make fairly substantial disposals before the Bill is enacted. In particular, I think there is a good chance that they might be prepared and able to sell their holdings in ICL, probably shortly after Christmas. This might yield between £40m and £50m, and I understand that although formal powers to transfer this money are contained in the Bill a temporary means could be found that would be satisfactory. I think it would be going too far to suggest that the NEB would be able to realise much more than this before the Bill becomes law, but I am sure you will agree that the amount is not insignificant in the context. In my view, too, City opinion would be favourably influenced by this disposal, taking it as an earnest demonstration of the Government's intentions, which, coupled with the current debates on the Industry Bill, would provide the sort of reassurance that is needed.

I am sending copies of this letter to Peter Walker, George Younger, Nicholas Edwards, Norman St John-Stevens, David Howell, John Biffen, Michael Havers, Michael Jopling and Bertie Denham. A copy also goes to Sir John Hunt.

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## RESTRICTED

PUBLIC BILLS 1979/80 SESSION

(Essential Bills marked \*)

Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
17. International Military Services (Financial Provision)	January												
18. National Heritage Fund (March 1980)	November												
19. Education (No. 2) (March 1980)	24.10.79	Commons 25.10.79	5.11.79										
20. Trade Union	December												
21. Employment Protection Acts (Amendment)	INCORPORATED IN TRADE UNION BILL												
22. Petroleum and Submarine Pipelines Act (Amendment)	December												
23. Offshore Installations	WITHDRAWN												











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





## FINANCE BILLS

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























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

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

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

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

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

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

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Title	Laid		Required	Joint S I'Committee	Approved	
	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
73. Administration of Estates (Northern Ireland)	23.10.79	23.10.79	By Christmas			1.11.79
74. Statutory Rules (Northern Ireland)	23.10.79.	23.10.79	By Christmas			1.11.79
75. Tax, Consumer Credit and Judicative (Northern Ireland Consequential Amendment)	23.10.79	23.10.79	By Christmas			1.11.79
76. Industrial Assurance (Northern Ireland)	23.10.79	23.10.79	By Christmas			1.11.79
77. Highlands and Islands Development Board Area Extension	23.10.79	23.10.79	1.12.79			
78. Employment Subsidies Act 1978 (Renewal) (Great Britain)	23.10.79		9 - 23.10.79.			
79. Milk (Extension of Period of Control of Maximum Prices)	25.10.79	25.10.79	13.12.79			

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GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION

- (i) Awaiting Second Reading  
 Consular Fees  
 Education (No.2)  
 European Communities (Greek Accession)  
 Industry  
 Isle of Man  
 Shipbuilding

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- (ii) Standing Committee  
 Bees  
 Charging Orders (L)  
 Companies (L)  
 Competition  
 Limitation (Amendment) (L)

(iii) <u>Orders and Regulations</u>	<u>Date Laid</u>	<u>Whether Controversial</u>	<u>Date Required</u>
Administration of Estates (NI)	23/10	No	By Xmas
* Customs Duties	12/9	No	By 16/11
Employment Subsidies	23/10	No	Desirable between 9-23 Nov.
European Communities (Definition of Treaties)	25/7	No	For debate, 1/11
Family Income Supplements	22/10	No	For debate, 31/10
* Fruiting Plum Tree	31/7	No	By 19/11
Highlands and Islands	23/10	No	By 1/12
Hosiery and Knitwear Industry	23/10	No	By Xmas
Industrial Assurance (NI)	4/4	No	By Xmas
* Legal Advice and Assistance	26/7	No	Dept would like debate in week beginning 29/10
* Legal Aid	26/7	No	Dept would like debate in week beginning 29/10
Milk(Extension etc)	25/10	Maybe	By 13/12
Ministry of Overseas Development (Dissolution)	25/10	Yes	For debate, 30/10
* Plum Material	31/7	No	By 19/11

(iii) <u>Orders and Regulations</u>	<u>Date Laid</u>	<u>Whether Controversial</u>	<u>Date Required</u>
* Social Security Benefits	22/10	No	By 9/11
* Social Security (Earnings-Related, etc)	22/10	No	By 9/11
* Social Security (Maximum Additional Component)	22/10	No	By 9/11
Southern Rhodesia	13/7	Maybe	Within 28 sitting days of 13/7
Statutory Rules (NI)	23/10	No	By Xmas
Tax, Consumer Credit, etc (NI)	23/10	No	By Xmas

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- Bail Etc (Scotland)
- ∅ Child Care (L)
- ∅ Foster Children (L)
- Insurance Companies (L)
- ∅ Justices of the Peace (L)
- Law Reform (Misc Prov) (Scotland) (L)
- Protection of Official Information (L)
- ∅ Residential Homes (L)
- ∅ Sale of Goods (L)

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∅ Consolidation

Bills placed upon the Statute Book (6)

Appropriation (No.2) 1979

Education 1979

European Assembly (Pay and Pensions) 1979

Finance (No.2) 1979

Kiribati 1979

Pensioners' Payments and Social Security 1979

PRIME MINISTER

The Lord Chancellor has bid  
for a statement on the Royal  
Commission on Legal Services - for  
next Tuesday. This looks OK.  
Parliamentary Affairs (Commons repeat by AG?)

You will see from the provisional business  
that it is to be a pretty quiet week. !

The only bids for statements we know  
about at the moment are all for Wednesday (when  
you will be in Bonn). The Home Secretary will  
be making a statement about the May Report on  
Prisons; the Minister of Agriculture may want  
to make a statement about the Fisheries Council  
meeting; and then there is the question of a  
possible statement about the Public Expenditure  
White Paper. We suggest that you might deal  
with the last point when you come to Mr. Biffen's  
paper later in the meeting.

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24 October 1979

European Members.

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*With the Compliments*  
*of the*  
*Chief Whip*

FROM: THE RT HON MICHAEL JOPLING MP



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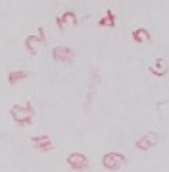
24 October 1979

Thank you for your letter of 23 October in response to our enquiry about departmental issues for debate during the remainder of the Session.

The programme is already hopelessly full, but we shall, of course, do our best.

The Rt Hon Francis Pym MC DL MP  
Secretary of State for Defence  
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25 OCT 1979



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23rd October 1979

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*Dear Michael,*

*repeated*

I am very sorry that you have not had a reply within your deadline to the enquiry in your Private Secretary's letter of 9th October whether there were any departmental issues which I believed were either essential, or highly desirable, for debate during the remainder of the Session.

Given the importance of the decisions that we hope soon to be reaching on nuclear matters - specifically the modernisation of Theatre Nuclear Forces (TNF), on which I hope that NATO will take a positive decision this December, but also concerning the future of the British strategic deterrent; and given also the increasing interest these issues are arousing among Members, and public opinion generally, I believe there would be distinct advantage in our taking the initiative and arranging a debate on these matters, and if possible in the near future. We would need, of course, before Alliance and our own decisions are reached, to be circumspect in what we said, but I consider that it would be very much better for us to raise the subject in a positive way rather than have to respond to any Opposition Motion which would have the effect of seeming to put us on the defensive. I believe our best tactics will be to lead the debate - hence this request for Parliamentary time.

/I ...

The Rt Hon Michael Jopling MP

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I am sending copies of this letter to the Prime Minister, and to Peter Carrington and Norman St John-Stevas.

*James Lovelock*

*Francis Pym*

Francis Pym

23 OCT 1990



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Parliament

PRIME MINISTER

Parliamentary Affairs

This falls into two parts:

- (i) a look ahead at the Legislative Programme; and
- (ii) next week's business.

The Chancellor of the Duchy has sent you a minute (Flag A) on the Legislative Programme. Sir John Hunt has contributed a brief (Flag B). There are no specific decisions to be taken.

Next week's business is at Flag <sup>attached</sup> C. We have spent some time today negotiating about the order in which statements should be made next week. The best solution is for Mr. Jenkin to make his statement on assistance with fuel costs on Monday and for Foreign Office Ministers to make their Rhodesia statements on Wednesday. Things are now going ahead on that basis. I should explain that we had to change our earlier plan of having those two statements the other way round because the House of Lords does not return until Tuesday and the Foreign Secretary wished to make the Rhodesia statement on the same day as the Lord Privy Seal. The Chancellor of the Exchequer considered whether he should make a statement about exchange controls on Tuesday, but was persuaded that priority had to be given to getting the Competition Bill through. You will not want to mention this, simply because most of the Cabinet do not yet know about the proposed announcement. There may well be some fuss about making an announcement of this sort by written answer rather than oral statement, but it proved impossible to fit a statement in, however we adjusted the business.

NJS

17 October 1979

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PROVISIONAL WHIP FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 22ND OCTOBER 1979

A DEFINITIVE WHIP WILL BE ISSUED IN THE WEEK BEGINNING 15TH OCTOBER

MONDAY, 22nd OCTOBER.

Companies Bill (Lords): 2nd Reading.

There will be a 2-line whip at 9.30 p.m. for 10.00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 23rd OCTOBER.

Competition Bill: 2nd Reading. (resumed debate)

There will be a 3-line whip at 6.30 p.m. for 7.00 p.m.

At 7.00 p.m., OPPOSED PRIVATE BUSINESS.

Afterwards, Motion on EEC Document 4627/79 on STATE AIDS TO THE STEEL INDUSTRY, and Explanatory Memorandum of 20th July.

( EXEMPTED BUSINESS for 1½ hours )

There will be a 2-line whip from 10.00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 24th OCTOBER.

Supply (3rd allotted day) *Hullaby - Done -* Debate on a subject to be announced later.

It is expected that there will be a 3-line whip at 7.00 p.m. and/or 10.00 p.m.

Opposition Prayer on the Paraffin (Maximum Retail Prices) (Revocation) Order.

( EXEMPTED BUSINESS until 11.30 p.m.)

There will be a 2-line whip from 10.00 p.m.

THURSDAY, 25th OCTOBER.

Bees Bill: 2nd Reading.

Bail etc. (Scotland) Bill: Remaining Stages.

At 7.00 p.m., OPPOSED PRIVATE BUSINESS.

There will be a 2-line whip for the two Government Bills from a time to be announced later.

FRIDAY, 26th OCTOBER.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS WILL BE TAKEN

Charging Orders Bill (Lords): 2nd Reading.

Limitation Amendment Bill (Lords): 2nd Reading.

There will be a 2-line whip from a time to be announced later.

12 Downing Street,  
London. S.W.1.

26th July 1979

Dear Private Secretary,

Printing Arrangements for the Summer Adjournment 1979-80.

1. A Blue Order Book will be printed on the evening of Friday, 27th July. Copies will be circulated to Departments on Saturday, 28th July.
2. Unofficial lists of notices given up to 4.30 p.m. on Thursday, 4th October, Thursday, 11th October and Thursday, 18th October will be published on the morning of Friday, 5th October, Friday, 12th October and Friday, 19th October respectively.
3. A Blue Order Book containing all notices given up to 4.30 p.m. on Friday, 19th October will be issued on the morning of Saturday, 20th October.
4. The Order Paper for Monday, 22nd October will also be issued on the morning of Saturday, 20th October.
5. Under Standing Order No.8(8)(a) the latest times for giving notices of oral or priority written questions are as follows:-

For Monday, 22nd October	4.30 p.m.	on Thursday, 18th October
For Tuesday, 23rd October	4.30 p.m.	on Friday, 19th October
For Wednesday, 24th October	2.30 p.m.	on Monday, 22nd October
6. On Thursday, 18th and Friday, 19th October the Clerk on duty will cause the texts of all Questions handed in for oral or priority written answer on Monday, 22nd and Tuesday, 23rd October to be telephoned as early as possible to the Departments concerned. All Questions for oral answer received during the Adjournment will be subjected to the "how many" treatment, and Questions in excess of a Member's ration will be unstarred.

Yours sincerely,

MURDO MACLEAN

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PRIME MINISTER

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Parliamentary Affairs: Legislative Programme 1979-80

BACKGROUND

You asked the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster to outline the present state of the legislative programme at Cabinet tomorrow. The Chancellor of the Duchy has set out the most recent position in his minute of 16th October, copied to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Lord President and the Chief Whip but not to other members of the Cabinet.

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2. You will want the Chancellor of the Duchy to give his oral report. He is likely to summarise the information on particular Bills which he gave you in his minute, and to make three general points -

- (i) Some Bills are later than were originally planned (e.g. Housing; Local Government, Planning and Land; Transport; and to a lesser extent Education and Protection of Official Information), but there is no question at this stage of having to drop any bills from the programme for lack of Parliamentary time.
- (ii) There will, however, be difficulty in meeting the deadlines for some of those Bills which need early Royal Assent - e.g. Industry, Education, Transport, Aerospace, Shipbuilding, Coal Industry. Priority will be given to the Industry Bill and to others which are important for the Chancellor's Budget strategy.
- (iii) Every effort must be made to prevent any further slippage, which could affect not only the timetable for the Bill concerned but also of the programme as a whole. Business will already be congested at certain periods in both Houses: any slippage will make the congestion worse.

3. You might ask the Chief Whip to add any further points, and then give the Lord Chancellor an opportunity to comment as Chairman of the Legislation Committee. He is likely to reinforce (iii) above and to argue that Departments

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must ensure that policy issues are resolved in good time before a Bill is due to be taken at L Committee and introduced in Parliament. He will have particularly in mind the Protection of Official Information Bill, which the Home Secretary withdrew from consideration at L Committee earlier this week because of an unresolved disagreement with the Treasury and other Departments about the treatment of nationalised industries. This disagreement may be settled this afternoon, but if not you will want to resist any suggestion that it should be resolved at Cabinet without notice to the Ministers concerned. If the Home Secretary cannot reach agreement in bilateral discussion with other Ministers, he will bring the matter to the Home and Social Affairs Committee next week. He will in any event want the Bill to be introduced as soon as possible, since it is urgently needed to provide business in the House of Lords.

4. You might next invite comments from the Lord President from the point of view of the House of Lords.

5. You will not want any subsequent discussion to be prolonged, but you will want to satisfy yourself that good progress is being made with those Bills to which the Government are most strongly committed - especially perhaps Education, Housing and Trades Unions.

6. Paragraph 5 of the Chancellor of the Duchy's minute deals with guillotine motions. It is probably best to leave the matter to be considered between the Chancellor of the Duchy, the Chief Whip and the Minister sponsoring the Bill when the time comes. (It seems likely, however, that the Industry Bill will need to be guillotined before Christmas if it is to reach Royal Assent by the end of March.) Other points on the handling of particular Bills should also be left for separate discussion with the Chancellor of the Duchy wherever possible.

CONCLUSIONS

7. You need not seek any specific decisions at this stage but, subject to the discussion, the Cabinet might endorse the need for:

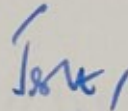
- (i) priority to be given to those Bills which require early Royal Assent in order to achieve early financial benefits i.e. Industry, Education, Transport, Aerospace.

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- (ii) Further slippage to be avoided; and
- (iii) policy differences to be resolved in good time before the Bill is due at Legislation Committee.

Otherwise the handling of particular Bills might be left to the Chancellor of the Duchy, the Lord President and the two Chief Whips, in consultation with the sponsoring Ministers and reporting to yourself and to colleagues in Cabinet in good time if serious difficulty seems likely to occur.



(John Hunt)

17th October, 1979





PRIME MINISTER

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME 1979/80

I shall be reporting orally to Cabinet on Thursday on the state of the Legislative Programme, but it might help you to know in advance how matters now stand.

2. Legislation Committee has today approved the following Bills for immediate introduction when Parliament returns -

- Industry
- Shipbuilding
- European Communities (Greek Accession)
- Isle of Man
- Insurance Companies
- Consular Fees

The following Bills should be approved when the Committee meets next week -

- Education
- Civil Aviation
- Protection of Official Information (if the question of nationalised industries can be settled quickly)
- Protection of Trading Interests
- Papua New Guinea, Western Samoa and Nauru.

We shall therefore have a considerable volume of new legislation before Parliament by the end of the first week after the Recess, and sufficient business to keep the House of Commons fully occupied for the next three or four weeks.

3. Looking at major Bills which are further ahead -

- Local Government Planning and Land

and, depending on policy decisions which have still to be taken,

- British Aerospace and
- Ports (Finance)

should be ready for introduction during the first half of November.

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The Bills on -  
Trades Unions  
Social Security  
Transport  
National Heritage Fund and  
Health Services

should be ready in time for a second reading before Christmas, and the Housing Bill should be ready for publication before Christmas. Departments are working on the basis that the Coal Industry, Submarine Pipelines, Wildlife and Broadcasting Bills will also be ready for publication before Christmas. Whether this will be possible depends on how soon the outstanding policy issues are settled and the drafting instructions prepared, and on the demands which they make on Parliamentary Counsel. A Bill will be ready on Rhodesia if it is needed.

4. The Chief Whip and I will do everything possible to ensure that all these Bills are passed by the dates on which they are needed for Royal Assent. The Lord President and Chief Whip, Lords, will do the same in their House. There is no reason to suppose that we shall not be able to get all of them through by the end of the session, provided that some of the major Bills can start in the House of Lords. In particular, we intend to introduce the Local Government, Planning and Land Bill and the Protection of Official Information Bill in that House. But we must be prepared for difficulty with some of those that are needed for early Royal Assent. Because of their financial importance I shall give first priority to the Industry Bill, followed by Education, Transport and British Aerospace. Bills such as Housing, Local Government Planning and Land, Trades Unions and Social Security are, of course, essential politically but Royal Assent is not needed so urgently.

5. Some Bills will undoubtedly have to be guillotined in the House of Commons. The Chief Whip and I would prefer, if possible, not to have any guillotine motions before Christmas because of the effect they will have on the Opposition's tactics generally - in the Lords as well as in the Commons - but we need not consider details at this stage. We shall be able to make a better judgement when we see the mood of the Opposition once Parliament returns and we can judge the progress of the most vital Bills in Committee. I shall keep in touch with the Ministers concerned, and will consider the matter with them when the time comes.

6. I am sending copies of this minute to the Chancellor of the Exchequer (in view of what I have said about financial importance in paragraph 4), to the Lord President and the Chief Whip, and to Sir John Hunt.

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16 October 1979

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*From the Secretary of State*

The Rt Hon Sir Keith Joseph Bt MP  
The Secretary of State for Industry  
The Department of Industry  
Ashdown House  
123 Victoria Street  
London, SW1

16 October 1979

Dear Keitt

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME 1979/80

In his letter of 11 July, William Whitelaw authorised me to work on a Merchant Shipping (Liner Conferences) Bill for inclusion in the Legislative Programme for the current Parliamentary Session. The purpose of this Bill is to provide the domestic legislative framework to enable the United Kingdom to become a Contracting Party to the UN Convention on a Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences.

We accepted a clear political commitment to accede to this Convention as a result of the adoption of a common Community position just before UNCTAD V last May. There was some urgency about this Bill since we were anxious not to give any impression of dragging our feet in comparison with the other major Community countries, particularly as we had long maintained sole opposition to the Convention within the Community.

However, since my earlier contacts with colleagues, it has become clear that the Commission and most other EEC Member States wish to undertake further enquiries to establish that the various national regimes giving effect to the Code's provisions are compatible with one another. I share this concern. Under these circumstances,



*From the Secretary of State*

I doubt whether I can now introduce the necessary legislation early enough to give it a realistic chance of passage this Session. I regret this but the other Community countries are also likely to take longer than we originally anticipated.

I think the course of prudence is for me to withdraw this particular Bill from our legislative programme for the current Session. It may be that given the Parliamentary pressures the withdrawal of this Bill might be of some assistance to Government business. Nevertheless we shall have to make a real effort to introduce the Bill in the 1980/81 Session and I shall have to ask colleagues to agree that it should be put into the "essential" category for that Session.

I am sending copies of this letter to colleagues on the E(EA) Committee and also to members of the L and QL Committee, together with First Parliamentary Counsel and Sir John Hunt.

Yours ever  
John

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16 OCT 1979





Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster

PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE  
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16 October 1979

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*David Howell*

COAL INDUSTRY (FINANCE) BILL

I have been reviewing progress with bills in the legislative programme, and have looked particularly at those bills which for financial and other reasons are required by a specific date before the end of the session.

I understand that Royal Assent for the Coal Industry (Finance) Bill will be required before the end of the financial year 1979-80 to give statutory authority for the payment of grants to the National Coal Board above the existing limits in both the current and future financial years. The Bill may also contain additional provisions on the financing of the Coal Industry, although I understand that this is still to be agreed at E Committee.

I am concerned that, unless the Bill can be got ready for introduction in the next few weeks, there are likely to be real difficulties about securing its enactment by March. It may be that we should introduce the essential provisions quickly, recognising that other provisions might have to wait. I should be grateful if you could consider whether this is a possibility, or alternatively what might be done to cover the payments to the Coal Board if the Bill is not able to become law until later in the session.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, to the members of E Committee, the Chief Whip, to First Parliamentary Counsel and to Sir John Hunt.

*John Hunt*

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

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FROM:

THE RT. HON. LORD HAILSHAM OF ST. MARYLEBONE, C.H., F.R.S., D.C.L.

*VMS*



HOUSE OF LORDS,  
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11 October 1979

*My dear Nigel:*

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TAX-FREE ZONES BILL

You wrote on 8 October about Anthony Steen's Ten-Minute Rule Motion on tax-free zones.

Subject to any comments the Chancellor of the Duchy or the Chief Whip may wish to make, I agree that the Bill should be handled in the way you suggest by not opposing its introduction, but by blocking its further progress.

I am copying this letter to our colleagues on L and E Committees, to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, the Minister of Transport, and to First Parliamentary Counsel and Sir John Hunt.

*Yrs.*

Nigel Lawson Esq MP  
Financial Secretary to the Treasury  
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*With*

*The Private Secretary's*

*Compliments*

FOR INFORMATION



Parliament



Government Chief Whip

12 Downing Street, London SW1

9 October 1979

Dear Private Secretary

As you know, it is necessary from time to time to arrange debates on the Floor of the House on issues which are of topical interest, eg Reports of Royal Commissions, Select Committees, etc.

The parliamentary programme for the remainder of the Session has now reached the stage where the scope for such debates is likely to be limited.

While it is obviously not possible to provide any undertaking, I should be grateful if you would let me have details of the departmental issues which your Minister believes will be

(i) essential for debate

(ii) highly desirable for debate in Government time, with a broad indication of when such a debate would be helpful.

Clearly, it is not possible to anticipate all eventualities, but best estimates will be useful for planning purposes. Would you please let me have a reply by Friday 19 October.

Yours sincerely

(M MACLEAN)

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10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

8 October 1979

Legislative Programme 1979-80

The Prime Minister was glad to see the Chancellor of the Duchy's minute to her of 3 October. She has suggested that it would be helpful if he and the Chief Whip could outline the position again at Cabinet on 18 October, so that we can start the Parliamentary year with an understanding of what is to come.

I am copying this letter to Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office), Jim Buckley (Civil Service Department), Ian Maxwell (Lord Chancellor's Office) and Martin Vile (Cabinet Office).

N. J. SANDERS

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

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PRIME MINISTER

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Legislative Programme 1979-80

The Leader of the House has sent you another minute about progress on the legislative programme (Flag A). Also attached is his earlier minute to you (Flag B).

Although the tone of the most recent report is encouraging, there are still some problems ahead over and above the general questions of Commons handling, timing of guillotines and so on. There will be a number of Bills ready for introduction and Second Reading as soon as the House is back, but there will then be a gap before the consideration of some very important Bills just before Christmas. On the present - very tentative - schedule, the last two weeks before Christmas will include the Second Readings of the Transport Bill, Social Security Bill, Housing Bill and Trade Unions Bill. But the real difficulty is going to be getting through all of those Bills which have been given a March 1980 deadline. My guess is that it will not be possible to meet that deadline for all of the Bills concerned, so that some awkward choices lie ahead.

You ought also to know the current timetable envisages a three week Christmas recess but only one week at Easter and one week at Whitsun. It follows that there is not a great deal of spare time to play with.

I think that it would be worthwhile to invite the Leader of the House and the Chief Whip to outline the general position at Cabinet on 18 October, so that we can begin the year in good order.

*Agreed*

MJS

4 October 1979



PRIME MINISTER

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME 1979-80

1. I have continued to keep under review the progress we are making on the preparation of legislation, about which I sent you an earlier report on 10 September. Today the Chief Whip and I have considered a major review of the whole of the legislative programme.

2. The forecast which I gave in my minute of 10 September still holds good, except that we should now have the European Communities (Enlargement) Bill ready in October, a little earlier than we had expected; and the Transport Bill and the Ports (Finance) Bill will probably not now be ready until sometime in November. The National Heritage Fund Bill will also be introduced in November.

3. There have been some adjustments in the contents of particular bills. There will now be a separate bill on shipbuilding which should be ready by the end of October; and the amendments to the Employment Protection Acts will probably form part of the Trade Union Bill. I understand that there will no longer be a Valuation and Rating Bill for Scotland: these small provisions will be incorporated in the Local Government, Planning and Land Bill.

4. I have also noted the suggestion in the Industry Secretary's minute of 27 September that provisions on Supplementary Benefit for strikers might be included in the Social Security Bill. Given the policy questions which still have to be resolved, I should be surprised if this



could be done without delaying the Bill's introduction and postponing the Second Reading from before until after Christmas. The delay would in turn put back the date for Royal Assent and so put at risk the savings and other changes which the rest of the Bill is intended to achieve in 1980/81. I would not favour adding provisions of this kind in Committee.

5. Subject to that point, we can reasonably expect that the most important parts of our legislative programme will be brought forward in good order over the next few months, with a substantial number of bills available for introduction during the first few days after Parliament returns. The Chief Whip and I will make every effort to get Bills through the Commons in time, with adequate time for consideration in the Lords, but I cannot at this stage guarantee that we shall be able to get all of them through both Houses as soon as some colleagues would like. Those which need Royal Assent by the end of the financial year will present particular problems, and I have noted the special urgency of the Industry Bill from the point of view of savings in the PSBB. Different bills present different problems from the point of view of the Parliamentary timetable, and I am in touch with colleagues concerned to discuss this and agree solutions. It is, however, too soon to decide finally on tactics or questions clearly of timing and the use of the guillotine, which must depend on the way in which the Parliamentary situation develops in the autumn.

6. As I mentioned to you however in August, both the Chief Whip and I are most anxious not to introduce any guillotines before Christmas. We are continually monitoring progress and will report to you on any special difficulties which may emerge.

7. I am sending copies of this minute to colleagues in the Cabinet, to the Minister of Transport, the Chief Whip and the

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Lord Advocate, to First Parliamentary Counsel, and to Sir  
John Hunt.

*N.S.J.S.*

N. St.J.S.  
3 October 1979

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PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE  
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Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster

20 September 1979

Dear Miss Howat,

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LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME 1979/80

Thank you for your letter of 18 September.

We spoke this morning and this letter is to confirm our agreement that our office will in future send you copies of all letters giving drafting authority for Bills, and also of all correspondence on the general legislative programme.

I am copying this letter to the recipients of yours.

Yours sincerely  
C M Egerton

MISS C M EGERTON  
Private Secretary

Miss M K Howat MBE  
Private Secretary to the  
Lord Advocate  
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*With the Compliments  
of*

Private Secretary

18 September 1979

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18 September 1979

The Private Secretary to  
The Rt Hon Norman St John-Stevas MP  
Privy Council Office  
70 Whitehall  
London SW1

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Dear Private Secretary

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME 1979-80

10.9.79

The Lord Advocate, who has seen a copy of your Minister's minute to the Prime Minister dated September 1979, has asked me to say that he would be grateful if all minutes dealing with the Legislative Programme could be copied either to him as the Minister responsible for the Scottish Parliamentary Draftsmen, or to his Legal Secretary (Norman J Adamson, QC) who is the First Parliamentary Draftsman for Scotland and whose address is as in this letter heading.

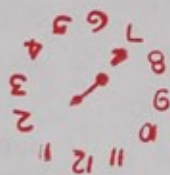
As you will appreciate, the Scottish Draftsmen have to draft not only the purely Scottish Bills but also the necessary adaptations to apply UK or GB Bills to Scotland. It is, therefore, as necessary for them as it is for Parliamentary Counsel, to be aware as early as possible of the Government's intentions and desires as regards dates for introduction of UK or GB Bills on the Programme so that arrangements can be made to accommodate the drafting demands falling on the Scottish Draftsmen, to keep pace with the output of the draft Bills from the Parliamentary Counsel to meet the Government's time-table. So far as the purely Scottish Bills are concerned, liaison with the Scottish Office usually ensures that the Scottish Draftsmen are kept informed of the proposed time-table.

I should be grateful if you would take account of the Lord Advocate's point and ensure that either he or his Legal Secretary receives a copy of your Minister's further minute fore-shadowed in that to which I have referred. Indeed I should be grateful if this letter could be treated as a "Standing Demand" for the future and the necessary note for the record made should you be good enough to agree to the Lord Advocate's request.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretary at No.10, from where the first minute on this matter would seem to have emanated, and to Sir John Hunt.

Yours sincerely

Private Secretary



19 SEP 1979

12 DOWNING STREET,  
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The Chief asked for a  
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I saw the Prime Minister this afternoon and spoke to her about the vital importance of the legislative programme being left in the hands of No.12 together with the Leader of the House. Especially I pointed out to her the current demands over the Industry Bill and the impossibility of getting Royal Assent before the end of February.

I explained the great disadvantages in moving guillotine motions before Christmas - as you know this has rarely been done since the war. The Prime Minister absolutely agreed that we must avoid early guillotines because of the effect on other legislation passing through Parliament.



13th September 1979



PRIME MINISTER

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME 1979-80

Your minute to the Lord Chancellor of 26 July expressed your concern that Bills in the Legislative Programme should be prepared in good time, and your Private Secretary's letter to mine of 29 August asked for progress reports on four of them. I have seen copies of the reports which departments have sent in reply, and I have assessed the situation as a whole with advice from First Parliamentary Counsel and the Cabinet Office.

2. It should be possible to introduce the Industry, Education, Official Information, Isle of Man, Insurance Companies, Shipping Contracts and Commercial Documents (Amendment), Consular Fees (Amendment) and Papua New Guinea, Western Samoa and Naru Bills by the end of October; and I hope to add to these the Local Government, Planning and Land Bill. Work is also proceeding with the aim of introducing the Civil Aviation, Transport, Aircraft (Denationalisation), National Heritage Fund and Ports (Financial) Bills by the end of October, but the position on these should be clearer in a fortnight's time.

3. I hope that during November we shall be able to introduce the Social Security and Matrimonial Homes (Rights of Occupation) Bills, together with the European Communities (Enlargement) Bill if it is needed and a number of Scottish Bills - Remuneration of Teaching Staff, Valuation and Rating, Housing and Criminal Justice. We should be able to add the Bills on Health Services (Miscellaneous Provisions), Police (Negotiating Machinery), International Organisation (Amendment) and Currency, but again the position should be more clear in a fortnight's time. For the reasons which departments have already given I do not think we should expect the Housing or Trade Union Bills before December. Other Bills for introduction in December or later

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*This is the more general note on the legislative programme promised by the Chancellor A to D. D. D.*

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will then be Wildlife and Countryside; Coal Industry (Finance); Petroleum and Submarine Pipelines (Amendment); Contempt of Court; Parliamentary Commissioner (Amendment); Broadcasting; Energy; Efficiency and Safety; Civil Government (Scotland); Diplomatic Privileges (Special Missions); International Military Services (Financial Provisions); Merchant Shipping Liner Conferences; Damages; Matrimonial Homes (Rights of Occupation) (Scotland); Air Services in the Highlands and Islands (Scotland); Employment Protection (Amendment) and National Health Services (Dispensing Arrangements). I understand that it is now doubtful whether the Nationality Bill will be for introduction this session.

4. These plans will obviously be affected if we have to prepare and introduce an urgent Bill to provide for Rhodesian independence.

5. I need hardly say that work is proceeding with all possible speed, both in Parliamentary Counsel's Office and in the departments concerned, and I shall personally keep the situation under close review. I do not consider that any immediate action or reappraisal of the programme is needed at this stage, but a reappraisal may be needed if further difficulties arise as the session proceeds or if departments do not keep to their promised deadlines. I shall let you have a further report in about a fortnight.

6. I am sending copies of this minute to colleagues in Cabinet, to the Minister of Transport and Chief Whip, and to First Parliamentary Counsel and Sir John Hunt.

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10 September 1979





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PRIME MINISTER

You asked us to chase progress on four major items of legislation. I attach reports on:

Flag A - Education - progress encouraging; ✓

Flag B - Housing - complex and showing slow progress;

Flag C - Trade Union Matters - Mr. Prior awaits an E decision on whether there are to be one or two bills, despite the firm steer which both you and the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster have given him. ✓

The fourth item in question was the Nationality Bill. I understand that Mr. Whitelaw may have already mentioned this ✓ to you. He believes that Irish developments have added major new complications, and that the whole strategy may have to be re-thought.

The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster will be sending you a minute very shortly - it may arrive in time to attach to these papers - with a broader survey of the Legislative Programme. This will set the four bills in which you are particularly interested alongside other measures already in preparation.

7 September 1979

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FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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M Pattison Esq  
Private Secretary  
10 Downing Street  
Whitehall  
LONDON SW1

4 September 1979

*Dear Sir,*

Your letter of 29 August asked for a report of the progress made on the Education Bill. Our aim is to have a Bill ready for introduction in the first week Parliament is back after the recess. Drafting instructions on the different items are either ready for Parliamentary Counsel or will be ready shortly.

The need for speed has been increased following decisions taken by Cabinet on public expenditure. If authorities are to be able to reduce expenditure on school meals, milk and transport in the next financial year, the Bill must now include clauses on these items and will need to receive Royal Assent as soon as is possible.

... I enclose a list of items to be covered in the Bill.

I am sending copies of this letter to John Stevens (Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster's Office), Ian Fair (Department of Employment), David Edmunds (Department of the Environment), John Chilcot (Home Office), Murdo Maclellan (Chief Whip's Office) and Martin Vile (Cabinet Office).

*Yours ever  
P. J. Hunter*

P J HUNTER  
Private Secretary

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## ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE EDUCATION BILL

<u>Item</u>	<u>Date of policy approval</u>
1. Repeal of controls over the taking up of places at independent schools.	12 July H(79)28
2. The provision of an assisted places scheme for secondary pupils.	26 June H(79)18
3. Parental choice, local appeals and related matters.	12 July H(79)28
4. The publication of information about schools, including exam results.	12 July H(79)28
5. School government, particularly by providing for elected parent and teacher governors.	12 July H(79)28
6. The employment of teachers in day nurseries.	12 July H(79)28
7. Industrial Scholarships	12 July H(79)28
8. A minor extension of the mandatory award system to cover joint courses with institutions abroad.	12 July H(79)28
9. Grants for education in Welsh	12 July H(79)26
10. The pooling of educational expenditure.	12 July H(79)28
11. The financing of maintained advanced further education.	*
12. School meals and milk	*
13. School transport	*
14. The repeal or amendment of a number of central controls over educational authorities.	17 July H(79)35

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\* A submission on these items will be sent to H Committee shortly.

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*Co advice requested**MRF*

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My ref: H/PSO/14953/79

Your ref:

*Copy on: Housing, May 79,*

*4 September 1979*

*Dear Sir*

HOUSING BILL

You copied to me your letter of 29 August to John Stevens about progress with the legislative programme and asking for situation reports on certain controversial and complex Bills. It is the Housing Bill which concerns this Department.

*attached*

As you know from Mr Heseltine's minute to the Lord Chancellor of 28 August, he believes that it will not be possible to have the Bill ready for Introduction before 6 December at the earliest. We are unable to guarantee even that date, which would be the latest date for Introduction if there was to be a Second Reading before Christmas. At the moment the most we feel able to promise is Introduction before Christmas.

The reason why the Secretary of State can go no further is the difficulty posed by the right to buy provisions which determine the critical path of the Housing Bill. We are making good progress with the rest of the Bill, with Instructions to Counsel virtually complete and a first draft of substantial parts already received from Counsel.

There is a vital need to draft the right to buy provisions in such a way as to ensure that there is no room for evasion by recalcitrant authorities who are waiting to crawl over this legislation in order to find any loop-holes they can. The task of ensuring effective enforcement of selling off this type of housing which was not built or laid out for owner-occupation, and often has features such as shared amenities which are difficult to break up into individual units. The experience of authorities operating a voluntary sales programme has underlined this.

Instructions to Counsel on the main elements of the right to buy scheme have been drafted, but considerable work remains to be done in the next few weeks before they can be completed and despatched to Parliamentary Counsel.

The Secretary of State appreciates that the Prime Minister and other colleagues attach the greatest importance to ensuring that the right to buy cannot be circumvented. He has instructed officials,

who have been working on these proposals throughout August, to produce this part of the Bill at the earliest possible date which is consistent with achieving an effective scheme.

The Secretary of State will keep the Prime Minister posted of any significant changes in the timing prospect of the Housing Bill.

I am copying this letter to Ian Fair (Department of Employment), John Stevens (Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster's Office), Philip Hunter (Department of Education and Science), John Chilcot (Home Office), Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office) and to Martin Vile (Cabinet Office).

*Yours sincerely*  
*D A Edmonds*

D A EDMONDS  
Private Secretary

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*Copy on: Ind. Pol.,  
Ind. Relations Legislation*

4 September 1979

*Dear Mike*

In your letter to John Stevens of 29 August you asked for a progress report for the Prime Minister on the preparation of the trade union legislation.

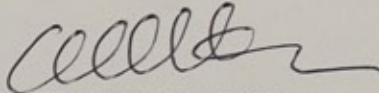
In the case of the "first wave" of the proposed changes - that is the main Manifesto commitments on picketing, the closed shop and public support for union ballots - we are still in the process of consultation. The CBI Council meets on 19 September and we shall be receiving their views directly afterwards. The Secretary of State is then intending in accordance with his previously-agreed timetable to put detailed legislative proposals on these three matters for decision to E Committee in the last week of September. Meanwhile arrangements have been made with the Chancellor of the Duchy to enable Parliamentary Counsel to undertake appropriate work on drafting in advance of the policy decisions

In the case of the "second wave" changes - amendments to the Employment Protection Acts, the statutory recognition provisions (Sections 11-16) and Schedule 11 - consultations will be completed in the second half of November.

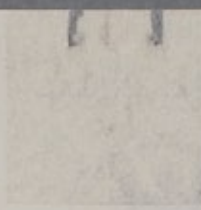
Then there is the question of trade union immunities. The Manifesto promised an immediate review in the light of recent decisions. The review has been carried out by officials and the Secretary of State will be putting this too to E Committee in late September with his recommendations.

The exact timing of the introduction of legislation will therefore depend on the decision to be taken by E Committee on whether there is to be one or two Bills.

I am copying this letter to Murdo Maclean (Chief Whips Office), Martin Vile (Cabinet Office), and John Stevens (Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster's Office).

*Yours Sincerely,*  
  
ANDREW HARDMAN  
Private Secretary





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10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

*B/F 4.9.79.*

29 August 1979

When the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster met last week, they touched upon the progress with the legislative programme.

The Prime Minister said that she was most concerned to ensure that the most controversial and complex bills should be ready in good time. She hoped that close and thorough attention was already being given to this. She had in mind especially the trade union legislation, the education bill, the housing bill, and the nationality bill.

I know that you already have in hand an exercise on progress with the legislative programme. But I have now seen a copy of the Secretary of State for the Environment's minute of 28 August to the Lord Chancellor, showing that there may be some delay in the housing bill. In the circumstances, it would be helpful if I could have a situation report for the Prime Minister on these four pieces of major legislation. I would be grateful if reports from the Departments concerned could reach me by midday on Tuesday 4 September.

I am sending copies of this letter to Ian Fair (Department of Employment), David Edmonds (Department of the Environment), Philip Hunter (Department of Education and Science), John Chilcot (Home Office), and to Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office) and Martin Vile (Cabinet Office).

**M. A. PATTISON**

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

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The Lord Chancellor

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME 1979/80: PROGRESS WITH BILLS

In the Prime Minister's personal minute M9/79T of 26 July, the Prime Minister asked colleagues to inform you, as Chairman of Legislation Committee, if any risk appears over the planned dates of introduction of legislation.

I have 3 Bills for introduction later this year - Wild Life and Countryside; Local Government, Planning and Land; and Housing.

For the Wild Life Bill the target date for introduction is December and work on the Bill remains on target. H Committee suggested that the Bill might be suitable for introduction in the Lords, though this may depend on how controversial the compensation provisions are likely to be.

For the Local Government Planning and Land Bill I have promised introduction by end October. This is going to be very difficult but I believe that it can just be done. Although there must be a significant element of risk about promising a particular date until the drafting is much further advanced than we have so far got on this Bill, I have no particular grounds for suggesting any departure from the date I have already promised.

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The Housing Bill is much more difficult. The most important single provision relates to the council tenants' right to buy. This is proving enormously difficult. I have exercised all reasonable pressure in view of the timetable I know you face. But on the other hand I know that this legislation will be crawled over by hostile authorities anxious to exploit any defects. There comes a point when I just cannot take chances in the drafting and, faced with the advice I have before me, I see no prudent course other than to write to you. I believe it might just be possible to introduce the Bill by December 6. But there are still so many uncertainties, I cannot possibly guarantee this date and I believe we should therefore plan on the basis of introduction before Christmas, with Second Reading as soon as possible after the House returns in January. Meanwhile, we are working to the target of December 6 introduction and I will do my very best to ensure that we achieve that date if we possibly can.

I am copying this minute to other members of the Cabinet, to the Attorney General, the Minister of Transport and the Chief Whips in both Houses and to First Parliamentary Counsel and Sir John Hunt.

*Paul Bonfield*

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Approved by the Secretary of State  
and signed in his absence

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NOTE OF A MEETING AT 10 DOWNING STREET AT 1500 HOURS ON 23 AUGUST

Present

Prime Minister  
Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster  
Mr. Ian Gow M.P.  
Mr. M.A. Pattison

After exchanges about the Chancellor of the Duchy's motor accident the previous evening, the Prime Minister turned to the Chancellor's function in Government. His role as Leader of the House was going to be troublesome and demanding in the winter. Major legislation was in prospect on trade unions, housing, education and nationality. This had to be his top priority. She asked whether there would be any remaining demands on his time from the devolution issues. The Chancellor of the Duchy was confident that he could handle the devolution questions, which should not amount to much.

The Prime Minister said that the Government and its supporters would need to master the procedural arguments. On the Opposition benches Messrs Rooker and Cryer, amongst others, are now very effective on procedure. Some of the younger Conservative Members such as Mr. Tristan Garel-Jones were interested and should be encouraged to follow up their interest.

The Prime Minister asked how much time the arts' responsibilities took: responsibilities as Leader of the House must come clearly first. The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster <sup>said</sup> that he had used the recess period to take in a number of events in his capacity as Minister for the Arts, and he had also been handling the issues arising from public expenditure decisions. The Prime Minister said that she had not yet done anything about the Chancellor's request for further assistance. The Government was already only

/one Parliamentary

one Parliamentary Secretary smaller than the Labour Administration. She was not therefore prepared to increase the number of Ministers. She was also reluctant to remove someone from another post. The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster had further suggested that Mr. Paul Channon might be able to help. It seemed he might have a reasonable light load in his present responsibilities. The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster regarded this as an excellent proposal, and was entirely confident that they would work well together. The Prime Minister said that she would discuss this with Mr. Channon and others involved. She stressed that he would have to be seen as part of the Department of Education and Science in respect of any role in relation to the arts. At a time of expenditure constraints, a physical move for the arts' staff was out of the question. The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster hoped that something might be possible in the future. The Prime Minister said that the time would come when the Chancellor of the Duchy's other responsibilities might cause him to want to give up arts responsibilities. These still rested essentially with the DES: the recent transfer of functions had been for Mr. St. John-Stevas personally, and was not necessarily a permanent arrangement.

In discussion of staffing, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster stressed that he was unhappy with current arrangements. Whilst he personally would be content to have an office headed full-time by the Under Secretary he was concerned at the possible loss of status in Whitehall.

The Prime Minister asked if any change was necessary. The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster said that if he was to be satisfied with a full-time Under Secretary some strengthening at Assistant Secretary level would be necessary. The Prime Minister emphasised that there would be no question of additional staff. The staffing structure must remain as it was, with the possible economy of the present time devoted to the arts by a Deputy Secretary. She would be prepared to make the present Under Secretary Head of the office at his current rank. She would also discuss with Mr. Channon the possibility of his sharing the arts' load to enable the Chancellor of the Duchy to give maximum energy to his role as Leader of the House.

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The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster said that he would be quite satisfied with these arrangements. The Prime Minister said that she would discuss them with the Lord President of the Council, the Head of the Civil Service and Mr. Channon.

Discussion then turned to the progress of the Government's legislative programme. The Chancellor of the Duchy asked the Prime Minister to ensure that Ministers did not bypass him and the Chief Whip on the House of Commons Procedural Questions. The handling of the Competition Bill had been disastrous because procedural decisions had not been taken through the proper channels. The Prime Minister recognised this and enquired on the progress of the main Bills in the legislative programme. She mentioned that Mr. Prior had been talking of Trade Union legislation in two Bills. The Chancellor of the Duchy said that he would be strongly opposed to this. The Prime Minister asked that he should add his weight to the views she had already expressed to Mr. Prior on this point.

The Chancellor of the Duchy said that he was worried there might be seven or eight Bills requiring guillotine motions, which was almost unprecedented. The Prime Minister stressed the need to get ahead with the drafting of the main Bills. There should be no more than one guillotine at a time. She instructed that her Private Office should chase progress in the drafting of Housing, Education, Trade Unions and Nationality Bills.

The Chancellor of the Duchy said that the legislative programme was likely to keep the House sitting until August of next year, possibly with some hang-over. If the programme got too crowded, his advice would be to leave the Nationality Bill aside. The Prime Minister said the Government had to do what it had to do in immigration. The Chancellor said that the Government could achieve its objectives without a Bill.



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## FINANCE BILLS

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



















Title	Laid		Required	Joint S I' Committee	Approved	
	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
1. Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance)	20.3.79.	20.3.79.	29.6.79.	Yes	27.6.79	24.5.79.
2. Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) (NI)	22.3.79.	22.3.79.	20.7.79	-	17.7.79	16.7.79
3. Scotland Act 1978 (Repeal)	22.3.79.	22.3.79.		Yes	20.6.79	28.6.79
4. Wales Act 1978 (Repeal)	22.3.79.	22.3.79.	Summer recess	Yes	26.6.79	5.7.79
5. Industrial Training Levy (Engineering)	28.3.79.	28.3.79.	End of June	Yes	27.6.79	12.6.79
6. Firearms (Amendment) (Northern Ireland)	3.7.79	3.7.79	20.7.79	-	23.7.79	19.7.79
7. Industrial Assurance (Northern Ireland)		4.4.79		-		
8. Capital Transfer Tax (NI Consequential Amendment)	22.3.79	22.3.79	20.7.79	-	17.7.79	16.7.79
9. Iron Casting Industry (Scientific Research Levy) (Amendment)	16.5.79	16.5.79.	28.6.79	Yes	26.6.79	28.6.79
10. Social Security Revaluation of Earnings Factors.	12.6.79	12.6.79	18.6.79	Yes	27.6.79	12.7.79
11. Carriage by Air Acts (Application of Provisions) (Second Amendment)	22.5.79	22.5.79	Mid-July	Yes	13.7.79	17.7.79
12. INTELSAT (Immunities and Privileges)	24.5.79	12.6.79	July Privy Council.	Yes	13.7.79	16.7.79
13. Oslo and Paris Commissions (Immunities and Privileges)	24.5.79	12.6.79.	July Privy Council	Yes	13.7.79	16.7.79
14. Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation)	25.6.79	25.6.79	July Privy Council	Yes	28.6.79	12.7.79
15. Lloyds (General Business)	12.6.79	12.6.79	End of July	Yes	26.7.79	17.7.79

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

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

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



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

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Title	Laid		Required	Joint S I' Committee	Approved	
	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
60. Regional Development Grants (Variation of Prescribed Percentages)	24.7.79	25.7.79	Summer recess	-	25.7.79	26.7.79
61. British Railways Board (Borrowing Powers)	17.7.79	-	Summer recess	-	25.7.79	-
62. European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (International Wheat Agreement)	25.7.79		November Privy Council			
63. Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (No. 3)	26.7.79	26.7.79	2.11.79			
64. Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (No. 2)	26.7.79	26.7.79	2.11.79			

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THE PRIME MINISTER

Personal Minute

No. M9/79T

LORD CHANCELLOR

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME 1979-80: PROGRESS WITH BILLS

I emphasised in Cabinet this morning the need to make rapid progress with the preparation of legislation so that as many as possible of the session's major bills will be ready for introduction as soon as Parliament returns from the long recess.

The present targets must not be allowed to slip. As you reminded us this morning, all our more substantial bills must reach the Lords no later than the Whitsun recess if we are to rely on getting them through, and some will need to have passed all their stages before the end of the financial year. Most of the bills are central to our economic policies or essential for other reasons, and there are very few to which we are not already publicly committed.

Colleagues must therefore ensure that work on the preparation of bills is pressed forward during the recess, and that those bills which have been promised for October and early November are brought to Legislation Committee in good time.

If introduction dates prove to be at risk, it may be necessary to reduce the scope of bills to ensure that dates can still be met; but we should not rely on amendments in Committee to correct omissions or mistakes.

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Colleagues should immediately inform you, as Chairman of Legislation Committee, if any risk appears so that you can consider with the Leaders of both Houses, and the Chief Whips the effect on the Parliamentary timetable and on the programme as a whole.

I am copying this minute to other members of the Cabinet, to the Attorney General, the Minister of Transport and the Chief Whips in both Houses, and to First Parliamentary Counsel and Sir John Hunt.

*Raymond Stobart*

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26 July 1979

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cc Mr Harrop  
Mr Vile~~MR SANDERS~~

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## LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME 1979-80.

1. The Prime Minister emphasised in Cabinet this morning ~~the importance~~ of the need for Departments to have as many as possible of their major bills ready for introduction as soon as Parliament returns from the long recess, and you said that she would wish to follow up her remarks by circulating a minute to colleagues.
  
2. Following an earlier discussion in Legislation Committee and the brief discussion in Cabinet last week, I had already sent to the Lord Chancellor a report on the state of preparation of the bills in the programme and a draft letter which it was at that stage his intention to send as Chairman of Legislation Committee. I attach a copy of that report and a draft minute which the Prime Minister could consider.

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D E R FAULKNER

26 July 1979

Cabinet Office.

~~DRAFT MINUTE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE LORD CHANCELLOR~~

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME 1979-80: PROGRESS WITH BILLS

I emphasised in Cabinet this morning the need to make rapid progress with the preparation of <sup>legislation</sup> bills so that as many as possible of the session's major bills will be ready for introduction as soon as Parliament returns from the long recess. [Colleagues had already been asked to review the target dates for the preparation of all their bills, and I have seen a summary of the replies which were sent to the Cabinet Office Secretariat.]

I appreciate the efforts which have been made to keep to the targets which we had before us when we considered the programme in Cabinet (C(79) 18 <sup>on</sup> and CC(79) 6th Conclusions, Minute 6), and I have noted the revised estimates where this has not been possible. ~~I must,~~ however, ~~emphasise that~~ <sup>para 2</sup> The present targets must not be allowed to slip. [Time lost at one stage cannot easily be made up at another, and if instructions do not reach Parliamentary Counsel by the planned date, the bill's introduction may also be delayed. With a

heavy programme still ahead of us, much of it very controversial, late introduction will carry the risk that the bill will not receive Royal Assent this session or that another bill will have to be displaced to make room for it in the programme. <sup>para 4</sup> As the Lord President reminded us, <sup>this morning</sup> all our more substantial bills must reach the Lords no later than the Whitsun recess if we are to rely on getting them through, and some will need to have passed all their stages before the end of the financial year. Most of the bills are central to our economic policies or essential for other reasons, and there are very few to which we are not already publicly committed. <sup>X? para 4</sup> Colleagues must therefore ensure that work on the preparation of bills is pressed forward during the recess, and that those bills which have been promised for October and early November are brought to Legislation Committee in good time. <sup>para 4</sup> If introduction dates prove to be at risk, it may be necessary to reduce the scope of bills to ensure that dates can still be met; <sup>para 5</sup> I hope colleagues should will immediately inform you, as Chairman of Legislation Committee, if any risk appears so that you can consider with the Leaders <sup>of both House</sup> and the Chief Whips the effect on the Parliamentary timetable and on the programme as a whole.

but we should not ~~rely~~ rely on amendments in Committee to correct omissions or mistakes.

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I am copying this minute to other members of the Cabinet, to the  
Attorney General, the Minister of Transport and the Chief Whips  
in both Houses, and to First Parliamentary Counsel and Sir John Hunt.



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~~MR MAXWELL~~ PA

cc Sir Henry Rowe  
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Mr Mountfield  
Mr Stevens  
Mr MacLean  
Mr Cumming-Bruce

## LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME 1979-80: PROGRESS WITH BILLS

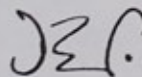
1. The Chief Whip pointed out at Legislation Committee on 18 July the need for Departments to keep to their targets for introducing bills, and the Lord Chancellor undertook to write to colleagues (L(79) 6th Meeting, Minute 5). The matter was also raised in Cabinet on 19 July (CC(79) 10th Conclusions, Minute 1).
2. Ministers were invited to suggest target dates for the preparation of their Bills when they put them forward for the Legislative Programme in May. It was not always possible to make accurate forecasts at that stage, and we recognised that some of the targets would need to be revised. We have therefore asked Departments to review their target dates for bills, and it might be helpful for the Lord Chancellor to take account of this review in his letter to colleagues.
3. Departments' current estimates of progress are summarised in the Annex. Of the 45 bills in the main programme, nine have already been introduced and three have been withdrawn. That leaves 33 bills which have still to come forward this session. Of these, 12 should be ready for introduction as soon as the House returns in October (although the number may be fewer if some bills are amalgamated); seven should be ready soon after that; a further nine should be ready for introduction by Christmas; and five would be introduced between January and April.
4. On the face of it, this looks reasonably satisfactory. There are a number of points, however, which emerge from the returns and which reinforce the need to continue to press Departments to keep their timetable. In particular -

a. The targets for many of the principal bills will be difficult to achieve and some may well turn out to be unattainable. Ministers and their Departments are doing their best and good progress has been made with many of the main bills in the programme, but there is still a long way to go in developing policy and undertaking the necessary consultations. In some important cases the time allowed for drafting is also insufficient. These problems seem particularly acute for the Housing Bill, the Local Government, Planning and Land Bill, the second Education Bill and the Trade Union legislation.

b. A good deal of progress has been made on the policy on sales of assets, but the content and scope of many of these bills have still to be decided, including their provisions not relating to sales of assets. Some of these bills, particularly the Industry Bill, will require Royal Assent before the end of the Financial Year if the Chancellor is to make his promised savings. There is very little leeway for slippage.

c. There will be only limited scope for deferring bills until another session since many of them are central to the Government's economic policies or are essential for other reasons (and most have been promised in The Queen's Speech).

5. The Lord Chancellor's letter to his colleagues should help to re-emphasise the importance of securing these bills within the promised time-scale, and we shall consider the implications of the returns in more detail, both with First Parliamentary Counsel and also with the Private Secretaries to the Leaders and Chief Whips in both Houses so that they can start to plan business for the autumn. We shall continue to keep progress with all these bills under review during the summer and will advise the Lord Chancellor and the Chancellor of the Duchy if any further action is likely to be required.



D E R FAULKNER

25 July 1979

DRAFT LETTER FROM THE LORD CHANCELLOR TO THE HOME SECRETARY

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME 1979-80: PROGRESS WITH BILLS

There was a brief discussion at Legislation Committee on 18 July (L(79) 6th Meeting, Minute 5), and in Cabinet on 19 July (CC(79) 10th Conclusions, Minute 1), about the need to make good progress with the preparation of bills in this session's legislative programme. Colleagues had already been asked to review the target dates for the preparation of the bills which they have put forward, and I have seen a summary of the replies which were sent to the Cabinet Office Secretariat.

I am grateful to our colleagues for the efforts which have been made to keep to the targets which we set ourselves in May. I appreciate that this has not always been possible, and I have noted the revised estimates. We must, however, make sure that the present targets are not allowed to slip. Time lost at one stage cannot easily be made up at another, and if instructions do not reach Parliamentary Counsel by the planned date, the bill's introduction will also be delayed. With a heavy programme still ahead of us, much of it very controversial, late introduction may carry the risk that the bill will not receive Royal Assent this session or that another bill will have to be displaced to make room for it in the programme. We must remember that all our more substantial bills must reach the Lords no later than the Whitsun recess if we are to rely on getting them through, and some will need to have passed all their stages well before that. There are very few to which we are not already publicly committed, and most of the bills in the programme are central to our economic policies or essential for other reasons.

I therefore hope that colleagues will ensure that work on the preparation of bills is pressed forward during the recess, and that those bills which have been promised for October and early November are brought to Legislation Committee in good time. If introduction dates prove to be at risk, it may be necessary to reduce the scope of bills to ensure that dates can still be met. I hope colleagues will consult the Chancellor of the Duchy at once if any risk appears, so that he can consider the possible effect on the Parliamentary timetable and on the programme as a whole.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, other members of the Cabinet and Ministers in charge of Departments, other members of QL and L Committees, and also to First Parliamentary Counsel and Sir John Hunt.

## LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME 1979/80

## Target Dates

<u>Bill</u>	<u>Policy</u>	<u>Instructions</u>	<u>Introduction</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1. Education	May	May	May	Introduced 17 May (Commons). Royal Assent expected by summer recess.
2. Kiribati	May	May	May	Introduced 17 May (Commons). Royal Assent 19 June.
3. European Assembly (Pay and Pensions)	May	May	May	Introduced 24 May (Commons). Royal Assent expected by summer recess.
4. Coal Industry (Finance)	October	November	December	Royal Assent required by February 1980
5. Energy, Efficiency and Safety, etc	July	October	February	All targets slipped by one month July date uncertain.
6. Wildlife and Countryside	July	Sept/Oct	December	Some policy matters to be resolved in September
7. New Towns Money	-	-	-	Likely to be amalgamated with Local Government, Planning and Land
8. European Communities (Enlargement)	August	October	November	Royal Assent required by June 1980. May proceed by Order in Council
9. Health Services (Miscellaneous Provisions)	Late-Sept	End-Sept	October	Target dates advanced one month
0. Broadcasting	July	October	Dec/January	Target policy and instructions slipped by one month
1. British Ship-builders (Borrowing Powers)	July	August	October	Policy approved
2. Companies	June	June	June	Introduced 14 June (Lords). Royal Assent desirable by December 1979
3. Companies (No 2)	-	-	-	Withdrawn
4. Insurance Companies	June	July	November	Policy approved: introduction delayed at request of Secretary of State for Northern Ireland
5. Ports (Finance)	September	September	October	
6. Bees	June	July	July	Introduced 23 July (Commons)


<u>Bill</u>	<u>Policy</u>	<u>Instructions</u>	<u>Introduction</u>	<u>Comments</u>
17. International Military Services (Financial Provision)	Sept/Oct	Sept/Oct	January	Timetable already slipped; may slip further if policy decisions lead to more substantial legislation
18. National Heritage Fund	July	August	November	
19. Education (Miscellaneous Provisions)	July (Maintained higher education late Sept)	July-Oct	end November	Policy approved on some aspects. Necessary consultations behind schedule - will cause introduction target to slip if not completed by end-September.
20. Trade Unions	Late Sept	September	November	Contingency drafting may be possible. Immunity provisions unlikely to be finally resolved before end Nov/Dec: contingent drafting may be possible in October: may need to be introduced at Committee stage Dec/Jan
21. Employment Protection Act (Amendment)	December	February	April	May be amalgamated with Bill 20. If so, target date will need to be advanced to those of that Bill.
22. Petroleum and Submarine Pipelines Act (Amendment)	End July	October	December	July date uncertain. Likely to include disposal of BNO assets.
23. Offshore Installations	-	-	-	Withdrawn
24. Housing	June	July (Right to buy in September)	November	Policy approved on most aspects
25. Local Government, Planning and Land	July	Early September	Early November	Policy approved on some aspects
26. Consular Fees (Amendment)	July	August	October	Policy approved
27. International Organisations (Amendment)	mid-August	End-August	November	Policy approved
28. Papua, New Guinea, etc	September	October	October	

<u>Bill</u>	<u>Policy</u>	<u>Instructions</u>	<u>Introduction</u>	<u>Comments</u>
29. Pensioners' Payments and Social Security	May	June	June	Introduced 20 June (Commons). Royal Assent required by summer recess
30. Social Security	July	August	November	Royal Assent required by June 1980. Policy approved on most aspects.
31. Official Information	July	July	November	
32. Isle of Man	July	Early October	Late October	May be additional items, but they will not affect target instructions or introduction
33. Nationality	July	September	December	Target introduction advanced by one month
34. Police (Negotiating Machinery)	October	October	November	Target policy and instructions slipped from July
35. Aircraft and Shipbuilding (Denationalisation)	July	September	October	Policy approved
36. Industry	July	August	October	July date uncertain
37. Cable and Wireless (Disposal of Shares)	September	October	October	Likely to be incorporated in Industry Bill. Targets slipped by 3 months
38. Contempt of Court	July	August	Nov/December	Target policy slipped one month
39. Limitation Amendment	May	-	June	Introduced 14 June (Lords)
40. Charging Orders	May	June	June	Introduced 14 June (Lords)
41. Competition	May/June	May	July	Introduced 12 July (Commons)
42. Shipping Contracts and Commercial Documents (Amendment)	July	August	October	Targets slipped from May/June/July
43. Transport	July	September	October	Royal Assent required by March 1980. Target introduction advanced by two months

<u>Bill</u>	<u>Policy</u>	<u>Instructions</u>	<u>Introduction</u>	<u>Comments</u>
44. Civil Aviation	September	September	December	Target introduction slipped by one month
45. Merchant Shipping Liner Conferences	November	December	February	
SCOTTISH BILLS				
1. Bail etc	June	June	June	Introduced 14 June (Commons)
2. Housing	June	October	November	Policy approval obtained. Target drafting slipped one month
3. Criminal Justice	Late August	Early September	Mid November	Target policy and drafting slipped one month
4. Blind Persons (Optical Charges)	-	-	-	If thought desirable, will be included in Health Services (Misc. Provs) Bill (Bill 9).
5. Air Services to the Highlands and Islands	October	November	March	
6. Valuation and Rating	July	September	November	
7. Remuneration of Teaching Staff	July	Aug/September	November	Policy and drafting targets slipped by one month
8. Civic Government	June	July	January	Policy approval obtained. Target drafting advanced one month, target introduction slipped one month
9. Matrimonial Homes (Rights of Occupancy)	January	-	February	Awaiting Law Commission Report and draft Bill late in 1979
10. Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions)	June	June	June	Introduced on 14 June (Lords)
SECOND READING COMMITTEE ONLY				
1. Disposal of Former Russian Assets	-	-	-	No estimate possible - now seen as contingent bill



<u>Bill</u>	<u>Policy</u>	<u>Instructions</u>	<u>Introduction</u>	<u>Comments</u>
2. Parliamentary Commissioner (Amendment)	October	Oct/November	Nov/December	
3. Diplomatic Privileges (Special Missions)	November	December	January	Largely drafted
4. National Health Service (Dispensing Arrangements)	November	December	January	Target policy and instructions slipped 2 months; introduction advanced one month - but timing not crucial
5. Damages	Sept/Oct	Sept/Oct	Dec/Jan	Law Commission draft bill available. Targets slipped by two months
6. Supreme Court	May	June	Nov/December	Policy approval given, drafting instructions sent. Introduction depends on consultations with judges.
7. Interest	No estimate possible			Ministerial consultations taking place
8. Matrimonial Homes (Rights of Occupation)	July	July	October	Targets slipped from pre- to post-recess Law Commission draft Bill available
9. Currency	End August	End August	October	



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GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION

- (i) Awaiting Second Reading  
 Competition  
 Consolidated Fund (Appropriation)

- (ii) Report and Third Reading  
 Bail Etc, (Scotland)

(iii) <u>Orders and Regulations</u>	<u>Date Laid</u>	<u>Whether Controversial</u>	<u>Date Required</u>
* African Development Fund	10/7	No	By Summer Recess
Appropriation (No.2) (NI)	4/7	No	For debate, 23/7
* Asian Development Bank	10/7	No	By Summer Recess
British Railways Board	17/7	No	For debate, 25/7
British Shipbuilders Borrowing Powers	10/7	No	For debate, 25/7
* Caribbean Development Bank	10/7	No	By Summer Recess
* Coal Industry (Borrowing Powers)	5/7	No	By Summer Recess
* Coal Industry (Limit on Grants)	6/7	No	By Summer Recess
* Docks and Harbours (Rateable Values) (Scotland)	12/7	No	By Summer Recess
Employment Protection (Handling of Redundancies)	11/7	Yes	For debate, 24/7
European Communities (Iron and Steel, etc)	11/7	No	For debate, 25/7
* Family Income Supplements	4/7	Yes	By Summer Recess
Firearms (Amendment) (NI)	3/7	No	For debate, 23/7
* Hovercraft	10/7	No	Desirable by Summer Recess
* Inter-American Development Bank	10/7	No	By Summer Recess

\* SI Committee

(iii) <u>Orders and Regulations (Cont'd)</u>	<u>Date Laid</u>	<u>Whether Controversial</u>	<u>Date Required</u>
* Job Release Act 1977	2/7	No	By Summer Recess
* Lloyd's (General Business)	12/6	No	By end July
Ministry of Overseas Development (Dissolution)	9/7	Yes	a.s.a.p. after Recess
Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions)	2/7	No	For debate, 25/7
* North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board	12/7	No	By Summer Recess
* Nursing Qualifications	2/7	Maybe	By Summer Recess
Prevention of Terrorism	2/7	No	For debate, 25/7
Regional Development Grants	17/7	Maybe	For debate, 24/7
* Social Security Benefits Up-rating	4/7	Yes	By Summer Recess
* Social Security (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit) (No.2)	12/7	No	By Summer Recess
Southern Rhodesia	13/7	Maybe	Within 28 sitting days of 13/7
* Supplementary Benefits	4/7	Yes	By Summer Recess
Undertaking by Secretary of State for Scotland	12/7	No	For debate, 25/7
Unfair Dismissal	11/7	Yes	For debate, 24/7
* Weights and Measures (Solid Fuel)	11/7	No	By Summer Recess

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Charging Orders (L)  
 ∅ Child Care (L)  
 Companies (L)  
 Education  
 European Assembly (Salaries and Pensions)  
 Finance  
 ∅ Foster Children (L)  
 ∅ Justices of the Peace (L)  
 Law Reform (Misc. Prov.) (Scotland) (L)  
 Limitation (Amendment) (L)  
 ∅ Residential Homes (L)  
 ∅ Sale of Goods (L)

Awaiting Royal Assent

Pensioners' Payments and Social Security

\* SI Committee  
 ∅ Consolidation

Bills placed upon the Statute Book (1)

Kiribati 1979























## FINANCE BILLS

RESTRICTED

Title	L	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Intro- duction	Second R	Committee	Report	Third R	Final	R.A.
1. Finance	-	Commons 18.6.79.	27.6.79.	3.7.79 - 10.7.79	18.7.79	18.7.79		24.7.79	24.7.79	24.7.79	24.7.79		
2. Consolidated Fund (Appropriation)	-	Commons 17.7.79.	26.7.79	26.7.79	26.7.79	26.7.79							





















Title	Laid		Required	Joint S I' Committee	Approved	
	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
1. Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance)	20.3.79.	20.3.79.	29.6.79.	27.3.79	27.6.79	24.5.79.
2. Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) (NI)	22.3.79.	22.3.79.	20.7.79	-	17.7.79	16.7.79
3. Scotland Act 1978 (Repeal)	22.3.79.	22.3.79.		27.3.79	20.6.79	28.6.79
4. Wales Act 1978 (Repeal)	22.3.79.	22.3.79.	Summer recess	27.3.79.	26.6.79	
5. Industrial Training Levy (Engineering)	28.3.79.	28.3.79.	End of June	3.4.79.	27.6.79	12.6.79
6. Firearms (Amendment) (Northern Ireland)	3.7.79	3.7.79	20.7.79	-	23.7.79	19.7.79
7. Industrial Assurance (Northern Ireland)		4.4.79		-		
8. Capital Transfer Tax (NI Consequential Amendment)	22.3.79	22.3.79	20.7.79	-	17.7.79	16.7.79
9. Iron Casting Industry (Scientific Research Levy) (Amendment)	16.5.79	16.5.79.	28.6.79	-	26.6.79	28.6.79
10. Social Security Revaluation of Earnings Factors.	12.6.79	12.6.79	18.6.79		27.6.79	12.7.79
11. Carriage by Air Acts (Application of Provisions) (Second Amendment)	22.5.79	22.5.79	Mid-July		13.7.79	17.7.79
12. INTELSAT (Immunities and Privileges)	24.5.79	12.6.79	July Privy Council.		13.7.79	16.7.79
13. Oslo and Paris Commissions (Immunities and Privileges)	24.5.79	12.6.79.	July Privy Council		13.7.79	16.7.79
14. Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation)	25.6.79	25.6.79	July Privy Council	-	28.6.79	12.7.79
15. Lloyds (General Business)	12.6.79	12.6.79	End of July			17.7.79

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

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

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

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

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Title	Laid		Required	Joint S I' Committee	Approved	
	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
60. Regional Development Grants (Variation of Prescribed Percentages)	17.7.79	17.7.79		-	24.7.79	25.7.79
61. British Railways Board (Borrowing Powers)	17.7.79				25.7.79	



From the Secretary of State

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Dear John

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME 1979/80: TARGET DATES

In your letter of 4 July you asked for a list showing target dates for policy approval, instructions to Counsel, and introduction for all the Department's Bills in the Programme excluding Contingent Bills but including any proposed or agreed changes in the Department's bids, and explaining briefly any significant changes from the original timetables.

This list is now attached. As requested, it excludes our 3 Contingent Bills (Restrictive Trade Practices, Cinematograph Film Production (Special Loans), and Common Fund) but includes 2 Bills originally cut out of the Programme but since re-instated (Civil Aviation, and Merchant Shipping Liner Conferences). The introduction of Insurance Companies was, as you know, deferred at the request of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland (see reference in Comments column). Both Companies and Competition have, of course, already been introduced and so have been omitted from the list.

I am copying this letter to the recipients of yours.

Yours sincerely

Hugh Bartlett.

H W BARTLETT  
Private Secretary

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Legislative Programme 1979/80: Target Dates

<u>BILL</u>	<u>POLICY APPROVAL</u>	<u>INSTRUCTIONS</u>	<u>INTRODUCTION</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
<u>Insurance Companies</u>	Already given (E(EA)1/6/79)	Drafting nearly completed	Lords immediately after Summer Adjournment 1979	Introduction deferred for political reasons (SOS(NI) 25/5/79)
<u>Shipping Contracts &amp; Commercial Documents (Amendment)</u>	End of July 1979	17 August 1979	Lords immediately after Summer Adjournment 1979	
<u>Civil Aviation</u>	September 1979	End September 1979	December 1979	
<u>Merchant Shipping Liner Conferences</u>	November 1979	End December 1979 (before Xmas)	Lords February 1980	

Department of Trade

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Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster

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The new schedule is attached.

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The Prime Minister asked the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster to chair a meeting of Ministers principally concerned to consider the business to be taken in the House of Commons before the summer recess, taking account of the points made in the Cabinet's discussion on Thursday (CC(79) 9th Conclusions, Minute 2). In particular, the Cabinet agreed that time should be found for the Second Reading of the Competition Bill.

The meeting concluded that the most satisfactory arrangement would be to substitute the Second Reading of the Competition Bill for the debate on the Northern Ireland orders, which had originally been planned for Monday 23 July, and to divide the Northern Ireland debate between two days, both after 10.00 p.m. The Appropriation Order would then be taken after the Competition Bill on Monday 23 July, and the remaining orders after the debate on regional policy on the following day. Provision would be made for the debate on the Appropriation Order to run for four and a half hours, so that the time available would be no less than would have been provided if the debate had started at 7.00 p.m. If necessary, the Northern Ireland Secretary or the Chancellor of the Duchy could say that the Government would be prepared to provide a full day's debate on Northern Ireland in the autumn.

The Chancellor of the Duchy and the Chief Whip will make arrangements with the Opposition accordingly, and the Chancellor of the Duchy will report to the Cabinet in the usual way on Thursday.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to the Secretaries of State for Industry, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Trade and to the Chief Whip, who were present or represented at the Chancellor of the Duchy's meeting; and to Martin Vile.

*John Stevens*  
J W STEVENS  
Private Secretary

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Monday  
23rd July

Second Reading of the Competition Bill.  
Motion on the Appropriation (No.2) (Northern Ireland) Order

Tuesday  
24th July

Debate on REGIONAL POLICY  
Motions on the Northern Ireland Orders on Emergency Provisions  
(Amendment) and Firearms (Amendment).  
The Motion on the Prevention of Terrorism (Amendment) Order will  
also be taken.  
Draft Undertaking on the Highlands and Islands Shipping Services.

Wednesday  
25th July

Proceedings on the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation No.2) Bill

Thursday  
26th July

Debate on SOUTHERN AFRICA.  
Motions on the Employment Protection Act (Variation of Subsidy) Order  
on the Unfair Dismissal (Handling of Redundancies) Order.  
the British Shipbuilders (Borrowing Powers) Order, and on the  
European Communities (Iron and Steel Employees  
Re-Adaptation Benefits Scheme) Regulations.

Friday  
27th July

The House will rise for the Summer Adjournment.

PRIME MINISTER

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BUSINESS NEXT WEEK

I ought to draw one complication about next week's business to your attention.

It is proposed to have a Consolidated Fund debate on Wednesday and the Southern Africa debate on Thursday. The reason for doing them in this order is that Wednesday is the day of Humphrey Atkins' dinner, and the Whips want to be able to go to that. However, Thursday is the day of your party for Lord Thorneycroft; you will therefore not be able to hear the wind-up speeches in the debate.

Are we right to assume you do not want to change any of the arrangements?

I see no possibility  
of changing them  
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BUSINESS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS: 23-27 JULY 1979

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MINUTES of Ad Hoc Meeting held in  
Conference Room E, Cabinet Office  
on MONDAY, 16 JULY 1979 at 12.30 pm

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PRESENT

The Rt Hon Norman St John-Stevas MP  
Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster  
(In the Chair)

The Rt Hon Sir Keith Joseph MP  
Secretary of State for Industry

The Rt Hon Michael Jopling MP  
Parliamentary Secretary, Treasury

Mr Hugh Rossi MP  
Minister of State  
Northern Ireland Office

The Rt Hon Sally Oppenheim MP  
Minister of State  
Department of Trade

Mr Alexander Fletcher MP  
Parliamentary Under-Secretary  
of State, Scottish Office

Mr John Stradling Thomas MP  
Treasurer of the Household  
Treasury

SECRETARIAT

Mr D E R Faulkner  
Mr J M Lyon

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BUSINESS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS: 23-27 JULY 1979

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BUSINESS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS: 23-27 JULY 1979

THE CHANCELLOR OF THE DUCHY OF LANCASTER said that the Cabinet had agreed (CC(79) 9th Conclusions, Minute 2) that the Second Reading of the Competition Bill should take place before the Summer Recess. It would therefore be necessary to find time for this debate in the week beginning 23 July. Full-day debates had already been planned for that week on a number of Northern Ireland orders, including the Appropriation (No 2) Order; Southern Africa; regional policy; the Consolidated Fund Bill; and the summer adjournment. The programme would have to be re-arranged to make room for the Competition Bill, either by reducing the length of time allotted to one of the planned debates, or by deferring one of them until after the Recess.

In discussion it was noted that the Government were already committed to a full day's debate on Southern Africa, and the debates on the Consolidated Fund and the summer adjournment would each last a full day. It was agreed that the Second Reading of the Competition Bill would require a full day's debate. A debate on regional policy was also essential to remove uncertainty among investors at home and abroad and to forestall accusations that the Government were acting without Parliamentary authority: a full day would again be required. It would not be appropriate to make an announcement about the Scottish aspects of changes in regional policy in Scottish Grand Committee before the main announcement had been made on the Floor of the House. Strong criticism could be expected from Northern Ireland Members if the debate on the Northern Ireland Orders did not take place until after 10.00 pm. They intended to use consideration of the Appropriation (No. 2) Order as the occasion for a major debate on housing policy in the light of the Rowland Report into the contracts awarded by the Northern Ireland Housing Executive. This was a sensitive issue, and even a debate starting at 7.00 pm would be considered insufficient. If adequate time were not made available before the Recess, the Government would be accused of indifference and evasion. A promise of a full day's debate after the Recess would not be considered an adequate alternative.

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THE CHANCELLOR OF THE DUCHY OF LANCASTER, summing up the discussion, said that the Meeting recognised the strong objections to restricting the time available for the Northern Ireland debate. No other practicable alternative seemed, however, to be available, and the Minister of State, Northern Ireland Office, should consider whether the Northern Ireland Orders might be taken after 10.00 pm on 23 July, with a further debate after 10.00 pm on 24 July, on the understanding that a full debate on Northern Ireland matters could if necessary be arranged as soon as possible after the Recess. The Second Reading of the Competition Bill could then be debated until 10.00 pm on 23 July; the debate on regional policy could be held until 10.00 pm on 24 July; all stages of the Consolidated Fund Bill could be taken on 25 July (preceded by the debate on the adjournment of the House); the debate on Southern Africa would be held on 26 July; and the summer adjournment debates would take place on 27 July.

The Meeting -

1. Took note, with approval, of the summing up of their discussion by the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.
2. Invited the Minister of State, Northern Ireland Office, to consider further the points made in discussion, in consultation as necessary with the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and the Chief Whip.
3. Invited the Chief Whip to make appropriate arrangements for the business in the week beginning 23 July 1979.





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13 July, 1979

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*Dear John,*

BUSINESS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS: 23 to 27 JULY.

1. Following the discussion in Cabinet yesterday (CC(79) 9th Conclusions, Minute 2) a meeting has been arranged under the chairmanship of the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster to consider how the business of the House of Commons could be re-arranged to accommodate the Second Reading of the Competition Bill before the Summer Recess. This letter indicates the main factors and possible options which Ministers may wish to consider.

2. I assume that they will not wish to alter the business which has already been announced for the period up to 20 July, so that any re-arrangements will be within the business planned for the following week. Apart from the Competition Bill, this comprises at present:

- 23 July: Northern Ireland Orders (Appropriation (No. 2), Emergency Provisions (Amendment), Prevention of Terrorism (Amendment), Fire-arms (Amendment) and tattooing of minors).
- 24 July: Debate on Southern Africa.
- 25 July: Debate on Regional Policy.
- 26 July: Consolidated Fund (all stages).
- 27 July: Summer adjournment debates.

In addition there will be important oral statements to be made at 3.30 on all or most days; and time will have to be found for the debate on the Motion for the summer adjournment.

The problem is to identify which of the six debates for the five available days can be confined to less than a full day.

- (a) The Northern Ireland Secretary has said in his letter to the Chief Whip of 12 July (copy enclosed) that to start the debate on the Northern Ireland Orders at 7.00 pm is likely to prove acceptable: could any of the other debates be completed before 7.00 pm on that day?
- (b) If not, could any of them start at 7.00 pm, with one of the other debates preceding it and continuing after 10.00 pm on the following day?
- (c) If neither of these solutions is possible, could one of the debates be taken entirely after 10.00 pm (again, perhaps, split between two days)?
- (d) If there is no solution to be found in any of these possibilities, could one of the debates be deferred until the autumn, perhaps with a holding statement to announce Government's intentions?

4. I am sending copies of this letter to the Private Secretaries to the Secretaries of State for Industry, Northern Ireland, Trade and Scotland, and to the Chief Whip, and also for information to Nick Sanders at No. 10 and Martin Vile here.

*Yours sincerely*

*David*

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GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION

(i) Awaiting Second Reading

Competition

(ii) Committee of Whole House

European Assembly (Salaries and Pensions)

(iii) Report and Third Reading

Bail Etc. (Scotland)

Finance

(iv) Third Reading

Education

(v) <u>Orders and Regulations</u>	Date Laid	Whether Controversial	Date Required
African Development Fund	10/7	No	By Summer Recess
Appropriation (No.2) (NI)	4/7	No	For debate, 23/7
Asian Development Bank	10/7	No	By Summer Recess
British Shipbuilders Borrowing Powers	10/7	No	By Summer Recess
Capital Transfer Tax (NI)	22/3	No	For debate, 17/7
Caribbean Development Bank	10/7	No	By Summer Recess
Child Benefit	4/7	Yes	For debate, 19/7
* Coal Industry (Borrowing Powers)	5/7	No	By Summer Recess
* Coal Industry (Limit on Grants)	6/7	No	By Summer Recess
Docks and Harbours (Rateable Values) (Scotland)	12/7	No	By Summer Recess
Employment Protection (Handling of Redundancies)	11/7	Yes	By Summer Recess
* European Communities (Definition of Treaties)	5/7	No	By 20/7
European Communities (Iron and Steel, etc)	11/7	No	By Summer Recess
* Family Income Supplements	4/7	Yes	By Summer Recess
Firearms (Amendment) (NI)	3/7	No	For debate, 23/7
* Hill Livestock	5/7	No	By Summer Recess
Hovercraft	10/7	No	Desirable by Summer Recess

\* SI Committee

(v)	<u>Orders and Regulations</u>	<u>Date Laid</u>	<u>Whether Controversial</u>	<u>Date Required</u>
	Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) (NI)	22/3	No	For debate, 17/7
	Inter-American Development Bank	10/7	No	By Summer Recess
*	Job Release Act 1977	2/7	No	By Summer Recess
	Lloyd's (General Business)	12/6	No	By end July
	Ministry of Overseas Development (Dissolution)	9/7	Yes	a.s.a.p. after Recess
	Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions)	2/7	No	For debate, 23/7
	North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board	12/7	No	By Summer Recess
	Nursing Qualifications	2/7	Maybe	By Summer Recess
	Pneumoconiosis Etc (Workers' Compensation) (NI)	9/7	No	For debate, 17/7
	Prevention of Terrorism	2/7	No	For debate, 23/7
*	Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments Scheme) (Great Britain)	29/6	No	By 20/7
*	Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments Scheme) (Northern Ireland)	29/6	No	By 20/7
*	Social Security Benefits Up-rating	4/7	Yes	By Summer Recess
	Social Security (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit)	5/7	Yes	For debate, 19/7
	Social Security (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit) (No.2)	12/7	No	By Summer Recess
*	Supplementary Benefits	4/7	Yes	By Summer Recess
	Tattooing of Minors (NI)	28/6	No	For debate, 17/7
	Undertaking by the Secretary of State for Scotland	12/7	No	By Summer Recess
	Unfair Dismissal	11/7	Yes	By Summer Recess
	Weights and Measures (Solid Fuel)	11/7	No	By Summer Recess

#### LORDS

Charging Orders (L)  
 Companies (L)  
 ∅ Justices of the Peace (L)  
 Law Reform (Misc. Prov.) (Scotland) (L)  
 Limitation (Amendment) (L)  
 ∅ Sale of Goods (L)

#### Awaiting Royal Assent

Pensioners' Payments and Social Security

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∅ Consolidation

Bills placed upon the Statute Book (1)

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13 JUL 1979

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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	-	Commons 18.6.79.	27.6.79.	3.7.79 - 10.7.79	18.7.79	18.7.79		24.7.79	24.7.79	24.7.79	24.7.79		



















Title	Laid		Required	Joint S I' Committee	Approved	
	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
1. Pool Competitions Act 1971 (Continuance)	20.3.79.	20.3.79.	29.6.79.	27.3.79	27.6.79	24.5.79.
2. Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) (NI)	22.3.79.	22.3.79.	20.7.79	-	17.7.79	
3. Scotland Act 1978 (Repeal)	22.3.79.	22.3.79.		27.3.79	20.6.79	28.6.79
4. Wales Act 1978 (Repeal)	22.3.79.	22.3.79.	Summer recess	27.3.79.	26.6.79	
5. Industrial Training Levy (Engineering)	28.3.79.	28.3.79.	End of June	3.4.79.	27.6.79	12.6.79
6. Firearms (Amendment) (Northern Ireland)	3.7.79	3.7.79	20.7.79	-	23.7.79	
7. Industrial Assurance (Northern Ireland)		4.4.79		-		
8. Capital Transfer Tax (NI Consequential Amendment)	22.3.79	22.3.79	20.7.79	-	17.7.79	
9. Iron Casting Industry (Scientific Research Levy) (Amendment)	16.5.79	16.5.79.	28.6.79	-	26.6.79	28.6.79
10. Social Security Revaluation of Earnings Factors.	12.6.79	12.6.79	18.6.79		27.6.79	
11. Carriage by Air Acts (Application of Provisions) (Second Amendment)	22.5.79	22.5.79	Mid-July			
12. INTELSAT (Immunities and Privileges)	24.5.79	12.6.79	July Privy Council.			
13. Oslo and Paris Commissions (Immunities and Privileges)	24.5.79	12.6.79.	July Privy Council			
14. Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation)	25.6.79	25.6.79	July Privy Council	-	28.6.79	
15. Lloyds (General Business)	12.6.79	12.6.79	End of July			

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Title	Laid		Required	Joint S I' Committee	Approved	
	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
16. Northern Ireland Act 1974 (Interim Period Extension)	14.6.79	14.6.79	Early July		2.7.79	9.7.79
17. Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (Continuance)	14.6.79	14.6.79	Early July		2.7.79	9.7.79
18. Pneumoconiosis, Byssinosis and Miscellaneous Diseases Benefit (Amendment) Scheme	15.6.79	19.6.79	Summer recess			
19. Customs Duty (Personal Reliefs) (No.1) Order 1975 (Amendment)	15.6.79		Summer recess		10.7.79	
20. Air Navigation (Noise Certification)	20.6.79	20.6.79	July Privy Council			
21. International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund (Immunities and Privileges)	21.6.79	12.6.79	July Privy Council			
22. Assistance for House Purchase and Improvement (Variation of Subsidy)	27.6.79		18.7.79			
23. St Vincent Termination of Association	27.6.79	27.6.79	July	-	5.7.79	9.7.79
24. Tattooing of Minors (Northern Ireland)	28.6.79	28.6.79	July Privy Council		23.7.79	
25. Nursing Qualifications (EEC Recognition)	2.7.79	2.7.79	Summer recess			
26. Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments Scheme) (Great Britain) (Amendment)	29.6.79	2.7.79	20.7.79			
27. Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments Scheme) (Northern Ireland) (Amendment)	29.6.79	2.7.79	20.7.79			

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

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

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Title	Laid		Required	Joint S I' Committee	Approved	
	Commons	Lords			Commons	Lords
50. British Shipbuilders' Borrowing Powers (Increase of Limits)	10.7.79					
51. European Communities (Iron and Steel Employees Re-adaptation Benefits Scheme)	11.7.79					
52. Employment Protection (Handling of Redundancies) Variation	10.7.79					
53. Unfair Dismissal (Variation of Qualifying Period)	10.7.79					
54. Weights and Measures (Solid Fuel) (Carriage by Rail) (Amendment)	11.7.79.					





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*From the Private Secretary*

MR. VILE  
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Parliamentary Business before the Recess

This is simply to confirm that the Prime Minister would like the Ministerial Group which is to consider the points made in Cabinet yesterday to be chaired by the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and to include the Secretary of State for Industry, the Secretary of State for Trade, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Chief Whip.

I am copying this minute to Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office) and John Stevens (Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster's Office).

N. D. SANDERS

13 July 1979

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PRIME MINISTER

Business before Recess

At Cabinet this morning, you said that a small group of Ministers should meet to sort out the problems which have arisen because of the need to fit the Second Reading of the Competition Bill in before the Recess.

I take it that you yourself will not want to chair this group. But we shall be glad to have your guidance on who ought to be included in it.

Would you be content for the group to include the Leader of the House, the Chief Whip, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for Industry, but not the Secretary of State for Trade since we have already agreed in principle to find a slot for his Bill? And should we ask Mr. Whitelaw to chair it? He could invite any other Minister it seemed sensible to include.

Are you content with these arrangements?

12 July 1979

Include MS  
SND for Trade - etc

~~Leader~~ ask SND for  
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12 July 1979 NBPM

Dear Michael,

Following the discussion at Cabinet today you asked me to let you have my views about the possibility of taking the Northern Ireland Appropriation Order after 10.00pm.

I know that this would be very unpopular with the Northern Ireland Members. The Order is equivalent to the Consolidated Fund Bill and enables Members to raise the widest range of topics. I already know that the debate will cover a number of matters regarded as particularly important by the Northern Ireland Members and they have left me in no doubt that to start this debate at so late an hour would be regarded as completely wrong.

We would of course get the Order through (although not I fear until a very advanced hour) and their protests would attract very little attention in most of the country. However in Northern Ireland their views about the way they had been treated at Westminster would be given very wide publicity. In view of the task on which I am presently engaged - that of seeking to persuade them that the present Government takes their political aspirations seriously - I must tell you that this would be very unhelpful to me.

I do not know if it helps at all but I can say that to start the debate at 7.00pm rather than 3.30pm is likely to prove acceptable.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

Yours ever

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12 JUL 1979



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PART 1 ends:-

Grant legislation 6/7/79

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