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STANDING ORDERS RELATING TO PRIVATE BUSINESS

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DEFINITIONS

I Definitions (HC I)

- (1) In these orders, unless the context otherwise requires—
 - "community" means a community for the purposes of the Local Government Act 1972;
 - "deposited" with reference to a plan, section, book of reference or ordnance map, means deposited in accordance with Standing Order 27 (Deposit of plan, book of reference, section, etc.);

"district" in relation to England means metropolitan district or non-metropolitan district;

- "Examiners" means the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills appointed under Standing Order 69 (Appointment of Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills), and
- "the Examiner" means that one of the Examiners who deals with any particular petition, bill or other matter;
- "functions" includes powers and duties;
- "lessee" includes a reputed lessee, and a person holding an agreement for a lease;
- "local authority" means any of the following:—

In England,

- (a) the council of a county,
- (b) the council of a district,
- (c) the council of a parish or group of parishes or the parish meeting of a parish which has no separate parish council,
- (d) the council of a London borough,
- (e) the Greater London Authority;

In Scotland, a council for a local government area; In Wales,

- (a) the council of a county,
- (b) the council of a county borough,
- (c) the council of a community or group of communities or the community meeting of a community which has no separate council;
- "London" except where the context otherwise requires, means Greater London;
- "London borough" includes the City of London and "council of a London borough" includes the Common Council of the City of London;
- "long adjournment" means any period of ten or more consecutive days on which the House, being adjourned, does not sit for public business;
- "mechanical power" includes every motive power not being animal power;
- "minister of the Crown" means the holder of an office in Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, and includes the Treasury;
- "occupier" applies only to persons whose interest in the premises occupied is not less than that of a quarterly tenant;
- "ordnance map" means a map published, prepared, or approved by the Ordnance Survey;

"owner" includes a reputed owner;

- "parish" means a parish for the purposes of the Local Government Act 1972;
- "pier" includes quay and wharf;
- "provisional order" includes pilotage order;
- "sitting day" means a day on which the House sits for public business;
- "tramroad" means a tramway laid otherwise than along a street or road and shall for the purpose of these orders be deemed not to be a tramway; and when a bill relates to a tramway laid partly along, and partly not along, a street or road, the provisions of these orders relating to tramways and tramroads respectively shall apply to the parts laid along, and the parts not laid along, a street or road respectively whatever may be the description of the whole system used in the bill;
- "trolley vehicle system" means a system of traction whereby vehicles adapted for use upon roads without rails are moved by electrical power transmitted thereto from some external source;
- "unitary district" means a non-metropolitan district which is not included in the area of a county council;
- "water company" means a company appointed to be a water undertaker or a sewerage undertaker under Chapter I of Part II of the Water Act 1989;

"waterway" includes canal and inland navigation.

- (2) Other expressions defined in the Interpretation Act 1978 have the same meanings in these orders as if these orders were an Act of Parliament passed after the commencement of that Act.
- (3) Where the standing orders require anything to be deposited with, or delivered or sent to, the proper officer of a local authority, that requirement shall be satisfied by depositing it with or delivering or sending it to, the chief executive of the authority for transmission (where the chief executive is not the proper officer) to that officer.

(4) Any provision in these orders requiring or authorising a document to be signed by any person shall, where that person is a body corporate, be construed as requiring or authorising the document to be signed by the agent for the body corporate or any other person acting under the authority of the body corporate, expressed or implied:

Provided that, if the document is a petition for a bill or for an additional provision, the petition shall be under the seal of the body corporate.

- (5) Where by virtue of any Act of Parliament or order in council any functions of any minister have, whether before or after the date of making of these standing orders, been transferred to some other minister—
 - (a) references in any standing order to the minister from whom the functions have been transferred shall, so far as the standing order relates to the subject matter of the transferred functions, have effect as if for such references there were substituted references to the minister to whom the functions have been transferred;
 - (b) and references to any ministry shall be construed accordingly.

For the purposes of this order "minister" includes any government department.

- (6) References in any standing order to registered post, a registered letter or to the registration of such letters shall be construed as including a reference to the recorded delivery service, a letter sent by that service and the acceptance by an officer of the Post Office of letters for recorded delivery, respectively.
- (7) For the purposes of Standing Orders 48, 50, 52, 56 and 57 distances from one of the termini of a railway, tramroad or tramway (as the case may be) may be marked at intervals of 200 metres.

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(8) References in any standing order to the submission of a petition against a bill is a petition submitted electronically, by post or in person, received within the prescribed time limit.

IA Deposit and delivery of documents, etc., at offices of government departments and public bodies (HC IA)

- Any reference in a provision of these orders to a document, or to a copy or copies of a document, being deposited or delivered in accordance with, or by reference to, this order is a reference to the document, or to a copy or copies of the document, being deposited or delivered—
 - (a) at the offices of such government departments and public bodies as may be specified in the list, and
 - (b) if the context so admits, in such quantities as may be so specified.
- (2) The deposit or delivery of any such document may be made in readily accessible electronic form, with the agreement of the recipient.
- (3) Where an electronic version has been deposited or delivered, the promoters shall inform the recipient that a hard copy is available on request, and, if desired, such copies should be provided within a reasonable time.
- (4) In paragraph (1) above—
 - "document" includes any bill, plan, section, book of reference, ordnance map, environmental or other statement or estimate;
 - "the list" means the list which, for the purposes of this order, is compiled and maintained by the Private Bill Office under the direction of the Chairman of Committees.
- (5) The provisions of these orders which contain such references as are mentioned in paragraph (1) above are—

- (a) Standing Order 27(9),
- (b) Standing Order 27A(1),
- (c) Standing Order 29,
- (d) Standing Order 30,
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- (q) Standing Order 44,
- (r) Standing Order 45(3), and,
- (s) Standing Order 47(2).

PETITIONS FOR BILLS

2 Petitions for bills (HC 2)

No private bill for which a petition has not been presented in the House of Commons shall originate in this House but upon a petition signed by the parties, or some of them, who are promoters of the bill.

3 Requirements as to proof before Examiner (HC 191A)

(1) Except in the case of a bill which has been certified in a manner mentioned below, compliance with the following

Standing Orders 4 to 68, so far as applicable, must be proved before one of the Examiners as respects every private bill.

- (2) Where it is intended to apply for leave to bring in a private bill relating to the estate, property, status, or style, or otherwise relating to the personal affairs, of an individual, the Chairman of Committees may, on an application being made, certify that the proposed bill—
 - (a) is of such a nature as mentioned above, and
 - (b) is in his opinion such that the said standing orders should not be applicable to it,

and the private bills so certified are in these orders termed personal bills.

(3) The proceedings in this House in respect to personal bills shall be subject to the provisions of Standing Orders 151 to 174.

STANDING ORDERS COMPLIANCE WITH WHICH IS TO BE PROVED BEFORE ONE OF THE EXAMINERS

Notices by Advertisement

4 Contents of notice (HC 4)

- (1) In the case of every petition for a private bill a notice—
 - (a) shall be published as provided in Standing Order 10 (Publication of notice in newspapers); and
 - (b) shall contain a concise summary of the purposes of the bill, but without detailed particulars and without any reference to provisions of an ancillary, subsidiary, or consequential nature intended to give effect to any such purpose:

Provided that in the case of a bill whereby it is proposed to authorise the promoters—

- (a) to amalgamate with any company, or
- (b) to sell or lease their undertaking to any authority, company or other person, or
- (c) to purchase or take on lease the undertaking of any authority, company or other person, or
- (d) to enter into a working agreement or traffic arrangement with any authority, company or other person,

the notice shall name the authority, company or other person with, to or from whom it is proposed that the amalgamation, sale, purchase, lease, agreement, or arrangement is to be made.

- (2) The notice shall also state—
 - (a) that on and after 4th December copies of the bill, or as the case may be copies of part of the bill, may be inspected, and at a reasonable price obtained, at the offices required by the next following order, which offices shall be named in the notice;
 - (b) the time within which objection may be made by the submission of a petition to the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments or the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons; and
 - (c) that information regarding the submission of such petitions may be obtained from either of those offices or from the agents for the promoters, and give the appropriate website and contact details.
- (3) The notice shall be headed by the short title of the bill, and shall be subscribed with the name of the person responsible for the publication of the notice.

4A Copies of bill to be made available (HC 4A)

(1) The promoters shall on and after 4th December make available for inspection, and for sale at a reasonable price, copies of the bill at an office in London and, if it affects Wales, at an office in Cardiff and, if it affects Scotland, at an office in Edinburgh and, if it affects Northern Ireland, at an office in Belfast. It shall be sufficient compliance with this paragraph if the promoters supply copies without additional charge by post or electronically, as requested and within a reasonable time. Copies shall also be made available for inspection and sale on the same basis—

- (a) if the bill is promoted by, or alters functions of, a local authority, other than a parish council or parish meeting, or community council or community meeting, at an office in the area of the authority;
- (b) if the bill alters functions of a parish council or parish meeting, or community council or community meeting, at an office in the district in which the parish, or (in Wales) in the county or county borough in which the community, is situated;
- (c) if the bill is not promoted by a local authority, at an office in the county, metropolitan district, unitary district or London borough or (in Wales) the county or county borough or (in Scotland) the local government area in which the promoters' principal office is situated;
- (d) if the bill authorises the construction of works to which Standing Order 27 (Deposit of plan, book of reference, section, etc.) applies, or the compulsory acquisition of lands or of rights to use lands, or extends the time limited by a former Act for any of those purposes, at an office in each of the counties, metropolitan districts, unitary districts or London boroughs or (in Wales) the counties or county boroughs or (in Scotland) the local government areas in which the works are to be, or the lands are, situated.
- (2) It shall be sufficient compliance with sub-paragraph (a) or (b) of paragraph (1) to make available for inspection and for sale in the area of the local authority or, as the case may be, in the district, or (in Wales) in the county

or county borough, copies of such part only of the bill as alters functions of the local authority or, as the case may be, of the parish or community council or parish or community meeting.

- (3) It shall be sufficient compliance with sub-paragraph (d) of paragraph (1) to make available for inspection and for sale in the county, metropolitan district, unitary district or London borough or (in Wales) the county or county borough or (in Scotland) the local government area; copies of such part only of the bill as authorises the construction of works or the compulsory acquisition of lands or of rights to use lands in that county, metropolitan district, unitary district or London borough or (in Wales) the county or county borough or (in Scotland) the local government area, or as extends the time limited by a former Act for any of those purposes.
- (4) The offices of a local authority, if situated outside the area of that authority, shall for the purposes of this order be deemed to be in that area.
- (5) A bill that alters functions of a member or an officer of a local authority shall for the purposes of this order be deemed to alter functions of that authority.

5 Further particulars in case of certain bills (HC 5)

- (1) In the case of bills in respect of which plans are required to be deposited under Standing Order 27 (Deposit of plan, book of reference, section, etc.), the notice shall also contain—
 - (a) the names of the districts in England or the counties or county boroughs in Wales and the parishes or communities in which is situate any work or land in respect of which plans are required to be so deposited; and
 - (b) a statement of the officers with whom plans, sections (if any) and books of reference have been

deposited in accordance with the requirements of Standing Orders 27 (Deposit of plan, book of reference, section, etc.) and 36 (Deposit of copy of plan, etc., in certain cases with certain local authorities); and

- (c) where it is proposed by the bill to authorise the construction of works, a general description of the nature of the works; and
- (d) where it is proposed by the bill to authorise the compulsory acquisition of the surface of, or of rights to use the surface of—
 - (i) any common or commonable land, or
 - (ii) any public park or public open space, or
 - (iii) any protected square mentioned in the Schedule to the London Squares Preservation Act 1931;

the name or, if it has no name, the description of the common or commonable land, park, open space or protected square, the district and parish or community in which it is situate, and an estimate of the area of so much of such surface as is proposed to be compulsorily acquired or used;

- (e) where it is proposed by the bill to stop up or divert any specified public footpath or bridleway, a general description of that footpath or bridleway, and
- (f) where it is proposed by the bill to confer powers authorising any alteration or disturbance of the surface of any street or road in connection with the construction of a tramway, tram road, trolley vehicle system or an underground railway, a general description of the roads or streets which may be affected by the exercise of the power and of the circumstances in which, and the extent to which, it is envisaged that the power may be exercised.
- (2) This order shall apply to a London borough as if it were a district.

6 Particulars in case of gas works, burial ground, etc., bills (HC 6)

- (1) In the case of a bill by which it is proposed to authorise—
 - (a) the construction of gas works or sewage works, or works for the manufacture or conversion of the residual products of gas or sewage, or a station for generating electricity, or
 - (b) the making, construction or extension of a sewage farm, cemetery, burial ground, crematorium, destructor or hospital for infectious diseases,

the notice shall state the name of the district in England or the county or county borough in Wales and the parish or community in which such works, generating station, farm, cemetery, burial ground, crematorium, destructor or hospital are intended to be made, constructed or extended.

(2) This order shall apply to a London borough as if it were a district.

7 Particulars in case of tramway bills (HC 7)

In the case of a bill by which it is proposed to authorise the construction of a tramway, the notice shall specify by reference to the deposited plans at what point or points (if any), and on which side of the street or road, it is proposed to lay such tramway, so that for a distance of 10 metres or upwards—

- (a) a less space than 3 metres, or
- (b) if it is intended to run thereon carriages or trucks adapted for use upon railways, a less space than 3.3 metres,

shall intervene between the outside of the footpath on either side of the street or road and the nearest rail of the tramway.

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8 Particulars in case of tramway and tramroad bills (HC 8)

In the case of a bill by which it is proposed to authorise the construction of a tramway or tramroad, the notice shall specify the gauge to be adopted and the motive power to be employed.

9 Particulars in case of waterway, etc., bills (HC 9)

- In the case of a bill by which it is proposed to authorise the diversion into any existing or intended waterway or into any intended variation, extension or enlargement thereof, of any water from any existing waterway—
 - (a) whether the water is to be abstracted directly or indirectly from any such waterway or from any feeder thereof, and
 - (b) whether under any agreement with the proprietors thereof or otherwise,

the notice shall contain the name or description of every such last-mentioned waterway.

(2) In this order "waterway" includes cut, reservoir and aqueduct.

10 Publication of notice in newspapers (HC 10)

- The notice shall be published in the newspapers prescribed by paragraph (2), once in each of two consecutive weeks with an interval of at least six clear days between publications, the second publication being not later than I th December.
- (2) The newspapers referred to in paragraph (1) are the following:----
 - (a) if the bill is promoted by, or alters functions of, a local authority, a newspaper or newspapers circulating in the area of the authority;
 - (b) if the bill is not promoted by a local authority, a newspaper or newspapers circulating in the county,

metropolitan district, unitary district or London borough or (in Wales) the county or county borough or (in Scotland) the local government area in which the promoters' principal office is situated;

- (c) if the bill authorises the construction of works to which Standing Order 27 (Deposit of plan, book of reference, section, etc.) applies, or the compulsory acquisition of lands or of rights to use lands, or extends the time limited by a former Act for any of those purposes, a newspaper or newspapers circulating in each of the counties, metropolitan districts, unitary districts or London boroughs or (in Wales) the counties or county boroughs or (in Scotland) the local government areas in which the works are to be, or the lands are, situated.
- (3) Where part only of a bill alters functions of a local authority, it shall be sufficient compliance with paragraph (1) to publish, in a newspaper or newspapers circulating in the area of the authority, so much only of the notice as relates to that part.
- (4) Where part only of a bill authorises the construction of works or the compulsory acquisition of lands or of rights to use lands in a county, metropolitan district, unitary district or London borough, or extends the time limited by a former Act for any of those purposes, it shall be sufficient compliance with paragraph (1) to publish, in a newspaper or newspapers circulating in the county, metropolitan district, unitary district or London borough, so much only of the notice as relates to that part.
- (5) A bill that alters functions of a member or an officer of a local authority shall for the purposes of this order be deemed to alter functions of that authority.
- (6) This order shall apply to Greater London as if it were a county.

10A Publication of notice relating to works bill (HC 10A)

- (I) If the bill—
 - (a) authorises the construction of works to which Standing Order 27 (Deposit of plan, book of reference, and section, etc.) applies, or the compulsory acquisition of lands or of rights to use lands, or
 - (b) extends the time limited by a former Act for any of those purposes,

the notice shall be displayed for two consecutive weeks ending not later than 11th December at a place of public resort in each of the counties, metropolitan districts, unitary districts or London boroughs or (in Wales) the counties or county boroughs or (in Scotland) the local government areas in which the works are to be, or the lands are, situated.

- (2) It shall be sufficient compliance with the requirement in paragraph (1) that notices shall be displayed for two consecutive weeks for the promoters to use reasonable endeavours to secure that the notices are so displayed.
- (3) For the purposes of paragraph (1), "place of public resort" includes a public library and a local government office.

II Publication of notice in the Gazette (HC II)

- (1) Not later than 11th December there shall be published once in the London Gazette and, if any powers are sought by the bill which affect Scotland or Northern Ireland, also once in the Edinburgh Gazette or in the Belfast Gazette, as the case may be, a short notice stating—
 - (a) the short title of the bill;
 - (b) the time within which objection may be made by submission of a petition to the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments or the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons and that information regarding

the submission of such petitions may be obtained from either of those offices or from the agents for the promoters;

- (c) the offices at which copies of the bill may be inspected and obtained mentioned in the full notice;
- (d) in the case of a bill in respect of which plans are required to be deposited under Standing Order 27 (Deposit of plan, book of reference, section, etc.), the officers with whom plans have been deposited either under that order or under Standing Order 36 (Deposit of copy of plan, etc., in certain cases with certain local authorities).
- (2) A notice published in the Edinburgh Gazette or in the Belfast Gazette need contain such only of the particulars referred to in paragraphs (c) and (d) of paragraph (1) as relate to Scotland or to Northern Ireland, as the case may be.

12 Posting of notices in case of tramway, etc., bills (HC 12)

- In the case of a bill by which it is proposed, in connection with the construction of a tramway or a trolley vehicle system or an underground railway or tramroad, to alter or disturb the surface of any street or road—
 - (a) not later than 12th November application shall be made in writing to every authority having control of any street or road the surface of which it is proposed to alter or disturb for directions as to the manner in which notice of such proposed alteration or disturbance is to be posted in, or where that is not reasonably practicable, in some conspicuous position as close as is reasonably practicable to, the street or road;
 - (b) not later than 20th November notice of such proposed alteration or disturbance shall be posted in, or where that is not reasonably practicable, in some conspicuous position as close as is reasonably

practicable to, every such street or road in the manner directed by the said authority, or—

- (i) if no directions have been received from the said authority within seven days after the said application, or
- (ii) if the directions received cannot reasonably be complied with,

in some conspicuous position in the street or road, or where that is not reasonably practicable, in some conspicuous position as close as is reasonably practicable to the street or road;

- (c) the said notice shall be kept posted as aforesaid for not less than fourteen consecutive days.
- (2) Where it is proposed to alter or disturb the surface of any street or road in connection with the construction of a tramway or an underground railway or tramroad, the notice posted under this order in the street or road shall also state the place or places at which the plans of the tramway, railway or tramroad will be or have been deposited for public inspection under—
 - (a) Standing Order 27 (Deposit of plan, book or reference, section, etc.), and
 - (b) Standing Order 36 (Deposit of copy of plan, etc., in certain cases with certain local authorities)

with local government officers for areas comprising the street or road or any part thereof.

12A Posting of notices in case of stopping up, etc., of public footpaths or bridleways (HC 12A)

In the case of a bill by which it is proposed to stop up or divert any specified public footpath or bridleway, not later than 20th November notice of the proposal shall be displayed in a prominent position—

(a) at each end ("the notifiable end") of the part of the footpath or bridleway proposed to be stopped up or diverted; or (b) where the notifiable end is not reasonably accessible or its exact location is not readily visible, at some other place where the notice is likely to come to the attention of persons seeking to use the footpath or bridleway.

Notices to owners, lessees and occupiers

13 Notice to owners, etc. (HC 13)

On or before 5th December in the case of a bill by which it is proposed—

- (a) to authorise the compulsory acquisition of land, or of rights to use land, or
- (b) to extend the time limited by any former Act for any such purpose, or
- (c) to render any land or house liable to the imposition of an improvement charge,

notice in writing of the proposal shall be given to the owner, lessee and occupier of each parcel of land or house affected, in the form, as nearly as may be, set forth in Appendix A, unless, in the case of an owner or lessee, his identity cannot after reasonable inquiry be ascertained.

14 Notice to frontagers in case of tramways (HC 14)

On or before 5th December in the case of a bill by which it is proposed to authorise the construction of a tramway, notice in writing of the proposal shall be given to the owner, lessee and occupier of each house, shop or warehouse abutting upon any part of any street or road where, for a distance of 10 metres or upwards, it is proposed that—

- (a) a less space than 3 metres, or
- (b) if it is intended to run on the tramway carriages or trucks adapted for use upon railways, a less space than 3.3 metres,

shall intervene between the outside of the footpath on either side of the road and the nearest rail of the tramway.

15 Notice to owners and lessees of railways, etc., affected by proposed tramway or trolley vehicle system (HC 15)

- (1) On or before 5th December, in the case of a bill by which it is proposed to authorise the construction of a tramway or trolley vehicle system either—
 - (a) crossing any railway, tramroad, tramway or trolley vehicle system on the level or by means of a bridge; or
 - (b) crossing any canal by means of a bridge; or
 - (c) otherwise affecting or interfering with any railway, tramroad, tramway, trolley vehicle system or canal,

notice in writing of the proposal shall be given to the owner, and (if leased) also to the lessee, of the railway, tramroad, tramway, trolley vehicle system or canal to be crossed or affected.

(2) Where the bill proposes to authorise the construction of a tramway, the notice shall also state the place or places at which the plans of the tramway have been or will be deposited for public inspection.

16 Notice to mill-owners, etc., where water is to be impounded or abstracted (HC 16)

(1) On or before 5th December in the case of a bill by which it is proposed to authorise the impounding of the waters of, or the abstraction of water from, any stream at a point at which the stream is not navigable, notice in writing of the proposal shall be given to the owner, lessee and occupier of each mill, factory or other work using the waters of the stream at any point within a distance, to be measured along the course of the stream, of 32 kilometres below the point at which the water is intended to be impounded or abstracted.

- (2) If, within a less distance than 32 kilometres, the waters flow into or unite with a navigable stream, the notice shall be given to the owner, lessee and occupier of each such mill, factory or other work as above mentioned which is situate between the said point and the point at which the waters of the stream flow into or unite with the navigable stream.
- (3) The notice shall state—
 - (a) the name (if any) by which the stream is known at the point at which the water is intended to be impounded or abstracted;
 - (b) the district in England, London borough or county or county borough in Wales, and the parish or community, in which such point is situate; and
 - (c) the time and place of deposit of plans, sections and books of reference with the proper officers of councils of counties, metropolitan districts, unitary districts or London boroughs or (in Wales) counties or county boroughs.
- (4) This order shall apply to Greater London as if it were a county and the Greater London Authority were the council of the county.

17 Notice to owners and occupiers of houses in case of gas works, burial ground, etc., bills (HC 17)

On or before 5th December in the case of a bill by which it is proposed to authorise—

- (a) the construction of gas works or sewage works, or works for the manufacture or conversion of the residual products of gas or sewage, or a station for generating electricity, or
- (b) the making, construction or extension of a sewage farm, cemetery, burial ground, crematorium, destructor or hospital for infectious diseases,

notice in writing of the proposal shall be given to the owner, lessee and occupier of each dwelling-house situate

within 275 metres of the land intended to be used for any such purpose.

Notice to owners, etc., in case of relinquishment of works (HC 18)

On or before 5th December in the case of a bill by which the whole or any part of a work authorised by any former Act, but not constructed, is proposed to be relinquished, notice in writing of the proposal shall be given to the owner, lessee and occupier of each parcel of land in which any part of the said work proposed to be relinquished might have been situate.

19 Notice to owners, etc., in case of alteration or repeal of protective provisions (HC 19)

On or before 11th December in the case of a bill by which any express statutory provision then in force for—

- (a) the protection of the owner, lessee or occupier of any specifically designated property; or
- (b) the protection or benefit of any public trustees or commissioners, corporation or other person, specifically named in such provision,

is proposed to be altered or repealed, notice in writing of the proposal shall be given to the person or each of the persons for the time being entitled to enforce such statutory provision, unless after reasonable inquiry the identity of any such persons cannot be ascertained.

19A Notice in case of alteration of court order (HC 19A)

On or before 11th December in the case of a bill containing provisions the effect of which is to confer power to disregard an order or undertaking then in force made by or given to a court, notice in writing of the proposal shall be given to the person at whose instance the order was made or the undertaking was given or his personal representative unless after reasonable inquiry his identity cannot be ascertained.

19B Notice to debenture holders (HC 19B)

- (1) On or before 11th December in the case of a bill by which it is proposed to vary the rights of all or any of the debenture holders of any local authority, or of any company within the meaning of the Companies Act 1985 or otherwise constituted, notice in writing of the proposal shall be given to each of the debenture holders whose rights it is proposed to vary.
- (2) A bill shall be deemed for the purposes of this order to vary the rights of the holder of a debenture only if it authorises—
 - (a) in the case of an irredeemable debenture, its redemption;
 - (b) in the case of a redeemable debenture, the alteration of the date or the terms on which it may be redeemed;
 - (c) the creation or issue of any debenture with priority over, or ranking pari passu with, the first-mentioned debenture contrary to the terms on which that debenture was created or issued.
- (3) In this order "debenture" means any debenture, debenture stock, mortgage or other similar security issued by a local authority or company, whether or not it entitles the holders thereof to a charge on the whole or any part of the property of the authority or company, and "debenture holder" shall be construed accordingly.

20 Notice to owners, etc., in case of alteration or repeal of provision relating to nuisance (HC 20)

On or before 11th December in the case of a bill by which any express statutory provision relating to nuisance arising on any lands is proposed to be altered or repealed, notice in writing of the proposal shall be given to the owner, lessee and occupier of each dwelling-house situate within 275 metres of the said lands unless after reasonable inquiry the identity of any such persons cannot be ascertained.

21 Notice in case of application for compulsory running powers (HC 21)

On or before 11th December in the case of a bill by which any compulsory running powers are proposed to be taken over any railway or tramroad, notice in writing of the proposal shall be given to the person owning or working such railway or tramroad.

22 Mode of giving notice (HC 22)

- (1) Notices under Standing Orders 13 to 21 shall be given—
 - (a) by delivering the notice personally to the party entitled thereto, or by leaving it at his usual place of abode, or (in his absence from the United Kingdom) by delivering it personally to his agent, or (where that party is a local authority, or a company, society, association or other body howsoever constituted) by delivering the notice personally to the proper officer or secretary thereof; or
 - (b) by forwarding the notice by post in a registered letter, addressed with a sufficient direction to—
 - (i) the principal office of the party (being a local authority, company, society, association or other body), or
 - (ii) in any other case the usual place of abode of the party or (in his absence from the United Kingdom) of his agent,

and posted on or before the third day previously to the day required for delivery thereof personally, at such places, at such hours, and according to such regulations as the Post Office may from time to time have appointed for the posting and registration of such letters.

- (2) This order, in its application to a local authority being a parish or community council, shall have effect—
 - (a) as if the reference to the proper officer of the authority included a reference to the chairman thereof, and
 - (b) as if the reference to the principal office of the authority included a reference to the usual place of abode of the proper officer or chairman thereof;

and, in its application to a local authority being a parish or community meeting, shall have effect as if the reference to the proper officer of the authority and the principal office thereof were a reference to the chairman thereof and his usual place of abode.

(3) Every such notice shall be accompanied by a copy of the standing orders which regulate the time and mode of presenting petitions in opposition to bills.

23 Evidence of notice (HC 23)

- (1) In all cases the written acknowledgement of the party to whom a notice has been given shall, in the absence of other proof, be sufficient evidence of the giving of the notice.
- (2) In case of a notice forwarded by a registered letter, the production of the post office receipt for the letter shall be sufficient evidence of the due delivery thereof, if it appears that the letter was properly and sufficiently directed, and that it was not returned by the post office as undelivered.

24 Notice on Sunday, etc., invalid (HC 24)

No notice under the preceding orders given on Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday, or any bank holiday, or before 8 am or after 8 pm of any day, shall be deemed valid, except in the case of delivery of letters by post.

Consents of local and highway authorities

25 Consents in case of tramway bill (HC 25)

- (1) In the case of a bill by which it is proposed to authorise the construction of a tramway—
 - (a) the promoters shall obtain the consent of the local authority of each area through which it is proposed to construct the tramway; and
 - (b) where as respects any street or highway the local authority is not the highway authority, the consent of the highway authority shall also be necessary in any case where power is sought to break up that street or road.
- (2) Where it is proposed to construct a continuous line of tramway in two or more areas, and any local or highway authority having jurisdiction in any of those areas does not consent thereto, the consents of the local and highway authority, or of the local and highway authorities, having jurisdiction over two-thirds of the length of the proposed line of tramway, shall be deemed to be sufficient.
- (3) In this order "road" has the same meaning as in the Tramways Act 1870, and "local authority" means the council of a London borough, district in England or county or county borough in Wales.

25A Consents required under the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (HC 25A)

 In the case of a bill promoted by the Greater London Authority, Transport for London or the London Development Agency there shall be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments on or before 27th November the following documents, as appropriate, namely—

- (a) where the relevant consent provision applies to the bill, copies of the pre-deposit consents;
- (b) where the relevant consent provision does not apply, a statement to that effect.
- (2) The relevant consent provision for the purposes of paragraph (1) is—
 - (a) in the case of a bill promoted by the Greater London Authority, paragraph 6 of Schedule 5 to the Greater London Authority Act 1999 ("the 1999 Act");
 - (b) in the case of a bill promoted by Transport for London, paragraph 5 of Schedule 13 to the 1999 Act;
 - (c) in the case of a bill promoted by the London Development Agency, paragraph 5 of Schedule 6A to the Regional Development Agencies Act 1998 ("the 1998 Act") (as inserted by Schedule 25 to the 1999 Act).
- (3) In the case of a bill promoted by the council of a London borough, Transport for London or the London Development Agency there shall be deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments on 11th December or as soon as practicable thereafter the following documents, as appropriate, namely—
 - (a) where the relevant consent provision applies to the bill—
 - (i) copies of the pre-deposit consents and post-deposit confirmations of consents; or
 - (ii) if confirmation of consent has not been given, a statement that the relevant withdrawal provision applies; or
 - (iii) if confirmation of consent is given conditionally on the amendment of the bill,

a statement that the relevant amendment provision applies;

(b) where the relevant consent provision does not apply, a statement to that effect.

Paragraph (a)(ii) does not apply to a bill promoted by the council of a London borough.

In this paragraph "pre-deposit consent" includes a consent given in accordance with the relevant consent provision after deposit of the bill.

- (4) The relevant consent provision for the purposes of paragraph (3) is—
 - (a) in the case of a bill promoted by the council of a London borough, section 79(2) of the 1999 Act;
 - (b) in the case of a bill promoted by Transport for London, section 167(2) of the 1999 Act;
 - (c) in the case of a bill promoted by the London Development Agency, section 26A(2) of the 1998 Act.
- (5) The relevant withdrawal provision for the purposes of paragraph (3) is—
 - (a) in the case of a bill promoted by Transport for London, section 167(3) of the 1999 Act;
 - (b) in the case of a bill promoted by the London Development Agency, section 26A(3) of the 1998 Act.
- (6) The relevant amendment provision for the purposes of paragraph (3) is—
 - (a) in the case of a bill promoted by Transport for London, section 167(4) of the 1999 Act;
 - (b) in the case of a bill promoted by the London Development Agency, section 26A(4) of the 1998 Act.

Documents required to be deposited, etc., and the times and places of deposit, etc.

26 Deposit on Sunday, etc., invalid (HC 26)

No deposit required by the following orders shall be deemed valid if made on Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday, or any bank holiday, or before 8 am, or after 8 pm of any day (see also Standing Order 201 (Time for delivering notices and making deposits)).

27 Deposit of plan, book of reference, section, etc. (HC 27)

- (1) This order applies in the case of a bill by which it is proposed—
 - (a) to authorise the construction of works to which this order applies, or the alteration of any such works authorised by a former Act; or
 - (b) to authorise the compulsory acquisition of any lands or buildings or of rights to use any lands or buildings; or
 - (c) to render liable to the imposition of an improvement charge any lands or buildings.
- (2) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4), there shall, on or before 20th November be deposited with the proper officer of the council of each county, metropolitan district, unitary district or London borough, or (in Wales) of each county or county borough or (in Scotland) of each local government area in which any such works, land or buildings are situate—
 - (a) a plan of the works or alteration of works, and of the lands or buildings, and a book of reference thereto, and
 - (b) where the construction or alteration of works is proposed to be authorised, a section of the works to be constructed or the alteration to be made.

Such documents may be deposited, if the officer agrees, in electronic form.

- (3) It shall be sufficient (at the option of the promoters) to deposit with the proper officer of the council of each county, metropolitan district, unitary district and London borough and (in Wales) of each county or county borough and (in Scotland) of each local government area, so much only of the said plan, and section and book of reference as relates to the works, lands or buildings in the county, metropolitan district, unitary district or London borough, or (in Wales) the county or county borough or (in Scotland) the local government area.
- (4) In the case of a bill by which it is proposed to revive the powers granted by a former Act for the construction or alteration of works, the deposit of a plan and section of the works shall not be required if—
 - (a) the former Act was passed not more than ten years previously to the deposit of the petition for the bill; or
 - (b) the lands in or upon which the works are proposed to be constructed or altered have been acquired by, or are vested in, the promoters; or
 - (c) the construction or alteration of the works has been commenced.
- (5) In the case of a bill by which it is proposed to authorise the construction of a railway or tramroad, there shall be deposited with such plans an ordnance map on the scale of 1/50,000 with the line of the railway or tramroad delineated thereon so as to show its general course or direction.
- (6) Any such plan, section, book of reference and ordnance map may, instead of being deposited as aforesaid, be sent by registered post to the office of the proper officer of the council of the county, metropolitan district, unitary district or London borough, or (in Wales) of the county or county borough or (in Scotland) of the local government area, and if so sent shall be posted on or before 17th November.

- (7) Any deposit made under this Standing Order shall be accompanied by a schedule of documents detailing the documents so deposited.
- (8) The proper officer or chief executive of the council of each county, metropolitan district, or London borough, or (in Wales) each county or county borough or (in Scotland) each local government area—
 - (a) shall record on a copy of the schedule of documents deposited the date and hour when it was lodged at his office, and
 - (b) shall at all reasonable hours of the day permit any person to inspect such documents and to obtain copies thereof or extracts therefrom, and it shall be sufficient compliance with this paragraph if there is provided to that person, on request and within a reasonable time, copies of so much of the documents as the person may reasonably require, and such copies may, if the person so agrees, be provided in electronic form.
- (9) On or before 20th November one copy of every such plan, section, book of reference and ordnance map shall be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments and copies shall be deposited in accordance with Standing Order IA.
- (10) The works to which this order applies are works of any of the following descriptions:—

Aqueduct.

Archway.

Bridge.

Canal.

Cut.

Dock.

Drainage—where it is not provided in the bill that the cut shall not be more than 3.4 metres wide at the bottom.

Embankment for reclaiming land from the sea or any tidal river.

Ferry.

Harbour.

Motor road.

Navigation.

Pier.

Port.

Public carriage road.

Railway.

Reservoir.

Sewer or water pipe the internal diameter of which exceeds I metre.

Street.

Subway.

Tramroad.

Tramway.

Tunnel.

- Waterwork (not including any underground pipe the internal diameter of which does not exceed I metre).
- (11) This order shall apply to Greater London as if it were a county and the Greater London Authority were the council of the county.

27A Environmental assessment (HC 27A)

 Subject to paragraph (9), in the case of a bill authorising the carrying out of works the nature and extent of which are specified in the bill on land so specified, there shall be deposited on or before 4th December in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments and in accordance with Standing Order IA either—

- (a) a copy or copies (as specified for the purposes of Standing Order IA) of an environmental statement containing in relation to the works authorised by the bill—
 - (i) the information specified in paragraph (2), and
 - (ii) a report which identifies, describes and evaluates reasonable alternatives to the works authorised by the bill, taking into account the objectives and geographical scope of the bill; or
- (b) a copy or copies (as so specified) of a direction by the Secretary of State that no such statement is necessary in relation to the works authorised by the bill.
- (2) The information referred to in paragraph (1)(a)(i) is—
 - (a) the information referred to in regulation 18(3)(a) to (e) and (4)(b) of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/571) (referred to below as "the EIA Regulations"), together with any additional information specified in Schedule 4 to the EIA Regulations which is relevant to the specific characteristics of the works authorised by the bill and to the environmental features likely to be significantly affected, or
 - (b) such of the information mentioned in paragraph(a) as the Secretary of State may in any particular case direct.
- (3) An environmental statement deposited under this order shall be prepared by persons who have sufficient expertise to ensure the completeness and quality of the statement and shall take into account the matters referred to in regulation 18(4)(c) of the EIA Regulations.

- (4) Where any such works authorised by a bill relate to two or more distinct projects each project may be treated separately for the purposes of paragraphs (1) and (2); and the references in those paragraphs to the works authorised by the bill shall accordingly be construed, where the paragraph applies separately to each project, as references to the works comprised in that project.
- (5) Notwithstanding any direction given as mentioned in paragraph (2)(b), any environmental statement of which copies are deposited under this Order shall contain the summary (referred to below as "the non-technical summary") required by regulation 18(3)(e) of, and paragraph 9 of Schedule 4 to, the EIA Regulations.
- (6) Where the Secretary of State has given a direction as mentioned in paragraph (2)(b), a copy of the direction shall be deposited with every copy of the environmental statement deposited under this order; and every copy of a direction so deposited or deposited under paragraph (1)
 (b) shall be accompanied by a statement by the Secretary of State of his reasons for giving the direction.
- (7) Copies of every environmental statement deposited under this order shall be made available for inspection, and for sale at a reasonable price, on and after 4th December, at the offices at which copies of the bill are required to be made available under Standing Order 4A (Copies of bill to be made available); and there shall also be made available separately on and after that date at those offices, for inspection and for sale at a reasonable price, copies of the non-technical summary. It shall be sufficient compliance with this paragraph if the promoters make copies of the environmental statement and non-technical summary available for inspection in electronic form and supply copies without additional charge by post or electronically, as requested and within a reasonable time.
- (8) References in this order to any provision of the EIA Regulations are references to that provision as amended

from time to time and include references to the corresponding provision of any regulations which re-enact the EIA Regulations, with or without amendment.

- (9) This order does not require the deposit of copies of an environmental statement in relation to any works for which planning permission has been granted.
- **28** [Repealed 30th July 1964]

29 Deposit of map in case of tramway, etc., bill (HC 29)

In the case of a bill by which it is proposed to authorise the construction of a tramway or the establishment or extension of a trolley vehicle system, copies of an ordnance map on a scale of not less than 1/10,000, with the line of the proposed tramway or trolley vehicle system marked thereon, shall, on or before 20th November, be deposited in accordance with Standing Order IA and one copy shall be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments.

30 Deposit of map in case of bill for supply of electricity (HC 30)

In the case of a bill by which it is proposed to authorise the supply of electricity, an ordnance map on a scale of not less than 1/50,000, with the proposed area of supply marked thereon, shall, on or before 20th November, be deposited in accordance with Standing Order 1A.

30A Deposit of map in case of bill for taking water supply (HC 30A)

(1) In the case of a bill by which it is proposed that any water may be taken, collected, or impounded for the purpose of a water supply, the promoters shall, on or before 20th November, deposit in accordance with Standing Order 1A and also at the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, an ordnance map on the scale of not less than 1/50,000—

- (a) showing by a distinguishing mark the position of each reservoir, well, conduit, or other work proposed to be authorised by the bill, and
- (b) where the proposed source of supply is a river, stream, or lake, showing by a clearly marked line the catchment area or gathering ground from which the waters are derived.
- (2) Where, under the powers of any bill it is proposed to supply with water any area not previously included within the promoters' limits of supply, the promoters shall similarly deposit an ordnance map on the scale of 1/50,000, showing respectively the existing limits of supply and the area proposed to be added thereto.

31 Deposit of copy of plan, etc., in case of bill affecting tidal lands (HC 31)

- (1) In the case of a bill by which it is proposed that tidal lands below the level of mean high-water springs should be acquired, or in any way affected—
 - (a) a copy of so much of the deposited plan and section (if any) as relates to the said tidal lands, shall, on or before 20th November, be deposited in accordance with Standing Order 1A, marked "TIDAL WATERS"; and
 - (b) on such copy all tidal waters below the said line shall be coloured blue, and if the plan includes any proposed bridge across any such tidal waters, the dimensions as regards span and headway of the nearest bridges (if any) across the same tidal waters above and below the proposed bridge shall be marked thereon.
- (2) Where it is proposed by the bill to authorise the construction of works to which Standing Order 27 (Deposit of plan, book of reference, section, etc.) applies affecting tidal lands below the said line, the copies so deposited of the plan and

section shall, if the plan is not based on an ordnance map, be accompanied by an ordnance map with the position and extent or route of the proposed works shown thereon.

32 Deposit of copy of plan, etc., of bill affecting fisheries (HC 32)

- (1) In the case of a bill by which it is proposed to authorise the making, extending or enlarging—
 - (a) of any dam, weir, or obstruction to the passage of fish in any river or estuary, or
 - (b) of any sewer discharging into any river or estuary,

a copy of so much of the deposited plan and section as relates to the proposed dam, weir, obstruction or sewer, shall, on or before 20th November, be deposited in accordance with Standing Order IA.

- (2) A copy of the said portion of the deposited plan and section shall also—
 - (a) be delivered on or before 20th November, or
 - (b) be sent by registered post, having been posted on or before 17th November,

to the recipient or recipients specified in Standing Order IA.

33 Delivery of copy of plan, etc., affecting banks, etc., of river (HC 33)

- (1) In the case of a bill by which it is proposed to authorise the construction of any work to which Standing Order 27 (Deposit of plan, book of reference, section, etc.) applies on the banks, foreshore or bed of any river, a copy of so much of the deposited plan and section as relates to the portion of the work by which the banks, foreshore or river bed may be affected, shall—
 - (a) be delivered on or before 20th November, or
 - (b) be sent by registered post, having been posted on or before 17th November,

to the recipient or recipients specified in Standing Order IA.

(2) If the plan includes any proposed tunnel under, or bridge over, the river, the depth of the tunnel below the bed of the river, or the span and headway of the bridge, shall be marked thereon; and, if the plan is not based on an ordnance map, the copy of the plan shall be accompanied by an ordnance map, with the position and extent or route of the proposed works shown thereon.

34 Deposit of copy of plan, etc., in certain cases with the Departments for the time being responsible for environmental and transport matters (HC 34)

In the case of a railway, tramway, or tramroad bill and of a bill relating to any waterway, road, bridge, tunnel, ferry, harbour, dock or pier—

- (a) a copy of the deposited plan, section and book of reference (if any), and
- (b) in the case of a bill whereby it is proposed to authorise the construction of a railway or tramroad, also a copy of the ordnance map (if any), with the line of railway or tramroad delineated thereon,

shall on or before 20th November, be deposited in accordance with Standing Order IA.

35 Deposit of copy of plan, etc., in certain cases with Commissioner of Police (HC 35)

Where by any bill the construction of a work of any kind is proposed to be authorised by which street traffic, or the regulation of street traffic, in the Metropolitan Police District may be affected, a copy of so much of the deposited plans and sections as relates to such work shall, on or before 20th November, be deposited in accordance with Standing Order 1A.

36 Deposit of copy of plan, etc., in certain cases with certain local authorities (HC 36)

- (1) In the case of a bill in respect of which a plan, or a plan and section, and a book of reference are required by Standing Order 27 (Deposit of plan, book of reference, section, etc.) to be deposited, a copy of so much of the said plan, or plan and section, as relates to any of the areas specified in Standing Order 1A, and a copy of so much of the book of reference as relates to such area, shall—
 - (a) on or before 20th November, be deposited for public inspection with the officer of each local authority, and in the manner specified in Standing Order IA, or
 - (b) be sent by registered post to any such officer, and if so sent shall be posted on or before 17th November.
- (2) The officer of each local authority with whom any such document is so deposited shall—
 - (a) permit any person at all reasonable hours of the day to inspect it and,
 - (b) provide copies of so much of the document as the person may reasonably require. Such copies may, if the person so agrees, be provided in electronic form.

37 Deposit of copy of plan, etc., in certain circumstances

In the case of a bill by which it is proposed to authorise—

- (a) the compulsory acquisition of, or of any rights to use, any churchyard, burial ground or cemetery, or any part of it, or
- (b) the compulsory acquisition of, or of any rights to use, any other land,

copies of so much of the deposited plan, section (if any) and book of reference as relates to the churchyard, burial ground,

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cemetery or other land shall, on or before 20th November, be deposited in accordance with Standing Order 1A.

38 Deposit of printed copies of bills in Parliament Office (HC 38)

- (1) A printed copy of every private bill proposed to be introduced into either House of Parliament shall be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments on or before 27th November.
- (2) There shall be attached to every copy of a bill—
 - (a) delivered under this standing order,
 - (b) deposited, delivered or sent under any of the standing orders following this order, and
 - (c) made available for inspection and sale under Standing Order 4A (Copies of bill to be made available),

a printed memorandum describing the bill generally and, subject to paragraph (4) below, every clause in the bill.

- (3) The printed memorandum shall include a statement of opinion, by or on behalf of the promoters, as to the compatibility of the provisions of the bill with the Convention rights (as defined in the Human Rights Act 1998).
- (4) Related clauses may be dealt with together in the memorandum and it shall not be necessary to describe clauses providing only for the short title, commencement, interpretation, extent or costs of promotion of the bill.
- (5) In the case of any bill to which, in the event of its originating in this House, Standing Order 64 (Consents of members of companies, etc., not being promoters, in case of certain bills originating in this House) will apply, the title of the bill shall contain a reference to the name of any company, society, association or partnership upon which powers are proposed to be conferred or whose constitution is proposed to be altered by the bill as provided in that order.

(See also Standing Order 201 (Time for delivering notices and making deposits))

39 Deposit of copies of bills at government departments and public bodies

On or before 4th December, copies of every bill shall be deposited in accordance with Standing Order 1A.

40 [Repealed 9th April 1986]

41 Delivery of copies of certain bills to highway authorities (HC 41)

A copy of every bill by which it is proposed to authorise any persons other than the highway authority to break up or otherwise interfere with any streets or roads, other than streets or roads shown on the deposited plan shall—

- (a) be delivered on or before 4th December, or
- (b) be sent by registered post, having been posted on or before 1st December,

to the recipient or recipients specified in Standing Order 1A.

42 Delivery of copies of bills affecting watercourses to Environment Agency (HC 42)

A copy of every bill by which it is proposed to authorise any persons to impound or abstract water from, or to discharge water into, any watercourse, or to construct works over, or under, or affecting, any such watercourse or the banks thereof shall—

- (a) be delivered on or before 4th December, or
- (b) be sent by registered post, having been posted on or before 1st December,

to the recipient or recipients specified in Standing Order 1A.

43 Delivery of copies of bills affecting rivers or estuaries to Environment Agency (HC 43)

A copy of every bill by which it is proposed to authorise the making, extending or enlarging of any dam, weir or obstruction to the passage of fish in any river or estuary, or of any sewer discharging into any river or estuary, or the abstraction of water from any river shall—

- (a) be delivered on or before 4th December, or
- (b) be sent by registered post, having been posted on or before 1st December,

to the recipient or recipients specified in Standing Order IA.

44 Delivery of copies of certain bills to local authorities (HC 44)

- (1) This standing order applies where—
 - (a) a bill is one to which, in the event of its originating in this House, Standing Order 64 (Consents of members of companies, etc., not being promoters, in case of certain bills originating in this House) will apply, and
 - (b) any company, society, association or partnership, upon which powers are proposed to be conferred or whose constitution is proposed to be altered by the bill as provided in that order, carries on (whether under statutory authority or otherwise) an undertaking for the supply of water.
- (2) Either a copy of the bill or notice in writing of the provisions thereof to which that order applies shall—
 - (a) be delivered on or before 11th December, or
 - (b) be sent by registered post, having been posted on or before 8th December,

to the recipient or recipients specified in Standing Order IA.

45 Deposit and form of estimates (HC 45)

- (1) On or before 4th December there shall be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments in the case of a bill in respect of which a plan and section are required under Standing Order 27 (Deposit of plan, book of reference, section, etc.) to be deposited, an estimate signed by the person making the same of the expense of carrying out the works shown on the deposited plan and section.
- (2) The estimate, if and so far as it relates to any matter included in Appendix B, shall be in the form set forth in that appendix or as near thereto as circumstances may permit.
- (3) Where the estimate relates to any railway, tramway, tramroad, trolley vehicles or public service vehicles, waterway, road, bridge, tunnel, ferry, harbour, dock or pier, a copy of the estimate shall be deposited in accordance with Standing Order 1A.
- 46 [Repealed 31st October 1990]

47 Deposit of statement as to houses and persons on land to be acquired (HC 47)

- (1) Paragraph (2) applies in the case of a bill by which it is proposed—
 - (a) to authorise the acquisition compulsorily or by agreement of any specified land on which houses are standing, or
 - (b) to revive, or to extend the time limited for the exercise of, any power for such acquisition.
- (2) The promoters shall, in relation to any area to which this order applies, deposit in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments and in accordance with Standing Order IA, on or before I I th December a statement showing—
 - (a) the name of that area;
 - (b) the total number of those houses in that area; and

- (c) the total number (so far as can be ascertained) of persons residing in them.
- (3) If, in the case of a bill by which it is proposed to revive, or to extend the time limited for the exercise of, any such powers as aforesaid—
 - (a) those powers were originally conferred by an Act passed not more than four years before the date of the deposit of the petition for the bill, and
 - (b) statement in pursuance of this order, or of any former standing order corresponding thereto, was deposited in respect of the bill for that Act,

the houses included in that statement shall be excluded in determining whether a statement is required under this order to be deposited in respect of the bill in question.

- (4) The areas to which this order applies are districts in England, London boroughs and counties and county boroughs in Wales.
- (5) In this order the expression "house" means any house or part of a house occupied as a separate dwelling.

Deposited plans, books of reference, sections and cross sections

48 Description of plan (HC 48)

- (1) Every deposited plan—
 - (a) shall be drawn to a scale of not less than 1/15,000, and shall describe the lands which may be compulsorily acquired or used or which are rendered liable to the imposition of an improvement charge; and
 - (b) in the case of bills in respect of which a plan and section are required under Standing Order 27 (Deposit of plan, book of reference, section, etc.) to be deposited, shall also describe the line or situation of the whole of the work (no alternative line or work being in any case permitted), and the

lands in or through which it is to be constructed or altered, or through which any communication to or from the work may be made.

- (2) Where it is the intention of the promoters to apply for powers to make any lateral deviation from the line of the proposed work—
 - (a) the limits of such deviation shall be defined upon the plan, and all lands included within those limits shall be marked thereon; and
 - (b) unless the whole of the plan is upon a scale of not less than 1/5,000, there shall be added an enlarged plan upon a scale of not less than 1/5,000 of any building, yard, courtyard, or land within the curtilage of any building, or of any ground cultivated as a garden, either in the line of the proposed work, or included within the limits of deviation.
- (3) Where a viaduct or tunnelling is intended the same shall be marked on the plan, the latter to be shown by a dotted line.
- (4) Where, under any standing order, a length is required to be stated on the deposited plan, it shall be in kilometres and metres.

49 Particulars in case of waterways, etc. (HC 49)

In the case of a bill by which it is proposed to authorise the construction or alteration of any waterway, cut, reservoir, or aqueduct, the deposited plans shall show the brooks and streams to be directly diverted into the intended waterway, cut, reservoir, or aqueduct, or into any alteration thereof for supplying the same with water.

50 Particulars in case of railways and tramroads (HC 50)

In the case of a bill by which it is proposed to authorise the construction or alteration of any railway or tramroad, the distances in kilometres from one of the termini shall be marked on the deposited plan.

51 Particulars in case of diversion of roads, etc. (HC 51)

- In the case of a bill by which it is proposed to authorise the diversion, widening or narrowing of any public carriage road, navigable river, canal, railway or tramroad, the course of the diversion, and the extent of the widening or narrowing, shall be marked upon the deposited plan.
- (2) In the case of a bill by which it is proposed to authorise the diversion of any public footpath or bridleway, the course of such diversion shall be marked upon the plan, and where it is the intention of the promoters to apply for powers to make any lateral deviation from the course of the proposed diversion of any public footpath or bridleway, the limits of such deviation shall be defined upon the plan.

52 Particulars in case of tramways (HC 52)

- (1) In the case of a bill by which it is proposed to authorise the construction or alteration of a tramway, the deposited plan shall indicate the proposed position of the tramway in relation to the street or road in which it is to be laid, and, where not along the centre, the distance from an imaginary line drawn along the centre of the street or road.
- (2) If it is proposed that the tramway should be laid so that between any points for a distance of 10 metres or upwards the space intervening between the outside of the footpath on either side of the street or road and the nearest rail of the tramway will be less than—
 - (a) 3 metres, or
 - (b) if it is intended to run on the tramway carriages or trucks adapted for use upon railways, 3.3 metres,

the tramway between those points shall be indicated on the plan by a thick dotted line on the side or sides where the narrow places occur; and the width of the street or road at those places shall also be marked on the plan.

- (3) Double lines (including passing places) must be indicated on the plan by a double line, and the distance between the centre lines of each line of tramway marked thereon.
- (4) The distances in kilometres from one of the termini of the tramway shall be marked on the plan, and there shall be stated—
 - (a) the total length of the street or road upon which the tramway is to be laid, that is to say, the length of the route of the tramway, and
 - (b) the length of each double and single portion of the tramway and the total lengths of double and single portions respectively.
- (5) If the bill relates to more than one tramway, the foregoing provisions shall apply severally to each such tramway.

53 Plan to define improvement and improvement area (HC 53)

In the case of a bill by which it is proposed to render any lands or houses liable to the imposition of an improvement charge, the deposited plan shall define the improvement and also the limits of the area within which the charge may be imposed.

54 Contents of book of reference (HC 54)

The deposited book of reference shall contain the names of the owners, lessees, and occupiers of all lands and houses which may be compulsorily acquired or used, or which are proposed to be rendered liable to the imposition of an improvement charge (unless, in the case of an owner or lessee, his identity cannot after reasonable inquiry be ascertained), and shall describe such lands and houses respectively.

55 Section (HC 55)

- (1) The deposited section shall be drawn to the same horizontal scale as the deposited plan, and to a vertical scale of not less than 1/1,250, and shall show the surface of the ground marked on the plan, the intended level of the proposed work, the height of every embankment, and the depth of every cutting, and a datum horizontal line by reference to Ordnance Survey or Chart datum.
- (2) The datum line shall be the same throughout the whole length of the work and any branch thereof.
- (3) Where tunnelling or a viaduct is intended, the same shall be marked on the deposited section.
- (4) Wherever the extreme height of any embankment, or the extreme depth of any cutting, is intended to exceed 1.5 metres, the extreme height over, or depth under, the surface of the ground shall be marked in figures upon the section.
- (5) If any bridge or viaduct of more than three arches is intended to intervene in any embankment, or if any tunnel is intended to intervene in any cutting, the extreme height or depth shall be marked in figures on each of the parts into which such embankment or cutting will be divided by such bridge, viaduct, or tunnel.

56 Section of improvement, etc., of navigation (HC 56)

In the case of a bill by which it is proposed to authorise the improvement of the navigation of any river, the deposited section shall specify the levels of both banks of such river; and, where any alteration is intended to be made therein, it shall describe the same by metres or parts of a metre.

57 Section of railway or tramroad (HC 57)

- (1) In the deposited section of a railway or tramroad the line marked thereon shall correspond with the upper surface of the rails.
- (2) Distances on the datum line shall be marked to correspond with those on the deposited plan; a vertical measure from the datum line to the line of the railway or tramroad shall be marked in metres or parts of a metre, at the commencement and termination of the railway or tramroad, and at each end of a section of railway or tramroad with a constant gradient; and that gradient shall also be marked.
- (3) Wherever a railway or tramroad is intended to cross any waterway, or (otherwise than on the level) any public carriage road, railway or tramroad—
 - (a) the height of the intended railway or tramroad over, or depth under, the surface thereof, and
 - (b) the height and span of each arch of any bridge and viaduct by which the railway or tramroad will be carried over the same,

shall be marked in figures on the section at every crossing thereof; and, where the railway or tramroad will be carried across any such public carriage road, railway or tramroad on the level thereof, such crossing shall be so described on the section.

58 Section of tramway (HC 58)

In the deposited section of a tramway the distances shall be marked corresponding with those marked on the deposited plan and there shall also be marked on the section the gradients of the road on which the tramway is to be laid.

59 Cross sections of roads, etc. (HC 59)

If any alteration is intended in the water level of any canal, or in the level or rate of inclination of any public carriage

road, railway or tramroad which will be crossed by the intended railway or tramroad and such works are not works for which a section has been drawn in accordance with Standing Order 55—

- (a) the same shall be stated on the deposited section, and each alteration shall be numbered, and cross sections, in reference to the numbers, on a horizontal scale of not less than 1/5,000, and on a vertical scale of not less than 1/500, shall be added, which shall show the present surface of such road, canal, railway or tramroad and the intended surface thereof when altered; and
- (b) the greatest of the present and intended rates of inclination of the portion of the road, railway or tramroad intended to be altered shall also be marked in figures on the section; and, where any public carriage road is crossed on the level, a cross section of that road shall be added, and every such cross section shall extend for 180 metres on each side of the centre line of the railway or tramroad.

Bills brought from the House of Commons

60 Deposit of copies of bill brought from House of Commons at public departments, etc. (HC 60)

A copy of every private bill brought from the House of Commons in which any amendment has been made on the consideration thereof in that House shall, not later than two days after the bill is read the first time, be deposited at every office at which it—

- (a) was deposited under Standing Order 39 (Deposit of copies of bills at Treasury and other public departments, etc.), or
- (b) would be required to be deposited under that order if it had been originally introduced in the form in which it was brought from the House of Commons.

61 Notices and deposits where work is altered while bill is in Parliament (HC 61)

- (1) Whenever during the progress through the House of Commons of any bill originating in that House in respect of which a plan and section are required under Standing Order 27 (Deposit of plan, book of reference, section, etc.) to be deposited, any alteration has been made in any work proposed to be authorised by the bill, proof shall be given before the Examiner that two weeks previously to the bringing of the bill into this House—
 - (a) a plan and section of the alteration, on the same scale and containing the same particulars as the original plan and section, together with a book of reference thereto, have been deposited—
 - (i) in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, and
 - (ii) (with the proper officer of the council of every county, metropolitan district, unitary district or London borough, or (in Wales) of every county or county borough or (in Scotland) of every local government area in which such alteration is proposed to be made; and
 - (b) a copy of the plan and section of such alteration, so far as it relates to any of the areas mentioned in Standing Order 36 (Deposit of copy of plan, etc., in certain cases with certain local authorities), together with a book of reference thereto, has been deposited with the appropriate officer mentioned in that order.
- (2) Proof shall also be given—
 - (a) that notice of the intention to make such alteration has been published, before the bill was read a first time in this House, once in the London Gazette and once in each of two consecutive weeks in a newspaper circulating in the county, metropolitan

district, unitary district or London borough or (in Wales) the county or county borough or (in Scotland) the local government area in which such alteration is situate; and

- (b) that notice in writing as nearly as may be in the form set forth in Appendix A, was in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 22 (Mode of giving notice) with respect to the notices to which that order relates given before the bill was read a first time in this House, to the owners, lessees and occupiers of lands through which any such alteration is intended to be made; and
- (c) that the consent of such owners, lessees and occupiers to the making of such alterations has been given.
- (3) Compliance with this order shall not be necessary in the case of alterations made on petition for additional provision in the House of Commons.
- (4) This order shall apply to Greater London as if it were a county and the Greater London Authority were the council of the county.

Consents of proprietors or members of companies, and of persons named as directors

62 Consents of proprietors of statutory companies promoting bills originating in this House (HC 62)

- Every bill originating in this House promoted by a company constituted by Act of Parliament shall be referred, after the second reading thereof, to the Examiners, and the Examiner shall certify as to compliance or non-compliance with the following requirements.
- (2) The bill, as introduced, or proposed to be introduced, into Parliament shall be submitted to the proprietors of the company at a meeting held specially for that purpose.

- (3) Such meeting shall be called—
 - (a) by notice inserted once in each of two consecutive weeks in a newspaper published in London or Edinburgh, as the case may be, and in a local newspaper circulating in the county, metropolitan district, unitary district or London borough or (in Wales) the county or county borough or (in Scotland) the local government area in which the principal office of the company is situate, the first of such insertions being not earlier than 4th December; and
 - (b) by a circular addressed to each proprietor on the register of the company at his last-known or usual address, and sent by post to, or delivered at, such address not less than twenty-one days before the holding of the meeting, stating the offices at which copies of the bill may be inspected and obtained, and enclosing a blank form of proxy, with proper instructions for its use.
- (4) The same form of proxy and the same instructions, and none other, shall be sent to every such proprietor; but no intimation shall be sent as to any person in whose favour the proxy may be granted; and no other circular or form of proxy relating to the meeting shall be sent to any proprietor from the office of the company, or by any director or officer of the company.
- (5) The meeting shall be held not earlier than the twenty-first day after the first insertion of the notice, and may be held on the same day as an ordinary general meeting of the company.
- (6) At the meeting the bill shall be submitted to the proprietors aforesaid then present, and approved of by proprietors, present in person or by proxy, holding at least three-fourths of the paid-up capital of the company represented by the votes at the meeting, such proprietors being qualified to vote at all ordinary meetings of the company in right of

their holding of such capital. Where proprietors hold any shares or stock in respect of which they are not entitled to vote at an ordinary meeting, they may, if their interests may be affected by the bill, tender votes in respect of such holdings, which votes shall be recorded separately.

- (7) The names of the proprietors present in person at the meeting shall be recorded. For this purpose the first meeting and any adjournment thereof shall be deemed to be the same meeting.
- (8) A poll may be demanded by any three proprietors present in person or by proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote, or by one proprietor or two proprietors so present and entitled, if that proprietor or those proprietors together hold not less than 15 per cent of the paid-up capital represented by the proprietors so present and entitled, and not otherwise.
- (9) There shall be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments a statement of the number of votes if a poll was taken, and of the number of votes recorded separately.
- (10) Where the company carries on two or more separate undertakings and portions of the capital of the company are allocated so as to be exclusively applicable to the several undertakings, then, so far as the bill relates to any such separate undertaking—
 - (a) separate meetings shall be held of the proprietors of the company and the proprietors of the capital of the company so allocated to the undertaking, and
 - (b) the provisions of this order applicable to meetings of proprietors of the company shall with the necessary modifications apply to meetings of the proprietors of the portion of the capital of the company so allocated.
- (11) In the case of a bill for which the petition is deposited, or proposed to be deposited, by leave of the Chairman

of Committees under Standing Order 97 (Chairman of Committees to authorise deposit of petitions for late bills) after 27th November, the foregoing provisions of this order shall apply, subject to the following modifications:—

- (a) the first insertion of the advertisement calling the meeting shall be not earlier than the date of the deposit of the petition, and
- (b) the circular to proprietors shall be sent by post or delivered not earlier than the date, as specified in the notice containing a concise summary of the purposes of the bill, on and after which copies of the bill may be inspected and obtained.
- (12) The Examiner shall give not less than two clear days' notice in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments of the day on which any such bill will be examined.
- (13) This order shall apply to Greater London as if it were a county.

63 Consents of members of registered companies, etc., promoting bills originating in this House (HC 63)

- (1) Every bill originating in this House, promoted by any company, society, association, or partnership, whether a company within the meaning of the Companies Act 1985, or otherwise constituted (and not being a company to which the preceding order applies), shall be referred, after the second reading thereof, to the Examiners, and the Examiner shall certify as to compliance or non-compliance with the following requirements.
- (2) In the case of a company within the meaning of the Companies Act 1985, the bill as introduced or proposed to be introduced in this House shall be approved by a special resolution of the company, and a copy of the resolution shall be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments.
- (3) In the case of any other such company, society, association, or partnership as aforesaid, the bill as introduced or proposed

to be introduced in this House shall be consented to by three-fourths in number and (where applicable) in value of the proprietors or members of the company, society, association, or partnership present in person or by proxy, and voting at a meeting convened by a notice stating the business to be transacted thereat; such consent to be certified in writing by the chairman of the meeting. A copy of the certificate of consent shall be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments.

- (4) The names of the proprietors or members present in person at the meeting shall be recorded. For this purpose the first meeting and any adjournment thereof shall be deemed to be the same meeting.
- (5) A poll may be demanded by any three proprietors or members present in person or by proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote, or by one proprietor or member or two proprietors or members so present and entitled, if that proprietor or member or those proprietors or members together represent not less than 15 per cent of the paidup capital represented by the proprietors or members so present and entitled, and not otherwise.
- (6) If a poll is taken, there shall be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments a statement of the number of votes.
- (7) So far as any such bill relates to a separate class of proprietors or members of any company, society, association, or partnership, as distinct from the proprietors or members generally, the bill shall be approved or consented to by the proprietors or members generally, and also by the separate class of proprietors or members; and the provisions of this order applicable to the proprietors or members generally shall, with the necessary modification, apply to the separate class of proprietors or members.
- (8) The Examiner shall give not less than two clear days' notice in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments of the day on which any such bill will be examined.

64 Consents of members of companies, etc., not being promoters, in case of certain bills originating in this House (HC 64)

- (1) This standing order applies where any bill originating in this House contains provisions—
 - (a) conferring any powers upon, or
 - (b) altering in any respect the constitution of,

any company, society, association, or partnership (howsoever constituted), named in the bill but not being the promoters thereof.

- (2) The bill shall be referred to the Examiners after the second reading thereof, and Standing Order 62 (Consents of proprietors of statutory companies promoting bills originating in this House) or Standing Order 63 (Consents of members of registered companies, etc., promoting bills originating in this House) (as the case may require) shall apply—
 - (a) as if such company, society, association, or partnership were the promoters of the bill, and
 - (b) as if in the standing order in question for references to the bill there were substituted references to the said provisions.
- (3) Failure to comply with the requirements of Standing Order 62 (Consents of proprietors of statutory companies promoting bills originating in this House) or Standing Order 63 (Consents of members of registered companies, etc., promoting bills originating in this House) as applied by this standing order shall affect only such provisions as aforesaid, and shall not affect any other provisions of the bill.
- (4) This standing order shall not apply to any bill in so far as the provisions relate to a proposal for—
 - (a) the compulsory acquisition by or transfer to the promoters thereof of the whole or part of the undertaking or assets of, or

(b) the imposition of any duty or obligation upon, or the limitation of any power of,

any such company, society, association, or partnership as aforesaid, nor shall it apply to provisions in the bill for the protection of the company, society, association, or partnership.

(5) Nothing in this standing order shall affect the obligations of the promoters of the bill under Standing Order 62 (Consents of proprietors of statutory companies promoting bills originating in this House) or Standing Order 63 (Consents of members of registered companies, etc., promoting bills originating in this House).

65 Consents of proprietors of statutory companies promoting certain bills originating in House of Commons (HC 65)

- In the case of every bill brought from the House of Commons in which provisions have been inserted in that House, empowering the promoters thereof, being a company constituted by Act of Parliament—
 - (a) to execute, undertake, or contribute towards any work other than that for which it was originally established, or
 - (b) to sell or lease their undertaking, or any part thereof, or
 - (c) to enter into any agreements with any other company for the working, maintenance, management, or use of the railway or works of either company, or any part thereof, or
 - (d) to amalgamate their undertaking, or any part thereof, with any other undertaking, or
 - (e) to purchase any other undertaking, or part thereof, or any additional lands, or

(f) to abandon their undertaking, or any part thereof, or authorising, or enacting the dissolution of the promoting company, or in which any such provisions originally contained in the bill have been materially altered in that House, the Examiner shall certify as to compliance or noncompliance with the following requirements.

- (2) The bill, as brought from the House of Commons, shall be submitted to the proprietors of the promoting company, at a meeting held specially for that purpose.
- (3) Such meeting shall be called—
 - (a) by notice inserted once in each of two consecutive weeks in a newspaper published in London or Edinburgh as the case may be, and in a local newspaper circulating in the county, metropolitan district, unitary district or London borough, or (in Wales) the county or county borough or (in Scotland) the local government area in which the principal office of the company is situate; and
 - (b) by a circular addressed to each proprietor on the register of the company at his last-known or usual address, and sent by post to, or delivered at, such address, not less than ten days before the holding of the meeting, stating the offices at which copies of the bill may be inspected, and enclosing a blank form of proxy, with proper instructions for its use.
- (4) The same form of proxy and the same instructions, and none other, shall be sent to every such proprietor; but no intimation shall be sent as to any person in whose favour the proxy may be granted; and no other circular or form of proxy relating to the meeting shall be sent to any proprietor from the office of the company or by any director or officer of the company.
- (5) The meeting shall be held not earlier than the seventh day after the last insertion of the notice, and may be held on the same day as an ordinary general meeting of the company.
- (6) At the meeting the bill shall be submitted to the proprietors aforesaid then present, and approved by proprietors present in person or by proxy, who—

- (a) hold at least three-fourths of the paid-up capital of the company represented by the votes at the meeting, and
- (b) are qualified to vote at all ordinary meetings of the company in right of their holding of such capital.

Where proprietors hold any shares or stock in respect of which they are not entitled to vote at an ordinary meeting, they may, if their interests may be affected by the bill, tender votes in respect of such holdings, which votes shall be recorded separately.

- (7) The names of the proprietors present in person at the meeting shall be recorded. For this purpose the first meeting and any adjournment thereof shall be deemed to be the same meeting.
- (8) A poll may be demanded by any three proprietors present in person or by proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote, or by one proprietor or two proprietors so present and entitled, if that proprietor or those proprietors together hold not less than 15 per cent of the paid-up capital of the company represented by the proprietors so present and entitled, and not otherwise.
- (9) There shall be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments a statement of the number of votes if a poll was taken, and of the number of votes recorded separately.
- (10) Where the company carries on two or more separate undertakings and portions of the capital of the company are allocated so as to be exclusively applicable to the several undertakings, then, so far as the bill relates to any such separate undertaking—
 - (a) separate meetings shall be held of the proprietors of the company and the proprietors of the capital of the company so allocated to the undertaking, and
 - (b) the provisions of this order applicable to meetings of proprietors of the company shall, with the

necessary modifications, apply to meetings of the proprietors of the portion of the capital of the company so allocated.

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- (a) such an approval as is mentioned in Standing Order 62 (Consents of proprietors of statutory companies promoting bills originating in this House) has been given to the bill as introduced or proposed to be introduced into the House of Commons, and
- (b) by the terms of such approval the bill has been approved subject to such additions, alterations and variations as Parliament may think fit to make therein,

it shall not be necessary for the purposes of this order to obtain any further approval in respect of any provisions inserted in the bill in the House of Commons unless the committee on the bill decide that, regard being had to the nature and effect of such provisions, further evidence of the approval of such provisions on the part of the proprietors of the company is required.

66 Consents of members of registered companies, etc., promoting certain bills originating in House of Commons (HC 66)

- (1) In the case of every bill brought from the House of Commons—
 - (a) in which provisions have been inserted in that House—
 - (i) empowering or requiring the promoters thereof being a company, society, association, or partnership, whether a company within the meaning of the Companies Act 1985 or otherwise constituted (and not being a company to which the preceding order

applies), to do any act not authorised by the memorandum and articles of association, or other instrument constituting or regulating the company, society, association, or partnership, or

- (ii) authorising or enacting the abandonment of the undertaking, or any part of the undertaking, of such company, society, association, or partnership, or the dissolution thereof, or
- (b) in which any such provisions originally contained in the bill have been materially altered in that House,

the Examiner shall certify as to compliance or noncompliance with the following requirements.

- (2) In the case of a company within the meaning of the Companies Act 1985 the bill as brought from the House of Commons shall be approved by a special resolution of the company, and a copy of the resolution shall be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments.
- (3) In the case of any other such company, society, association, or partnership as aforesaid, the bill as brought from the House of Commons shall be consented to by three-fourths in number and (where applicable) in value of the proprietors or members of the company, society, association, or partnership, present, in person or by proxy, and voting at a meeting convened by a notice stating the business to be transacted thereat, such consent to be certified in writing by the chairman of the meeting. A copy of the certificate of consent shall be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments.
- (4) The names of the proprietors or members present in person at the meeting shall be recorded. For this purpose the first meeting and any adjournment thereof shall be deemed to be the same meeting.

- (5) A poll may be demanded by any three proprietors or members present in person or by proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote, or by one proprietor or member or two proprietors or members so present and entitled, if that proprietor or member or those proprietors or members together represent not less than 15 per cent of the paidup capital represented by the proprietors or members so present and entitled, and not otherwise.
- (6) If a poll is taken, there shall be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments a statement of the number of votes.
- (7) If—
 - (a) such approval by a special resolution or consent as is mentioned in Standing Order 63 (Consents of members of registered companies, etc., promoting bills originating in this House) has been given to the bill as introduced or proposed to be introduced into the House of Commons, and
 - (b) by the terms of the resolution or consent the bill has been approved or consented to subject to such additions, alterations and variations as Parliament may think fit to make therein,

it shall not be necessary for the purposes of this order to obtain any further approval or consent in respect of any provisions inserted in the bill in the House of Commons, unless the committee on the bill decide that, regard being had to the nature and effect of such provisions, further evidence of the approval or consent to such provisions on the part of the proprietors or members of the company, society, association, or partnership is required.

(8) So far as any such bill relates to a separate class of proprietors or members of the company, society, association, or partnership as distinct from the proprietors or members generally, such bill shall be approved or consented to by the proprietors or members generally, and also by the separate class of proprietors or members; and the provisions of this order applicable to the proprietors or members generally, shall, with the necessary modifications, apply to the separate class of proprietors or members.

- 67 Consents of members of companies, etc., not being promoters, in case of certain bills originating in House of Commons (HC 67)
 - (1) This standing order applies in the case of every bill brought from the House of Commons—
 - (a) in which provisions have been inserted in that House conferring any powers upon, or altering in any respect the constitution of, any company, society, association, or partnership (howsoever constituted) named in the bill but not being the promoters thereof, or
 - (b) in which any such provisions originally contained in the bill have been materially altered in that House.
 - (2) Standing Order 65 (Consents of proprietors of statutory companies promoting certain bills originating in House of Commons) or Standing Order 66 (Consents of members of registered companies, etc., promoting certain bills originating in House of Commons) (as the case may require) shall apply as if—
 - (a) the company, society, association, or partnership were the promoters of the bill;
 - (b) the said provisions were the provisions referred to in the standing order in question;
 - (c) in the standing order in question for references to the bill there were substituted references to the said provisions of the bill; and
 - (d) the reference to Standing Order 62 (Consents of proprietors of statutory companies promoting bills originating in this House) or Standing Order 63 (Consents of members of registered companies, etc., promoting bills originating in this House) were a reference to that order as applied by this order.

- (3) Failure to comply with the requirements of Standing Order 65 (Consents of proprietors of statutory companies promoting certain bills originating in House of Commons) or Standing Order 66 (Consents of members of registered companies, etc., promoting certain bills originating in House of Commons) as applied by this Standing Order shall affect only such provisions of the bill as aforesaid and shall not affect any other provisions of the bill.
- (4) This standing order shall not apply to any bill in so far as the provisions so inserted or altered relate to a proposal for—
 - (a) the compulsory acquisition by or transfer to the promoters thereof of the whole or part of the undertaking or assets of, or
 - (b) the imposition of any duty or obligation upon or the limitation of any power of,

any such company, society, association, or partnership as aforesaid, nor shall it apply to provisions in the bill for the protection of the company, society, association, or partnership.

(5) Nothing in this standing order shall affect the obligations of the promoters of the bill under Standing Order 65 (Consents of proprietors of statutory companies promoting certain bills originating in House of Commons) or Standing Order 66 (Consents of members of registered companies, etc., promoting certain bills originating in House of Commons).

68 Proof of consent of directors, etc., named in bill (HC 68)

Where in any bill brought from the House of Commons for the purpose of establishing a company for carrying on any work or undertaking any person is specified as manager, director or proprietor of the company, or otherwise concerned in carrying the bill into effect, proof shall be required before the Examiner that that person has subscribed his name to the petition for the bill, or to a printed copy of the bill, as brought to this House.

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EXAMINERS

69 Appointment of Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills (HC 69)

There shall be one or more officers of this House, to be called "The Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills," who shall be appointed by the House.

70 Date of commencement of examination of petitions for bills (HC 71)

- (1) The examination of the petitions for private bills, copies of which bills have been deposited in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 38 (Deposit of printed copies of bills in Parliament Office), shall commence on 18th December.
- (2) If that day is a Saturday or a Sunday, the examination shall commence on 20th or 19th December, as the case may be.

71 Notice of examination of petitions for bills (HC 72)

The Examiner shall give not less than seven clear days' notice in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments of the day appointed for the examination of petitions for private bills.

72 Certificate as to petition (HC 70)

- (1) The Examiner shall in the case of each petition for a bill—
 - (a) certify whether the standing orders have or have not been complied with, and
 - (b) when they have not been complied with, report the facts upon which his decision is founded, and any special circumstances connected with the case.
- (2) Such a certificate shall be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments.

73 Petitions for additional provisions (HC 73, 166A)

- (1) A petition for additional provision in a private bill—
 - (a) shall be signed by the petitioner and shall have annexed thereto a printed copy of the provisions proposed to be added, and
 - (b) shall require the sanction of the Chairman of Committees before it is deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments.

The agent concerned for any such petition which has been so deposited shall supply prints of such proposed provision on payment, to all parties interested who may apply therefor.

- (2) No such petition shall be received in the case of a bill brought from the House of Commons.
- (3) Every such petition with the proposed additions annexed shall, except when it relates to a personal bill, be referred to the Examiners, and the Examiner—
 - (a) shall certify whether the standing orders have or have not been complied with, and
 - (b) when they have not been complied with, shall report the facts upon which his decision is founded and any special circumstances connected with the case.

Such a certificate shall be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments.

- (4) Where provisions which were not contained in the bill as introduced into Parliament are sought to be inserted upon any such petition, the original notices shall not be held to apply to the additional provision proposed to be inserted.
- (5) The Examiner shall give not less than two clear days' notice in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments of the day on which the petition will be examined.

74 Examination of bills brought from House of Commons, etc. (HC 74)

- (1) Bills brought from the House of Commons, unless they are personal bills, after having been read the first time shall be referred to the Examiners, and the Examiner—
 - (a) shall certify whether such standing orders as have not been previously inquired into have or have not been complied with, and
 - (b) when they have not been complied with, shall report the facts upon which his decision is founded, and any special circumstances connected with the case.
- (2) Such a certificate shall be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments.
- (3) The Examiner shall give not less than two clear days' notice in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments of the day on which any such bill will be examined.

75 Bills brought from House of Commons may be referred to Examiners in respect of amendments made in this House

Where in any private bill brought from the House of Commons amendments are made during its progress through this House the bill shall, if the Chairman of Committees thinks fit, be referred to the Examiners to consider and report whether the standing orders have been complied with in respect of the amendments.

76 Memorials complaining of non-compliance with standing orders (HC 75)

 Any parties shall be entitled to appear and to be heard by themselves or their agents upon a memorial addressed to the Examiners and signed by those parties or their agents complaining of a non-compliance with the standing orders if—

- (a) the matter complained of is specifically stated in the memorial, and
- (b) the party (if any) who may be specially affected by the non-compliance with the standing orders or his agent has signed the memorial and has not withdrawn his signature.
- (2) In reference to petitions for additional provision in private bills and to bills brought from the House of Commons, the Examiner shall be at liberty to entertain such memorial, although neither the party (if any) who may be specially affected by the non-compliance with the standing orders nor his agent has signed it.

77 Right of audience before Examiner of proprietors dissenting at meeting under Standing Orders 62 to 67 (HC 76)

Any proprietor or member of any company, society, association or partnership who has by himself, or by any person authorised to act for him in that behalf, dissented at any meeting called in pursuance of Standing Orders 62 to 67, shall be entitled to appear and be heard by himself or his agent upon a memorial addressed to the Examiners and signed by him or his agent complaining of non-compliance with any of those standing orders.

78 Deposit of memorials in Parliament Office (HC 76)

Every memorial complaining of non-compliance with the standing orders in respect of any bill referred to the Examiners—

- (a) after first or second reading, or
- (b) by direction of the Chairman of Committees, or
- (c) in respect of any petition for additional provision, or
- (d) in respect of any petition for leave to bring in a bill which is deposited in this House,

shall, together with two copies thereof for the use of the Examiners, be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments before noon on the day preceding the day first appointed for the examination of the bill or petition in question.

79 Withdrawal of memorials (HC 76A)

Any memorialist may withdraw his memorial, on a requisition to that effect being deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, signed by him or his agent; and where any such memorial is deposited by or on behalf of more than one person, any of those persons may withdraw from the memorial by a similar requisition, signed and deposited as aforesaid.

80 Proof by affidavit (HC 77)

The Examiner may admit affidavits in proof of the compliance with the standing orders.

81 Examiner to make special report in certain cases (HC 79)

If the Examiner feels doubt as to the due construction of any standing order in its application to a particular case, he shall make a special report of the facts, without deciding whether the standing order has or has not been complied with: such special report to be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments.

82 Certificates and special reports to be laid on table

All certificates and special reports from the Examiners shall be laid on the table on the first sitting day after the deposit of the same in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments. Public bills ordered to be examined by the Examiners

83 Examination of public bills by Examiners (HC 224)

- (1) Where a public bill (not being a bill to confirm a provisional order) is whilst pending in this House referred to the Examiners with respect to the applicability thereto of the standing orders of this House, the Examiner—
 - (a) shall certify, and
 - (b) in the case of a bill originating in this House, shall have leave to report to the House of Commons (if that House thinks fit so to order),

whether any of the standing orders, compliance with which in the case of a private bill is to be proved before one of the Examiners, are applicable to the bill and, if applicable, whether or not they have been complied with.

- (2) The Examiner shall give not less than two clear days' notice in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments of the day on which the bill will be examined.
- (3) Any parties shall be entitled to appear and to be heard by themselves or their agents upon a memorial addressed to the Examiners and signed by those parties or their agents alleging that the standing orders are applicable to the bill and have not been complied with, if the matter complained of is specifically stated in the memorial, and the party (if any) who may be specially affected by the non-compliance with the standing orders or his agent has signed such memorial and has not withdrawn his signature thereto.
- (4) Where any such bill originating in the House of Commons is whilst pending in that House ordered to be examined by the Examiners with respect to the applicability thereto of the standing orders of that House, the Examiner shall, if that House gives him leave so to do, certify whether any such standing orders as aforesaid are applicable to the bill and, if applicable, whether or not they have been complied with.

(5) Standing Orders 82 (Certificates and special reports to be laid on table) and 87 (Reference to Standing Orders Committee of reports from Examiner of non-compliance with standing orders, etc.) shall, so far as applicable, apply to certificates from the Examiner under this order in like manner as they apply to certificates and special reports from the Examiner in relation to private bills.

83A Comments on environmental statement (HC 224A)

- (1) This order applies to any government bill in relation to which the Examiner decides Standing Orders 4 to 68 are applicable and in relation to which an environmental statement is required to be deposited under Standing Order 27A.
- (2) In this order—
 - "the relevant Minister" means the Minister of the Crown with responsibility for the bill;
 - "the environmental statement" means the environmental information originally deposited by the relevant Minister in relation to the bill for the purpose of Standing Order 27A;
 - "supplementary environmental information" means any additional environmental information deposited by the relevant Minister, after the deposit of the environmental statement, to supplement that statement for the purpose of meeting the requirements of any EU Directive relating to environmental assessment.
- (3) The notice published under Standing Order 10 in relation to the bill shall state that any person who wishes to make comments on the environmental statement should send them to the relevant Minister in such manner and on or before such date as shall be specified by the relevant Minister in the notice, that date being no earlier than the 56th day after the first publication of the notice.

- (4) For the purpose of Standing Order 83 paragraph (3) shall be treated as one of the Standing Orders compliance with which must be examined by the Examiner.
- (5) The relevant Minister shall, in such form as may be specified by the Examiner, publish and deposit in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments any comments received by him in accordance with this order and shall also submit those comments to the independent assessor appointed under paragraph (6) below. The relevant Minister shall deposit a certificate in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments setting out the date on which all comments have been received by the independent assessor.
- (6) (a) If the bill originated in this House and if comments are received on the environmental statement in accordance with this order—
 - (i) a report shall be prepared by an independent assessor summarising the issues raised by those comments;
 - (ii) the Examiner shall appoint the independent assessor within the period for commenting on the environmental statement prescribed by paragraph (3);
 - (iii) the assessor shall be instructed to prepare the report within such period as the Examiner shall specify, the end of that period being no earlier than the 28th day after the date certified by the relevant Minister, in accordance with paragraph (5) above, as the date on which the assessor received all of the comments from the relevant Minister;
 - (iv) before specifying a period in accordance with sub-sub-paragraph (iii) above, the Examiner shall consult the relevant Minister on the length of this period;
 - (v) the Examiner shall submit the report of the assessor to the House.

- (b) If a report is submitted to the House in accordance with sub-paragraph (a)(v), the Examiner has leave to submit the report of the assessor to the House of Commons.
- (7) If paragraph (6) is applied, the bill shall not receive a second reading until at least 14 days after the report of the independent assessor on the comments on the environmental statement has been submitted to the House.
- (8) If any supplementary environmental information is deposited in relation to the bill—
 - (a) it shall be prefaced with a statement that the information is being deposited as supplementary information under this order;
 - (b) the requirements of Standing Order 27A in relation to the deposit of copies of the environmental statement shall apply to the supplementary environmental information;
 - (c) copies of the supplementary environmental information shall be made available for inspection and sale at the offices and in the manner prescribed by Standing Order 27A(5);
 - (d) notice shall be published in accordance with Standing Order 10 (save in respect of dates) stating that any person who wishes to make comments on the supplementary environmental information should send them to the relevant Minister in such manner and within such period as may be specified in the notice, the end of that period being no earlier than the 42nd day after the date of the first publication of the notice;
 - (e) paragraphs (5) and (6) shall have effect in relation to any comments received on any supplementary environmental information deposited in this House as they apply to comments received on the environmental statement and irrespective of the bill's House of origin;

- (f) the Examiner shall examine and report to the House whether or not paragraphs (8)(a) to (d) have been complied with and Standing Order 83 shall apply to that examination;
- (g) the bill shall not receive a third reading in this House or, if supplementary environmental information has been submitted before second reading, second reading in this House until at least 14 days after the assessor's report on the comments on the supplementary environmental information has been submitted to the House.
- (9) At third reading of the bill the relevant Minister shall set out—
 - (a) the main reasons and considerations upon which Parliament is invited to give consent to the project to be authorised by the bill;
 - (b) the main measures to avoid, reduce and, if possible, offset the major adverse effects of the project.

A written statement setting out this information shall be laid before this House not less than 7 days before third reading.

- (10) The costs of the assessor and also the costs of the process of appointing an assessor, incurred by the House by virtue of paragraphs (6) and (8)(e), shall be reimbursed by the government.
- (11) For the avoidance of doubt, any supplementary environmental information accompanying an amendment to a bill which, if the bill were a private bill, would require a petition for an additional provision shall be subject to paragraph (8) and not paragraph (3) or (7).

STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

84 Appointment of Standing Orders Committee (HC 103)

At the commencement of every session of Parliament a Standing Orders Committee shall be appointed, consisting of the Chairman of Committees and such other lords as shall be named by the House.

85 Quorum (HC 103)

Three of the lords so appointed shall form a quorum in all opposed cases; but in unopposed cases the Chairman of Committees may act alone.

86 Notice of meeting

Three clear days' notice shall be given of the meeting of the Standing Orders Committee.

Reference to Standing Orders Committee of reports from Examiner of non-compliance with standing orders, etc. (HC 104)

- (1) All certificates from the Examiner in which he has certified that the standing orders have not been complied with shall be referred to the Standing Orders Committee; and that committee shall report to the House whether such standing orders ought or ought not to be dispensed with, and whether the bill, or any portion thereof, should be allowed to proceed, and upon what terms and conditions, if any.
- (2) All special reports from the Examiner as to the construction of a standing order shall be referred to the Standing Orders Committee, and that Committee—
 - (a) shall determine, according to their construction of the standing order, and on the facts stated in such

report, whether the standing orders have or have not been complied with, and

(b) shall then either report to the House that the standing orders have been complied with, or, as the case may be, shall proceed to consider the question of dispensing with the standing orders, and report to the House as provided in paragraph (1).

88 Proceedings upon Examiner's certificate or special report

- (1) When an Examiner's certificate or special report is referred to the Standing Orders Committee, the committee shall consider any statement of facts submitted by any party affected by any standing order referred to in such certificate or special report, provided such statement has been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, not later than 3 pm on the second day after the order for the meeting of the committee is made, or if that day falls on a non-sitting day, on the next sitting day.
- (2) Such statement shall be signed by the party or his agent and confined strictly to the points reported upon by the Examiner, and no party on the consideration thereof by the committee shall be allowed to travel into any matter not referred to in his statement.
- (3) On consideration of any such statement any party shall be entitled to be heard before the committee by himself or his agent.

89 Power of Standing Orders Committee to report, although petitions not presented to this House

The Standing Orders Committee shall have power to report on the cases referred to them in respect of any private bill, notwithstanding that a petition for the bill has not been presented to this House.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES

90 Division of bills between this House and House of Commons (HC 81)

The Chairman of Committees or his Counsel shall, on or before 8th January in each year, hold a conference with the Chairman of Ways and Means or the Counsel to the Speaker for the purpose of determining in which House of Parliament the respective private bills should be first considered.

91 Special circumstances (HC 82, 85)

- The Chairman of Committees may, if he thinks fit, direct the attention of the House, or of the committee to which the bill is committed, to any special circumstances relative to any private bill which may appear to him to require it.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1) of this standing order, where in the case of a private bill which has been read a first time no report from a minister of the Crown has been presented to the House under Standing Order 98A, the Chairman of Committees may, if he thinks fit, direct the attention of the House to that fact.

92 Unopposed bill to be treated as opposed (HC 85)

The Chairman of Committees may, if he thinks fit, report to the House that, in his opinion, any unopposed private bill should be proceeded with as an opposed private bill.

93 Instructions to committees on bills (HC 175)

In every case where it is sought by a proposed instruction to authorise or require a committee on a private bill to make an amendment in the bill, the Chairman of Committees shall call the instruction to the attention of the House, if in his opinion such amendment could not have been proposed by the promoters otherwise than by a petition for additional provision.

94 Bills re-committed to Committee of Whole House

The Chairman of Committees may, if he thinks fit, propose to the House that any private bill shall, after it has been reported, be re-committed to a Committee of the Whole House. But no private bill re-committed to a Committee of the Whole House under this standing order shall by reason of such re-commitment be allowed to proceed as a public bill.

94A Deputy Chairmen of Committees

References in any standing order to the Chairman of Committees shall be construed as including references to the Principal Deputy Chairman of Committees and to any lord named by the House as a Deputy Chairman of Committees acting on behalf of the Chairman of Committees.

95 Appointment of committees (HC 109, 110)

- (1) The Chairman of Committees shall, unless he is of the opinion that the members of any such committee should be selected and proposed to the House by the Committee of Selection or unless two or more members of that committee request a meeting for that purpose, name the lords to form the following committees:—
 - (a) select committees on private bills;
 - (b) select committees on opposed personal bills;
 - (c) select committees on unopposed provisional order confirmation bills;
 - (d) joint committees under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936 (Lords members);

- (e) joint committees under the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 (Lords members).
- (2) The Chairman of Committees shall name the lord who will be chairman of any select committee appointed by him in pursuance of this standing order.
- (3) The Chairman of Committees shall report to the House any appointments made by him in pursuance of this standing order.
- (4) In the absence of any chairman appointed in pursuance of paragraph (2) of this standing order a committee may appoint its own chairman.

96 Lords exempted from serving (HC 120)

Lords shall be exempted from serving on the committee of any private bill wherein they have an interest, and lords shall be excused from serving for any special reasons to be approved of in each case by the House.

FIRST AND SECOND READING

97 Chairman of Committees to authorise deposit of petitions for late bills (HC 2A)

- (1) Where a bill has not been deposited in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 38 (Deposit of printed copies of bills in Parliament Office), the Chairman of Committees may grant leave (to be signified by endorsement on the petition for the bill) for the deposit thereof in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments.
- (2) Nothing in this order shall exonerate the petitioners from the effect of their failure to comply with the requirements of Standing Order 38 (Deposit of printed copies of bills in Parliament Office).

98 First reading of bills (HC 163)

- (1) A private bill originating in this House shall be read a first time on—
 - (a) 22nd January or, if the House is not sitting on that day, the first sitting day after that, or
 - (b) the day given by paragraph (2),

whichever is the later.

- (2) The day given by this paragraph is—
 - (a) the day on which there is laid on the table a certificate from the Examiner that standing orders have been complied with in respect of the bill, or
 - (b) the day on which there is presented to the House a report from the Standing Orders Committee that standing orders have been complied with in respect of the bill, or
 - (c) the day on which the House, after considering a report from the Standing Orders Committee that standing orders ought to be dispensed with in respect of the bill, agrees that the bill be allowed to proceed.
- (3) A private bill brought from the House of Commons shall be read a first time forthwith.

98A Reports concerning human rights (HC 169A)

In the case of a private bill originating in this House or brought from the House of Commons, a report from a minister of the Crown on the statement of opinion required by Standing Order 38(3) shall be presented to the House (by being deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments) not later than the second sitting day after that on which the bill was read a first time.

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99 Second reading of bills (HC 170)

- (1) The day for which a private bill originating in this House is first set down for second reading shall not be earlier than the second day on which the House sits for public business after the day of the first reading thereof.
- (2) The day for which a private bill brought from the House of Commons is first set down for second reading shall not be earlier than—
 - (a) the day on which there is laid on the table a certificate from the Examiner that such standing orders as have not been previously inquired into have been complied with in respect of the bill or that no further standing orders are applicable to the bill; or
 - (b) the day on which there is presented to the House a report from the Standing Orders Committee that such standing orders as aforesaid have been so complied with; or
 - (c) the day on which the House, after considering a report from the Standing Orders Committee that standing orders ought to be dispensed with in respect of the bill, agrees that the bill be allowed to proceed.

100 Reference of bills to Examiners after second reading

A private bill which is referred to the Examiners after second reading shall not be committed until—

- (a) the Examiner has certified that any standing orders not previously inquired into are not applicable thereto, or that any such standing orders as may be applicable have been complied with, or
- (b) the standing orders not having been complied with, the Standing Orders Committee have reported that such standing orders should be dispensed with, and the House has agreed to such report.

PETITIONS AGAINST PRIVATE BILLS

101 Limit of time for presenting petition against bill

- (1) Subject to paragraph (2), no petition objecting to all or part of any private bill shall be received by this House unless the petition has been presented by having been submitted to the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments on or before 6th February, except where the petition complains of any matter which may have arisen during the progress of the bill before the Committee or of the amendments as proposed in the filled-up bill deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments.
- (2) In the case of—
 - (a) any bill brought from the House of Commons, and
 - (b) any bill as to which compliance with the standing order as to the time for depositing the bill has been dispensed with, and
 - (c) any bill in respect of which the Examiner has certified that the standing orders have not been complied with, or in respect of which he has made a special report to the House, or in respect of which the examination has been held on or adjourned to a day after 27th January,

a petition against the bill may be submitted at any time not later than the tenth day after that on which the bill was read a first time or, if the House is not sitting on that day, the next day on which the House sits.

101A Limit of time for submitting petition relating to hybrid bill (HC 171B)

(1) This order applies to any government bill in relation to which the Examiner decides that Standing Orders 4 to 68 are applicable.

- (2) In the case of a bill originating in this House, the period during which petitions against the bill can be submitted begins the day after the bill was read a second time. The petitioning period shall last for a minimum period of 25 calendar days.
- (3) In the case of a bill brought from the House of Commons, the period during which petitions against the bill can be submitted begins the day after the bill was read a first time. The petitioning period shall last for a minimum of 25 calendar days.
- (4) The Chairman of Committees shall decide the actual length of the petitioning period, whether under paragraph (2) or (3) above, after consulting the relevant Minister.
- (5) In the case of a bill originating in this House, the Chairman of Committees shall decide the length of the petitioning period in respect of an additional provision, after consulting the relevant Minister.
- **102** [Repealed 18 December 2017]

103 Withdrawal of petitions (HC 173)

Any petitioner may withdraw his petition, and any copetitioner may withdraw his name from a petition, by informing the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments in writing that he wishes to do so.

COMMITTEES ON OPPOSED BILLS

104 Committees on opposed bills

Every private bill which is opposed shall be committed to a select committee of five lords, who shall be named by the Chairman of Committees in pursuance of Standing Order 95 (Appointment of committees).

105 All members to attend (HC 122(2))

Every member of a select committee shall attend the proceedings of the committee during the whole continuance of those proceedings, and no lord who is not a member of the committee shall take any part in the proceedings.

106 Quorum of committee on opposed bill (HC 121)

- (1) If any member of a select committee is prevented from attending, the committee may, with the consent of all parties, sit in the absence of such member, provided that the number of the committee be not less than four, and that the committee report accordingly to the House at its next meeting.
- (2) If the consent of any party under the foregoing paragraph is withheld, the committee shall adjourn and shall not resume its sittings in the absence of such member without leave of the House.

107 Order in which bills are to be considered by committee (HC 124)

Every select committee—

- (a) shall take into consideration first the bill or bills which shall have been named by the Chairman of Committees, and
- (b) may from time to time appoint the day on which they will enter upon the consideration of each of the remaining bills without reporting to the House any adjournment of the committee caused thereby.

108 Adjournment of committee on opposed bill (HC 125)

Every select committee on an opposed private bill shall report to the House the cause of any adjournment over any day on which the House is to sit.

109 Reference to committee of petitions against bill (HC 126)

There shall stand referred to the select committee on an opposed private bill—

- (a) every petition against the bill which has been submitted to the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments within the required time, or which has been otherwise submitted in accordance with the standing orders of the House, or in respect of which the standing orders have been dispensed with, and
- (b) every petition which has been submitted to the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments and in which the petitioners complain of any matter which may have arisen during the progress of the bill before the committee or of any amendment proposed in the filled-up bill, or which they apprehend may be made in the bill,

and which has been submitted before the committee reports the bill to the House.

110 Right of audience before committees on opposed bills and printing of minutes of evidence (HC 127, 131A)

- (1) The promoters of an opposed private bill shall be entitled to be heard before the select committee on the bill, by themselves, their counsel or agents, in favour of the bill and against any petitions against the bill which stand referred to the committee under Standing Order 109 (Reference to committee of petitions against bill).
- (2) Any petitioners whose petitions stand referred as aforesaid shall, subject to the standing orders of the House, be entitled to be heard upon their petition by themselves, their counsel, representatives or parliamentary agents.
- (3) With the agreement of the relevant petitioners, the committee on the bill shall have power to group petitions that raise similar objections to the bill. Any petitioners so grouped may make a request to the committee on the

bill that they should not be required to exercise their entitlement to be heard.

- (4) The committee shall also have power to decide how its proceedings are to be conducted including the order of consideration of petitions and timetabling.
- (5) Subject to paragraph (6), the minutes of evidence taken before a committee on an opposed private bill shall be reproduced; and the cost of reproduction shall be divided among the several parties in such proportions as may be specified by the Private Bill Office.
- (6) The minutes may be printed instead of duplicated if the Chairman of Committees has given authority for printing, on an application made to him by the promoters of the bill not less than six clear days before the first meeting of the committee.

111 Petition against bill must distinctly specify grounds of objection (HC 128)

- (1) No petition against a private bill shall be taken into consideration by the select committee on the bill, which does not distinctly specify the ground on which the petitioner objects to any of the provisions thereof.
- (2) The petition shall be considered only on the grounds so stated and, if it appears to the committee that such grounds are not specified with sufficient accuracy, they may direct that they shall be provided with a more specific statement in writing but limited to such grounds of objection so inaccurately specified.

112 Rights of petitioners in case of bills brought from House of Commons (HC 130)

A petitioner against a bill originating in the House of Commons, who has discussed clauses in that House, shall not on that account be precluded from opposing the preamble of the bill in this House.

113 Treatment of opposed bill as unopposed in certain cases (HC 131)

- (1) In the case of any opposed private bill in which—
 - (a) no party has appeared on a petition against the bill or on a petition complaining of amendments as proposed in the filled-up bill, or
 - (b) all parties who have had their petition considered have withdrawn their opposition before the evidence of the promoters has been commenced, or
 - (c) the right to be heard of all parties who have so appeared and have not withdrawn their opposition has been disallowed,

the committee to which the bill is committed shall so report to the House, and the bill shall thereupon be committed to an unopposed bill committee.

(2) Nothing contained in this order shall prevent a committee from requiring the preamble of a bill to be proved in any case in which an application for costs has been made.

Right of petitioners to have petition considered

114 Committee to decide as to right of petitioners to have petition considered (HC 90)

The select committee shall decide upon all petitions against the private bills referred to them, as to the rights of the petitioners to have such petitions considered.

115 Right of members of companies, etc., to have petition considered (HC 93)

- Subject to paragraph (2), where a bill is promoted by an incorporated company, society, association or partnership, the select committee shall not consider petitions by its members unless their interests, as affected thereby are distinct from the general interests of the company, society, association or partnership.
- (2) Any proprietor or member of any company, society, association, or partnership, who has, by himself or by any person authorised to act for him in that behalf, dissented—
 - (a) at any meeting called in pursuance of any of Standing Orders 62 to 67, or
 - (b) at any meeting called in pursuance of any similar standing order of the House of Commons,

shall be permitted to have their petition considered by the committee on the bill on a petition presented to this House.

II6 [Repealed 28th July 1953]

117 Power to allow associations, etc., to have petition considered (HC 95)

- (1) Where any society or association sufficiently representing any trade, business, or interest in a district to which any bill relates, petition against the bill, alleging that such trade, business, or interest will be injuriously affected by the provisions contained therein, it shall be competent for the select committee to which the bill is committed, if they think fit, to permit petitioners to have their petition considered by the committee on such allegations against the bill or any part thereof.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1), where any society, association or other body, sufficiently

representing amenity, educational, travel or recreational interests, petition against a bill, alleging that the interests they represent will be adversely affected to a material extent by the provisions contained in the bill, it shall be competent to the select committee, if they think fit, to permit petitioners to have their petition considered by the committee on such allegations against the bill or any part thereof.

117A Right of Members of Parliament to have petition considered (HC 91B)

Any Members of Parliament whose constituencies are directly affected by the works proposed by a bill shall be permitted to have their petition against the bill considered by the select committee.

118 General power to allow local authorities or inhabitants to have petition considered (HC 96)

It shall be competent for the select committee to which the bill is committed, if they think fit, to permit petitioners, being the local authority of any area the whole or any part of which is alleged in the petition to be injuriously affected by a bill or any provisions thereof, or being any of the inhabitants of any such area, to have their petition against the bill or any provisions thereof considered by the committee.

119 Right of certain local authorities to have petition considered against lighting and water bills (HC 97)

The council of any district in England, London borough or county or county borough in Wales alleging in their petition that the district, borough or county, as the case may be, may be injuriously affected by the provisions of any bill relating to the lighting or water supply thereof, or the raising of capital or the borrowing of money for any such purpose, shall be entitled to have their petition against the bill considered by the committee.

120 Right of county councils to have petition considered against water and tramway bills (HC 98)

- (1) The council of any county or (in Wales) any county or county borough alleging in their petition that their administrative area, or any part thereof, may be injuriously affected by the provisions of any bill relating to the water supply of any area, whether situate within or without that area, shall be entitled to have their petition against the bill considered by the committee.
- (2) The council of any county, metropolitan district, unitary district of London borough or (in Wales) any county or county borough alleging that their administrative area or any part thereof may be injuriously affected by the provisions of any bill proposing to authorise the construction or reconstruction of any tramway along any road to the maintenance and repair of which that council contribute, within their administrative area, shall be entitled to have their petition against the bill considered by the committee.

COMMITTEES ON UNOPPOSED BILLS

121 Committees on unopposed bills (HC 111(2))

- (1) There shall be committed to an unopposed bill committee—
 - (a) every private bill—
 - (i) against which no petition has been presented, or if presented has been withdrawn, or
 - (ii) which has become unopposed by reason of any of the provisions of Standing Order 113 (Treatment of opposed bill as unopposed in certain cases),

except any bill as respects which the Chairman of Committees has in pursuance of Standing Order 92 (Unopposed bill to be treated as opposed) reported to the House that in his opinion it should be proceeded with as an opposed bill; and

- (b) on re-commitment unless the Chairman of Committees otherwise directs, every opposed private bill in respect of which a report has been made from a select committee that the bill should be allowed to proceed, provided that no decision taken by such a select committee may be varied by an unopposed bill committee.
- (2) Each unopposed bill committee shall consist of the Chairman of Committees and, should he see fit, such lords as he may select from the panel of Deputy Chairmen appointed each session, and no lord who is not a member of the committee shall take any part in the proceedings thereof.
- (3) The committee shall have the assistance of the Counsel to the Chairman of Committees.
- (4) An unopposed bill committee shall in respect of the bill committed to them make a special report on any matter to which they consider that the attention of the House should be drawn.

122 Right of promoters to be heard, etc. (HC 134)

- (1) The promoters of an unopposed private bill—
 - (a) shall be entitled to be heard before the committee in favour of the bill by themselves or their agents, and
 - (b) in cases where the committee consists of the Chairman of Committees and any lord selected from the panel of Deputy Chairmen pursuant to paragraph (2) of Standing Order 121 (Committees on unopposed bills), shall be entitled to be heard by themselves, their agents or counsel.

COMMITTEES ON BILLS WHETHER OPPOSED OR UNOPPOSED

123 Copy of filled-up bill to be laid before Chairman of Committees (HC 84)

- (1) Before the day appointed for the consideration of any private bill by a committee there shall be laid before the Chairman of Committees, by the promoters of the bill or their agent, a copy of the bill as proposed to be submitted to the committee, signed by the promoters or their agent, together with copies of any estimates deposited in accordance with Standing Order 45 (Deposit and form of estimates).
- (2) In the case of an opposed or re-committed bill, such copies as mentioned in paragraph (1) shall be so laid not less than two clear days before the day so appointed.

124 Limits of committee's power to hear evidence (HC 136)

A committee on a private bill shall not, without express authority from the House, hear evidence other than that which may be tendered by any parties entitled to be heard.

124A County council bills altering functions of district councils: proof of need (HC 136A)

- (1) A committee on a private bill promoted by the council of a county shall not hear evidence that a provision in the bill that alters functions of the council of a district in the county is acceptable to that district council unless the evidence comprises proof, as required by paragraph (3) of this order, that the inclusion in the bill of that provision has been approved by that district council in the manner required by paragraph (2) of this order.
- (2) Approval for the purposes of paragraph (1) shall be by resolution passed by a majority of the whole number of

the members of the council of the district at a meeting thereof held after ten clear days' notice of the meeting, and of the purposes thereof, has been given by advertisement in one or more local newspapers circulating in the district, such notice being given in addition to the ordinary notice required to be given for the convening of a meeting of the council.

- (3) The proof referred to in paragraph (1) shall be a document purporting to be a copy of the resolution referred to in paragraph (2) together with a certificate purporting to be signed by the proper officer of the council to the effect that the copy is a true copy and that the resolution was passed by the majority, and after the notice, mentioned in that paragraph.
- (4) A provision that alters functions of a member or an officer of the council of a district shall for the purposes of this order be deemed to alter functions of that council.
- (5) This order shall apply to Greater London as if it were a county, the Greater London Authority were the council of the county and councils of London boroughs were councils of districts in the county.

125 Committee not to inquire into standing orders to be proved before Examiners (HC 139)

A committee shall not examine into the compliance or non-compliance with such standing orders as are directed to be proved before the Examiners.

126 Committees may admit affidavits as evidence

The committee on any private bill may, if they think fit, admit affidavits in proof of any allegation, deed or document mentioned or set forth in the bill or in any schedule thereto.

127 Reports by ministers of the Crown (HC 144)

- (1) All reports on a private bill, or its objects, which are-
 - (a) made by a minister of the Crown, and
 - (b) presented to the House by being deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments,

shall stand referred to the committee on the bill.

- (2) Where a recommendation is made in any such report, the committee—
 - (a) may, if they think fit, hear a person nominated by the minister in explanation of the recommendation, and
 - (b) shall note the recommendation in their report and, if they do not agree to it, shall state their reasons for dissenting.

128 Printing of bills as amended in committee (HC 179)

Every private bill, as amended in committee, shall be printed at the expense of the promoters and copies thereof deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments before the third reading, unless the Chairman of Committees shall consider the reprinting to be unnecessary.

Agreements

129 Scheduled agreements to be subject to alteration by Parliament (HC 157)

- (1) Where it is sought by any bill to give parliamentary sanction to any agreement, the agreement shall be annexed to the bill as a schedule thereto, and shall be printed *in extenso*.
- (2) Any agreement intended to be scheduled to any bill shall contain a clause declaring the same to be made subject to such alterations as Parliament may think fit to make therein; but if the committee on the bill make any material

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alteration in any such agreement it shall be competent to any party thereto to withdraw therefrom.

130 Arrangements between parties and undertakings given to committees

It shall be a condition of the acceptance by any committee of this House of—

- (a) any arrangement between the promoters of a private bill and any other party appearing before the committee, or
- (b) any undertaking given to the committee by or on behalf of the promoters or any such other party;

that any difference arising, after the discharge of the committee, between the parties to the arrangement, or the persons concerned with the undertaking, in relation to the same shall be determined by the Chairman of Committees.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY COMMITTEES ON CERTAIN BILLS

Bills affecting fencing of bridges and railway, tramroad and tramway bills

131 Fencing of bridges (HC 146)

Where in any bill it is proposed to construct a bridge for carrying a public carriage road the bill shall require the erection of a good and sufficient fence on each side of the bridge.

- **I32** [Repealed 31st October 1990]
- **133** [Repealed 26th October 1967]
- **134** [Repealed 28th July 1953]

135 Specification of length of railway, etc. (HC 150)

In every railway, tramroad, or tramway bill, the length of each railway, tramroad and tramway shall be set forth in a clause describing the works with a statement in the case of each tramway whether it is a single or a double line.

- **136** [Repealed 7th June 1961]
- 137 [Repealed 31st October 1990]

138 Restriction of powers for construction, acquisition, or taking on lease of tramway by local authority (HC 153)

- (1) No powers shall be given to any local authority to construct, acquire, take on lease, or work any tramway or portion of tramway, beyond the limits of their area, unless—
 - (a) such tramway or portion of tramway is in connection with a tramway belonging to or authorised to be constructed, acquired, or worked by the local authority, and
 - (b) the committee on the bill determine that, having regard to the special local circumstances, such construction, acquisition, taking on lease, or working ought to be sanctioned.
- (2) In every case in which the committee so determine, they—
 - (a) shall specify what portion of the tramway will be situate beyond the area of the local authority to which the power of construction, acquisition, or taking on lease is given, and
 - (b) shall insert a clause for the protection of the local authority of the area in which such tramway or portion of tramway will be situate in the terms (subject to such modifications as may be necessary) of section 43 of the Tramways Act 1870 unless the committee report that the insertion of such a

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clause is not required, with the reasons on which their opinion is founded.

139 Running powers in tramway bills (HC 154)

- (1) Where a local authority are empowered to work any tramways belonging to or authorised to be constructed or acquired by them, the committee on the bill may, if they think fit in the special circumstances of the case, empower the local authority to enter into agreements for running powers over any tramways in connection with the tramways so worked or to be worked by them.
- (2) In any such case the committee on the bill shall make provision—
 - (a) that no such agreement shall have effect until approved by the Secretary of State for the time being responsible for transport matters;
 - (b) that all enactments, byelaws and regulations relating to the use of, or the running of carriages upon, the tramways, and the taking of tolls and charges therefor, shall, so far as applicable and with the necessary modifications, extend and apply to, and shall be observed by, the local authority exercising such running powers;
 - (c) that such running powers shall in no case be exclusive, and shall cease unconditionally at the expiration of seven years from the date of the agreement;
 - (d) that further agreements for the exercise of such running powers may be made from time to time with the approval of the Secretary of State for the time being responsible for transport matters for any period not exceeding seven years, provided that such powers shall cease unconditionally at the expiration of the period for which the same are given; and

- (e) that all questions in dispute as to the construction of, or arising in consequence of, such agreements shall be determined by arbitration.
- 140 [Repealed 31st October 1990]
- 141 [Repealed 31st October 1990]

Charitable or educational institutions

142 Report by Attorney General in case of bill affecting any charity or educational foundation (HC 158)

- (1) In the case of any bill containing provisions by which it is proposed—
 - (a) to direct any application of the property of any charity, or to affect the patronage or the constitution of any charity, or the right of any charity to any property, or
 - (b) to set up, or to take power to set up, or to take over or interfere in the management of, any school or other educational foundation or institution, or to levy any rate or raise money for any such purpose;

notice in writing of the bill shall be given to the Attorney General, and no such bill shall be taken into consideration by the committee on the bill until a report from the Attorney General on the bill has been presented to the House (by being deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments).

(2) This order shall not apply to any Scottish charity or educational foundation, or institution, nor to any bill which affects the property of a charity to the extent only that it is proposed thereby to authorise the compulsory acquisition or affection of such property under the Lands Clauses Acts.

143 [Repealed 31st October 1990]

Water bills

144 Compensation water, etc. (HC 160)

- (1) In the case of a bill by which it is proposed to authorise the impounding by means of a dam constructed across a river or stream, or the abstraction by other means, of the whole or any part of the water of a river or stream, the committee on the bill shall—
 - (a) where such a dam is to be constructed, inquire into the expediency of making provision, so far as may be practicable, for giving a flow of water in compensation for the water impounded, and for securing that the whole or a minimum amount of such compensation water shall be given in a continuous flow throughout the twenty-four hours of every day; and
 - (b) in any other case, inquire into the expediency of making provision for limiting the amount of water to be abstracted, either to a specified quantity in a specified period or so as to secure that the flow in the river or stream at a specified point below the point of abstraction shall not be reduced below a specified amount or rate.
- (2) In determining whether any and, if so, what provision should be made in either of the cases aforesaid, the committee shall have regard—
 - (a) to the character and flow of the river or stream;
 - (b) to the extent to which it is used for industries, fisheries and other undertakings;
 - (c) to the probability of future industrial development;
 - (d) to the minimum flow required in the interest of public health; and
 - (e) to the protection of the rights and interests of riparian and other landowners.

Gas works, burial ground, etc., bills

145 Limits of gas works, burial ground, etc., to be defined (HC 161)

In the case of a bill by which it is proposed to authorise—

- (a) the construction of gas works or sewage works, or works for the manufacture or conversion of the residual products of gas or sewage or a station for generating electricity, or
- (b) the making, constructing or extending of a sewage farm, cemetery, burial ground, crematorium, destructor, or hospital for infectious diseases,

there shall be inserted a clause defining the lands in or upon which such works, generating station, farm, cemetery, burial ground, crematorium, destructor or hospital are intended to be made, constructed or extended.

146 [Repealed 31st October 1990]

REPORT, THIRD READING AND CONSIDERATION OF COMMONS AMENDMENTS

147 Deposit of copies of bill as amended in committee at public departments (HC 180)

- (1) Not less than three clear days before the third reading of a private bill, a copy of the bill as amended in committee shall be deposited at every department or office at which it—
 - (a) was deposited under Standing Order 39 (Deposit of copies of bills at Treasury and other public departments, etc.) or Standing Order 194 (Deposit of copies of substituted bill at public departments, etc.), or
 - (b) would be required to be deposited under those orders if it had been originally introduced as amended in committee.

(2) Proof of compliance with this order shall be given by depositing a certificate in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments.

148 Amendments on report and third reading (HC 87, 183, 184)

No amendment shall be moved to any private bill on report or third reading, unless—

- (a) it has been submitted to the Chairman of Committees, and
- (b) copies of it (to be printed unless the Chairman of Committees shall consider printing to be unnecessary) have been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments one clear day at least prior to the report or third reading of the bill.

149 Printing of bill after third reading (HC 185)

Every private bill originating in this House, other than a personal bill, shall after it has been read the third time, be printed fair at the expense of the promoters; and a copy thereof shall be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, and shall be the copy of the bill sent to the House of Commons.

150 Copy of Commons amendments, etc., to be laid before Chairman of Committees (HC 88)

A copy of all amendments made in the House of Commons to any private bill originating in this House, and of all amendments to such amendments intended to be proposed by the promoters in this House, shall be laid by the promoters or their agent, before the Chairman of Committees, before 2 pm on the day previous to that on which the same are respectively considered by the House.

SUSPENSION AND REVIVAL OF BILLS

150A Suspension of bills

- (1) Paragraph (2) applies in any case where—
 - (a) this House resolves that the promoters of a bill originating in this House should have leave to suspend any further proceedings on the bill in order to proceed with it, if they think fit, in the next session of Parliament, and any conditions attached to the leave have been met, and
 - (b) the House of Commons concur with the resolution, or have previously passed a resolution to the like effect as the resolution of this House.
- (2) The bill shall be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than noon on the second sitting day in the next session together with a declaration, signed by the agent, stating that the bill is the same in every respect as the bill at the last stage of the proceedings on it in this House in the current session.
- (3) Paragraph (4) applies in any case where-
 - (a) this House resolves that the promoters of a bill originating in the House of Commons should have leave to suspend any further proceedings on the bill in order to proceed with it, if they think fit, in the next session of Parliament, and any conditions attached to the leave have been met; and
 - (b) the House of Commons subsequently pass a resolution to the like effect as the resolution of this House.
- (4) If the bill is brought from the House of Commons in the next session, the agent for the bill shall deposit in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments a declaration, signed by the agent, stating that the bill is the same in every respect as the bill which was brought from the House of Commons in the current session.

- (5) The following provisions of this Order apply in both of those cases.
- (6) The proceedings on the bill in the next session of Parliament shall be *pro forma* in regard to every stage through which the bill has passed in the current session, and no new fees shall be charged to those stages.
- (7) These Standing Orders shall apply to the bill in the next session only in regard to any stage through which the bill has not passed in the current session.
- (8) If there is any petition outstanding—
 - (a) any such petition which has been submitted (if not withdrawn) shall stand referred to any select committee on the bill in the next session;
 - (b) any minutes of evidence taken before a select committee on the bill in the current session shall stand referred to any select committee on the bill in the next session;
 - (c) no petitioners shall be heard before any select committee on the bill in the next session unless their petition has been submitted within the time stipulated for the submission of petitions in the current session, or as the case may be, a previous session or submitted pursuant to Standing Order 109(b);
 - (d) Standing Order 110 shall have effect as if the words "under Standing Order 109 (Reference to committee of petitions against bill)" were omitted.
- (9) In this order "the current session" means the session in which the resolution of this House is passed and "the next session" shall be construed accordingly.

150B Revival of bills

- (1) Paragraphs (2) and (3) apply in any case where-
 - (a) this House resolves that the promoters of a bill which—
 - (i) originated in this House in an earlier session of this Parliament or in the last Parliament; and
 - (ii) had not received the Royal Assent, should, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders or practice of this House, have leave to proceed with the bill in the current session; and
 - (b) the House of Commons concur with the resolution, or have previously passed a resolution to the like effect as the resolution of this House.
- (2) The petition for the bill shall be deemed to have been deposited and all Standing Orders applicable to it shall be deemed to have been complied with.
- (3) The bill shall be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than the fifth day on which the House sits after the passing of the resolution, and a declaration, signed by the agent, shall be annexed to the bill stating that it is the same in every respect as the bill at the last stage of the proceedings on it in this House in the last Parliament or, as the case may be, the bill passed by this House.
- (4) Paragraph (5) applies in any case where—
 - (a) this House resolves that the promoters of a bill which—
 - (i) originated in the House of Commons in an earlier session of this Parliament or in the last Parliament; and
 - (ii) had not received the Royal Assent,

should, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders or practice of this House, have leave to proceed with the bill in the current session; and

- (b) the House of Commons subsequently pass a resolution to the like effect as the resolution of this House.
- (5) If the bill is brought from the House of Commons in the current session, the agent for the bill shall deposit in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments a declaration, signed by the agent, stating that the bill is the same in every respect as the bill which was brought from the Commons in the last session.
- (6) The following provisions of this Order apply in both of those cases.
- (7) The proceedings on the bill in the current session shall be *pro forma* in regard to every stage through which it passed in the last Parliament or, as the case may be, the last session, and no further fees shall be charged to those stages.
- (8) If there is any petition outstanding—
 - (a) any such petition which stood referred to a select committee on the bill in the last Parliament or, as the case may be, the last session shall stand referred to a select committee on the bill in the current session;
 - (b) any minutes of evidence taken before a select committee on the bill in the last Parliament or, as the case may be, the last session shall stand referred to a select committee on the bill in the current session;
 - (c) no petitioners shall be heard before any select committee on the bill in the current session unless their petition has been submitted within the time stipulated for the submission of petitions in the last Parliament, or as the case may be, the last session or a previous session or submitted pursuant to Standing Order 109(b);
 - (d) Standing Order 110 shall have effect as if the words "under Standing Order 109 (Reference to committee of petitions against bill)" were omitted.

(9) In this Order "current session" means the session of Parliament in which the resolution of this House is passed and "the last Parliament" and "the last session" shall be construed accordingly.

PERSONAL BILLS

General provisions before first reading

151 Personal bills defined

- All private bills relating to the estate, property, status, or style, or otherwise relating to the personal affairs, of an individual, which have been certified as such under the provisions of Standing Order 3 (Requirements as to proof before Examiner), are in these orders termed personal bills.
- (2) The proceedings in this House in respect to personal bills shall be subject to the provisions of Standing Orders 152–174, and to such general or special directions (if any) as may be given from time to time by the Chairman of Committees.

152 Personal bill to originate on petition

No personal bill shall originate in this House except on petition for leave to bring in such bill, which shall be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments; and a copy of the proposed bill shall be annexed to such petition, and shall be deemed to form part thereof.

153 Petition for personal bill to be signed by parties concerned

One or more of the parties principally concerned in the consequences of any personal bill shall sign the petition for leave to bring such bill into this House.

- **I54** [Repealed 8th March 2010]
- **155** [Repealed 8th March 2010]
- **156** [Repealed 8th March 2010]

Proceedings after first reading

157 Personal bills to be delivered to all persons concerned

- (1) Subject to any directions given by the Chairman of Committees a copy of every personal bill introduced into this House shall be delivered before the second reading to every person concerned in the bill.
- (2) In case of infancy, the copy shall be delivered to the guardian, or next relation of full age not concerned in the consequences of the bill.

158 Petitions against personal bills

Petitions against personal bills shall be presented at such times as the Chairman of Committees shall in each case, having regard to all the circumstances thereof, direct.

159 Interval between second reading and committee

No committee shall sit upon any personal bill until ten days after the second reading.

160 Committees on unopposed personal bills

Every personal bill which is unopposed shall be committed to an unopposed bill committee to be proceeded with in the same manner as an unopposed private bill; but the Chairman of Committees may, if he thinks fit, report to the House that, in his opinion, any unopposed personal bill should be proceeded with as an opposed bill.

161 Committees on opposed personal bills

Every personal bill which is opposed, or as respects which the Chairman of Committees has reported to the House that, in his opinion, it should be proceeded with as an opposed bill—

- (a) shall be committed to a select committee of five lords, who shall be named by the Chairman of Committees in pursuance of Standing Order 95 (Appointment of committees), and
- (b) shall be proceeded with in the same manner as an opposed private bill.

Personal bills affecting estates, etc.

162 Notice to be given to mortgagees

Notice of a personal bill shall be given, before the second reading, to every mortgagee of the estate affected by the bill.

163 [Repealed 14th December 1971]

164 Personal bills for exchanging or selling settled estates to have schedules of estates and their values, etc., annexed

- (1) To every personal bill for exchanging an estate in settlement and substituting another estate in lieu thereof there shall be annexed a schedule or schedules of the respective estates, showing the annual rent and the annual value thereof, and also the value of the timber growing thereupon.
- (2) To every personal bill for selling a settled estate and purchasing another estate to be settled upon the trusts,

there shall be annexed a schedule or schedules of such estates, specifying the annual rent thereof.

(3) Every such schedule shall be signed and proved upon oath, by a surveyor or other competent person, before the committee on the bill.

165 Respecting consents to personal bills where petitioners and consenting parties can bar entail

Where the petitioners for and consenting parties to a personal bill relating to an entailed estate are together competent to bar the entail, the consent of any persons entitled in remainder after the estates of the petitioners and consenting parties shall not be required.

166 In other cases all persons interested to consent

- (1) Subject to paragraph (2) and Standing Order 165 (Respecting consents to personal bills where petitioners and consenting parties can bar entail), the consent of all parties concerned in the consequences of a personal bill shall be proved to the satisfaction of the committee on the bill.
- (2) The consent of any such parties shall not be required if the committee on the bill consider that their consent may be dispensed with on account of remoteness of interest, or for any other reason.

167 Appointment of guardian or protector of minor interested in personal bill

In any case in which a person who has not attained the age of eighteen (in this order referred to as a minor) is or may be interested in the consequences of a personal bill, the Chairman of Committees may, if he thinks fit, require that the minor shall be represented in any proceeding in reference to such bill or to the petition therefor by a person to be appointed as, or in the nature of, a guardian or protector of the minor by the Lord Chancellor or the Lord Keeper of the Great Seal by writing under his hand.

168 Consent on behalf of a tenant in tail under age when consent of remainderman is withheld

Where---

- (a) a tenant in tail, who has not attained the age of eighteen ("the minor"), is a promoter of a personal bill, or a consenting party thereto by his guardian, and
- (b) any person entitled in remainder after such estate tail ("the remainderman"), whose consent is required, withholds his consent to such bill,

the consent of a person appointed as or in the nature of a guardian or protector of the minor and of the settlement or will under which he claims, by the Lord Chancellor or the Lord Keeper of the Great Seal by writing under his hand, for the special purpose of assenting to or dissenting from such bill shall be sufficient, without the consent of the remainderman.

169 [Repealed |4th December |97|]

170 Consents of persons concerned in consequences of personal bills relative to entailed estates in land or heritable subjects in Scotland

- It shall be sufficient to have the consent of the following persons only concerned in the consequences of personal bills regarding entailed estates in land or heritable subjects in Scotland (that is to say):—
 - (a) where the deed of entail is dated on or after 1st August 1848 and the heir of entail in possession of the entailed estate has attained the age of eighteen and was born before the date of such deed of

entail, the consent of such heir, and of the heir next in succession, being heir apparent under the entail of the heir in possession, and of the age of twentyfive years complete, and not subject to any legal incapacity, and born after the date of such deed of entail;

- (b) where the deed of entail is dated before 1st August 1848 and the heir of entail in possession of the entailed estate has attained the age of eighteen and was born before the said 1st August, the consent of such heir, and of the heir next in succession, being heir apparent under the entail of the heir in possession, and born on or after the said 1st August, and of the age of twenty-five years complete, and not subject to any legal incapacity;
- (c) where the deed of entail is dated before 1st August 1848 and the heir of entail in possession of the entailed estate has attained the age of eighteen, the consent of such heir alone, if he shall be the only heir of entail in existence for the time, and unmarried or—
 - (i) failing that, the consent of such heir, and of all the heirs of entail, if there are less than three in being at the date of such consents; or
 - (ii) failing that, the consent of such heir, and of the three next heirs who at the date of such consent are for the time entitled to succeed to such estate in their order successively, immediately after such heir in possession; or
 - (iii) failing that, the consent of such heir, and of the heir apparent under the entail, and of the heir or heirs in number not less than two, including such heir apparent, who in their order successively would be heir apparent;

- (d) in any case not provided for by the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, whatever be the date of the deed of entail, the consent of the heir in possession, and of all the heirs entitled to succeed to the entailed estate, if less than three, or if not less than three, then of the three heirs next entitled to succeed to the entailed estate.
- (2) If, in any of the cases mentioned in paragraph (1)—
 - (a) the heir next entitled to succeed to the entailed estate after the heir in possession is under the age of twenty-five years, or
 - (b) any of the heirs of entail in possession whose consents are required in the several cases aforesaid is under the age of eighteen years,

then the consents also of so many heirs next entitled to succeed to such estate, not being descendants of the heir in possession, as are equal to the number of the said heirs of entail respectively under the ages before mentioned, without prejudice nevertheless as heretofore for any person concerned to petition against the bill, and to be heard for his interest therein.

- **171** [Repealed 8th March 2010]
- **172** [Repealed 8th March 2010]

173 Committees on personal bills may admit affidavits as evidence

The committee on any personal bill may admit affidavits in proofs of the allegations made in the preamble of the bill in all cases not otherwise provided for by these standing orders.

174 Standing orders affecting private bills to apply, if applicable, to personal bills

Such of the provisions of Standing Orders I to 3 and 69 to I 50 as relate to private bills shall apply, so far as they are applicable to any personal bill, subject to such directions as the Chairman of Committees may prescribe.

- 175 [Repealed 9th April 1986]
- 176 [Repealed 9th April 1986]
- **177** [Repealed 9th April 1986]

PROVISIONAL ORDER CONFIRMATION BILLS

178 Meaning of "confirming bill" (HC 211)

In the eight following orders a bill to confirm with or without amendment any one or more provisional orders is referred to as a confirming bill: but nothing in those orders shall, except as otherwise expressly provided, apply—

- (a) to provisional orders issued under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936 or to bills to confirm such provisional orders, or
- (b) to orders within the meaning of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 being orders in relation to which that Act applies, or to bills to confirm such orders.

179 Proof and deposit of plans, etc. (HC 212)

(1) This order applies whenever plans, sections, books of reference or maps are deposited with any public department in relation to—

- (a) any provisional order, or
- (b) any order which becomes provisional at a time after it was made,

being an order by which it is proposed to authorise the compulsory acquisition of land or of the rights to use land or the construction or alteration of works.

- (2) Copies of those documents shall also be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments—
 - (a) in the case of any such order as is mentioned in paragraph (1)(a), on the same day as the deposit is made with the public department or, if such deposit is made after a prorogation of Parliament and before 20th November in any year, on or before 20th November;
 - (b) in the case of any such order as is mentioned in paragraph (1)(b), on or before the date of the introduction into either House of Parliament of a bill for confirming the order.

180 Application of Standing Order 47 to provisional orders (HC 213)

Where a provisional order proposed to be confirmed by a confirming bill contains or revives, or extends the time limited for the exercise of, any power to acquire land in such circumstances that, had it been a private bill, Standing Order 47 (Deposit of statement as to houses and persons on land to be acquired) would have applied, that order shall apply as if the expression "bill" included a provisional order.

181 Examination of confirming bills by Examiners (HC 214)

- (1) A confirming bill, after having been read the first time, shall be referred to the Examiners, and the Examiner—
 - (a) shall certify whether the two preceding standing orders (if applicable) have or have not been complied with, and

- (b) where they have not been complied with, shall report the facts upon which his decision is founded and any special circumstances connected with the case.
- (2) The certificate shall be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments.
- (3) Standing Orders 76, 79, 81 and 87 shall apply in relation to the examination of confirming bills in like manner as to the examination of private bills except that—
 - (a) memorials complaining of non-compliance with standing orders shall be deposited before 12 noon on the day first appointed for the examination of a confirming bill together with two copies thereof for the use of the Examiners;
 - (b) the Examiner shall be entitled to entertain a memorial against a confirming bill although neither the party (if any) who may be specially affected by non-compliance with standing orders nor his agent has signed it; and
 - (c) in the case of a bill which originated in the House of Commons, compliance with such standing orders only as have not been previously inquired into need be proved.
- (4) Where in the House of Commons provisions have been inserted in a confirming bill to which the standing orders of this House would apply if the bill were a private bill, the Examiner shall inquire whether in respect of those provisions the standing orders have been complied with, and certify accordingly.
- (5) Not less than two clear days' notice of the day on which a confirming bill will be examined shall be given in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments by the Examiner; but he shall not give such notice until after the bill has been printed by order of this House.

182 First reading of confirming bills (HC 216)

No confirming bill originating in this House shall be read the first time after 15th May in any year in the course of a session which has begun in a previous year.

183 Second reading of confirming bills

No confirming bill shall be read a second time until-

- (a) there is laid on the table a certificate from the Examiner that Standing Orders 179 (Proof and deposit of plans, etc.) and 180 (Application of Standing Order 47 to provisional orders) (if applicable) have been complied with in respect of the bill; or
- (b) there is presented to the House a report from the Standing Orders Committee that the said standing orders (if applicable) have been so complied with; or
- (c) the House, after considering a report from the Standing Orders Committee that the said standing orders ought to be dispensed with in respect of the bill, agrees that the bill be allowed to proceed.

184 Time for presenting petitions against confirming bills (HC 217)

Petitions against confirming bills shall be presented by being submitted to the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments by the petitioner or his representative—

- (a) in the case of a bill originating in this House not later than the seventh day after that on which the bill was read the second time;
- (b) in the case of a bill brought from the House of Commons not later than the tenth day after that on which the bill was read the first time.

185 Proceedings in committees on confirming bills (HC 217)

- (1) Every confirming bill, before being committed to a Committee of the Whole House, shall—
 - (a) as respects any opposed orders scheduled thereto, be referred to a select committee of five lords named by the Chairman of Committees in pursuance of Standing Order 95 (Appointment of committees);
 - (b) as respects any unopposed orders scheduled thereto, be referred to an unopposed bill committee to be proceeded with in the same manner as an unopposed private bill.
- (2) The proceedings of the select committee, or the unopposed bill committee, shall be conducted in like manner as in the case of a private bill; and shall be subject to the provisions of Standing Orders 104 to 145 relating to committees on private bills, so far as they are applicable.
- (3) Where some one or more only of the orders to be confirmed by the bill are opposed, the Chairman of Committees may, if he thinks fit, divide the bill into two bills, the one to confirm the opposed orders and the other to confirm the unopposed orders and the former shall be dealt with as an opposed bill, and the latter as an unopposed bill.

186 Application of certain standing orders to confirming bills (HC 219)

- The following standing orders shall apply in relation to confirming bills in like manner as to private bills, that is to say:—
 - (a) Standing Order 75 (Bills brought from House of Commons may be referred to Examiners in respect of amendments made in this House);
 - (b) Standing Order 91 (Special circumstances);

- (c) Standing Order 92 (Unopposed bill to be treated as opposed);
- (d) Standing Order 93 (Instructions to committees on bills);
- (e) Standing Order 102 (Supply of copies of petitions); and
- (f) Standing Order 103 (Withdrawal of petitions).

PRIVATE LEGISLATION PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) ACT 1936

187 Interpretation of Standing Orders 188 to 198 (HC 225)

In the twelve following orders:—

- "the Procedure Act" means the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936;
- "the Chairmen" means the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons;
- "confirmation bill" means a bill to confirm an order under the Procedure Act;
- "draft order" means a draft provisional order under the Procedure Act;
- "general orders" means general orders made under section 15 of the Procedure Act;
- "substituted bill" means a bill promoted in lieu of a provisional order or part thereof which the Secretary of State has refused to issue.

188 Chairmen to determine procedure for considering of draft provisional orders (HC 226)

The Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons (if that House thinks fit so to order) and the Chairman of Committees shall together determine all matters of practice and procedure which will enable them to take into consideration draft provisional orders submitted to the Secretary of State under the Procedure Act.

189 Reports of Chairmen on draft provisional orders (HC 227)

A copy of every report on any draft provisional order made by the Chairmen to the Secretary of State, signed by the Chairmen, shall be laid before this House on or before the third day after it is made, or if the House be not then sitting, on or before the third day after its next sitting for public business.

190 Chairman of Committees to choose parliamentary panel (HC 228)

The Chairman of Committees shall select and propose to the House the names of not more than fifteen lords to form the parliamentary panel of members of this House to act as commissioners under the Procedure Act.

191 Constitution of joint committee on confirmation bill (HC 229)

- Where under the provisions of section 9 of the Procedure Act, whether as originally enacted or as applied by subsection (2) of section 10 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945, a confirmation bill has been referred to a joint committee, the committee of this House shall consist of three lords, to be named by the Chairman of Committees in pursuance of Standing Order 95 (Appointment of committees).
- (2) If any member of the committee of this House is prevented from continuing his attendance, the joint committee may, with the consent of all parties, continue its sittings in his absence, provided that the number of the committee of this House be not less than two and that the joint committee report accordingly to the House at its next meeting; but if

the consent of any party is withheld, the joint committee shall adjourn and shall not resume its sittings in the absence of such member without leave of this House.

192 Bills originating in House of Commons referred to joint committee to be deemed to have passed committee in this House (HC 230)

Where a confirmation bill originating in the House of Commons has been referred to a joint committee under the provisions of section 9 of the Procedure Act, whether as originally enacted or as applied by subsection (2) of section 10 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945, that bill shall, after being read a second time in this House, be deemed to have passed the stage of committee.

193 Deposit of bill under section 1(4) of the Procedure Act (HC 231)

A bill conferring powers in respect of which a representation under section I(4) of the Procedure Act would be required shall not be deposited earlier than four weeks after the representation has been made to the Secretary of State.

194 Deposit of copies of substituted bill at public departments, etc. (HC 232)

- (I) Where-
 - (a) under the provisions of section 2 of the Procedure Act the Secretary of State has refused to issue a provisional order, or part thereof, and
 - (b) the petitioners for the order desire to promote a bill for the same objects as were sought by the draft provisional order or such part,

the promoters shall, on or before the 14th day after the notification to them of the refusal of the Secretary of State to issue the provisional order or part, deposit a copy of the substituted bill in every office of a public department or other office in which copies of the draft provisional order were, under general orders made in pursuance of the Procedure Act, required to be deposited.

(2) In the case of petitions for provisional orders deposited on or before 27th March, which are directed to be proceeded with as bills, the substituted bills may be deposited on or before the ensuing 27th November, and all notices given, or other proceedings, in respect of such petitions shall be applicable to such bills.

195 Proofs before Examiner in case of substituted bill (HC 233)

In the case of a substituted bill, the service of such notices to opponents as are required by section 2 of the Procedure Act shall be proved before the Examiner, but where compliance with the corresponding general order is proved—

- (a) it shall not be necessary to prove compliance with Standing Orders 4 to 68, and
- (b) the notices published and served, and the deposits made, for the provisional order, or for the part thereof for which the bill is substituted, shall be held to have been published, served and made respectively for the substituted bill.

195A Application of Standing Order 61 to substituted bill (HC 233A)

(1) This order applies whenever, during the progress through the House of Commons of any bill originating in that House promoted in lieu of a provisional order or part thereof in respect of which a plan and section were required under General Order 27 (Deposit of plan, book of reference and section, etc.) to be deposited, any alteration has been made in any work to be authorised by the bill.

- (2) Standing Order 61 (Notices and deposits where work is altered while bill is in Parliament) shall apply to the bill subject to such adaptations and modifications as may be prescribed by general or special directions—
 - (a) of the Chairman of Committees, or
 - (b) of the Standing Orders Committee in cases where the Chairman of Committees thinks fit to refer the matter to the committee.

196 Contents of substituted bill (HC 234)

Provisions which were contained in a draft provisional order may be omitted from the substituted bill, but no provisions shall be inserted in any substituted bill as deposited, which were not contained in the draft provisional order, and the Examiner shall certify whether this order has or has not been complied with.

197 Petitions for or against draft order to apply to substituted bill (HC 235)

In the case of a substituted bill originating in this House, all petitions deposited at the Scotland Office, Whitehall, pursuant to general orders, in favour of or against a draft provisional order shall, on transmission from that office to the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, be received as if duly presented in favour of or against the substituted bill, and no petitions other than those so deposited shall be received.

198 Deposit of copies of substituted bill brought from House of Commons at public departments, etc. (HC 236)

A copy of every substituted bill brought from the House of Commons in which any amendment has been made on the consideration thereof in that House shall, not later than two days after the bill is read the first time, be deposited at every office at which the draft order—

- (a) was deposited under General Order 39 (Deposit of provisional orders at Treasury and other public departments, etc.), or
- (b) would be required to be deposited under that order if the draft order as originally applied for had contained the same provisions as the substituted bill so brought from the House of Commons.

APPLICATION OF PERSONAL BILL STANDING ORDERS

199 Standing orders affecting personal bills to apply to certain private bills

Where a private bill contains clauses or provisions of the nature of a personal bill as well as other clauses or provisions, such of the provisions of Standing Orders 151 to 174 as the Chairman of Committees may direct shall apply to such first-mentioned clauses or provisions.

BILLS RELATING TO NORTHERN IRELAND

200 Application of standing orders to bills which relate to Northern Ireland

- (1) Where a bill is promoted which relates wholly or partially to Northern Ireland, these standing orders shall apply to that bill subject to such adaptations and modifications as may be prescribed by general or special directions of the Chairman of Committees, or of the Standing Orders Committee in cases where the Chairman of Committees thinks fit to refer the matter to that committee.
- (2) Nothing in this standing order shall be taken as implying any extension of the cases in which bills relating to Northern Ireland may properly be promoted in the British Parliament.

NOTICES AND DEPOSITS IN THE PARLIAMENT OFFICE

201 Time for delivering notices and making deposits (HC 209)

- All notices required to be given, or deposits required to be made, in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments shall be delivered or made, unless otherwise directed, in that office between 11 am and 5 pm on any sitting day, and between 11 am and 1 pm on any other day.
- (2) When the time for delivering notices, or making deposits, expires on a Saturday, a Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday or any bank holiday, the time shall be extended to the next day following which is not such a day.

201A Extension of time for presenting petitions

- (1) This order applies to—
 - (a) a petition against a private bill other than a petition required by Standing Order 101 (Limit of time for presenting petition against bill) to be submitted on or before 6th February;
 - (b) a petition against a provisional order confirmation bill;
 - (c) a petition against a hybrid instrument to which Standing Order 216 (Hybrid instruments) applies;
 - (d) anything required to be done in either House under Standing Orders 203 to 215.
- (2) Where the last day allowed by these standing orders for the deposit or submission of a petition to which this standing order applies or for the doing of anything required to be done in either House by the said Standing Orders 203 to 215 expires when Parliament is dissolved or prorogued or during a long adjournment, then the last day so allowed shall be the first day on which the House sits for public business after the dissolution, prorogation or long adjournment.

- (3) If the House is recalled in pursuance of Public Business Standing Order 16 (Recall of the House) or proclamation, a day on which the House sits pursuant to the recall shall be disregarded for the purpose of paragraph (2).
- (4) The preceding provisions of this order, except paragraph (3), apply to the period of 21 days prescribed by section 3(1) of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 as amended by the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1965 for the deposit of petitions against special procedure orders.

201B Late submitted petitions relating to hybrid bill (HC 171C)

- (1) This order applies to any government bill in relation to which the Examiner decides that Standing Orders 4 to 68 are applicable.
- (2) Any petitioner whose petition is submitted after the close of the petitioning period, and which is in accordance with these Standing Orders, shall be invited to provide a written explanation as to why the petition has been submitted late. This does not apply to petitions submitted in accordance with Standing Order 109(b).
- (3) The relevant Minister may provide a written submission in respect of any petition submitted after the close of the petitioning period where a written explanation has been provided by the petitioner.
- (4) The decision on whether a late petition should be accepted is a matter for the Standing Orders Committee.
- (5) The Standing Orders Committee shall report to the House if the petition is accepted for submission.
- (6) There is no appeal from the decision of the Standing Orders Committee.

TABLE OF FEES

202 Fees to be charged

The fees to be charged in respect of proceedings on bills in the House of Lords shall be such as shall be authorised from time to time by the House.

STATUTORY ORDERS (SPECIAL PROCEDURE) ACT 1945

203 Interpretation of Standing Orders 204 to 215 (HC 237)

In the twelve following orders:----

- "Special Procedure Act" means the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 as amended by the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1965;
- "special procedure order" means an order, scheme, certificate or byelaw in relation to which the Special Procedure Act applies;
- "special procedure petition" means a petition under section 3 of the Special Procedure Act against a special procedure order;
- "the Chairman" means, subject to the next following order, the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords;
- "the Chairmen" means, subject as aforesaid, the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons;
- "the minister", in relation to any special procedure order, means the minister of the Crown responsible for laying the order before Parliament;
- "applicant", in relation to any special procedure order, means any person on whose application the order is made or confirmed;
- "copy", in relation to any document, means a printed or typewritten copy.

204 Deputy Chairmen (HC 238)

- (1) Any lord, who has been named by the House as a Deputy Chairman of Committees, shall be entitled to perform the functions of the Chairman of Committees under the Special Procedure Act, or under the following eleven orders.
- (2) Any reference in the said orders to the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons shall be construed as including a reference to any deputy appointed in accordance with the orders of the House of Commons to perform the functions of the said Chairman under the said Act.

205 Laying of orders (HC 239)

- (1) On the day on which a special procedure order is laid before this House under section 2 of the Special Procedure Act, the minister shall cause copies of the order and of the certificate or statement required by that section to be laid together with the order—
 - (a) to be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, and
 - (b) to be made available to any person on application to the minister and on payment.
- (2) The requirements of paragraph (1)(b) need not be complied with as respects copies of the special procedure order if it is a statutory instrument, of which copies are required by section 2 of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946 to be printed and sold.
- (3) The name and address of the applicant (if any) shall be endorsed on any order so laid and on all copies of the order so deposited and made available.

205A Laying of maps and plans (HC 239A)

If under a special procedure order it is proposed to authorise the compulsory acquisition of land, or of rights to

use land, or if the order relates to any works or to any area of land or water, and the said works or area are described by reference to a map or plan, a copy of a map or plan of the said land or works or area shall be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments on the day on which the order is laid in this House.

206 Presentation of petitions against orders (HC 240)

- (1) Every special procedure petition presented to this House shall be signed by the petitioner or his agent and presented by being deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments.
- (2) There shall be endorsed on every special procedure petition so presented—
 - (a) the title of the special procedure order against which it is presented,
 - (b) a statement that it is presented as a petition for amendment or a petition of general objection, as the case may be, and
 - (c) the name and address of the party or agent depositing it.
- (3) The petitioner shall cause—
 - (a) a copy of the petition to be deposited in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons, in the office of the Chairman of Ways and Means, and at the office of the minister, not later than the day following that on which the petition was presented,
 - (b) a copy of the petition to be delivered, or despatched by registered post, to the applicant (if any) or to each applicant (if more than one) at his address as endorsed on the order not later than the day aforesaid, and
 - (c) copies of the petition to be made available, not later than three days from the day on which the petition was presented, to any person on application to the

petitioner or his agent at the address endorsed on the petition, and on payment.

207 Memorials objecting to petitions (HC 241)

- (1) Within the period of seven days beginning with the day on which a special procedure petition is presented to this House, the minister, or any applicant, may deposit in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments a memorial addressed to the Chairman and signed by him or his agent—
 - (a) objecting to the petition being certified as proper to be received or,
 - (b) if it is presented as a petition for amendment, objecting that it is a petition of general objection,

and stating specifically in either case the grounds of the objection.

- (2) On the day on which a memorial is so deposited, the memorialist shall cause—
 - (a) a copy thereof to be deposited in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons and in the office of the Chairman of Ways and Means, and
 - (b) a copy thereof to be delivered, or despatched by registered post, to the petitioner or his agent at the address endorsed on the special procedure petition.

207A Special report by Chairmen (HC 241A)

- (1) Where the Chairmen certify that a special procedure petition is proper to be received as a petition for amendment but are of opinion that any amendment asked for would, if made, alter the scope of the special procedure order or affect the interest of persons other than the petitioner, they may make a special report to that effect.
- (2) A special report made under this order shall be laid before both Houses and shall stand referred to the joint committee on the petition.

(3) A special report made under this order may, without binding the joint committee, express the Chairmen's opinion on the extent to which effect should be given to any amendment to which the report refers and the steps that should be taken to bring that amendment to the notice of persons likely to be affected thereby.

208 Consideration of petitions by Chairmen (HC 242)

- (1) If a memorial is duly deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments objecting to a special procedure petition, the Chairman shall give notice in that office of the time and place at which the Chairmen will consider the petition and memorial.
- (2) If no such memorial is deposited, but the Chairmen-
 - (a) are not satisfied that a special procedure petition should be certified as proper to be received, or, if it is presented as a petition for amendment, are not satisfied that it is such a petition, or
 - (b) are of opinion that a special procedure petition contains matters on which they should make a special report under Standing Order 207A (Special report by Chairmen),

the Chairman shall give notice in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments of the time and place at which the Chairmen will further consider the petition.

(3) The Chairmen shall have power to determine questions of locus standi in connection with their examination of special procedure petitions, and to decide as to the rights of the petitioners to be heard upon such petitions, but only if objection to locus standi or such rights has been made in a memorial duly deposited as aforesaid.

209 Joint committees on petitions (HC 243)

(1) Where under section 4 of the Special Procedure Act any special procedure petition stands referred, or has been

referred by order of either House, to a joint committee, the committee of this House shall consist of three lords to be named by the Chairman of Committees in pursuance of Standing Order 95 (Appointment of committees) and the order of proceedings shall be as follows:—

- (a) the minister shall, if required by the committee, briefly explain the order by means of a factual statement, to be agreed with the petitioner and counter-petitioner (if any),
- (b) the petitioner shall be entitled to be heard in support of the petition,
- (c) if the committee are of opinion that he has a case to answer, the minister shall be entitled to be heard against the petition,
- (d) the petitioner shall be entitled—
 - (i) to reply, or
 - (ii) before replying, to call rebutting evidence, with the leave of the committee, on which the minister shall be entitled to comment,
- (e) the petitioner and the minister may appear by counsel or agent.
- (2) The minister may give notice in accordance with paragraph (3) that he desires that the rights and functions conferred on him by sub-paragraph (a), (c), (d) and (e) of paragraph (1) to be exercised by any applicant specified in the notice, and thereupon the said sub-paragraphs shall have effect as if that applicant were substituted for the minister.
- (3) Any such notice shall be delivered, or despatched by registered post, to the petitioner or his agent at the address endorsed on the special procedure petition and to the applicant specified in the notice at his address as endorsed on the special procedure order, within a period of four days beginning—
 - (a) with the day on which the report of the Chairmen is laid before Parliament under subsection (5) of section 3 of the Special Procedure Act, or

(b) if the report is so laid on different days, with the later of the two days;

and copies of any such notice shall be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments and in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons within the said four days.

- (4) The minutes of evidence taken before the committee shall be laid on the table.
- (5) If any member of the committee of this House is prevented from continuing his attendance, the joint committee may, with the consent of all parties, continue its sittings in his absence, provided that the number of the committee of this House be not less than two and that the joint committee report accordingly to this House at its next meeting; but if the consent of any party is withheld, the joint committee shall adjourn and shall not resume its sittings in the absence of such member without leave of this House.

210 Counter-petitions (HC 244)

- (1) Where under subsection (5) of section 3 of the Special Procedure Act the Chairmen have reported that any special procedure petition has been presented to this House and has been certified as a petition for amendment and as proper to be received—
 - (a) a petition (a "counter-petition") may, within the period of fourteen days, beginning with the date on which the report is laid before this House, be presented to this House complaining that an amendment prayed for by the special procedure petition will affect the interest of the person by whom or on whose behalf the counter-petition is presented (the "counter-petitioner"), and
 - (b) such counter-petition shall stand referred to the joint committee, to whom the special procedure petition stands referred, or has been referred by order of either House.

- (2) Any counter-petition presented to this House shall be signed by the counter-petitioner or his agent and presented by being deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments.
- (3) There shall be endorsed on every counter-petition so presented—
 - (a) the title of the special procedure order to which it relates,
 - (b) the name and address of the party by whom or on whose behalf it is deposited, and
 - (c) the name of the party who signed or whose agent signed the special procedure petition to which it relates (hereinafter referred to as the "original petitioner").
- (4) Not later than the day following that on which the counterpetition was presented, the counter-petitioner shall cause—
 - (a) a copy thereof to be deposited in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons, in the office of the Chairman of Ways and Means, and at the office of the minister,
 - (b) a copy thereof to be delivered, or despatched by registered post, to the original petitioner or his agent at the address endorsed on the special procedure petition, and
 - (c) if the minister has given notice under the last foregoing order that he desires that his rights shall be exercised by an applicant specified in the notice, a copy thereof to be delivered, or despatched by registered post, to that applicant at his address as endorsed on the special procedure order.
- (5) If, on consideration of a counter-petition, the joint committee to whom the relevant special procedure petition stands referred, or has been referred by order of either House, are satisfied that an amendment prayed for by the special procedure petition may affect the interest

of the counter-petitioner, the committee may allow the counter-petitioner to be heard by himself, his counsel or agent, against the special procedure petition, either before or after the minister or applicant has been heard as the committee may direct.

211 Withdrawal of petitions, counter-petitions and memorials (HC 245)

- (1) Any petitioner, counter-petitioner or memorialist may withdraw his petition, counter-petition or memorial, by way of a written notice to that effect being submitted to the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments.
- (2) Where any such petition or counter-petition is submitted by or on behalf of more than one person, any of those persons may withdraw from the petition or counterpetition by submitting a similar notice as mentioned above.
- **212** [Repealed 17th July 1951]
- **213** [Repealed 17th April 1975]

214 Notice of date of operation or withdrawal of order (HC 248)

- (1) Any notice given by the minister under subsection (2) of section 6 of the Special Procedure Act either determining the date on which an order is to come into operation or withdrawing an order shall be given by publishing the notice—
 - (a) in a case where the order relates to England or Wales or any part thereof, but not to Scotland or any part thereof, in the London Gazette,
 - (b) in a case where the order relates to Scotland or any part thereof, but not to England or Wales or any part thereof, in the Edinburgh Gazette,
 - (c) in any other case, both in the London Gazette and in the Edinburgh Gazette,

and, in the case of an order relating to a particular area, in at least one newspaper circulating in that area.

(2) A copy of any such notice withdrawing an order shall be laid before this House within four days after it is published in accordance with paragraph (1) of this order.

215 Fees to be charged

The fees to be charged in respect of special procedure orders in the House of Lords shall be such as shall be authorised from time to time by the House.

AFFIRMATIVE INSTRUMENTS

216 Hybrid instruments

(1) Where in the opinion of the Chairman of Committees an affirmative instrument as defined by Public Business Standing Order 72 (Affirmative instruments) is such that, apart from the provisions of the Act authorising it to be made, it would require to be enacted by a private or hybrid bill, he shall report his opinion to the House and to the minister or other person responsible for the instrument. An instrument on which the Chairman of Committees has so reported is in these standing orders referred to as a "hybrid instrument".

An order under section 1 of the Manoeuvres Act 1958 shall not be the subject of a report under this paragraph.

- (2) A petition to the House not to affirm a hybrid instrument shall be signed by the petitioner or his agent and be deposited or sent so as to be received in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments within the 14 days following the day on which the Chairman's report under paragraph (1) is laid before the House.
- (3) If no petition is received in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments within the period allowed by paragraph (2),

or if every petition, or the only petition, so received is withdrawn, the Chairman of Committees shall report that fact to the House.

- (4) Any petition received in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments within that period shall, together with the instrument petitioned against, stand referred to a committee appointed at the commencement of every session and consisting of the Chairman of Committees and such other lords as the House shall name. The committee shall be known as the "Hybrid Instruments Committee".
- (5) The Hybrid Instruments Committee, after considering any representations in writing by the parties to the proceedings, and after hearing, if they think fit, the parties in person or counsel or agents appearing for the parties—
 - (a) shall decide whether the petitioner has a locus standi, and
 - (b) shall decide that question as if the instrument were a private bill and the committee were a select committee on the bill.
- (6) If the committee decide that the petitioner has no locus standi they shall report their decision to the House; but if they decide that he has a locus standi they shall report to the House—
 - (a) whether the petition discloses substantial grounds of complaint,
 - (b) whether the matters complained of in the petition have been so dealt with that no further inquiry is necessary,
 - (c) whether the petitioner failed to avail himself of opportunities of having the matters complained of properly inquired into, and
 - (d) whether or not, in the light of their findings on questions (a) to (c) above, there ought to be a further inquiry by a select committee into all or any of the matters complained of.

- (7) Where the Hybrid Instruments Committee have reported to the House that there ought to be such further inquiry into all or any of the matters complained of, the House may refer all or any of the matters on which the committee have so reported to a select committee consisting of five lords, named by the House on the proposal of the Committee of Selection; and the House shall specify the orders of reference of the select committee.
- (8) For the purposes of Public Business Standing Order 72 (Affirmative instruments) the proceedings on a hybrid instrument shall be terminated when—
 - (a) there has been laid before the House a report by the Chairman of Committees under paragraph (3); or
 - (b) there has been laid before the House a report by the Hybrid Instruments Committee under paragraph (6) that no petitioner has a locus standi or that none of the matters complained of in petitions against the instrument ought to be inquired into by a select committee; or
 - (c) the House has decided that none of those matters be referred to a select committee; or
 - (d) there has been laid before the House the report of the select committee to whom any matter has been referred under this standing order.
- (9) Where proceedings under this standing order have not been completed in respect of a hybrid instrument which has expired or lapsed, a further affirmative instrument made or laid in draft to substantially the same effect may be substituted for the previous instrument for the purposes of those proceedings.
- (10) This standing order shall not, except in so far as it defines a hybrid instrument, apply to an "expedited hybrid instrument" as defined in paragraph (1) of Standing Order 216A (Expedited hybrid instruments).

216A Expedited hybrid instruments

- (1) This order applies to a hybrid instrument, as defined in paragraph (1) of Standing Order 216 (Hybrid instruments), which, by virtue of the Act authorising it to be made, is, after the expiry of a period prescribed by that Act (the "prescribed period") to proceed in Parliament as if its provisions would, apart from that Act, require to be enacted by a public bill that is not hybrid; and such a hybrid instrument is in this standing order referred to as an "expedited hybrid instrument".
- (2) A petition to the House not to affirm an expedited hybrid instrument shall be signed by the petitioner or his agent and be deposited or sent so as to be received in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments within ten days beginning with the day on which the instrument is laid before the House. The said period of ten days shall not be extended by any dissolution or prorogation of Parliament, or adjournment of the House.
- (3) If no petition is received in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments within the said ten days, or if every petition, or the only petition, so received is withdrawn, the Chairman of Committees shall report that fact to the House.
- (4) Any petition received in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments within the said ten days shall, together with the instrument petitioned against, stand referred to the Hybrid Instruments Committee and shall be subject to inquiry by that committee only.
- (5) The Hybrid Instruments Committee, after considering any representations in writing by the parties to the proceedings, and after hearing, if they think fit, the parties in person or counsel or agents appearing for the parties—
 - (a) shall decide whether the petitioner has a locus standi, and
 - (b) shall decide that question as if the instrument were a private bill and the committee were a select committee on the bill.

- (6) If the committee decide that the petitioner has no locus standi they shall report their decision to the House; but if they decide that he has a locus standi they shall report to the House—
 - (a) whether the petition discloses substantial grounds of complaint;
 - (b) whether the matters complained of in the petition have been so dealt with that no further inquiry is necessary;
 - (c) whether the petitioner failed to avail himself of opportunities of having the matters complained of properly inquired into; and
 - (d) whether or not, in the light of their findings on questions (a) to (c) above, they are proceeding with a further inquiry into all or any of the matters complained of.
- (7) Where the committee have decided that they are proceeding with such further inquiry, the parties shall be entitled to be heard in person or by counsel or agents and the committee shall report on such further inquiry to the House before the end of the prescribed period.
- (8) For the purposes of Public Business Standing Order 72 (Affirmative instruments) the proceedings on an expedited hybrid instrument shall be terminated when—
 - (a) the Chairman of Committees has reported under paragraph (3) of this standing order; or
 - (b) the Hybrid Instruments Committee have reported under paragraph (6) of this standing order that no petitioner has a locus standi; or
 - (c) the Hybrid Instruments Committee have reported that they are not proceeding with a further inquiry into the matters complained of; or
 - (d) the Hybrid Instruments Committee have reported on the further inquiry referred to in paragraph (6) above; or
 - (e) the prescribed period has expired.

- (9) If a further instrument is made or laid in draft to substantially the same effect as the previous instrument, it may be substituted for the previous instrument for the purposes of proceedings under this standing order where such proceedings have not been completed before the prescribed period has expired.
- (10) Any report required to be made to the House under this standing order shall, if the House is adjourned, be printed and shall be laid on the table of the House at its next sitting.

217 Fees in respect of hybrid instruments

The fees to be charged in respect of hybrid instruments in the House of Lords shall be such as shall be authorised from time to time by the House.

Appendix A

[Form referred to in Standing Orders 13 and 61]

Form of notice to owners, etc.

Dear Sir or Madam,

[Short title of bill]

We [have applied] [intend to apply] to Parliament [this] [next] session for leave to introduce this bill.

We understand that you have an interest in the property mentioned in the Table set out below and that your interest is as stated in Part[s] I [and II] of that Table. If the bill is passed, the property mentioned in Part I of the Table, or a right to use it, will be liable to be acquired compulsorily under the powers of the resulting Act [and the property mentioned in Part II of the Table will be liable to the imposition of an improvement charge].

A plan [and section] relating to the purposes of the bill, together with a book of reference relating to it, [was] [were] [will be, on or before 20th November] deposited for public inspection with [here insert the officers of the local authorities with whom deposits have been or are to be made in accordance with Standing Order 27].

A copy of so much of the plan [and section] as relates to [here insert the parish or other area in accordance with Standing Order 36] in which the property in which you have an interest is situated, together with a book of reference relating to it, [has been] [will be on or before 20th November] deposited for public inspection with [here insert the officers of the local authorities with whom deposits have been or are to be made in accordance with Standing Order 36].

On that plan the property [is] [will be] designated by the number or numbers in the Table set out below. If that Table contains any error or misdescription, please let us know as soon as you can. Copies of the bill, or the relevant parts of it, [have been] [will be on or before 4th December] deposited for public inspection and for sale at the [here insert the several offices at which deposits have been or are to be made in accordance with Standing Order 4A].

[We intend that the bill shall provide that, notwithstanding section 92 of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845, you may be required to sell and convey a part only of your property, numbered [here insert number or numbers] on the deposited plan].

[We intend that the bill shall exclude section 92 of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 and shall substitute for it a provision—

- (a) restricting the power of acquiring compulsorily a part only of a house or building to cases where the part can be taken without material detriment to the house or building; and
- (b) restricting the power of acquiring compulsorily a part only of a garden belonging to a house to cases where the part can be taken without seriously affecting the amenity or convenience of the house].

You may object to the bill by submitting a petition against it. If you wish us to do so, we shall be glad to let you know the latest date on which you may submit a petition in either House of Parliament.

For the moment we can let you know that the latest date for submitting a petition against a bill is—

- (a) in the first House, [here insert current date] in the case of the House of Lords, and [here insert current date] in the case of the House of Commons; and
- (b) in the second House, the tenth day after that on which the bill receives its first reading in that House.

In the case of a late bill, the rule in paragraph (b) above applies to a petition in either House. If the latest date turns out to be a Saturday, a Sunday, Christmas day, a bank holiday or a day on which the House does not sit, the latest date may be postponed.

We enclose for your use copies of the standing orders of both Houses of Parliament relating to the time and method for submitting petitions in opposition to bills. If you need any further information, or any help in preparing a petition, you should get in touch with the Private Bill Office in either House (telephone number 020 7219 3231 in the House of Lords and 020 7219 3250 in the House of Commons).

Yours faithfully,

	Occupier				
	Lessee				
	Owner				
	Description				
	Number on plans	Part		Part II	
	Parish or other area as the case may be				
			Property [rights to use] which may be a acquired compulsorily		Property on which an improvement charge may be imposed

Schedule referred to in the foregoing notice, describing the property therein alluded to

Appendix B

[Form referred to in Standing Order 45]

Form of estimates

- ⁺ It shall not be necessary to include an estimate of this item where the promoters are not a local authority.
- * The estimate should be accompanied by an engineer's report as to age, extent, condition, and value of the works, divided under suitable headings.

Purpose

Amount £

Purchase of land, minerals and permanent rights

Easement for works, e.g., way-leaves for sewers, water pipes, etc.

Laying out and levelling land (specifying purposes and nature of works)

Work on foreshore

Buildings (stating, generally, their nature and construction)

+ Boats (stating, generally, their character)

Bridges (stating, generally, their character and type of construction)

Waterways (including canals and inland navigations)—

Earthworks Locks, etc. Reservoirs Dredging (otherwise than for maintenance)

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Purpose
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Electricity— Mains— Main transmission lines Feeders and distributors Machinery and plant (in the case of generating plant specify whether steam, gas, diesel, etc.) * Purchase of electricity undertaking where the price has been fixed Ferries (specifying type)— †(a) Vessels (b) Landing stages, etc. + Furniture and movable equipment Gas— Generating plant Gas holders Mains— Cast iron Steel * Purchase of gas undertaking where the price has been fixed Harbours, docks and piers (including quays and wharves)-Docks, etc., (stating, generally, character and method of construction) Breakwaters-(a) Rubble mound (b) Concrete block Piers (stating, generally, character and type of construction)

Machinery (cranes, pumping machinery, dredgers, etc.)

Purpose

Amount £

Dredging (otherwise than for maintenance)

Machinery not included under other headings (stating, generally, its character)

Railways, other than light railways—

Permanent ways Earthworks Stations and buildings

Tunnels and bridges

† Rolling stock Electrical or other equipment Power stations Signalling

Roads and streets (stating, generally, character and method of work)

Sea defence works (stating, generally, their character and materials to be used)

Sewage disposal works-

Tanks Machinery

Sewers-

Brick, concrete, cast iron, glazed ware Concrete tubes, reinforced Steel pipes

Tramways, tramroads, light railways, and public service vehicle and trolley vehicle undertakings—

Depots and car sheds

Permanent way-

- (a) Public road lines
- (b) Separate track on sleepers

Purpose

Electrical equipment—

(a) Posts and overhead wires

(b) Cables and feeders

(c) Generating and converting plant

† Cars and vehicles

Tunnels (other than railway tunnels)

Waterworks—

Mains—

Cast iron

Steel

Concrete or other material (specifying material)

Reservoirs—

Impounding (with earth or masonry dams) Service (specifying nature of

construction)

Pumping machinery

Filters—

Gravity

Pressure

Sterilisation plant

Wells or other works

* Purchase of water undertakings where the price has been fixed

Table of fees to be charged at the House of Lords

[Referred to in Standing Orders 202, 215 and 217]

I-Fees to be paid by the promoters of a private bill

On the first reading of the bill.....£4,000

Following the third reading of the bill.....£4,000

The promoters of personal bills may be charged one-twentieth of the preceding fees.

The promoters of the bills relating to charitable, religious, educational, literary or scientific purposes whereby no private profit or advantage is derived, and of bills other than bills promoted by local authorities from which the promoter appears unlikely to derive substantial personal or corporate gain, may be charged onequarter of the preceding fees.

II—Fees to be paid by petitioners and memorialists

On presentation of any petition relating to a private bill or of any memorial complaining that the standing orders have not been complied with, provided that no petitioner or memorialist shall be charged more than once under this head in respect of any one bill.....£20

III—Fees to be paid by applicants for and petitioners against a provisional order confirmation bill

On the second reading of a bill to confirm one or more provisional orders, other than a bill to confirm an order or orders under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, the applicants shall be charged a fee of $\pounds4,000$

On the deposit of each petition£20

IV—Fees to be paid for proceedings on a special procedure order

Chairman's rules relating to parliamentary agents, petitioners and their representatives

RULES to be observed by the OFFICERS of the HOUSE, and by all PARLIAMENTARY AGENTS, etc., engaged in prosecuting Proceedings in the HOUSE OF LORDS upon any PETITION or BILL:—

PARLIAMENTARY AGENTS

Definitions

I. In these rules—

''bill'' means—

- (a) any private bill;
- (b) any public bill with respect to which one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills has reported that any of the Standing Orders numbered 4 to 68 relating to Private Business are applicable,

and includes a provisional order or certificate against which a petition has been presented;

"solicitor" includes a solicitor in England, Scotland or Northern Ireland and a writer to the signet;

the expressions "special procedure petition" and "special procedure order" have the same respective meanings as in the Standing Orders numbered 204 to 214 relating to Private Business;

the expression "counter-petition" has the same meaning as it has in Standing Order 210 (counter-petitions) relating to Private Business; the expression "petitioner in person" means a person who is engaged in opposing a bill or special procedure order on his or her own behalf and not on behalf of any other person.

Register

2. A register of the persons entitled to practise as parliamentary agents in promoting bills shall be kept in the Private Bill Office.

No person to practise unless registered

3. No person shall be entitled to practise as a parliamentary agent unless he or she is so registered:

Provided that a person so registered, if a member of a firm, may carry on his or her business as parliamentary agent under the name and style of the firm notwithstanding that one or more other members of the firm are not so registered, but partnership with a person who is so registered shall not entitle any partner not so registered to practise as a parliamentary agent.

Declaration

4. No parliamentary agent shall be registered until he or she has signed a declaration in such form as the Chairman of Committees may prescribe engaging to obey and observe the orders and practice of the House of Lords and any rules prescribed by the Chairman of Committees, and also to pay all fees and charges due from the parties for whom he or she shall act.

Recognisance

5. Any person either before or after he or she has subscribed such a declaration shall, if required by the Chairman of Committees, enter into a recognisance or bond in a penal sum not exceeding £500, with two sureties each for half the penal sum, to observe the said declaration.

One member of firm may subscribe declaration, etc.

6. In the case of a firm, it shall suffice if one member of the firm subscribes the required declaration and enters into the required recognisance or bond on behalf of the firm.

No fee to be charged in respect of declaration, etc.

7. No fee shall be payable in respect of the said declaration, recognisance, bond or registration.

Qualifications necessary for registration as Parliamentary Agent in promoting bills

8. No applicant shall be qualified to be registered as a parliamentary agent entitled to practise in promoting bills unless he or she satisfies the Chairman of Committees that they have practical knowledge of the standing orders and procedure of the House of Lords regulating private business.

Advisory Committee

9. The Chairman of Committees may, if he or she thinks fit, appoint an advisory committee and refer to that committee for advice any question arising as to the qualifications of any applicant for registration.

Application to be in writing

10. Every application for registration must be in writing.

No person to print name on bill unless registered as Parliamentary Agent

11. No person's name shall be printed on any bill, as a parliamentary agent for such bill, unless and until his or her name has been duly inscribed upon the register of parliamentary agents.

One agent only to appear or be heard on behalf of Promoters

12. Except in cases where a bill is promoted by two or more companies, bodies or persons separately interested, one parliamentary agent or firm of agents only shall be allowed to appear and to be heard in the proceedings on the bill on behalf of the promoters.

No statement to be circulated without name of Parliamentary Agent

13. No written or printed statement relating to any bill shall be circulated within the precincts of the House of Lords without the name of a parliamentary agent or petitioner in person attached to it, who will be held responsible for its accuracy.

Sanction to notice for dispensing with Orders

14. The sanction of the Chairman of Committees is required to every notice of a motion prepared by a parliamentary agent, for dispensing with any standing order of the House.

Agents not to divide fees or pay commissions

15. A parliamentary agent shall not divide with or pay to any client, or any solicitor, clerk, officer, or servant of any client, any moneys which the agent at any time receives in respect of his costs charges and expenses in promoting, opposing or otherwise dealing with any bill or provisional order, or give any commission or gratuity to any person in respect of his employment as a parliamentary agent.

Agents personally responsible

16. Every parliamentary agent and solicitor conducting proceedings in parliament before the House of Lords shall be personally responsible to the House, and to the Chairman of Committees, for the observance of the rules, orders, and practice of parliament, as well as of any rules which may from time to time be prescribed by the Chairman of Committees and any practice prescribed by the Chairman of the Select Committee considering the petition, and also for the payment of the fees and charges due and payable under the standing orders.

Chairman of Committees may, on misconduct, prohibit Agent from practising

17. Any person registered as a parliamentary agent who shall act in violation of the orders and practice of the House of Lords or who shall be guilty of professional misconduct of any kind as a parliamentary agent shall be liable to an absolute or temporary prohibition to practise as a parliamentary agent at the discretion of the Chairman of Committees.

No person who has been suspended, etc., to act as Parliamentary Agent

18. No person who has been suspended or prohibited from practising as a parliamentary agent or who otherwise that at his own request has been struck off the roll of solicitors or disbarred by any of the inns of court shall be allowed to be entered or retained on the register without the express authority of the Chairman of Committees.

Application of rules to agents for special procedure petitions, etc.

19. These Rules shall apply with the necessary modifications to agents for special procedure petitions, agents for ministers of the crown responsible for laying special procedure orders before parliament, agents for applicants for such orders and agents for counter-petitions, and to petitioners in person in relation to special procedure orders.

PETITIONERS' REPRESENTATIVES

- 20. Any person may, with the permission of the petitioner, represent the petitioner in dealing with the House of Lords, the Promoters of the bill and their agents and may appear before the select committee on the bill as the petitioner's representative.
- 21. Every petitioner in person or a petitioner's representative conducting proceedings in parliament before the House of Lords shall be personally responsible to the House, and to the Chairman of Committees, for the observance of the rules, orders, and practice of parliament, as well as of any rules which may from time to time be prescribed by the Chairman of Committees and any practice prescribed by the Chairman of the Select Committee considering the petition, and also for the payment of the petitioner's fee due under the standing orders.
- 22. Any person representing a petitioner who acts in violation of the orders and practice of the House of Lords shall be liable to an absolute or temporary prohibition to practise as a

petitioner's representative at the discretion of the Chairman of Committees.

LORD MCFALL OF ALCLUITH Chairman of Committees

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