



## House of Commons

Thursday 11 March 2010

# **Notices of Motions for which no days have been fixed (‘Early Day Motions’)**

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**960 CHAGOS ISLANDS****1:3:10**

Ms Diane Abbott  
Jeremy Corbyn  
Peter Bottomley  
Bob Russell  
Lynne Jones  
Mr Colin Breed

Mark Lazarowicz

Emily Thornberry

Ms Katy Clark

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That this House believes that the interests of the Chagossian people and of Mauritius must be fully protected in the proposed Marine Protected Area; urges the Government to withdraw its case from the European Court of Human Rights and to settle out of court, as already suggested by the Court; and requests the Prime Minister to engage with Mauritius and the Chagossians, before the general election, in order to initiate discussion on an overall settlement of the issues, including timetable for eventual transfer of sovereignty of the Outer Islands to Mauritius and provision for a limited settlement on the Outer Islands.

**961 MANUFACTURING WEEK 2010****1:3:10**

Mr Mark Prisk  
John Penrose  
Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown  
Mr Jonathan Djanogly  
Mr Brian Binley  
Adam Afriyie

Mr Douglas Carswell

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That this House congratulates the Engineering Employers Federation on organising Manufacturing Week; notes that as a share of gross domestic product manufacturing has fallen more under this Government than any previous administration; supports manufacturing as vital to the UK economy; recognises its importance in increasing UK exports; and believes that in future manufacturing should lie at the heart of a healthy UK economy.

**963** *SAVE BBC 6 MUSIC AND ASIAN NETWORK CAMPAIGN***1:3:10**

Mr Tom Watson  
 Mr Virendra Sharma  
 Mr Khalid Mahmood  
 Mr John Grogan  
 Peter Bottomley  
 David Lepper

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Emily Thornberry

Ms Katy Clark

Dan Rogerson

That this House notes with deep concern recent newspaper speculation that the BBC is considering closing its 6 Music and Asian Network radio stations; believes that both radio stations offer outlets for independent and non-mainstream music; further notes that both 6 Music and Asian Network reach out to audiences not otherwise well served by the BBC; congratulates 6 Music and Asian Network for acting as a source of talent for the BBC and other media; recognises that the BBC has a duty to represent and give a platform to minority interests that need a mainstream platform to develop and grow; and calls on the Government to encourage the BBC to continue its support for 6 Music and Asian Network for many years to come.

**971** *CRIMINAL RECORDS BUREAU CHECKS ON NHS SURGEONS***2:3:10**

Frank Dobson  
 John Austin  
 Clive Efford  
 Ms Karen Buck  
 Judy Mallaber  
 Mr Ken Purchase

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David Tredinnick

Robert Key

Ms Katy Clark

That this House shares the concern of the Royal College of Surgeons that NHS surgeons who have received enhanced clearance from the Criminal Records Bureau to treat child patients at their own NHS trust are being required by some other trusts to repeat the time-consuming Criminal Records Bureau checking process before being allowed to treat children at other hospitals, with consequent substantial delays in operations on children in need of specialist attention; and calls on the Secretary of State for Health to issue clear and binding instructions to trusts to end this practice immediately.

**986** *DECLARATION OF DOMICILE OF CHOICE***2:3:10**

Mr Gordon Prentice  
 Bob Russell  
 Lynne Jones  
 Mr David Drew  
 Mr Mike Hancock  
 Frank Cook

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Ms Katy Clark

That this House believes that all non-domiciled Members of either House should declare in the registers of Members' interests and Lords' interests their domicile of choice.

**989** *INDUSTRIAL ACTION AND CIVIL SERVICE COMPENSATION SCHEME***2:3:10**

Bob Spink  
Jeremy Corbyn  
Frank Cook  
Mark Durkan  
Mrs Ann Cryer  
Mr Robert N. Wareing

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Jim Cousins

That this House notes the decision of PCS, the Public and Commercial Services Union, to take industrial action over unilateral changes to the Civil Service Compensation Scheme, starting with a national two-day strike across the whole of the Civil Service; further notes that this action is not just in response to the changes which radically reduce the accrued rights of long service civil servants, including a possible reduction of up to 50 per cent. in some redundancy payments, but also because of the belief that these changes are the precursor to massive job cuts; expresses concern at the detrimental consequences and the effect on general economic well-being that widespread job losses in the Civil Service would have; and calls on the Government and Her Majesty's Opposition to consider alternative methods to public sector job losses for cutting the public deficit, and to do so in consultation with the trade unions.

**990** *SAVE OUR SUPPLEMENTS CAMPAIGN***2:3:10**

Kate Hoey  
Mr David Amess  
Bob Russell  
Frank Cook  
Ann Winterton  
Mrs Janet Dean

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Ms Katy Clark

That this House is proud to support Consumers for Health Choice (CHC) in its Save our Supplements, Time is Running Out campaign; salutes the persistent work of the CHC over many years in keeping the future availability of the humble vitamin pill high upon the political and parliamentary agenda; reaffirms its determination to defend the right of British consumers to have continued access to safe and proper food supplements of their choice; and urges the European Commission in the strongest possible terms to abandon plans for the imposition of maximum permitted levels for nutrients in food supplements which are already accepted as safe and appropriately labelled by the Food Standards Agency and which have a history of safe use, by millions of consumers, over many decades.

**992** *ECONOMY OF AFGHANISTAN***2:3:10**

Paul Flynn  
Mr David Drew  
Mr Mike Hancock  
Jeremy Corbyn  
Frank Cook  
Lynne Jones

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Ms Katy Clark

That this House is concerned by the recent report in the Washington Post that \$1 billion in bank notes is being flown out of Kabul annually en route to Dubai and other Gulf States; notes the claim that Afghan passengers took more than \$180 million to Dubai during a two-month period, including one Afghan diplomat who was detected with over two million dollars worth of undeclared euros; and is concerned at the demoralising effect on NATO morale if Afghan leaders continue to move their families and fortunes out of Afghanistan in expectation of the collapse of the Karzai regime.

993 *CONDUCT OF LORD ASHCROFT*

2:3:10

Frank Cook  
Mr David Drew  
Jeremy Corbyn  
David Lepper  
Lynne Jones  
Mr Ronnie Campbell

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Ms Katy Clark

That this House notes the recent admission of Lord Ashcroft that he has had non-domiciled status since his appointment to the House of Lords; and questions the sums of money which have thereby been denied to the Exchequer and contributed elsewhere through the non-payment of UK taxes.

996 *CARLSBERG UK AND THE CLOSURE OF TETLEY'S LEEDS BREWERY* 3:3:10

Greg Mulholland  
Mr Mike Hancock  
Mr Andrew Dismore  
Mr Eric Illsley  
Mr Austin Mitchell  
Alan Simpson

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Mr Angus MacNeil      Martin Horwood  
Mr Lindsay Hoyle      Mark Fisher

That this House condemns the decision by Carlsberg to close the Tetley's Leeds Brewery and transfer brewing of Tetley's cask ales to Wolverhampton and Tetley's Smoothflow to Tadcaster; notes that Tetley's ales have been brewed in Leeds for 187 years and that Tetley's is an iconic Leeds brand; believes that this is a decision made in the interests of corporate greed with no regard for Tetley's heritage as a famous Leeds beer; deplores the potential loss of 170 jobs from the Leeds Brewery; further believes that Carlsberg has betrayed Tetley's and Leeds; and calls on the people of Leeds to show how they feel about the decision and boycott Carlsberg lager.

1000 *MICHAEL FOOT*

3:3:10

Mr Dai Davies  
Mr David Anderson  
Mr David Crausby  
Jim Dobbin  
Frank Cook  
Dr Brian Iddon

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Ms Katy Clark      Mr Angus MacNeil

That this House remembers with fondness and admiration the life, political leadership, authorship, trades unionism, journalism and unrivalled oratory of Michael Foot as one of the world's greatest socialists; fully supports his lifelong backing of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament and the necessity of a world without nuclear weapons; recalls that Michael Foot was proud to call himself an inveterate peacemonger; further recalls the sense set out in the Labour Party Manifesto for the 1983 General Election that was prescient and before its time in calling for the nationalisation of the banks; believes, had this sensible strategy by the then hon. Member for Ebbw Vale been supported, then the current economic crisis, arising from reckless and selfish behaviour of senior bankers, could have been avoided; further believes Michael Foot was a great internationalist and fighter for justice for the poor and dispossessed; and further believes that this nation would have been much better served if Michael Foot had led this country from 1983.

**1005** *NON-DOMICILED TAXPAYERS AND PARLIAMENT***3:3:10**

Mr Dai Davies  
Roger Berry  
Dr Brian Iddon  
Mr Martin Caton  
Mr David Drew  
Mr Lindsay Hoyle

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Ms Katy Clark                      Jim Cousins

That this House believes that citizens who choose to have non-domiciled status, and thus avoid paying tax on income earned outside the United Kingdom, should be debarred from being a Member of either House of Parliament.

**1006** *LOCAL CARBON BUDGETS***4:3:10**

Mr Fabian Hamilton  
Bob Russell  
Mr Andrew Dismore  
Jeremy Corbyn  
Mr David Drew  
Andrew George

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Ms Katy Clark                      John Hemming

That this House welcomes the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government's announcement on 28 January 2010 of Local Carbon Framework pilots with local authorities in nine areas; recognises that local authority action is crucial to meet national targets; notes that many councils, including some of the largest in the country, have adopted targets of at least a 40 per cent. cut in carbon dioxide emissions in their area by 2020; and urges Ministers to build on the Local Carbon Framework pilots by introducing Local Carbon Budgets for all local authorities placing a cap on dioxide emissions within the local area in line with scientific evidence of action needed.

**1007** *IRAQI ELECTIONS***4:3:10**

Tom Brake  
Mr Andrew Pelling  
Lynne Jones  
Peter Bottomley  
Bob Russell  
Mr Andrew Dismore

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John Hemming

That this House notes the Iraqi elections are taking place on 7 March 2010; calls for the elections to be fair, free of intimidation and peaceful; further notes that Iraqi citizens in the UK are able to vote at four centres, and hopes that these arrangements will also be fair and free of intimidation; and calls on the Government to monitor the election campaign and raise immediately with the Iraqi government any concerns about electoral fraud or any other electoral malpractice.

**1008 BRAIN CANCER****4:3:10**

Mr James Arbuthnot  
Mrs Betty Williams  
Dr Evan Harris  
Mr Lee Scott  
Peter Bottomley  
Bob Russell

★ 37

Mr Angus MacNeil

John Hemming

Mr Stephen Hepburn

That this House recognises that one in five of all cancers spread to the brain; notes that the number of children dying from a brain tumour in 2007 was 33 per cent. higher than in 2001; further notes that five-year survival rates for brain cancer are low relative to most other cancers; and calls for brain tumour research to receive greater cancer funding from Government than the 0.7 per cent. of all cancer funding that it currently receives.

**1009 CYCLING AND THE VOTE BIKE MANIFESTO CAMPAIGN****4:3:10**

Gwyn Prosser  
Andrew Stunell  
Lynne Jones  
Peter Bottomley  
Mr Lee Scott  
Paul Holmes

★ 46

Joan Walley

Ms Katy Clark

John Hemming

That this House notes the benefits of cycling to health and to communities, streets and the environment; welcomes the substantial recent increases in cycle use in London and other parts of Britain including several of the Cycle Towns; and supports the aims of the Vote Bike manifesto to make cycling mainstream by strengthening the political and resource commitments made to cycling by Government departments, local authorities, health and other relevant bodies, improving the training and skills of planners and engineers required to deliver quality cycle-friendly planning and design, tackling the risks faced by cyclists through training and awareness campaigns for both drivers and cyclists through lower speed limits and through strengthened road traffic law and enforcement, enhancing provision for combining cycling with public transport by ensuring good access to stations and interchanges, providing secure parking including cycle hubs at major stations and sensibly managed provision for carrying cycles on public transport, providing encouragement, incentives and opportunities to try out cycling in schools and workplaces and for key target groups such as health patients and disadvantaged groups, plus tax incentives to support the use, purchase and repair of cycles and related accessories, and creating new and improved opportunities for recreational and off-road cycling including the appropriate opening up of green spaces, forest land, rights of way, waterways and sections of Britain's coast in order to deliver substantial increases in cycle use while halving the risks of cycling within 10 years.

**1010 COMMONWEALTH DAY, 8 MARCH 2010****4:3:10**

Mr Lindsay Hoyle  
Mr Nigel Evans  
Mr David Crausby  
Jim Dobbin  
Peter Bottomley  
Bob Russell

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John Hemming

That this House proudly joins in celebrating Commonwealth Day 2010; acknowledges the continued successes to emerge out of the network of 54 Commonwealth countries and its two billion citizens of all faiths and ethnicities; particularly notes this year's theme of Science, Technology and Society in recognition of ongoing research across the partnerships that continue to enhance knowledge, understanding and progress in the world; looks forward to working together with all Commonwealth countries in a spirit of co-operation, partnership and understanding towards shared goals in democracy and development; and wishes that the Commonwealth network may long continue.

**1011 VOLUNTARY SECTOR IN THE NORTH WEST****4:3:10**

Mr Lindsay Hoyle  
Mr Nigel Evans  
Mr David Crausby  
Jim Dobbin  
Mr Frank Field  
Jeremy Corbyn

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Ian Stewart

Mr Graham Brady

Mrs Louise Ellman

That this House applauds the work and contribution made by the voluntary sector in the North West of England; notes with admiration the dedication and commitment of all those in the voluntary sector; believes that they are the unsung heroes working at the heart of communities helping some of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in the North West; recognises the increased demand for the services and support provided by the voluntary sector during the economic downturn; and calls on the Government and local authorities in the North West to engage with the voluntary sector and provide any additional support to help voluntary organisations meet the demand for their services and to put in place measures to ensure the voluntary sector in the North West can grow and flourish for the benefit of all those in the North West, particularly those in greatest need.

**1012 SURGEONS' WORKING HOURS****4:3:10**

Martin Horwood  
Dr Richard Taylor  
Mr David Drew  
Mr Richard Bacon  
Peter Bottomley  
Andrew George

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John Hemming

That this House calls for the removal of the constraints on surgeons' working hours to a maximum of 48 hours per week imposed by the European Working Time Directive; notes the findings of a recent survey by the Royal College of Surgeons which shows that with current staffing levels it is impossible to implement a 48 hour working week and maintain good service delivery and that the new hours have led to an increase in handovers with doctors unable to follow their patient throughout surgical treatment and that the shift system for a 48 hour working week is significantly more tiring than the on-call system it replaced; and calls for an opt-out of the European Working Time Directive for surgeons and for surgeons in training to allow them to extend their working hours to a maximum of 65 hours per week, with appropriate rest breaks, so that hospitals are safely staffed to provide high quality care and continuity of care for all patients.

**1014 US ADMINISTRATION AND THE FALKLAND ISLANDS****4:3:10**

Mr Nigel Evans  
Mr James Gray  
Mr Roger Godsiff  
Dr William McCrea  
John Hemming

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That this House deprecates the US administration for its lack of support for the position of the Government regarding the sovereignty of the Falkland Islands; notes Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's comments in her address to L'Ecole Militaire in Paris in January, in which she referred to the 'cornerstone of security' as being 'the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all states'; believes that mediation is unnecessary as long as Falkland Islanders wish to remain British; and calls on Secretary of State Clinton and the US administration to dismiss the option of mediation and to respect the right of the people of the Falkland Islands to assert their sovereignty.

**1015 GMB UNION AND SAFEGUARD CAMPAIGN****4:3:10**

Natascha Engel  
Peter Bottomley  
Bob Russell  
Mr Andrew Dismore [R]  
Jeremy Corbyn  
Mr David Drew

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Ms Katy Clark

John Hemming

That this House congratulates the GMB union on the launch of its national SafeGuard campaign to protect security guards from the risk of abuse and violence; notes that GMB members working as security guards report an increase in the number of violent attacks that they experience whilst going about their duties at work; further notes that no information is collected by the industry or its trade association, the British Security Industry Association, on the number of attacks against security officers; further notes with concern that many security officers injured in attacks receive no sick pay, counselling or welfare support from their employers; believes that security officers attacked on duty should not suffer financially, and urges employers in the security industry to implement sick pay and injury on duty schemes; and calls on all companies in the security industry, clients using the services of security companies, security industry trade associations, hon. Members, the Government, local authorities and others to sign up to and endorse GMB's SafeGuard Charter, and thus commit to taking action to reduce the number of attacks on security officers, to improve training and terms and conditions of employment in the security industry, and to ensure that security officers are treated with dignity and respect.

[R] *Relevant interest declared*

**1016 SET FOR BRITAIN 2010 CAMPAIGN****4:3:10**

Dr Doug Naysmith  
Dr Brian Iddon  
Mr Phil Willis  
Dr Evan Harris  
Mr Tim Boswell  
Mr Ian Taylor

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John Hemming

That this House greatly welcomes the special scientific exhibition entitled SET for BRITAIN to be held in the Palace of Westminster on 8 March 2010 as a contribution to this year's National Science and Engineering Week; notes that this event in the Terrace Marquee is designed to strengthen the dialogue between Parliament and the science and engineering community; further notes that there will be three consecutive sessions incorporating a total of 180 scientific posters by early-stage and early-career researchers covering the physical sciences, chemistry and physics, engineering, and the biological and biomedical sciences; further notes that prizes will be awarded to those posters judged the best in each scientific discipline; encourages all right hon. and hon. Members to visit this exhibition to see at first hand the outstandingly high quality of research being carried out in UK universities; pays tribute to the late Dr Eric Wharton who founded this event a decade ago; greatly welcomes the co-operation in organising SET for BRITAIN of the Parliamentary and Scientific Committee, the Royal Society of Chemistry, the Royal Academy of Engineering, the Institute of Physics, the Society of Biology and others; and further notes that the success of the UK, in the competitive knowledge economy of the 21st century will depend on its world-class scientific and engineering expertise.



**1017 COMMONWEALTH DAY 2010 AND THE 59th ANNUAL CPA WESTMINSTER SEMINAR** **4:3:10**

John Austin  
Mr Nigel Evans  
Lembit Öpik  
Andrew Rosindell  
Mr Lindsay Hoyle  
Mr Paul Keetch

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John Hemming

That this House commends the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) UK Branch in bringing together right hon. and hon. Members, Clerks and Serjeants at Arms from across the Commonwealth and beyond to mark both Commonwealth Day and International Women's Day on 8 March 2010; celebrates the achievements of women to date and encourages the further empowerment of women in the 21st century; recognises the importance and need for debate, international parliamentary outreach, capacity building and parliamentary strengthening; and praises the CPA UK 59th Westminster Seminar on Parliamentary Practice and Procedures on 8 to 19 March 2010 as a benchmark forum for interaction between right hon. and hon. Members and parliamentary staff, strengthening relations between parliaments and learning from each other.

**1018 ADDITIONAL STATE PENSION (No. 2)****4:3:10**

Mr Mike Weir  
John Mason  
Peter Bottomley  
Jeremy Corbyn  
Mr David Drew  
Kelvin Hopkins

★ 20

Mr Angus MacNeil          John Hemming

That this House notes that whilst the basic state pension is being increased by 2.5 per cent. in April 2010 additional state pensions are being frozen; further notes that State Pension Information Booklet BR33 sets out the situation when a pensioner defers taking their basic state pension and states categorically 'When your state pension increases every April, your extra state pension will increase as well'; further notes that many pensioners deferred taking their pension on this assurance; believes that by failing to increase the additional state pension the Government has broken this assurance to pensioners; and calls upon the Government to honour its commitment and increase the additional pension along with the basic state pension.

**1019 FAMINE AID TO ETHIOPIA****4:3:10**

Harry Cohen  
Jeremy Corbyn  
Mr David Drew  
Andrew George  
Mr Robert N. Wareing  
Dr Rudi Vis

★ 20

John Hemming

That this House notes the report by Martin Plant, Africa Editor for the BBC World Service, that aid money including that raised from the Live Aid concerts, to combat widespread famine in Ethiopia in 1984-85 was siphoned off by rebels to buy weapons; that, because the then Soviet Union supported the Ethiopian government, the United States under President Reagan issued its National Security Directive 75 which declared that 'US policy will seek to limit and destabilise activities of Soviet Third World allies and clients', and that from this the BBC report concludes that 'the suggestion cannot be ruled out that the CIA not only knew about, but supported, the diversion of aid fund'; and considers that, if this were the case, it was a monstrous act by the then US authorities, betraying the trust and generosity of the millions of people who supported the aid effort, and resulting in the deaths of Ethiopian famine victims who could, with the proper application of those funds, have been saved.

**1020 BIRTH DEFECTS IN FALLUJAH****4:3:10**

Harry Cohen  
 Jeremy Corbyn  
 Mr David Drew  
 Andrew George  
 Kelvin Hopkins  
 Mr Robert N. Wareing

★ 21

Ms Katy Clark                      John Hemming

That this House notes the deeply disturbing report of BBC correspondent John Simpson indicating the high numbers of children being born with serious defects in the Iraqi town of Fallujah; further notes that the report says that those born with congenital heart defects is 13 times the rate found in Europe, that other babies have been born with limb loss or distortion, paralysis or brain damage, and that officials in the town have warned women that they should not have babies; further notes that during the US onslaught on Fallujah, white phosphorus and depleted uranium weapons were amongst those used, and also that after the fighting was over, rubble from the town was bulldozed into the river, polluting water supplies; further notes that there has not been a proper independent inquiry by medical experts to establish the cause of these birth defects; and considers that this consequence of this US military action makes it a human rights atrocity.

As Amendments to Harry Cohen's proposed Motion (Birth Defects in Fallujah):

Bob Spink

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Line 6, after second 'that', insert 'Saddam Hussein used chemical weapons in this area, and that'. **8:3:10** (a1)

Bob Spink

★ 1

Line 10, leave out from 'defects;' to end. **8:3:10** (a2)

**1021 NATIONAL MANUFACTURING WEEK, 1-5 MARCH 2010****4:3:10**

Mr Michael Moore  
 Sir Menzies Campbell  
 Willie Rennie  
 Paul Rowen  
 Paul Holmes  
 Jenny Willott

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John Hemming

That this House welcomes National Manufacturing Week organised by the Engineering Employers Federation, which begins on 1 March 2010; appreciates the importance of British manufacturers in establishing a healthy and sustainable economy; notes that UK manufacturing currently accounts for 2.5 million jobs and 50 per cent. of British exports; further notes that despite an extension of the Enterprise Finance Guarantee to 31 March 2011, many small UK businesses are still not getting the support they need; recognises the potential that UK manufacturing holds in finding solutions to future challenges faced all over the world; and urges the Government to invest in long-term sustainability of the UK economy by supporting British manufacturers through this difficult economic climate.

**1022 LIVES ON THE LINE CAMPAIGN****4:3:10**

Bob Russell  
 Robert Key  
 Mr George Howarth  
 Mr Andrew Dismore  
 Peter Bottomley  
 Mr David Drew

Mr Robert Walter  
 Keith Vaz  
 Mr Michael Mates

John Thurso  
 John Hemming  
 Mr Roger Williams

Mr Adam Holloway

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That this House recognises the bravery, dedication and sacrifice of members of the armed forces in Afghanistan and Iraq; applauds the recent review and enhancement of the Armed Forces' Compensation Scheme; and calls on the Government to amend the qualifying date of 6 April 2005 to 1 January 2001, which marks the beginning of the war on terror, that ensures equality of treatment for personnel injured in Iraq and Afghanistan and thereby honours its duty of care to this loyal and dignified group of service men and women and their families.

**1023 WELFARE OF HAYTHAM AL-MALEH IN SYRIA****4:3:10**

Ann Clwyd  
 Jeremy Corbyn  
 Dr Phyllis Starkey  
 Tom Brake  
 Ms Diane Abbott  
 Kelvin Hopkins

Ms Katy Clark

John Hemming

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That this House is extremely concerned by reports that Amnesty prisoner-of-conscience Haytham Al-Maleh has become seriously ill since being denied appropriate medication for his chronic medical conditions; believes that Mr Al-Maleh, a prominent lawyer, human rights activist and former President of the Syrian Human Rights Society, has again been imprisoned because of his defence of human rights in Syria; recalls his defence of Mr Mamoun Al-Homsi and Mr Riad Seef, both former Syrian members of parliament, whose cases were taken up by the Inter-Parliamentary Union's Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians; and asks the international community to urge the Syrian government to release Mr Al-Maleh or at least to allow him to receive the medical treatment he requires as a matter of urgency and to significantly improve his conditions of detention.

**1024 BBC ASIAN NETWORK****4:3:10**

Keith Vaz  
 Mr Andrew Dismore  
 Peter Bottomley  
 Jeremy Corbyn  
 Mr David Drew  
 Kelvin Hopkins

Ms Katy Clark

John Hemming

★ 19

That this House notes with great concern the BBC's plan to close the digital radio station BBC Asian Network; supports the station's unique position at the heart of the Asian community since it began in the Midlands in 1988; congratulates the station on its role as a media space for British, Asian content and culture and as a bridge between Asian youth and the mainstream BBC; further notes that the BBC has a responsibility to give a platform to minority interests and to reach wider audiences; and calls on the Government to support and encourage the national role of the BBC Asian Network as a platform for British Asian culture to further develop and grow.

**1026** *KING'S COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF BYZANTINE AND MODERN GREEK STUDIES* **5:3:10**

Mr Andrew Dismore  
Bob Spink  
Kelvin Hopkins  
Graham Stringer  
Dr Rudi Vis  
Mr Alan Meale

★ 17

Ms Katy Clark

That this House expresses its concern over the proposals of King's College, London to close down its Department of Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies; notes that this department, though small, has a world class reputation for its teaching and research; is concerned that leading academics will not be redeployed, but are being invited to accept redundancy; and urges the Principal of King's and the Dean of Humanities to reconsider this proposal, to allow this important teaching and research department to continue to maintain and build on its excellent standards and achievements.

**1029** *MICHAEL FOOT (No. 2)* **8:3:10**

Tony Lloyd  
Mr Don Touhig  
Mrs Ann Cryer  
Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods  
Clive Efford  
Jim Sheridan

★ 39

Ms Katy Clark

Mr Angus MacNeil

That this House notes with sadness the passing of Michael Foot, the former hon. Member for Plymouth, Devonport and right hon. Member for Ebbw Vale and Blaenau Gwent; regards him as one of the outstanding parliamentarians of his era; and calls on the House authorities to find a way to recognise the enormous contribution of this extraordinary parliamentarian.

**1030** *FALKLAND ISLANDS* **8:3:10**

Sammy Wilson  
Mr Nigel Evans  
Mr Lindsay Hoyle  
Bob Spink  
Peter Bottomley  
Sir Nicholas Winterton

★ 17

Mrs Janet Dean

That this House reaffirms its commitment to the right of self-determination for the people of the Falkland Islands.

**1031** *ELECTORAL COMMISSION POWERS* **8:3:10**

Mr Gordon Prentice  
Mr David Drew  
Graham Stringer  
Alan Simpson  
Mr Andrew Dismore  
Mrs Ann Cryer

★ 18

Mrs Janet Dean

Ms Katy Clark

That this House deeply regrets that various officers and staff of the Conservative Party refused to attend interviews with the Electoral Commission when requested; believes the investigation into Bearwood Corporate Services Ltd suffered as a result; and further believes the Electoral Commission requires additional powers to compel the attendance of people at interviews held in connection with its investigations into possible breaches of electoral law.

1033 *DISMISSAL OF THAI RAILWAY WORKERS*

8:3:10

Kelvin Hopkins  
Bob Russell  
Mr David Drew  
Peter Bottomley  
Mr Alan Meale  
Dr Rudi Vis

★ 20

Ms Katy Clark

Mr Angus MacNeil

That this House condemns the unfair dismissal of six union officials from the Hat Yai branch of the State Railway Workers' Union of Thailand for taking part in national industrial action amid concerns about both the health and safety record and the anti-union practices of the Thailand Railways Board (SRT); notes that a delegation from the International Transport Workers' Federation visited that country in January 2010 to investigate the case and recommend that the management reinstate the dismissed workers, stop further victimisation of union officials, drop the lawsuit for damages filed against the union and build a new safety culture in the Thai railways with the workers and the union where whistle-blowers are not penalised; and calls on the Government to make the strongest possible representations to the Thai government on this matter.

1035 *SUPERMARKET OMBUDSMAN AND DAIRY FARMERS*

8:3:10

Mr Elfyn Llwyd  
Hywel Williams  
Adam Price  
Mr David Drew  
Peter Bottomley  
Mr Lindsay Hoyle

★ 21

Mrs Janet Dean                      Ms Katy Clark

That this House welcomes the announcement of the introduction of a supermarket ombudsman as called for by the Competition Commission report of August 2009; notes that 75 per cent. of UK grocery sales are from supermarkets; further notes that the amount of money that dairy farmers receive for their milk from the supermarkets often does not cover the cost of production; also notes that the price farmers get for a pint of milk has fallen in real terms whilst their costs of producing milk continue to increase, and that England and Wales are losing 10 dairy production holdings a week; believes that this is putting the Welsh dairy industry at risk as well as the viability and sustainability of Wales' rural communities, including the care of the countryside and wildlife; and calls for the supermarket ombudsman to be formed as soon as practicable and for its responsibility to include ensuring a fair price and a fair and level playing field for dairy farmers against the purchasing power and market share of supermarkets.

As Amendments to Mr Elfyn Llwyd's proposed Motion (Supermarket Ombudsman and Dairy Farmers):

Andrew George  
Mr Colin Breed

★ 2

Line 2, leave out 'August 2009' and insert 'April 2008'.                      9:3:10 (a1)

Mr Roger Williams  
Mark Williams

★ 2

Line 9, after 'wildlife;', insert 'further welcomes the Grocery Market Ombudsman Bill introduced by the hon. Member for Ynys Môn and calls on the Government to use the Bill as the basis for a new supermarket ombudsman; congratulates those parties who were represented in the House on the day of the second reading of this important Bill;'

10:3:10 (a3)

Andrew George  
Mr Colin Breed

★ 2

Line 11, leave out from 'ensuring' to 'for' and insert 'fair dealing'.                      9:3:10 (a2)

**1036** *WIND TURBINES AND THE COMMUNITIES FUND***8:3:10**

Mr Elfyn Llwyd  
Hywel Williams  
Adam Price  
Alan Simpson  
Jeremy Corbyn  
Mr Robert N. Wareing

★ 8

Mrs Ann Cryer

That this House notes the ongoing discussions between Conwy County Borough Council and npower Renewables regarding the amount of money to be contributed to the Communities Fund as a result of the construction of the Gwynt y Môr field of wind turbines close to the North Wales coast; further notes that similar discussions are ongoing around the United Kingdom; expresses concern that the bargaining ability of local authorities and communities is dependent upon the stage of the planning process at which negotiations are taking place; finds it unfair that international companies can benefit from prolonged discussions over planning issues and find themselves in a stronger bargaining position so that they pay a reduced contribution to the Communities Fund; and calls for an investigation which will make recommendations on the best way to ensure a just and equitable system that will assist local authorities and communities in getting the best possible deal from such negotiations so that communities can have the best opportunity of addressing the negative impacts such projects can have on an area and its local tourism industries.

**1037** *LARGE-SCALE DAIRY UNITS***8:3:10**

Mr Eric Martlew  
Bob Russell  
Mr David Drew  
Mr Alan Meale  
Dr Rudi Vis  
Mr Mike Hancock

★ 17

Mrs Janet Dean

That this House is firmly opposed to the proposed dairy unit in Lincolnshire housing up to 8,100 cows that will be kept indoors for most of the year; notes that the cows are likely to produce extremely high milk yields; further notes that the key finding of a 2009 scientific opinion by the European Food Safety Authority is that breeding for high milk yield is the major factor causing poor welfare to cows; believes that cows should be farmed in pasture-based systems as these enable them to express natural behaviours and are associated with lower levels of lameness; further believes that the proposed unit is taking UK dairy farming in the wrong direction and that the way forward lies in the use of healthy robust herds with lower milk yields but higher net margins for farmers due to lower culling rates, lower heifer replacement costs and higher sale prices for their calves and cull cows; and urges retailers and producers of dairy products not to source milk from such large-scale intensive dairy units where cows receive only minimal grazing.

1038 *UNITE'S NOT-FOR-PROFIT CAMPAIGN*

8:3:10

Jim Dobbin  
Ian Stewart  
Mr Dai Havard  
Mr Lindsay Hoyle  
Mr David Crausby  
Jim Sheridan

★ 39

Mrs Janet Dean

Mr Dai Davies

Ms Katy Clark

That this House recognises that the workforce in the not-for-profit sector plays a vital role in the delivery of services; believes that it is highly dedicated to the quality of care and provision for users and that its skills and professionalism must not be undermined by the decisions of commissioners; further believes that poor contracts are causing excessive overtime in order to maintain services, resulting in high levels of stress, family breakdown, ill health and a poor working environment, including workplace bullying and a lack of attention to duty of care; further believes that short term funding only leads to job insecurity, poor pension opportunities and the inability to plan and to be strategic; further believes that cuts in funding have led to a poorly trained and developed workforce; congratulates Unite on its campaign to ensure that the needs of the not-for-profit workforce are not forgotten; and calls on the Government, local authorities and other funders to ensure that contracts are properly funded on the principle of best value and not low cost, to ensure that the funding period is extended to between five and 10 years, and to take urgent measures to support the workforce.

1040 *UPRATING OF STATE EARNINGS-RELATED PENSIONS*

8:3:10

Mr Lindsay Hoyle  
Mr David Crausby  
Jim Dobbin  
Mr Neil Gerrard  
Bob Spink  
Dr Brian Iddon

★ 32

Mr Dai Davies

Ms Katy Clark

John Hemming

That this House supports measures introduced for the support of pensioners; welcomes the impact that the 2010 pensions uprating will have of adding 2.5 per cent. to the basic pension; expresses its concern however, about the decision to freeze state earnings-related pensions; calls on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to use the Budget statement to ensure that the 2.5 per cent. uprating also applies to state earnings-related pensions; and believes that such a move would be widely welcomed and that it would further demonstrate the Government's continued commitment to providing support to pensioners.



**1041** *MANDATORY STANDARDS FOR THE QUALITY OF FOOD SERVED IN NURSERIES* **9:3:10**

Joan Walley  
Helen Southworth  
Annette Brooke  
Bob Russell  
Dr Doug Naysmith  
Ms Diane Abbott

★ 30

Mrs Janet Dean  
Ms Katy Clark

Mr Angus MacNeil  
Mr Robert Syme

That this House is aware that the younger the child, the more vulnerable their health to the effects of poor quality food and nutrition; is alarmed that more than one in every five children starts school already overweight or obese and that this makes them more likely to suffer from serious health problems later in life; notes that existing regulation for food served in early years daycare is inadequate and does not prohibit the serving of foods high in salt, fat, sugar and artificial additives that are prohibited or restricted in primary and secondary schools; is concerned that nursery catering staff are not required to undertake training in nutrition; and calls on the Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families to follow the Soil Association's Better Nursery Food Now campaign recommendations to implement mandatory standards for the quality of food served in all nurseries.

**1042** *MUTUALS MANIFESTO* **9:3:10**

Mr Adrian Bailey  
Peter Bottomley  
Bob Russell  
Andrew George  
Mark Durkan  
Dr Brian Iddon

★ 26

Ms Katy Clark

John Hemming

Mrs Ann Cryer

That this House welcomes the publication of the Mutuals Manifesto; supports the Manifesto's commitment to more businesses belonging to their customers, more community-led public services and more employee-owned firms; further notes that the nature of the recession has raised fundamental questions about how businesses are owned and the economy is structured; and calls on the Government to support and encourage the mutual sector and the aims of the Manifesto.

1044 *CONTROL ORDERS*

9:3:10

Ms Diane Abbott  
 Peter Bottomley  
 Mark Durkan  
 Mr David Drew  
 David Lepper  
 Keith Vaz

★ 10

Mr Dai Davies

Ms Katy Clark

That this House regrets the decision to renew control orders for another year; further regrets that this is the fifth year running in which this policy has been renewed; notes that control orders have been revealed as ineffective and contrary to fundamental principles of law; further notes with concern the comments made by Lord Carlile calling for the establishment of control orders permanently in statute through the ‘consensus and consolidation’ of counter-terrorism legislation; further notes that the use of control orders was also criticised by the European Commissioner on Human Rights, the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and the Home Affairs Select Committee; and urges the removal of control orders and not their consolidation in law.

As an Amendment to Ms Diane Abbott’s proposed Motion (Control Orders):

Mr Andrew Dismore

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Line 8, after ‘Torture’, insert ‘, the Joint Committee on Human Rights’.

10:3:10 (a1)

1045 *EARTH HOUR 2010 CAMPAIGN AND THE PALACE OF WESTMINSTER*

9:3:10

Dan Rogerson  
 Mr Peter Ainsworth  
 Mr Lee Scott  
 Bob Spink  
 Mr Lindsay Hoyle  
 Bob Russell

★ 57

Mrs Janet Dean  
 Miss Anne Begg  
 Matthew Taylor  
 Mr Dai Davies  
 Sir Menzies Campbell  
 Mr Fraser Kemp  
 Willie Rennie

Mr Alex Salmond  
 Annette Brooke  
 Ms Katy Clark  
 Derek Twigg  
 Mr Mike Weir  
 John Hemming  
 Ms Gisela Stuart

Tim Farron  
 Mr Roger Williams  
 Mr Robert Syms  
 Malcolm Bruce  
 Mrs Ann Cryer  
 Mr Jim Cunningham

That this House supports WWF’s Earth Hour 2010; notes the event’s record of persuading one billion people worldwide to sign up to switch off their lights for an hour at 8.30 pm on 27 March 2010; congratulates those individuals, organisations, businesses and local authorities which have already pledged to take part; further notes that many British landmarks, including Canary Wharf, Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square and the London Eye will switch their lights off; and calls on the House authorities to ensure that the Palace of Westminster and all other buildings on the Parliamentary estate take part by switching off external floodlights and non-essential internal lighting.

**1046 60th ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN WAR****9:3:10**

Mark Pritchard  
Mr Simon Burns  
Mr John Hayes  
Mr Ben Wallace  
Mr Lee Scott  
Bob Spink

★ 19

Mrs Janet Dean                      Ann Winterton  
Sir Nicholas Winterton          Mr Angus MacNeil

That this House in the year of the 60th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War salutes the courage of all those who fought against the communist-backed forces of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea; recognises in particular the sacrificial deaths and injuries of Her Majesty's brave armed forces and those of Commonwealth and United Nations allies; and calls on the Government to ensure that an appropriate national commemoration, fully involving British Korean veterans, be held in memory of all those who gave so much in the cause of freedom and liberty.

**1048 GREAT BRITISH ELM EXPERIMENT CAMPAIGN****9:3:10**

Bob Russell  
Peter Bottomley  
Andrew George  
Mr David Drew  
Mr Andrew Dismore  
Keith Vaz

★ 17

Mr Dai Davies                      Mrs Ann Cryer

That this House congratulates the Conservation Foundation on launching the Great British Elm Experiment which is an inspirational project aimed at restoring elm trees to the British landscape which from the late 1960s onwards witnessed the loss of an estimated 25 million elm trees destroyed by Dutch elm disease, leaving little more than 200 survivors according to research undertaken by the Natural History Museum; welcomes the involvement of 250 schools across Britain which have planted cuttings taken from some of the few mature trees that survived, from Hampshire, Norfolk and Cambridgeshire; further welcomes the announcement by the Conservation Foundation that in the coming years it intends to provide thousands more saplings which it will propagate; notes that this process will take decades but hopes that future generations will be able to enjoy the British landscape immortalised by the paintings of John Constable and the evocative lines of John Betjeman; and calls on the Government, across departments, to encourage the planting of elm trees, of which there are 40 different varieties, on land which it owns and also on other public bodies and land-owners to do the same.

**1049 PAY OF SENIOR LOCAL AUTHORITY OFFICERS****9:3:10**

Bob Spink  
Dr Brian Iddon  
Mr Gregory Campbell  
Mr David Drew  
Mr Andrew Dismore  
Mr Ronnie Campbell

★ 9

Mark Durkan                      Mrs Ann Cryer

That this House notes that while public sector workers face redundancy and low pay, council bosses have continued to increase their own pay by 15 per cent. on average since 2007-08; believes that this is selfish and irresponsible; further notes that the council bosses refuse to publish their publicly funded pay packages because of fear of public anger against them; congratulates the Government for forcing publication of top council bosses' pay from 1 April 2010, because people have a right to know; and calls on the Government and the Opposition to publish in their election manifestos further measures to curb council bosses' excessive pay, including severance pay.

**1050 ROAD SURFACE TREATMENTS****9:3:10**

Mr Lindsay Hoyle  
Mr David Crausby  
Jim Dobbin  
Peter Bottomley  
Andrew George  
Dr Brian Iddon

★ 23

Sir Nicholas Winterton  
Robert Key

Mark Durkan  
Mr Angus MacNeil

Mr Roger Williams  
Mrs Ann Cryer

That this House notes with concern that less than 10 per cent. of the £46 billion tax collected each year from motorists is used to maintain Britain's crumbling roads; further notes that following bad weather this winter, areas all over the country have seen an unprecedented increase in potholes, resulting in a 30 per cent. increase in motor claims; is alarmed by reports that the poor state of the local road network is costing the national economy some £20 billion every year and costs councils an annual £53 million in compensation claims; calls on the Government to recognise that the national economy, local highway budgets and motorists' wallets would all benefit from regular road maintenance rather than emergency repairs; and further calls on the Government to allocate more money to planned highway maintenance as a matter of urgency, rather than waiting for the next bout of bad weather.

**1051 NEIGHBOURHOOD AND HOME WATCH****9:3:10**

Mr Lindsay Hoyle  
Mr David Crausby  
Jim Dobbin  
Mr Nigel Evans  
Bob Russell  
Peter Bottomley

★ 27

Mrs Janet Dean

Sir Nicholas Winterton

Mrs Ann Cryer

That this House commends the aims and achievements of Neighbourhood and Home Watch; notes that it is the biggest and most successful community-run crime prevention scheme; supports the ethos of the scheme which encourages neighbourhood cohesion and community spirit; further notes the valuable outcomes of local schemes such as the reduction of crime and disorder and promotion of better crime prevention and home security; welcomes the partnerships of local police forces with neighbourhood and home watch schemes; further notes the support given to the schemes by the Home Office by their promotion of the movement in England and Wales and the range of free publicity materials; calls on the Government to continue to recognise the value of Neighbourhood and Home Watch schemes; and, most importantly, thanks all volunteers nationwide who spend their time organising and contributing to successful schemes.

**1052 JUSTIFICATION PROCESS FOR NEW NUCLEAR REACTORS****9:3:10**

Simon Hughes  
Mr Michael Meacher  
Mr Mike Weir  
Alan Simpson  
Martin Horwood  
Mark Durkan

Mr Dai Davies  
Jenny Willott  
Annette Brooke

Mr Angus MacNeil  
Andrew George  
John Hemming

Mrs Ann Cryer

★ 20

That this House notes that the justification process, which is a high level assessment of the benefits of building new nuclear power stations in relation to their health implications, is a legal obligation which must be completed by the Government before new nuclear power plants can be built; notes also that the justification process is a key part of the international system for attempting to ensure the safety of nuclear power; is extremely concerned that no satisfactory arrangements have been made for the safe disposal of nuclear waste in the UK and that justification is going ahead before new-design reactors have been approved by UK regulators; expresses further concern that there will be no parliamentary scrutiny of justification until after any decision to justify is made; believes that the justification of new nuclear reactors should be made in a transparent way in order to ensure maximum public understanding; and therefore calls on the Government to hold an independent inquiry into the case for justification, as permitted by existing regulations.

**1053 RANK AND PENSION OF SOLDIERS KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE 10:3:10**

Mr Austin Mitchell  
Shona McIsaac  
Mr Ian Cawsey  
Bob Spink  
Paul Holmes  
Peter Bottomley

Mr Angus MacNeil

Roger Berry

Mrs Ann Cryer

★ 9

That this House, convinced that the courage and devotion to duty of members of the British armed forces who are killed while on active service for their country should be recognised and rewarded in every possible way, particularly by the pensions and help given to the families they leave behind, recommends that the Ministry of Defence's rule providing that pensions on promotion are payable only after the role for the new rank has been held for a year should be revoked for those killed in the service of their country, so that their families are paid the rate appropriate to the rank held at the time of death; and considers that the family of Sergeant Matthew Telford of Grimsby, promoted to the rank in June 2009 but killed by an assassin in Afghanistan in November of that year, along with Guardsman Jimmy Major of Cleethorpes and three other soldiers, should be paid the full pension appropriate to the rank he was proud to honour at the time of his death.

**1055 SHAREHOLDER RESOLUTIONS ON TAR SANDS****10:3:10**

Martin Horwood  
Mr David Drew  
Mr Peter Ainsworth  
Norman Baker  
Alan Simpson  
Colin Challen

★ 11

Mark Durkan                      John Hemming  
Andrew George                  Mrs Ann Cryer

That this House notes that the extraction of tar sands produces on average three times the greenhouse gases of conventional oil, as well as causing deforestation and pollution which threatens the lives and livelihoods of indigenous communities; further notes the increasing concern among investors that tar sands investments are financially as well as environmentally unsustainable; believes that the continued expansion of tar sands extraction is incompatible with the emissions reductions needed to avoid catastrophic climate change; and therefore expresses the hope that the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund will vote in favour of shareholder resolutions requiring BP and Shell to report on the investment risks associated with their tar sands projects.

**1056 GRADUATED DRIVER LICENSING****10:3:10**

Mr Roger Williams  
Mark Williams  
Mark Durkan

★ 3

That this House recognises that the number of road traffic accidents involving young people has increased over recent years; notes that the introduction of graduated driver licences in New Zealand, Australia, Canada, the US and some European countries has reduced the number of deaths and injuries associated with young drivers; acknowledges that the introduction of these schemes has proved popular with many young drivers in other countries by giving them a sense of empowerment and confidence in their driving ability; further notes that the introduction of a similar scheme in the UK would lead to a reduction in the number of people killed on British roads, particularly young people; understands that the introduction of a scheme could result in an estimated 15 fewer deaths, 1,000 fewer casualties and an annual saving to the economy of £56 million in Wales alone; and calls on the Department for Transport to look at ways in which a pilot scheme could be introduced in Britain to determine the impact it would have on road safety.

**1057 FOOD WASTE****10:3:10**

Mr Roger Williams  
Mark Williams  
Peter Bottomley  
Mr Adrian Sanders  
Mark Durkan  
Mr David Drew

★ 7

Andrew George

That this House recognises that the issue of food waste has still not been properly addressed; notes that too much food is sent to landfill or composting; and calls on the Government to require all large food retailers and manufacturers to report the tonnage of food waste from their businesses on at least an annual basis in order to improve transparency and to encourage businesses to compete with each other based on their environmental credentials.

**1060** *CIVIL SERVICE COMPENSATION SCHEME (No. 2)***10:3:10**

Jenny Willott  
Andrew George

★ 2

That this House believes that the Civil Service Compensation Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2010, which was laid before this House on 5 February 2010, does not properly reflect schemes available to other public sector workers, particularly with regard to the rights of workers made redundant within five years of being eligible for the state pension; is nevertheless concerned by the decision by the Public and Commercial Services Union to hold strike action; and calls on the Government to reconsider these proposals in discussion with the relevant unions.

**1061** *LEICESTER HOSPITALS WARD CLOSURES***10:3:10**

Keith Vaz  
Mrs Ann Cryer

★ 2

That this House notes with concern that nine wards are due to close at Leicester hospitals; believes that two wards will merge at the beginning of April 2010 at Leicester General Hospital, with the following wards closing shortly after; is further concerned that the capacity and ability to deal with patients may be affected negatively by the removal of approximately 250 beds; recognises that much of the Leicester East and wider Leicester community utilise Leicester General Hospital's wards; and calls on the Secretary of State for Health to ensure that the importance of high standards of hospital care is taken into account when deciding how best to adapt to the needs of patients.

**1063** *INDEPENDENT INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON DECOMMISSIONING***10:3:10**

Mr Paul Murphy  
Mark Durkan  
Mr Michael Mates  
Mr Don Touhig  
Dr Kim Howells  
Dr Hywel Francis

★ 9

Mr David Drew                      Mrs Ann Cryer

That this House congratulates the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning and its Chairman, General John de Chastelain, on its role over the last 12 years; notes that it successfully facilitated the decommissioning of arsenals of the Provisional IRA, the UDA, the UVF, INLA and the Official IRA; and praises its immense contribution to peace in Northern Ireland.

1064 *WORLD KIDNEY DAY 2010*

10:3:10

Dr Evan Harris  
Mrs Janet Dean  
Mark Durkan  
Ms Katy Clark  
Mr Lee Scott  
Mr David Drew

★ 8

Andrew George

Mrs Ann Cryer

That this House welcomes World Kidney Day 2010 which raises awareness of kidney disease among the general population and seeks to publicise the link between kidney disease and diabetes; is alarmed that kidney disease is common and increasing; notes that diabetic kidney disease remains the single most common cause of renal failure; further notes that kidney failure and diabetes can lead to an elevated risk of heart disease; further welcomes the introduction of the NHS Health Check which supports the early detection of kidney disease; urges the Government to build upon these measures through a public health campaign highlighting the importance of kidneys; applauds the efforts of kidney patients, their families and friends, clinicians and healthcare professionals who have worked hard to highlight the issues associated with kidney disease and spread the important message of World Kidney Day; expresses its concern that an estimated 13,000 people die from kidney disease annually in this country; further notes that in the UK the number of adults receiving dialysis treatment for kidney failure is increasing every year by eight per cent.; strongly believes that patient choice is the key to ensuring the best possible quality of life for patients; and calls on the Government to investigate ways by which to improve levels of patient choice in renal services.

1065 *CLINICAL PHYSIOLOGISTS*

10:3:10

Charlotte Atkins  
Mr David Blunkett  
Sandra Gidley  
Peter Bottomley  
Mr Robert Syms  
Mr David Amess

★ 10

Mark Durkan  
Mr David Drew

Andrew George  
Mrs Ann Cryer

That this House welcomes the valuable contribution that clinical physiologists make to patient care in the NHS; notes the importance of clinical physiologists in developing and delivering a wide range of sensitive diagnostic and therapeutic procedures directly to patients in the disciplines of audiology, cardiology, gastrointestinal physiology, neurophysiology and respiratory physiology; acknowledges the significant impact these procedures can have on patient safety if delivered by those unfit to practise; notes with concern that despite the Health Professions Council's recommendation in 2004 that clinical physiologists should be statutorily regulated, statutory regulation is still not in place; recognises the value of the current voluntary register which has been compiled and administered by the Registration Council for Clinical Physiologists, but believes that voluntary registration does not provide patients with enough protection against a small minority who are unfit to practise; welcomes the commitment by the Department of Health to have statutory regulation in place by 2011; and calls on the Department of Health, as well as its counterparts in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to ensure that there are no unnecessary delays in the process towards statutory regulation, particularly in the context of Modernising Scientific Careers and the ongoing revision of career and educational pathways for the wider healthcare science workforce which clinical physiologists are part of and in the context of protecting patient safety.



**1066** *TUBE LINES***10:3:10**

John McDonnell  
Jeremy Corbyn  
Kelvin Hopkins  
Mr David Drew  
Ms Katy Clark  
Mrs Ann Cryer

★ 6

That this House expresses its concern that the dispute between Transport for London, Tube Lines and the independent arbiter over the funding of the Tube network upgrades threatens to force Tube Lines to follow Metronet into administration as the public private partnership imposed by the Government descends further into chaos; and therefore calls on the Government to act to prevent any further instability in the funding of the upgrade of London Underground by bringing the Tube Lines contract back into the public sector.

**1067** *HARMONDSWORTH BARN***10:3:10**

John McDonnell  
Mrs Ann Cryer

★ 2

That this House wishes to place on record its appreciation of the work undertaken by English Heritage in co-operation with the Friends of Harmondsworth Barn in securing the immediate security and fabric of Harmondsworth Barn, one of the finest medieval barns in Europe, and in seeking to secure its long-term future.

**1068** *SCOTTISH GYPSY TRAVELLERS***10:3:10**

Ms Katy Clark  
Jeremy Corbyn  
John McDonnell  
Mr David Drew  
Ms Diane Abbott  
Mark Durkan

★ 8

Mr Angus MacNeil      Mrs Ann Cryer

That this House expresses deep concern over the continued discrimination and persecution suffered by Scottish Gypsy Travellers; notes the common heritage, culture, language and traditions of the Scottish Gypsy Traveller community; believes that discrimination against this community has no place in the United Kingdom in 2010; expresses further concern that the Scottish Parliament's Equal Opportunities Committee, the European Parliament Committee of Ministers and the UK Commission for Racial Equality have all identified a lack of legal protection for Scottish Gypsy Travellers; further notes with concern the fact that Scottish Gypsy Travellers are not one of the ethnic groups given protection under the provisions included in the Equality Bill; and calls on the Government to bring forward amendments to the Equality Bill to give Scottish Gypsy Travellers the same rights and protection as Romany Gypsies, Irish Travellers and other ethnic groups.

**1069 BASIC STATE PENSION AND THE LINK WITH EARNINGS****10:3:10**

Ms Katy Clark  
Jeremy Corbyn  
Kelvin Hopkins  
Mr David Drew  
John McDonnell  
Ms Diane Abbott

★ 8

Mark Durkan

Mrs Ann Cryer

That this House notes that the weekly basic state pension will rise to £97.65 in April 2010; recognises that if the link between pensions and earnings had not been broken in 1980 the basic state pension would now be £158.60; further notes that this is below the official poverty level of 60 per cent. or less of the average UK household income, estimated at £165 a week in 2009; believes that the basic state pension should be increased to this level so that no pensioner lives in poverty; and further believes that pensioner income in excess of that level should be taxed as part of a progressive taxation system.

**1070 VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE AND THE ELECTORAL REGISTER 10:3:10**

Ms Katy Clark  
Jeremy Corbyn  
Kelvin Hopkins  
Mr David Drew  
John McDonnell  
Ms Diane Abbott

★ 8

Mark Durkan

Mrs Ann Cryer

That this House notes the vulnerability of victims of domestic abuse when registering to vote; further notes that full electoral registers are publicly available, causing a genuine threat to the safety of some women; further notes with concern that the current criteria for supporting evidence for anonymous registration applications restricts the number of vulnerable women able to register anonymously; believes that the criteria for qualified persons to provide attestation should be extended to include lawyers, doctors and women's aid workers; and calls on the Government to bring forward proposals to amend the Electoral Administration Act 2006 to strengthen the provision for anonymous registration.

**1071 ENDING OF ARMED FORCES PARLIAMENTARY SCHEME MEDALS,  
HONORARY RANK AND UNIFORMS****10:3:10**

Mr Elfyn Llwyd  
Hywel Williams  
Adam Price  
Andrew George

★ 4

That this House recognises the advantages and understanding of the work of the armed forces generated by the work of the Armed Forces Parliamentary Scheme, but calls for an immediate end to the practice of awarding medals, honorary rank and a uniform to hon. Members as part of this scheme; believes that these awards cheapen the real day-to-day experiences undergone by members of the armed forces; pays tribute to the bravery and heroism of the armed forces in difficult circumstances; and further recognises that these circumstances are often forced upon members of the armed forces as a result of political decisions made by hon. Members.

**1072 WORLD TUBERCULOSIS DAY****11:3:10**

Nick Herbert  
Julie Morgan  
Andrew George  
Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown  
Dr Doug Naysmith  
Mrs Ann Cryer

★ 9

Bob Russell

Mark Durkan

Mr Lee Scott

That this House recognises the importance of World Tuberculosis Day on 24 March 2010; notes with concern the continued rise in tuberculosis (TB) cases globally, resulting in nearly 5,000 deaths a day and the increase of TB in the UK, particularly among vulnerable, marginalised populations; further notes that TB-HIV co-infection and TB drug resistance is fuelling the epidemic; and calls on the Government to ensure the maximum effectiveness is achieved through its efforts in the UK and overseas to combat this preventable and curable disease.

**1073 BOATMASTER'S LICENCE REVIEW****11:3:10**

Mr Julian Brazier  
Andrew Mackinlay  
Sir Malcolm Rifkind  
Simon Hughes  
Justine Greening  
Derek Wyatt

★ 15

Mr David Evennett  
Angela Watkinson  
Robert Neill

Mr Mark Field  
Mr Greg Hands  
Mr Adam Holloway

Miss Ann Widdecombe  
Mr David Amess  
Hugh Robertson

That this House salutes the high level of skill and competence of River Thames Watermen holding boatmasters' licences plying their trade on one of Europe's most congested waterways; acknowledges that the river is unique in Europe as the conduit for a lethal cocktail of a large tonnage of goods and many frail pleasure craft; welcomes the opportunity through the current review to act upon concerns raised through the Transport Select Committee's investigation and from experiences of boatmasters nationally; is concerned that current proposals have not enjoyed the full consideration of stakeholders and would further reduce safety standards on the UK's inland waterways as experience requirements are proposed to be reduced by as much as 80 per cent.; requests that the Government fulfil assurances given in 2006 that there would be no watering down of safety standards; and calls on the Government to confirm the highest of standards for qualifying to command vessels on the tidal River Thames.

**1074 UN DECADE OF ACTION FOR ROAD SAFETY****11:3:10**

Mark Durkan  
Bob Russell

★ 2

That this House endorses the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety which is aimed at halving the projected increase in road deaths worldwide by 2020 and saving an estimated five million lives; notes the Commission for Global Road Safety's estimate that 1.3 million people will die on the world's roads in 2010 with about 40 times as many seriously injured; recognises that some 90 per cent. of such deaths and injuries will occur in developing countries in many of which death by traffic is a bigger killer than malaria or tuberculosis; deplores the human costs of preventable road carnage which far outweigh the impact of terrorism and regrets the economic costs and service pressures which it brings for many poor countries, estimated at between one and three per cent. of gross domestic product a year; supports the Decade of Action's call for government leadership and meaningful targets in respect of drink-driving, speed, seatbelt and safety helmet use, safer road design and planning, traffic management and vehicle regulation; calls for international donors to support a \$300 million action plan from the Make Roads Safe campaign; and welcomes Bloomberg Philanthropies' \$125 million contribution towards such a plan.

**1075 JOURNALISTS IN AFGHANISTAN****11:3:10**

Willie Rennie  
Bob Russell

★ 2

That this House condemns the decision by the Government to prevent British broadcasters and national newspapers from embedding reporters with military units in Afghanistan once the general election has been called; expresses dismay that the decision will effectively prevent journalists from reporting from the front line; notes with concern that Ministry of Defence websites will be prevented from publishing any non-factual material, including troops' opinions of the war or their success against the Taliban; further notes with concern that senior officers will also be forbidden from giving speeches or interviews; and calls on the Government to reverse its decision to limit journalistic access to the war in Afghanistan and allow for full and free reporting of the conflict.

**1076 ARTS COUNCIL NORTHERN IRELAND****11:3:10**

Janet Anderson  
Mr Neil Gerrard  
Lady Hermon  
Kelvin Hopkins  
John Austin  
John McDonnell

★ 8

Mr David Drew                      Harry Cohen

That this House notes that the Arts Council for Northern Ireland has been asked to plan for a budget cut of approximately £1.1 million in 2010-11 and that the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure, which is the Arts Council's parent department, is itself set to lose £25.9 million, making it in proportional terms the second hardest hit of Northern Ireland's government departments; is concerned that the anticipated financial cuts will cause irreparable damage to the sector, and consequently to the region's prosperity as a whole; regrets that as a direct result of decades of chronic under-funding, the arts infrastructure in Northern Ireland is extremely fragile and that the arts continue to be significantly under-funded on a per capita basis in Northern Ireland when compared with other regions of the United Kingdom; believes that the arts have an important role to play in building a new Northern Ireland and are part of a wider process of social, political and economic change; and therefore urges the Government to maintain essential funding for the arts as part of the broader agenda to strengthen the whole of the UK's competitive advantage in the creative industries.

**1077 BRITISH BEER AND PUB ASSOCIATION GUIDE AND BRITISH TOURISM WEEK 2010****11:3:10**

Greg Mulholland

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That this House praises the guide produced by the British Beer and Pub Association that suggests how pubs can get involved in British Tourism Week, which will take place between 15 and 21 March 2010; welcomes the opportunity for British pubs to boost trade and promote the virtues of the pub; notes the British Beer and Pub Association's suggestion to pubs to launch special events and menus to celebrate British Tourism Week; further welcomes the suggestion that hon. Members visit their local pubs for a day to attract further business for pubs during British Tourism Week; commends the British Beer and Pub Association statement that tourism in Britain just would not work without the great British pub; and encourages hon. Members to support their local pubs' participation in British Tourism Week.

**1078** *PLANNING AUTHORITIES (PROTECTION OF LOCAL SERVICES)**BILL***11:3:10**

Greg Mulholland  
Dr Desmond Turner  
Mr Nigel Evans

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That this House welcomes the Local Planning Authorities (Protection of Local Services) Bill introduced by a cross-party group of hon. Members in the last session; notes that the Bill made provision for local planning authorities to require planning permission prior to the demolition or change of use of any or all premises or land used or most recently used as a local service; further notes that this would help protect community amenities such as pubs and post offices; and therefore supports the provisions proposed in that Bill.