



House of Commons

Thursday 18 March 2010

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

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

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John Cummings Albert Owen
Lindsay Roy Mark Williams

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

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Lindsay Roy Albert Owen

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

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Lindsay Roy Albert Owen

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

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Albert Owen

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

★ 29

Mr Neil Gerrard

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
Tom Brake

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Line 2, leave out 'August 2009' and insert 'April 2008'.

9:3:10 (a1)

Mr Roger Williams
Mark Williams
Kelvin Hopkins

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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
Tom Brake

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Line 11, leave out from 'ensuring' to 'for' and insert 'fair dealing'.

9:3:10 (a2)

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

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Richard Burden	Dr John Pugh	Mr Clive Betts
Peter Bottomley	Mr Malcolm Moss	Mr Neil Gerrard
Ms Angela C. Smith	Albert Owen	Jim Dowd
(Sheffield, Hillsborough)	Hywel Williams	Mr Edward O'Hara

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

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John Cummings	Albert Owen	Mr Neil Gerrard
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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

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John Cummings

Lindsay Roy

Albert Owen

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

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Paul Rowen

Albert Owen

Mark Williams

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

★ 44

Albert Owen

Mr Edward Davey

That this House welcomes the publication of the Mutuels 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

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Mr Neil Gerrard

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
 Lynne Jones
 Mr Virendra Sharma
 Mark Lazarowicz

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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

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Tony Lloyd	Nia Griffith	Albert Owen
Sandra Gidley	Dr Howard Stoate	Hywel Williams
Richard Younger-Ross	Mr Tom Harris	Mr Edward Davey
Mike Wood	Lynne Featherstone	Mr Neil Gerrard
Julia Goldsworthy	Lindsay Roy	

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

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Mr Malcolm Moss Mr Edward Davey

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.

1047 *INDETERMINATE SENTENCES FOR PUBLIC PROTECTION***9:3:10**

Andrew Stunell
Peter Bottomley
Bob Spink
Bob Russell
Mark Hunter
Mr Colin Breed

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Colin Challen

That this House recognises the failure of the Indeterminate Sentence for Public Protection (IPP) to provide an effective prison sentence; notes that the thematic review published by the Criminal Justice Joint Inspectorate has branded the current position 'unsustainable'; supports the Inspectorate's calls for a major policy review at ministerial level to examine the efficacy and utility of the IPP, taking into account that IPPs confuse the public and fail to satisfy the victims of crime; notes that the IPP is destabilising the running of prisons and contributing disproportionately to prison overcrowding; recognises the large numbers of IPP prisoners unable to access courses required before their release, thus remaining in prison beyond their tariff; further recognises the double punishment imposed on those who are mentally ill or have a learning disability who are effectively barred from participating in such courses; notes that the criticisms of the IPP voiced by the Lord Chief Justice, the Chairman of the Parole Board and the Chief Inspector of Prisons, among others, have not been satisfactorily resolved by the amendments to the sentence introduced by the Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008; and therefore urges the Government to commission a review immediately.

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

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

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Mr Malcolm Moss Mr Edward Davey

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

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Lindsay Roy Albert Owen

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.

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

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

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Sandra Gidley

Pete Wishart

Mr Neil Gerrard

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

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Mike Wood
Lindsay Roy

Julie Morgan
Hazel Blears

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.

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

Mr Roger Williams
Mark Williams
Mark Durkan
Mrs Betty Williams
Lynne Jones
John Mason

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John Hemming

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

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Lindsay Roy
Albert Owen

Mr Edward Davey
John Hemming

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.

1058 ABERYSTWYTH UNIVERSITY QUEEN'S ANNIVERSARY PRIZE**10:3:10**

Mark Williams
Mr Roger Williams
Lynne Jones
Nick Harvey
Mr John Leech
Mr Martin Caton

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Albert Owen

John Hemming

That this House congratulates Aberystwyth University for receiving a Queen's Anniversary Prize for the pioneering work carried out on plant breeding at the University's Institute of Biological, Environmental and Rural Sciences (IBERS); notes the work that has been carried out by IBERS to improve the quality of grass for grazing animals, reducing the methane emissions of livestock, which is crucial to combating climate change; further notes that IBERS has developed grass varieties for use in turf for sporting events, including on Centre Court at Wimbledon; acknowledges the importance of plant breeding research in meeting future challenges such as food and water security, sustainable living and overpopulation; welcomes the University's continuing contribution to plant research in Wales, the UK and globally; notes, however, that the University is having to make cuts to IBERS as a result of a shortfall of £2.4 million; and urges the Government to do all it can to continue to support the research carried out at IBERS.

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

Jenny Willott
 Andrew George
 Nick Harvey
 Mr Mike Hancock
 Danny Alexander
 Mr Don Foster

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Sir Robert Smith
 Sandra Gidley

Mark Williams
 Mr Edward Davey

John Hemming

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.

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

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Mr Malcolm Moss

Albert Owen

Mr Edward Davey

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

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Lindsay Roy
 Mr Malcolm Moss

Albert Owen
 Mr Edward Davey

John Hemming

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 Symms
Mr David Amess

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Albert Owen

John Hemming

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

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Albert Owen

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.

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

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Mr Neil Gerrard

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

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Mr Edward Davey Mr Austin Mitchell Mr Neil Gerrard

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
 Lynne Jones
 Mr Mike Hancock

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Dr John Pugh Mark Williams

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.

As an Amendment to Mr Elfyn Llwyd's proposed Motion (Ending of Armed Forces Parliamentary Scheme Medals, Honorary Rank and Uniforms):

Peter Bottomley

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Line 2, leave out from 'Scheme' to end and add '; recognises the valued initiative, contribution and great work by Sir Neil Thorne in founding and running this scheme throughout the past 22 years for the benefit of improved practical understanding of the armed forces and all who serve in them, for the education of hon. Members of most parties and of no party from both Houses who have experience of the scheme at a junior level, seeing at first hand the dedication, bravery and heroism of those who serve in the regular and reserve forces often in dangerous circumstances to the admiration of the UK's NATO allies who wish their national political representatives had a similar opportunity; notes that there is no medal available to hon. Members taking part in the scheme and that the use of appropriate clothing in the field is necessary; and invites hon. Members from any party which has not yet taken part in the scheme to volunteer to do so.' **16:3:10** (a1)

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

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

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Mike Wood
Mr Malcolm Moss

Albert Owen
Mr Edward Davey

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

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Mr Malcolm Moss

Albert Owen

Mr Edward Davey

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
Peter Bottomley
Jeremy Corbyn
Jim Dobbin
Glenda Jackson

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Albert Owen

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
Peter Bottomley
Mr Colin Breed
Lynne Jones
Mr Mike Hancock

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Mr Edward Davey John Hemming

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.

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

Greg Mulholland
Peter Bottomley
Gwyn Prosser
Sir Nicholas Winterton
Mr Colin Breed
Mrs Ann Cryer

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Dr John Pugh
Albert Owen

Mr James Gray
Mark Williams

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
Peter Bottomley
Gwyn Prosser
Jim Dobbin

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Mr James Gray

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.

1079 MUSLIMS IN BRITAIN **12:3:10**

Ms Diane Abbott
Jon Cruddas
Adam Price
Mr Angus MacNeil
Andrew Stunell
Mr Mohammad Sarwar

★ 59

Frank Dobson
Mr Paul Truswell

Mr Tom Harris
Lindsay Roy

John Hemming
Mr Neil Gerrard

That this House opposes the increased demonisation of Muslims in sections of the media; expresses its deep concern at the recent visit to the House of Lords by the far-right politician Geert Wilders; condemns the English Defence League demonstration outside Parliament in support of Geert Wilders and its slogans and placards inciting hatred, such as its demand for the closure of the East London Mosque, that will only lead to a climate of fear, division and disharmony; welcomes the participation and contribution of Muslims in British society, including in politics; and believes that the full participation of all communities in the forthcoming general election is in the interests of democracy.

1080 HOUSE OF COMMONS CULINARY TEAM**12:3:10**

Mr Stephen Hepburn
Jim Dobbin
Glenda Jackson
Dr Brian Iddon
Mrs Ann Cryer
Lynne Jones

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Lindsay Roy

Albert Owen

John Hemming

That this House congratulates the House of Commons Culinary Team on its success in the Salon Culinaire 2010 at Hotelympia held at London's Excel Arena; applauds the team consisting of Mark Hill, Laurence Colmer, Nick Wort, Nick Munting, Nick Chapman, Dan Terry, Luke Fouracre, Matt Jones, Dominique Ashford, Andy Ditchfield, David Bush, Keith Winspur, Andrew Foulis, Dan Piggott, Sara Lewis, Tom Freer, Terry Wiggins, Jack Allibone, Sara Bjork and Stuart Smith on their efforts; recognises the team being crowned international open team grand prix winners of Hotelympia's Salon Culinaire 2010; hails the team's gold medal success in the La Parade des Chefs, K9 Open Team Grand Prix Buffet and Best Kitchen/Larder competitions; and wishes the first team to represent Great Britain in the World Culinary Cup in Luxembourg every success.

1082 HELP FOR HEROES CHARITY**12:3:10**

Angus Robertson
Bob Spink
Michael Connarty
Mr Alex Salmond
Mr Gordon Prentice
Andrew George

★ 23

Lindsay Roy
Stewart Hosie

Mr Angus MacNeil
Pete Wishart

Mr James Gray
Mr Edward Davey

That this House pays tribute to our ex-servicemen and women, who have served this country with such courage and distinction; applauds the contribution of the Help for Heroes charity in supporting those wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan; recognises the organisation's work in facilitating the transition of veterans from the battlefield back into civilian life; and welcomes the financial support of the Scottish Government via the Scottish Veterans' Fund towards Help for Heroes projects throughout Scotland.

1083 BANK HOLIDAYS AND ST GEORGE'S DAY**15:3:10**

Mr Mike Hancock
Mr Lindsay Hoyle
Bob Spink
Bob Russell
Mr Andrew Pelling
Jim Dobbin

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Mr Robert N. Wareing Albert Owen

That this House acknowledges that a Bank Holiday on St George's Day would be a great opportunity for all English people regardless of colour or religion to recognise what binds them together instead of concentrating on differences; realises that there is growing demand in England for a day of national celebration; notes that Northern Ireland has had a Bank Holiday on St Patrick's Day since 1903, the Scottish Parliament has introduced a voluntary Bank Holiday on St Andrew's Day and the Welsh Assembly agrees that St David's Day should be a holiday; further notes that organisations such as the St George Unofficial Bank Holiday saw a 300 per cent. increase in the number of St George events during 2009; points out that there is a danger that England could be left behind without an opportunity to celebrate its rich culture and heritage; and supports a Bank Holiday being held in England on 23 April or the nearest Friday to that date.

As Amendments to Mr Mike Hancock's proposed Motion (Bank Holidays and St George's Day):

Andrew George
Dan Rogerson

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Line 1, after 'Day', insert 'in England and St Piran's Day in Cornwall.'.
16:3:10 (a1)

Andrew George
Dan Rogerson

★ 2

Line 2, after 'English', insert 'and Cornish'.
16:3:10 (a2)

Andrew George
Dan Rogerson

★ 2

Line 4, after 'England', insert 'and Cornwall'.
16:3:10 (a3)

Andrew George
Dan Rogerson

★ 2

Line 7, after 'that', insert 'St Piran's Day on 5 March is an event which is increasingly enjoyed and celebrated and that'.
16:3:10 (a4)

Andrew George
Dan Rogerson

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Line 11, at end add 'and similarly in Cornwall on or around 5 March.'.
16:3:10 (a5)

1085 DEBT RELIEF (DEVELOPING COUNTRIES) BILL

15:3:10

Ms Sally Keeble
Sir Gerald Kaufman
Andrew Miller
Jim Dobbin
Dr Evan Harris
Mr William Bain

★ 80

Sandra Gidley Mr Neil Gerrard Jim Dowd

That this House supports the proposals in the Debt Relief (Developing Countries) Bill to stop vulture funds profiteering from the debts of heavily indebted poor countries; and calls for Government time to be allocated for the remaining stages of the Bill on 18 March 2010.

1086 PUBLIC HOLIDAYS IN CHUBUT PROVINCE**15:3:10**

Hywel Williams
Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Adam Price
John Mason
Peter Bottomley
Mr Martin Caton

★ 10

Albert Owen

That this House welcomes the efforts of the Chubut Provincial government in Argentina to increase the number of school days in the year, but calls on it to reject plans to scrap provincial holidays on 28 July and 30 April, which celebrate two of the most important events in the development of the modern day Chubut Province, the landing of the first Welsh immigrants in Patagonia on 28 July 1865 and the referendum held on 30 April 1902 in which the predominantly Welsh residents of Cwm Hyfryd decided that the Cordillera de los Andes would remain part of Argentina rather than be transferred to Chile; notes that while both dates are occasions which are of specific importance to the Welsh community in the Chubut Province, they are also important commemorative occasions for Chubut's population as a whole and should remain as provincial holidays; believes that the continued links between Wales and the Chubut are of great cultural importance to residents of both locations; and hopes that the recent actions of the UK Border Agency in preventing Welsh learners from the Chubut from the UK has not damaged relationships in any way between Wales and the Chubut.

1088 BRITISH AIRWAYS CABIN CREW DISPUTE**15:3:10**

John McDonnell
Lynne Jones
Mr David Drew
Mr Ronnie Campbell
Jim Sheridan
Colin Burgon

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Mr Robert N. Wareing

That this House considers that in the dispute between British Airways management and cabin crew the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Transport would be better employed bringing the two sides together to facilitate a negotiated settlement rather than making public statements that can only exacerbate the situation.

1090 POVERTY, PARENTING STRESS, SEPARATION AND MULTIPLE BIRTH FAMILIES**15:3:10**

Mark Williams
Mr Roger Williams
Mr Martin Caton
Paul Flynn
Lembit Öpik
Nick Harvey

★ 23

Mr Edward Davey John Hemming

That this House notes the findings in the Twins and Multiple Birth Association's report on the effects of multiple births on their families and their living standards undertaken by Professor Stephen McKay; is concerned that this review of Government datasets shows that multiple birth families are poorer than other families, face barriers accessing appropriate childcare, find it more difficult raising their children and that a higher proportion of relationships end in separation; and calls on the Government to consider increasing the amount of support these families receive during pregnancy, birth and in the early years as a matter of urgency.

1091 *BALIBO CONSPIRACY FILM***15:3:10**

Mr Don Foster
Roger Berry
Ann Clwyd
Norman Lamb
Steve Webb
Graham Stringer

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Mr Robert N. Wareing Mr Edward Davey

That this House congratulates Human Rights Watch on its decision to showcase an award winning film, *The Balibo Conspiracy*, in London on 17 March 2010; notes that the film concerns the deaths of five journalists killed at Balibo in East Timor in October 1975, including British citizens Brian Peters and Malcolm Rennie, and of a sixth journalist, Roger East, killed in East Timor in December 1975; and invites the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to encourage the Indonesian government to lift its ban on that film and further to encourage the Indonesian government to co-operate with the investigation by the Australian Federal Police into the deaths of the five journalists killed at Balibo.

1092 *MALAYSIA AND ANWAR IBRAHIM***15:3:10**

Jeremy Corbyn
John McDonnell
Lynne Jones
Andrew George
Mr David Drew
Mr Colin Breed

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Mr Robert N. Wareing Mr Andrew Mackay

That this House recognises Malaysian Opposition Leader Anwar Ibrahim's contribution to promoting democracy in Malaysia and peace and understanding between the Muslim world and the West; is deeply concerned at the charges laid against Anwar Ibrahim and that his current trial flouts international standards of fairness and adherence to the rule of law; notes that this trial resembles the one he faced in 1998 in which the conduct of the judiciary was condemned by Malaysians and by the international community; further notes the renewed exhortations by international human rights organisations including Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch and prominent leaders from Commonwealth nations including the Right honourable Paul Martin of Canada and the Right honourable Michael Danby and 59 other elected representatives of Australia for the Malaysian government to drop the charges against Anwar Ibrahim; and calls on the Malaysian authorities to bring an end to the harassment and persecution of members of the political opposition.

1093 *DEMONSTRATIONS AND GAZA***15:3:10**

Jeremy Corbyn
Mr George Galloway
Adam Price
Mr Mike Hancock
John McDonnell
Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews

★ 32

Mr Dai Davies

That this House acknowledges the right of the citizen to express lawful views about the unlawful acts of others at peaceful demonstrations; notes the disproportionate and unusually harsh sentences imposed on many young Muslims, most of exemplary character, who demonstrated against the Israeli attack on Gaza in December 2008 and January 2009; and calls for an independent inquiry into the conduct of the police and public and the unwarranted collective conduct of the courts relevant to these demonstrations.

1094 *PUBLIC SUBSIDIES AND BANKS*

16:3:10

Mr Dai Davies
 Bob Spink
 Mark Durkan
 Mr Ronnie Campbell
 Colin Burgon
 Mr David Drew

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Jeremy Corbyn

John Cummings

Mr Gregory Campbell

That this House agrees with the trenchant comments on bankers made by Lord Myners, Parliamentary Secretary, HM Treasury in his article in *The Guardian* newspaper on 9 March 2010; supports particularly the assessment that in the past implicit support of the financial industry has probably represented the most expensive public subsidy provided to any industry, and his view that there is no reason why taxpayers should continue to provide subsidy to the cost of capital for the banking system; contrasts these sensible policy conclusions with the indefensible actions of the remuneration committee of the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS), supported by UK Financial Investments Ltd (UKFI Ltd), to award nine senior bankers nearly £10,000,000 in bonuses, including 15.5 million RBS shares worth £5,900,000 given to John Hourican, head of the RBS investment arm, and 792,000 shares to Paul Geddes, head of RBS insurance arm, despite the dramatic drop in its profits; remains unconvinced that huge bonuses are needed to retain the services of top bankers; believes that no bonuses should be paid to senior bankers at RBS, which was saved from bankruptcy in 2008 by £54,000,000,000 of taxpayers' money and is currently 84 per cent. owned by taxpayers; and calls on the Chancellor to instruct UKFI Ltd, as Treasury agents for the private banks in receipt of taxpayer support, to halt these grotesquely generous, unacceptable bonus payments.

1095 *SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACT 2007 (AMENDMENT) BILL*

16:3:10

Mr David Drew
 Hazel Blears
 Mr David Blunkett
 Mr Andrew Dismore
 Tom Levitt
 Jon Cruddas

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Sir Nicholas Winterton
 Sir Menzies Campbell
 Mike Wood
 John Cummings

Sir Alan Beith
 Miss Julie Kirkbride
 Mr Dai Davies
 Mr Oliver Letwin

Nick Harvey
 Mr Edward Davey
 Alistair Burt

That this House congratulates the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, the right hon. Member for Southampton, Itchen, and the Minister for Communities, the hon. Member for Stevenage, for their wholehearted support for the Sustainable Communities Act 2007 (Amendment) Bill; notes that the Bill had the support of the Official Opposition and the Liberal Democrats; hopes that the Bill will pass through this House in this Session; and therefore calls on the Government to ensure that the Bill is brought before this House before the end of this Parliament and, if necessary, included in negotiations over wash-up arrangements.

1096 CONDUCT OF THE HON. MEMBER FOR CHRISTCHURCH**16:3:10**

Mr David Drew
 Julia Goldsworthy
 Mr Andrew Dismore
 Mr Gordon Prentice
 John Austin
 Mr Paul Burstow

★ 76

John Cummings
 Dr John Pugh
 Mr Dai Davies

Sir Alan Beith
 Albert Owen
 Mr Bob Laxton

Mr Edward Davey

That this House regrets the actions taken by the hon. Member for Christchurch in objecting to further proceedings on the Sustainable Communities Act 2007 (Amendment) Bill; notes that a majority of hon. Members, the Government, the Official Opposition and the Liberal Democrats have declared support for the Bill; and calls on the hon. Member to withdraw his opposition to the Bill.

1097 RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PRISON PROGRAMMES**16:3:10**

Tim Farron
 Bob Russell
 Peter Bottomley
 Lorely Burt
 Lynne Jones
 Mr John Leech

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Glenda Jackson

Mr Edward Davey

That this House notes with concern the figures revealed by the National Audit Office showing that prisoner re-offending rates cost the taxpayer £10 billion a year; applauds the positive impact of restorative justice programmes such as those run by the organisation Sycamore Tree, which have been shown to halve re-offending rates among participants; believes that at £3,500 for a six-week programme for 20 inmates, Sycamore Tree's restorative justice course is excellent value for money, providing restitution and release for victims and a chance to reform for offenders; and calls on the Government to ensure that restorative justice programmes are available in every prison.

1098 FREE CALLS TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS**16:3:10**

John Battle
 Bob Russell
 Peter Bottomley
 Mark Durkan
 Jim Dobbin
 Dr Richard Taylor

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Jeremy Corbyn
 Mr Robert N. Wareing

John Cummings
 Mr Dai Davies

John Hemming

That this House welcomes the decision by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and major mobile telephone companies to make it free to call DWP 0800 numbers, including the crisis loans service, which had been costing 9,000,000 callers per year up to 40 pence per minute from a mobile telephone; congratulates the staff of Leeds Citizens Advice Bureau for their campaigning and research on behalf of claimants pressing for free telephone calls; notes that this will make a tremendous difference to the 12 per cent. of UK households, many of them amongst the poorest in Britain, who only have access to a mobile telephone and do not have a landline; and urges other Government departments, particularly HM Revenue and Customs, to take action to end the current situation, where people in the most urgent need of a financial safety net face a bill of up to £12 for a half hour call to 08 numbered Government helplines.

1099 *SURVEY OF SWIFTS BY THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF BIRDS* **16:3:10**

Bob Russell
Mr Alan Meale
Bob Spink
Peter Bottomley
Mr Mike Hancock
Harry Cohen

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Jeremy Corbyn

Glenda Jackson

Mr Edward Davey

That this House congratulates the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds on its survey of swifts but is alarmed at the findings which show that swift numbers have fallen by 47 per cent. since 1994; is concerned that numbers of other migrant birds such as turtle doves, nightingales and wood warblers are also declining dramatically; notes that the survey of nesting sites at more than 3,400 locations concluded that swifts prefer to nest under the eaves of older housing stock; and calls on the Government to encourage developers, local council planning departments, builders, owners of older houses and churches to ensure that traditional nesting sites for swifts are not lost during renovations, and that efforts are made to provide new nesting sites for swifts.

1100 *SELF CARE***16:3:10**

Dr Howard Stoate
Mr Alan Meale
Bob Spink
Dr Richard Taylor
Lynne Jones
Mr John Leech

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Mr Gregory Campbell

Glenda Jackson

John Hemming

That this House congratulates the Self Care Campaign on the launch of its manifesto on 16 March 2010, seeking to increase the number of people with minor ailments who opt for self care; recognises the important role self care can play in the treatment of minor ailments; acknowledges that as well as providing more timely care, which benefits the patient, self care would take significant pressure off GPs; notes recent research by the Proprietary Association of Great Britain that found that many patients begin to self care, but too many abandon this approach in favour of visiting their GP; acknowledges that minor ailments account for 18 per cent. of GP consultations; is concerned that these appointments cost the NHS £2 billion a year; believes that helping people to strengthen their ability to self care, through increasing patient confidence and independence in their behaviour will lead to an increase in the number of people self caring for minor ailments and using NHS resources effectively; and calls on the Government to support the Self Care Campaign, which is already backed by leading health professionals and patient representatives.

1101 NATURAL ENGLAND'S LOST LIFE REPORT**16:3:10**

Bob Russell
Mr Alan Meale
Bob Spink
Peter Bottomley
Mr Mike Hancock
Harry Cohen

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Jeremy Corbyn Glenda Jackson
Mr Gregory Campbell Mr Edward Davey

That this House notes with grave concern the report entitled *Lost Life* published by Natural England which details the huge loss of plants and animals native to England, with the scale of extinction most marked in the past 200 years when most of the recorded loss of nearly 500 species has occurred including 24 per cent. of all butterflies, 22 per cent. of amphibians, 15 per cent. of dolphins and whales, and 12 per cent. of land mammals; is alarmed that the report shows that 943 English species are under threat, with most of those disappearing being the victims of intensive farming, pollution and pesticides, coupled with the loss over the past six decades of most of England's wildflower meadows as well as a huge reduction in ponds, chalklands and peatlands, with changes in agriculture practices resulting in birds and insects being deprived of food; is further alarmed that the loss of woodlands and the neglect of forests and woods has also hit many species, as has the introduction of alien wildlife; congratulates Natural England on producing the first ever audit of native wildlife; acknowledges that urbanisation has also been a major contributory factor in the decline in England's wildlife habitat; and calls on the Government to lead a national campaign, based on Natural England's dire warnings, as set out in the *Lost Life* report, to halt the decline of wildlife, to protect environmental sites from planners, and to introduce policies to restore the health of ecosystems across the entire landscape.

1102 EUROPEAN COMMISSION AND THE UK DEFICIT**16:3:10**

Mr David Drew
Mr Ian Davidson
Mr Ronnie Campbell
Colin Burgon
Jeremy Corbyn
Mr Gregory Campbell

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That this House believes that the European Commission has no business in commenting on the UK's budget deficit position, and that its current intervention is totally unwarranted, but indicates the nature of the deflationary policies at the heart of the European superstate with the disastrous introduction of the euro; and welcomes the fact that the Government has had no truck with the European episode of failed economic and monetary union.

1103 RIGHT TO WORK OF ASYLUM SEEKERS**16:3:10**

Mr Fabian Hamilton
Bob Russell
Peter Bottomley
Mark Durkan
Jim Dobbin
Ms Katy Clark

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Jeremy Corbyn Mr Robert N. Wareing Mr Neil Gerrard

That this House believes that asylum seekers looking for sanctuary in the UK should be granted the right to work from the day of arrival; further believes that this would afford such vulnerable people dignity as well as the ability to support themselves financially; and notes that this would also reduce the burden on the taxpayer.

1104 NEWPORT COUNTY'S PROMOTION**16:3:10**

Paul Flynn
Jessica Morden
Mr Dai Havard
Mr David Drew
Mr Don Touhig
Chris Ruane

★ 18

Mr Dai Davies Mr Gregory Campbell Albert Owen

That this House warmly celebrates Newport County AFC's phenomenal 24 point lead at the top of their division which secured its promotion into big time football after 21 years of difficulties and exile; congratulates Dean Holdsworth, the rest of the squad and management and the record number of Amber Army faithful for their brilliant achievement; and looks forward confidently to even greater triumphs in future.

1105 ALBANIAN LANGUAGE TEACHING**16:3:10**

Mr John Grogan
Mr Nigel Evans
John Austin
Mr Andy Slaughter
Ms Karen Buck
Lynne Jones

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Mr Bob Laxton

That this House commends the work of Albanian societies in the United Kingdom for organising teaching of the Albanian language; notes that the Asset Languages Scheme is a voluntary assessment scheme for the language ladder introduced by the Department for Children, Schools and Families and provides accreditation for the skills of language learners of all ages and abilities from primary through to further, higher and adult education; calls on the Department and the contractor who run the scheme Cambridge Assessment to consider adding the Albanian language to the Asset Language programme; and urges the five examination boards AQA, CCEA, Edexcel, OCR and WJEC to consider carefully the case for adding Albanian to the list of languages which can be studied to GCSE level.

1106 FUEL DUTY**16:3:10**

Mr Lindsay Hoyle
Jim Dobbin
Mr David Crausby
Mr Alan Meale
Bob Spink
Mark Durkan

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Mr Robert N. Wareing Mr Gregory Campbell Mr Bob Laxton
John Cummings Albert Owen

That this House is dismayed that fuel prices on garage forecourts in the UK are approaching their peak of July 2008; is concerned that the prices are needlessly holding motorists and the UK's transport industry to ransom; questions the justification for such prices given that the cost of crude oil is only half of its spike in summer 2008; calls on the Government to put an end to the legal mugging of petrol consumers by standing up to the petrol companies and speculators and by introducing regulations to ensure that price decreases are passed on to consumers quickly and sufficiently; and further calls on the Government to demonstrate support for those affected by price increases most acutely by delaying indefinitely the proposed three pence increase in fuel duty.

1107 PALESTINIAN FARMERS**16:3:10**

Ms Katy Clark
Bob Russell
Mark Durkan
Peter Bottomley
Lynne Jones
Mr John Leech

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Jeremy Corbyn
Mr Dai Davies

Dr Brian Iddon
Mr Neil Gerrard

That this House notes with concern the decision of the UK Border Agency to deny visas to three Palestinian farmers, Lina Mahmoud, Nahed Beshariah and Belal Eid, who were hoping to visit the UK to mark Fairtrade Fortnight; congratulates these three individuals for their hard work in being involved in the production of the first ever Fairtrade product from the occupied territories; supports the excellent work of Zaytoun in exporting Fairtrade olive oil from the West Bank to the UK; further notes that in 2009 the Prime Minister expressed himself as being delighted with the initiative; and therefore urges the Government to intervene and allow these farmers entry into the UK.

1108 TRANSFER OF CASH ISAS**16:3:10**

Mr Gregory Campbell
Bob Russell
Mr Alan Meale
Mark Durkan
Peter Bottomley
Mrs Joan Humble

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Jeremy Corbyn

John Cummings

Dr Brian Iddon

That this House notes the continuing problems being faced by those savers who depend on interest from their savings, often as a small supplement to their retirement income; recognises that some large financial providers have begun to offer inflation-beating cash ISAs but have restricted these products to new savers; and calls on those banks and others to review their decision to refuse existing savers the option of transferring their ISAs, which in quite a few instances makes the difference between a savings return which is slightly above inflation and one which is below, thus leading to the erosion of the real value of the capital of the saver.

1110 BRITISH TRADESMEN**16:3:10**

Bob Spink
Mr Ronnie Campbell
Mr David Drew
David Simpson
Mr Gregory Campbell
Mr Alan Meale

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Dr Rudi Vis

That this House notes with concern that British tradesmen are being priced out of the market by EU nationals; further notes that despite not being offered the original contracts, British workers are often called in to tidy up after initially poor workmanship by foreign nationals; recognises that this practice is discouraging and preventing apprenticeships in small and medium-sized enterprises and is damaging to British tradesmen and companies, and bad for the economy; and therefore calls on the Government to conduct an investigation into this matter and take steps to support British workers and industries.

1111 *LAWRENCE TYNES*

16:3:10

David Cairns
John Robertson
Jim Sheridan
Siobhain McDonagh
Lindsay Roy
Mr Tom Harris

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Mr Alan Meale Dr Rudi Vis

That this House congratulates Greenock's Lawrence Tynes on being the first ever Scottish-born player to be part of a winning Super Bowl team; notes that his kicks secured the opening and closing points scored by the New York Giants against the New England Patriots in Super Bowl XLII; recognises that Lawrence is a role model for young sports people in both the US and the UK; acknowledges his contribution to popularising American Football in Britain, and particularly Scotland, where he played for the Scottish Claymores before returning to the United States; notes the increasing global interest in the NFL and the Super Bowl; commends Tynes' achievements which have helped to further Scottish and US relations; and wishes him many more successful years in the NFL.

1112 *NATIONAL SKILLS ACADEMY FOR CREATIVE AND CULTURAL SKILLS*

16:3:10

Andrew Mackinlay
Jim Dobbin
Lynne Jones
Mr Lindsay Hoyle
Mr Ronnie Campbell
Stephen Williams

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Jeremy Corbyn Mr Alan Meale Mr Edward O'Hara
Mr Gregory Campbell Dr Rudi Vis

That this House welcomes the announcement on 16 March 2010 by the Homes and Communities Agency confirming the funding for the National Skills Academy for Creative and Cultural Skills at Purfleet in Thurrock; notes that capital funding of £5 million for the Academy from the Learning and Skills Council has also been agreed, and that work will start on site on the Academy in November 2010; and further notes that the Academy will support young people in the creative industries in the post-recession recovery, and is of international importance for a live performance sector that generates over £6 billion per year for the UK economy.

1114 *NHS DENTAL CARE*

16:3:10

Bob Spink
Peter Bottomley
Keith Vaz
David Simpson
Dr William McCrea
Mr Gregory Campbell

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Mr Alan Meale Dr Rudi Vis

That this House deplores the practice of rationing NHS dental health care by primary care trusts by stopping treatment when funding allocation has been used in any year; notes with concern that resources and funding for dental health are not being allocated to meet demand; further notes that despite the assurances of patient choice in the NHS, taxpayers are increasingly limited in their choice of dental services; and calls on the Government to allocate resources according to demand and allow patients to choose their dentist.

1115 FOR-PROFIT STATE SCHOOLS**16:3:10**

Mr Ken Purchase
 Jim Dobbin
 Mr Michael Clapham
 Mr Ronnie Campbell
 Mr Graham Allen
 Mr David Clelland

Jeremy Corbyn
 Mr Robert N. Wareing
 John Cummings

Albert Owen
 Dr Brian Iddon
 Mr Alan Meale

Dr Rudi Vis
 Glenda Jackson

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That this House is alarmed by proposals of edubusinesses to run state schools for profit along the lines of the Swedish system supported by the Conservative Party; and while recognising the important role business can play in supporting schools, deplores the notion that the educational needs of present and future generations should be exploited for profit by companies, organisations or individuals.

1116 NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT ASPIRATIONS AND THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE**16:3:10**

Jeremy Corbyn
 Mr Dai Davies
 Mark Durkan
 Ms Katy Clark
 Lynne Jones
 Mr John Leech

Mr Robert N. Wareing
 Jim Dobbin

Glenda Jackson
 Mr Neil Gerrard

★ 15

That this House warmly welcomes the statement by the Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, in the debate on global security and non-proliferation on 4 March 2010 that ‘This is the year when the world can... demonstrate its seriousness on creating a nuclear-free world’; believes that 2010 could be seen historically as the moment when the international community decided to go firmly down the disarmament route; and further believes that the credibility of UK attempts to secure from other signatory states the long-term compliance with the requirements of the 1970 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty at its quinquennial review conference at the United Nations in New York in May 2010 would be robustly enhanced if Ministers took the bold decision to announce in advance, or as part of UK submissions to the conference, that further work on the replacement for Trident which will have cost £23.8 million by April 2010 for the replacement of the nuclear warhead design alone, will be frozen and that the UK will concentrate on developing verifiable nuclear weapons decommissioning and dismantling procedures to assist agreement on a global regime of nuclear disarmament.

1117 TREATMENT OF PALESTINIAN CHILDREN IN ISRAELI PRISONS **17:3:10**

Paul Rowen
 Peter Bottomley
 Jim Dobbin
 Mrs Ann Cryer
 Dr Brian Iddon
 Jeremy Corbyn

Lynne Jones

John Cummings

Mr Neil Gerrard

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That this House is concerned by recent reports of the treatment of Palestinian children in Israeli prisons; notes that 343 Palestinian children were being held in Israeli prisons at the end of February 2010; further notes that Israel routinely prosecutes children as young as 12; also notes the recent report by Defence for Children International which argues that ill-treatment and torture of Palestinian children is widespread, systemic and institutionalised; and calls on the Government to recognise the seriousness of this and to exert pressure on the Israeli authorities to uphold the human rights of Palestinian children.

1118 *MEPHEDRONE AND RELATED SUBSTANCES***17:3:10**

John Mann
Bob Spink
Peter Bottomley
Jim Dobbin
Mr David Clelland
Mr Gregory Campbell

Hugh Bayley
Jeremy Corbyn

Mr Alan Meale
Dr Rudi Vis

John Cummings

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That this House notes that selling mephedrone, methadone, methylone or related cathinone derivatives is illegal under the Medicines Act 1968; further notes that nevertheless, such drugs are on sale in 'headshops' and online and that possession is not currently an offence; further notes that the chemicals in these drugs cause internal burns and cuts; further notes that once users have started using the drugs in a particular session, use is very hard to stop; and calls on the Government to intervene and bring forward proposals to proscribe such substances under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.

1119 *10TH ANNIVERSARY OF AGE CONCERN (CANVEY ISLAND)***17:3:10**

Bob Spink
Mrs Ann Cryer
Jeremy Corbyn

★ 3

That this House congratulates Age Concern (Canvey Island) on its 10th anniversary; notes its great success and popularity; further notes with appreciation the hard work of all involved in the group and congratulates each of them; and calls on the Government and Opposition parties to develop better policies to promote positive attitudes and greater respect towards older people, more effective care for older people, and to encourage and facilitate their independence, choice and opportunity through a better state pension, indexed to earnings.

1120 *CONTROL OF THE USE OF MEPHEDRONE***17:3:10**

Bob Spink
Peter Bottomley
Jim Dobbin
Mr Gregory Campbell
Mr John Leech
Hugh Bayley

Jeremy Corbyn
Mr Alan Meale

Dr Rudi Vis
John Cummings

Sir Nicholas Winterton

★ 11

That this House is concerned that the drug mephedrone, also known as 4-MMC, Meow Meow, and M-cat, is legal in the UK and readily available on the internet; notes that the drug is being increasingly used by young people, has been linked to the death of teenagers and has known side-effects such as headaches, palpitations, nausea, high blood pressure, a burning throat, nose bleeds and purple joints, weight loss and insomnia; further notes it is banned in some European countries; and therefore calls on the Government urgently to bring forward the review of this drug, to make it a controlled substance and to better educate youngsters about the dangers from using so-called recreational drugs.

1121 VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS OVERSEAS**17:3:10**

Jo Swinson
Mr Michael Moore
Peter Bottomley
Ms Katy Clark
Mrs Ann Cryer
Mr Gregory Campbell

Mr John Leech
Jeremy Corbyn
Lynne Jones

Mr Alan Meale
Dr Rudi Vis
Glenda Jackson

Mr Edward Davey

★ 13

That this House welcomes the creation of a Ministerial role to co-ordinate the work of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the Department for International Development and the Ministry of Defence to tackle violence against women overseas; congratulates Action Aid and the Gender and Development Network on the success of its campaign for the creation of such a role; recognises that violence against women and girls is a violation of human rights and a serious barrier to economic and social development; and calls on all parties to support the continuation of this Ministerial role and ensure it is adequately resourced to take forward this important work.

1122 FOOD LABELLING REGULATIONS**17:3:10**

Norman Lamb
Greg Mulholland
Andrew George
Annette Brooke
Mrs Ann Cryer
Mr John Leech

Mr Edward Davey

★ 7

That this House believes that the presence of different types of front of pack (FOP) labelling schemes in the marketplace causes shoppers difficulties in using them; recognises that independent evaluations on nutrition labelling have found that a single scheme would be helpful for consumers and that an integrated FOP labelling approach providing the elements of a high/medium/low text, traffic light colour coding and percentage guideline daily amounts (% GDA) information was most effective in terms of consumer comprehension, consumer preference and enabling consumers to assess the healthiness of a product; shares the disappointment of organisations such as Which?, Cancer Research UK, Consensus Action on Salt and Health, Diabetes UK, the National Heart Forum, Sustain and ASDA over the Food Standards Agency recommendation to allow food manufacturers and retailers to provide just two of these three elements and that they may therefore choose not to include traffic light colour coding under the proposed new scheme; notes that this will create more rather than less confusion among consumers and thereby make it harder for people to make informed decisions about the foods they eat; and therefore calls on the Government to reject the Agency's advice and implement a single scheme that will work best for consumers by supporting the integrated high/medium/low, traffic light colour coding and %GDA FOP labelling approach.

1123 *CAMPAIGN FOR THE RESTORATION OF VAROSHA***17:3:10**

Mr Edward O'Hara
Mrs Ann Cryer
Peter Bottomley
Jeremy Corbyn
Lynne Jones
Mr Alan Meale

★ 7

Dr Rudi Vis

That this House recalls the continued interest of hon. Members on all sides of the House in this and previous Parliaments in the neglect and dereliction of Varosha, the sealed-off section of Famagusta; notes the more recent interest of the European Parliament in this situation through a visit to the area by its Petitions Committee which concluded among other things that with the return of Varosha to its original and lawful inhabitants it could become a laboratory of development and a symbol of the future of Cyprus; concurs with this judgement; believes also that the project of reconstructing and regenerating Varosha would deliver an unparalleled stimulus to the economy in the north as well as in the south of Cyprus; further believes that this would build the confidence which would underpin the successful future of a reunited Cyprus; and calls on the Government through all means available to it to promote and support such an initiative.

1124 *LOCAL AUTHORITY REGULATIONS AND POWYS COUNTY COUNCILLORS***17:3:10**

Lembit Öpik
Mrs Ann Cryer
Peter Bottomley

★ 3

That this House notes that, under current regulations, local authority councillors are restricted concerning comments and votes which relate to their constituents; believes it is utterly undemocratic that elected members are prevented from speaking up for and representing their constituents in key issues such as education and planning; further believes that, if the regulations are strictly applied, then not one councillor on Powys County Council would be permitted to discuss or vote on educational arrangements in secondary schools in the county; and calls on the Government to modify these regulations and put an end to what amounts to a gagging order on local democracy.

1126 *CARERS (No. 2)***17:3:10**

Tony Baldry
Mrs Ann Cryer
Peter Bottomley
Lynne Jones
Mr Alan Meale
Dr Rudi Vis

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Glenda Jackson

Sir Nicholas Winterton

That this House notes with concern research by the Princess Royal Trust for Carers and Crossroads Care, which has found that, of the £100 million the Government has committed through the NHS to provide support for carers in 2010-11, only 26 per cent. is planned to be spent by primary care trusts to increase support for carers and alarmingly that approximately one quarter of primary care trusts in England are planning to reduce spending on carers' services; and calls on the Government to take immediate action.

1127 *AVAILABILITY OF CHILDCARE***18:3:10**

Ms Katy Clark
Lynne Jones

★ 2

That this House notes with concern that many workers continue to struggle to agree working hours that enable them also to care for their children; further notes that many parents find it hard to obtain employment which coincides with nursery and school hours, and shift workers are particularly badly affected by the lack of available and affordable childcare outside of these times; and urges the Government to do all it can to provide support for the provision of widely available and affordable childcare outside of nursery and school hours.

1128 *HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND THE SEX TRADE***18:3:10**

Ms Katy Clark
Lynne Jones

★ 2

That this House condemns human trafficking; notes with dismay that human trafficking for the sex trade is a particularly brutal part of this criminal activity; further notes that this modern form of slavery includes domestic servitude, bonded labour and forced marriage; welcomes the attempts that have been made to crack down on trafficking and the Government's support for Council of Europe conventions on this issue; and calls for continued vigorous Government action to raise awareness and stamp out this appalling trade in human lives.

1129 *SUPPORTING PROGRESS IN IRAQ***18:3:10**

Mr David Anderson
Tony Baldry
Lynne Jones

★ 3

That this House welcomes Iraq's second parliamentary elections as a vital step towards a much more stable and democratic Iraq which can re-establish itself in the wider international community after so many years of isolation, sanctions and dictatorship; notes the widespread desire of Iraqis for increased trade with and investment from other countries as well as a whole host of educational and cultural exchanges and co-operation, most notably with the UK for which many Iraqis have a high regard; further notes that it is extremely difficult for Iraqi citizens who wish to cement such links to obtain visas because they have to travel to third countries and wait there for up to a week rather than being able to apply in Iraq; recognises that this is an onerous process which increasingly and unfavourably contrasts with the ability to secure Schengen visas to other European countries which may then gain an advantage in securing commercial links; and urges the Government to review its practice in this regard as a matter of urgency to enable deep and broad relationships for mutual benefit between Iraq and the UK whilst maintaining border controls.

1130 *RETRO-REFLECTIVE MARKINGS AND HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES* 18:3:10

Mr John Leech
Dr Brian Iddon
Lynne Jones

★ 3

That this House notes that the rate of fatal accidents involving heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) remains disproportionately high, causing 75 per cent. of all road fatalities despite accounting for only 5.6 per cent. of UK road traffic; recognises that retro-reflective markings along the side and rear of HGVs have been proved to be an effective means of reducing accidents, improving safety for hauliers and all other road users; applauds Reflect for its work on promoting the benefits of these markings; and calls on all haulage companies to sign up to a voluntary code of practice to fit retro-reflective markings on HGVs, prior to it becoming mandatory for newly-registered vehicles in June 2011.

1131 *USE OF MEPHEDRONE* 18:3:10

Mr Nigel Evans

★ 1

That this House notes with concern the recent death of two teenagers after taking the legal drug mephedrone, otherwise known as m-cat or meow-meow; further notes that mephedrone is widely available on the internet at a cost much lower than that of illegal drugs such as cocaine and that many more deaths may occur due to this combination of low cost and wide availability; further notes that little research has been done into the long-term effects of this drug; and calls on the Government to bring forward plans to outlaw the use and possession of mephedrone as a matter of urgency.

1132 *CELEBRATION OF ST PATRICK'S DAY IN MONTSERRAT* 18:3:10

Andrew Rosindell
Mr Graham Brady

★ 2

That this House joins the people of the British Overseas Territory of Montserrat in celebrating St Patrick's Day on 17 March 2010; recognises the shared heritage and special relationship between the peoples of the UK and Montserrat that date back to Christopher Columbus's epic journey in 1493; notes the resilient nature of those living on the Emerald Island of the Caribbean in recovering and prospering following the eruption of the Soufriere Hills Volcano in 1997; and calls on the Government to continue to strengthen the close constitutional, economic and cultural ties that bind the peoples of Montserrat and the United Kingdom together, as well as cherishing the shared bond represented by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II as Head of State and Sovereign.

1133 *PORT RATES AND THE VALUATION OFFICE AGENCY* 18:3:10

Mr Austin Mitchell

★ 1

That this House is concerned that the Valuation Office Agency, having failed to fulfil its responsibility to separately assess and list port companies in 2005 because it got 600 wrong and missed another 700 altogether, is now imposing the consequences of its own incompetence on the companies by massive demands for retrospective rates; considers that no government agency should have the draconian powers to impose huge retrospective charges out of the blue and acknowledges that the consequences will be job and investment losses, insolvencies and major costs on Britain's ports; calls on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to cancel these retrospective demands before local authorities are required to begin recovery proceedings; recognises that the companies have already been paying business rates through the cumulo rented system and should not be charged double taxation; and further calls on the Government to accept that any other course of action is unjust, unfair, deeply damaging and ruinous for the affected ports.

1134 STATE FUNDING FOR FAITH AND SECULAR ORGANISATIONS 18:3:10

Colin Challen

★ 1

That this House notes that the Government has announced a £50,000 fund for a prize to uncover and reward the best examples of faith projects and a £1 million fund which national representative faith bodies can bid for to support them in developing their capacity to engage with Government, and play their part in delivering public services; further notes that a majority of the population in the UK neither practices nor adheres to any religion; and therefore calls upon the Government to fund secular groups for similar purposes to at least a matching level, or withdraw taxpayer funding for these projects altogether.

1135 CONFIDENCE IN PARLIAMENT AND PARLIAMENTARIANS 18:3:10Mr Austin Mitchell
Paul Flynn

★ 2

That this House, recognising the vital importance of hon. Members in protecting and supporting constituents, defending and advancing constituencies, serving their parties and controlling the executive and considering that the great majority of hon. Members work hard and face considerable strain for pay lower than most comparable occupations, and further seeing that the standing of Parliament and its members has been deeply damaged by the clamorous campaign whipped up by sections of the media who want to arrogate to themselves Parliament's job of controlling the executive, leading the political debate and articulating the grievances of the people and further recognising that this campaign has been facilitated by the failures of the Fees Office, the ineptness of the Kelly and Legg reviews and the failure of party leaders to defend and sustain their rank and file members, urges hon. Members, as this Parliament draws to a close, not to be cast down by the populist clamour and the lack of respect that this maelstrom of misunderstanding which this has led to, but urges them to bear the slings and arrows of outrageous politics with magnanimity in order to maintain confidence in their work and value, and to go forth with confidence wherever their destiny now calls them whether to a happy retirement, a new and less stressful job, or to renew their bonds with their constituents in the coming election, congratulates them all on the sterling but insufficiently appreciated good service they have performed in this Parliament, and wishes them hail and farewell.

1136 RAPE OF THE FAIR COUNTRY FILM CAMPAIGN 18:3:10Paul Flynn
Mrs Siân C. James
Mr Dai Davies
Alun Michael
Mark Williams
Nia Griffith

★ 7

Mr Elfyn Llwyd

That this House encourages the campaign of historian Chris Barber to produce a film of Alexander Cordell's classic story *The Rape of the Fair Country*; applauds the enduring truth of Cordell's revelation of the harrowing injustices of working life in the nineteenth century; and believes that new generations should be informed of the value of political heroism in creating a fair and compassionate society.

1137 SUPERMARKETS AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT**18:3:10**

Mr Barry Sheerman

★ 1

That this House is deeply concerned at the monopolistic influence of the major supermarkets and their effect on communities and independent retailers; and calls for a five per cent. tax to be levied on the turnover of supermarkets and for the revenue from this to be made available to local social enterprises, charities and third sector organisations.

1138 INTEREST FREE CREDIT**18:3:10**

Mr Austin Mitchell

★ 1

That this House believes that HM Treasury should alleviate the effects of the recession and prevent the continued escalation of debt by matching the amount of money created through quantitative easing by the Bank of England with interest free cash for financing works in the public interest, thus addressing the enormous imbalance between interest bearing credit and interest free cash in the overall money supply.

1139 UK ENGINEERING MANIFESTO**18:3:10**

Mr Lindsay Hoyle
Mr David Crausby
Jim Dobbin
Mr Nigel Evans
Peter Luff

★ 5

That this House commends the Institution of Mechanical Engineers' manifesto for UK engineering; recognises that engineering is integral to the UK's national economy and environment; urges the Government to take note of the proposals in the manifesto; and calls on the Government to put a regenerated UK manufacturing sector at the heart of its agenda.

NAME WITHDRAWN (TO PERMIT ADDITION TO AMENDMENT)

- 874** *UGANDAN MP DAVID BAHATI AND HOMOSEXUALITY:* Mr John Leech has withdrawn his name.

NAMES WITHDRAWN

- 908** *SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT ON HOMEOPATHY:* Tim Farron has withdrawn his name.
- 977** *ASHES BROADCAST REVENUE AND LOCAL CRICKET:* Mrs Ann Cryer has withdrawn her name.

NOTICE OF MOTION WITHDRAWN

- 1125** *INTERNET CAFES:* Lembit Öpik has withdrawn his motion.