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Broadcasting,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves the Agreement (Cm. 6872) dated 30th June 2006, between the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport and the British Broadcasting Corporation, which was laid before this House on 3rd July 2006—;(Secretary Tessa Jowell);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 4, at the end to add the words ‘but regrets that the proposed BBC Trust will not be sufficiently independent as a regulator for the BBC; believes that the National Audit Office should have full access to the BBC’s accounts; is concerned that the announcement of the licence fee has been delayed without adequate explanation; further regrets the fact that the Charter Renewal process has been separated from the final licence fee decision; and further believes that the BBC’s bid for an increase in the licence fee of 2.3 per cent. on top of the Retail Price Index is excessive.’—;(Mr Hugo Swire.)

Climate Change Levy,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Climate Change Agreements (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2006, which were laid before this House on 12th June, be approved—;(Mr Michael Foster):—It was agreed to.

(i) BBC Outsourcing: The contract between the BBC and Siemens Business Services for the provision of technology services—National Audit Office review presented to the BBC Governors’ Audit Committee, June 2006, by the Comptroller and Auditor General, and a response to the review from the BBC; and

Consolidation, &c., Bills,—Lynda Waltho reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, to which the Parliamentary Costs Bill [Lords], the National Health Service Bill [Lords], the National Health Service (Wales) Bill [Lords] and the National Health Service (Consequential Provisions) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, were referred, That it had gone through the Bills; and had agreed to a Report which

it had directed her to make to the House; and had directed her to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 11th July.

Adjournment (Extradition Treaty between the USA and the UK),—Mr Nick Clegg, Member for Sheffield, Hallam, rose in his place and asked leave to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration, namely the Extradition Treaty between the USA and the UK; and the leave of the House having been given, the Motion stood over under Standing Order No. 24 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) until the commencement of public business to-morrow.

Accidents Involving Animals (Strict Liability),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Animals Act 1971 to make it a defence in law for the owner of an animal involved in an accident to show that he took all reasonable steps to keep the animal in a secure enclosure; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Mark Todd, Mr Peter Atkinson, Angela Watkinson, Philip Davies, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr Richard Benyon, Kate Hoey, Miss Anne McIntosh, Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson, Mr David Anderson and Lembit O-pik do prepare and bring it in.

Royal Assent,—The Deputy Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, That Her Majesty had signified her Royal Assent to the following Acts, agreed upon by both Houses, and to the following Measures passed under the provisions of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919:

Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 23rd May relating to the Preliminary Draft Budget,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Denis Murphy, Mr Andy Reed and Mr Paul Truswell from the European Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Memorandum) and nominated in substitution Ms Diana R. Johnson, Tony Lloyd and Jessica Morden.

Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Mike Weir reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Criminal Defence Service (Financial Eligibility) Regulations 2006, the draft Criminal Defence Service (Representation Orders: Appeals etc.) Regulations 2006, and the draft Criminal Defence Service (Representation Orders and Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2006.

Gambling,—Report of the Gambling Commission for 2005–06, Accounts of the Gaming Board for 1st April to 30th September 2005, and Accounts of the Gambling Commission for 1st October 2005 to 31st March 2006, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1226] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

Leasehold Reform, Housing and Urban Development,—Report and Financial Statements of English Partnerships (including the Commission for the New Towns and the Urban Regeneration Agency) for 2005–06, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1474] [Secretary Ruth Kelly].

Social Security Administration,—Report by the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council in accordance with Section 171 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 reviewing the prescription of extrinsic allergic alveolitis for work involving exposure to mists from metalworking fluids [by Command] [Cm. 6867] [Mr Secretary Hutton].

Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) Order 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1969),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Anderson, Mr Stephen Hepburn and Mr Andy Reed from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order) and nominated in substitution Paul Flynn, Mark Tami and Mr Paul Truswell.

Culture, Media and Sport,—Third Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Protecting and Preserving our Heritage], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee

relating to the Report [No. 912] [Mr John Whittingdale].

Preliminary Draft Budget,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum from HM Treasury dated 23rd May 2006 relating to the Preliminary Draft Budget of the European Communities for the financial year 2007; and supports the Government’s efforts to maintain budget discipline in the Community—(Jonathan Shaw).

Human Tissue,—Ordered, That the Human Tissue Act 2004 (Ethical Approval, Exceptions from Licensing and Supply of Information about Transplants) Regulations 2006 (S.I., 2006, No. 1260) and the Code of Practice on Consent (Code 1) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Michael Foster.)

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Tuesday 18th July, the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion in the name of Mr Edward Leigh relating to Public Accounts not later than Ten o’clock or three hours after their commencement, whichever is the later; proceedings may continue, though opposed, after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(Mr Michael Foster.)

Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Thursday 20th July, proceedings on the Motion for the adjournment of the House in the name of the Prime Minister relating to International Development may continue, though opposed, for three hours or until six o’clock, whichever is the later; and shall then lapse if not previously disposed of.—(Mr Michael Foster.)

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on the Petition [14th June] from residents of Milton Keynes against the erection of a telecommunications tower at Fingle Drive, Stonebridge, Milton Keynes [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Charlotte Atkins, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr David Burrowes, Lorely Burt, Greg Clark, Ann Coffey, Mr Edward Davey, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Mr Kevan Jones, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Steve McCabe, John McDonnell, Mr Alan Milburn, Gwyn Prosser and Derek Wyatt.

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr David Curry, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Mrs Nadine Dorries, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr David Hamilton, Mr David Hanson, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr Brian Jenkins, Lynne Jones, Mr Denis Murphy, Mr Alan Reid, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Peter Robinson, Andrew Rosindell, Joan Walley and Lynda Waltho.

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Draft Television Licensable Content Services Order 2006, and the draft Radio Multiplex Services (Required Percentage of Digital Capacity) Order 2006,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Paul Flynn, Mr Brian Jenkins and Jessica Morden from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders) and nominated in substitution Mr David Anderson, Mr Bob Laxton and Dr Gavin Strang.

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