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ON THE

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FACTORIES BILL.—Read a second time, and *committed* to a Standing Committee on 15th February, 1937, and allocated by Mr. Speaker to the Committee on 16th February, 1937.

The Committee was constituted as follows:—

Major LLOYD GEORGE, appointed Chairman, 16th February, 1937.

*Advocate, The Lord	*Lloyd, Mr.
*Allen, Colonel Sandeman	*McCorquodale, Mr.
Astor, Viscountess	Magnay, Mr.
*Banfield, Mr.	*Mander, Mr.
Blaker, Sir Reginald	*Moreing, Mr.
*Broad, Mr.	*Neven-Spence, Major
Bromfield, Mr.	*Palmer, Mr.
Brooke, Mr.	*Porritt, Mr.
*Buchanan, Mr.	*Procter, Major
*Bull, Mr.	Rathbone, Miss
*Burke, Mr.	Rathbone, Mr.
Cartland, Mr.	Reed, Mr. Arthur
Clarke, Lieut.-Colonel	Reid, Mr. Allan
*Davies, Mr. Rhys	Rickards, Mr.
Denman, Mr.	Ridley, Mr.
Dobbie, Mr.	Ross Taylor, Mr.
Duckworth, Mr. Rostron	Rowlands, Mr.
Emmott, Mr.	Salt, Mr.
*Fildes, Sir Henry	*Short, Mr.
Frankel, Mr.	Silkin, Mr.
Gibbins, Mr.	*Silverman, Mr.
Goodman, Colonel	*Simon, Secretary Sir John
Guest, Major	Smiles, Lt.-Colonel Sir Walter
*Haslam, Sir John	Smith, Mr. Ellis
Hepworth, Mr.	Touche, Mr.
*Hollins, Mr.	Train, Sir John
*Horsbrugh, Miss	Tufnell, Lieut.-Commander
*Hudson, Mr. Robert	Viant, Mr.
Hunter, Mr.	*Wakefield, Mr.
*Jones, Mr. Lewis	*Walker, Mr.
Kerr, Mr. Hamilton	Welsh, Mr.
Law, Sir Alfred	White, Mr. Graham
*Law, Mr.	Wickham, Lieut.-Colonel
*Little, Sir Ernest Graham-	Wragg, Mr.
*Llewellyn, Lieut.-Colonel	Wright, Wing-Commander

*Added in respect of the Factories Bill.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

Thursday, 25th February, 1937.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Major LLOYD GEORGE in the Chair.

Colonel Sandeman Allen	Mr. Lloyd
Mr. Banfield	Mr. McCorquodale
Mr. Broad	Mr. Mander
Mr. Brooke	Mr. Moreing
Mr. Bull	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Burke	Mr. Rathbone
Mr. Cartland	Mr. Arthur Reed
Lieut.-Colonel Clarke	Mr. Allan Reid
Mr. Rhys Davies	Mr. Rickards
Mr. Denman	Mr. Ridley
Mr. Dobbie	Mr. Ross Taylor
Mr. Emmott	Mr. Salt
Sir Henry Fildes	Mr. Short
Mr. Frankel	Mr. Silkin
Mr. Gibbins	Mr. Silverman
Sir John Haslam	Lt.-Colonel Sir Walter Smiles
Mr. Hollins	Mr. Ellis Smith
Miss Horsbrugh	Sir John Train
Mr. Robert Hudson	Lieut.-Commander Tufnell
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Viant
Mr. Hamilton Kerr	Mr. Wakefield
Sir Alfred Law	Mr. Walker
Mr. Law	Mr. Graham White
Sir Ernest Graham-Little	Wing-Commander Wright
Lieut.-Colonel Llewellyn	

Resolved, That during the consideration of the Factories Bill the Committee do meet on Tuesday and Thursday in each week at Eleven o'clock unless the Committee otherwise resolve—(Mr. Lloyd).

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Clause 1.

Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 17, after the word "week," to insert the words "at a time when work is not going on in the work-room"—(*Mr. Rhys Davies*).—Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 2, line 5, to leave out the word "fourteen," and insert the word "twelve"—(*Mr. Rhys Davies*).—Question, "That the word 'fourteen' stand part of the Clause,"—put, and *agreed to*.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 2.

An Amendment proposed, in page 3, to leave out lines 4 to 13—(*Mr. Rhys Davies*).—Question proposed, "That the words 'Provided that' stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned—(*Mr. Rhys Davies*).

Bill to be further considered on Tuesday next.

[Adjourned till Tuesday next, at Eleven o'clock.]

Tuesday, 2nd March, 1937.

MEMBERS PRESENT :

Major LLOYD GEORGE in the Chair.

Colonel Sandeman Allen	Mr. Mander
Mr. Banfield	Mr. Moreing
Mr. Bromfield	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Brooke	Mr. Porritt
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Rathbone
Mr. Bull	Mr. Rickards
Mr. Burke	Mr. Ridley
Mr. Cartland	Mr. Ross Taylor
Lieut.-Colonel Clarke	Mr. Rowlands
Mr. Rhys Davies	Mr. Salt
Mr. Denman	Mr. Short
Mr. Dobbie	Mr. Silkin
Mr. Rostron Duckworth	Mr. Silverman
Mr. Emmott	Secretary Sir John Simon
Mr. Frankel	Lt.-Colonel Sir Walter Smiles
Mr. Gibbins	Mr. Ellis Smith
Sir John Haslam	Mr. Touche
Mr. Hollins	Sir John Train
Mr. Hunter	Lieut.-Commander Tufnell
Mr. Lewis Jones	Mr. Viant
Mr. Hamilton Kerr	Mr. Wakefield
Mr. Law	Mr. Walker
Sir Ernest Graham-Little	Mr. Welsh
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Mr. McCorquodale	Wing-Commander Wright

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Clause 2.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 3, line 4, after the word "that," to insert the words "(except at such times as the persons are being employed overtime)"—(*Mr. Ellis Smith*).—Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 3, line 13, at the end, to insert the words:—

“ Provided also that as respects any room built or first used as a workroom after the date of the passing of this Act as if for the reference to four hundred cubic feet there were substituted a reference to five hundred cubic feet ”—(*Mr. Short*).

Question proposed, “ That those words be there inserted.”

But it appearing from the Debate that the Amendment was out of order, the Chairman declined to put the Question thereon.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 3, line 21, to leave out the word “ fourteen,” and insert the word “ twelve ”—(*Mr. Viant*).—Question, “ That the word ‘ fourteen ’ stand part of the Clause,”—put, and *agreed to*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 3, line 21, after the word “ floor,” to insert the words “ and no space occupied by machinery or fixtures ”—(*Mr. Frankel*).—Question, “ That those words be there inserted,”—put, and *negatived*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 3, line 22, at the end, to insert the words “ for the purposes of this section the floors of galleries shall be considered as separate floors ”—(*Wing-Commander Wright*).—Question proposed, “ That those words be there inserted.”

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 3, line 23, to leave out the words “ If the inspector for the district so requires ”—(*Mr. Silkin*).—Question proposed, “ That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.”

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned—(*Secretary Sir John Simon*).

Bill to be further considered on Thursday.

[Adjourned till Thursday, at Eleven o'clock.]

Thursday, 4th March, 1937.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Major LLOYD GEORGE in the Chair.

Colonel Sandeman Allen	Mr. McCorquodale
Viscountess Astor	Mr. Magnay
Mr. Banfield	Mr. Mander
Mr. Broad	Mr. Moreing
Mr. Brooke	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Porritt
Mr. Bull	Mr. Rathbone
Mr. Cartland	Mr. Rickards
Lieut.-Colonel Clarke	Mr. Ridley
Mr. Rhys Davies	Mr. Ross Taylor
Mr. Denman	Mr. Rowlands
Mr. Dobbie	Mr. Short
Mr. Rostron Duckworth	Mr. Silkin
Mr. Emmott	Mr. Silverman
Mr. Gibbins	Secretary Sir John Simon
Major Guest	Lt.-Colonel Sir Walter Smiles
Sir John Haslam	Mr. Ellis Smith
Mr. Hepworth	Mr. Touche
Miss Horsbrugh	Sir John Train
Mr. Hunter	Lieut.-Commander Tufnell
Mr. Lewis Jones	Mr. Viant
Mr. Hamilton Kerr	Mr. Wakefield
Sir Alfred Law	Mr. Welsh
Sir Ernest Graham-Little	Mr. Graham White
Lieut.-Colonel Lewellin	Mr. Wragg
Mr. Lloyd	Wing-Commander Wright

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Clause 3.

Amendment proposed, in page 3, line 28, to leave out the word “ reasonable ”—(*Mr. Buchanan*).—Question proposed, “ That the word ‘ reasonable ’ stand part of the Clause.”

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 3, line 29, after the word "workroom," to insert the words "having regard to the purposes for which the premises are used"—(*Miss Horsbrugh*).—Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 3, line 31, at the end, to insert the words "to effect the purity of the air, or"—(*Mr. Graham White*).—Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 3, line 34, to leave out the words "is done sitting and"—(*Mr. Mander*).—Question proposed, "That the words 'is done sitting and' stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 3, line 36, to leave out the words "after the first hour"—(*Mr. Rhys Davies*).—Question proposed, "That the words 'after the first hour' stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 4, line 5, after the word "thermometers" to insert the words "or other instruments for recording temperature prescribed by the Secretary of State"—(*Mr. Mander*).—Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause *agreed to*.

Clause 4.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment made, in page 4, line 10, by leaving out the words "that the room is adequately ventilated," and inserting the words "the adequate ventilation of the room"—(*Secretary Sir John Simon*).

Another Amendment proposed, in page 4, line 10, after the words last inserted, to insert the words "throughout the period when work is going on"—(*Mr. Broad*).—Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 4, line 10, to leave out from the word "room" last inserted to the end of the sub-section—(*Mr. Brooke*).—Question proposed, "That the words 'and for rendering harmless' stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 4, line 11, to leave out the words "so far as practicable"—(*Mr. Buchanan*).—Question proposed, "That the words 'so far as practicable' stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 4, line 17, at the end, to add the words:—

"Provided that no mechanical ventilation shall be deemed efficient which does not secure such frequency of complete changes of air in the workroom as the Secretary of State may by order direct"—(*Mr. Silverman*).

Question proposed, "That those words be there added."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 5.

Amendment proposed, in page 4, line 25, at the end, to insert the words "and by special regulations may direct that any operation in a factory shall be carried on where sufficient natural lighting is available during the daytime"—(*Mr. Cartland*).—Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 4, line 26, to leave out sub-section (3)—(Mr. Ridley).—Question proposed, “That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.”

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 4, line 32, at the end, to insert the words “ which are necessary in order to comply with the requirements of sub-section (1) of this section ”—(Mr. Graham White).—Question proposed, “ That those words be there inserted.”

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 4, line 33, to leave out the words “ so far as practicable ”—(Mr. Graham White).—Question proposed, “ That the words ‘ so far as practicable ’ stand part of the Clause.”

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned—(Secretary Sir John Simon).

Bill to be further considered on Tuesday next.

[Adjourned till Tuesday next, at Eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 9th March, 1937.

MEMBERS PRESENT :

Major LLOYD GEORGE in the Chair.

Colonel Sandeman Allen	Mr. Bull
Mr. Broad	Mr. Burke
Mr. Bromfield	Lieut.-Colonel Clarke
Mr. Brooke	Mr. Rhys Davies
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Denman

MEMBERS PRESENT—(continued) :

Mr. Emmott	Mr. Allan Reid
Sir Henry Fildes	Mr. Rickards
Mr. Frankel	Mr. Ridley
Mr. Gibbins	Mr. Ross Taylor
Sir John Haslam	Mr. Rowlands
Mr. Hepworth	Mr. Short
Mr. Hollins	Mr. Silkin
Miss Horsbrugh	Secretary Sir John Simon
Mr. Robert Hudson	Lt.-Colonel Sir Walter Smiles
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Ellis Smith
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Lieut.-Colonel Llewellyn	Mr. Viant
Mr. Lloyd	Mr. Wakefield
Mr. McCorquodale	Mr. Walker
Mr. Mander	Mr. Welsh
Major Neven-Spence	Mr. Graham White
Mr. Palmer	Lieut.-Colonel Wickham
Mr. Porritt	Mr. Wragg
Mr. Rathbone	

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Clause 6 *agreed to*.

Clause 7.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 5, line 11, at the end, to insert the words :—

“ It shall be an offence under this sub-section for an employer to prevent proper use of sanitary conveniences on the part of employees ”—(Mr. Buchanan).

Question proposed, “ That those words be there inserted.”

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 5, line 12, after the word “ make,” to insert the word “ special ”—(Mr. Porritt).—Question proposed, “ That the word ‘ special ’ be there inserted.”

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 8.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 6, line 9, at the end, to add the words "or sanitary inspector"—(*Mr. Ridley*).—Question proposed, "That those words be there added."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 9.

Amendment proposed, in page 6, line 15, to leave out from the word "he" to the end of the sub-section, and insert the words:—

"may, where he is satisfied that no proceedings have been taken by the district council for punishing or remedying the act or default, take the like proceeding for the punishing or remedying thereof as the district council might have taken, and shall for the purposes of his duties under this section have the same powers in regard to any such matters as he has with respect to other matters under this Act, and shall be entitled to recover from the district council summarily as a civil debt all such expenses incurred by him in or about the proceedings as are not recovered from any other person and have not been incurred in or about any unsuccessful legal proceedings"—(*Mr. Short*).

Question put, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."—The Committee divided:—Ayes 28, Noes 16.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 6, line 26, to leave out the words "one month," and insert the words "five days"—(*Mr. Buchanan*).—Question proposed, "That the words 'one month' stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 6, line 35, to leave out from the word "person" to the end of the Clause—(*Mr. Silkin*).—Question, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause,"—put, and *agreed to*.

Clause *agreed to*.

Clause 10 *agreed to*.

Clause 11.

Amendment proposed, in page 7, line 30, to leave out the words "(not including medical treatment)"—(*Mr. Ellis Smith*).—Question proposed, "That the words '(not including medical treatment)' stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 8, line 1, to leave out the word 'six,' and insert the word 'twelve'—(*Mr. Hollins*).—Question proposed, "That the word 'six' stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned—(*Secretary Sir John Simon*).

Bill to be further considered on Thursday.

[Adjourned till Thursday, at Eleven o'clock.

Thursday, 11th March, 1937.

MEMBERS PRESENT :

Major LLOYD GEORGE in the Chair.

Colonel Sandeman Allen	Mr. Broad
Viscountess Astor	Mr. Bromfield
Mr. Banfield	Mr. Brooke

MEMBERS PRESENT—(continued):

Mr. Buchanan	Major Neven-Spence
Mr. Bull	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Burke	Mr. Rathbone
Mr. Cartland	Mr. Allan Reid
Mr. Rhys Davies	Mr. Rickards
Mr. Denman	Mr. Ross Taylor
Mr. Dobbie	Mr. Rowlands
Sir Henry Fildes	Mr. Salt
Mr. Frankel	Mr. Short
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Mr. Moreing	

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Clause 12.

Amendment proposed, in page 8, line 23, to leave out from the word "fenced" to the end of the Clause—(Mr. Ellis Smith).—Question put, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."—The Committee divided:—Ayes 26, Noes 15.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 13.

Amendment proposed, in page 9, line 3, at the end, to insert the words "only male persons over eighteen years of age shall be allowed to put a belt upon a revolving shaft pulley which runs at a speed of more than fifty revolutions per minute"—(Lieut.-Colonel Sir Walter Smiles).

Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 14.

Amendment proposed, in page 9, line 29, at the end, to insert the words:—

"(2) No person under the age of eighteen shall be employed in operating a circular-saw or an overhand planer"—(Mr. Ellis Smith).

Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 9, line 37, to leave out the word "may," and insert the word "shall"—(Mr. Silverman).—Question proposed, "That the word 'may' stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 10, line 6, to leave out sub-section (3)—(Colonel Sandeman Allen).—Question proposed, "That sub-section (3) stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 10, to leave out lines 11 to 13—(Mr. Silverman).—Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out to the word 'it' in line 12 stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 10, line 12, after the word "where," to insert the words "in the opinion of the chief inspector"—(Mr. Graham White).—Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause agreed to.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned—(Mr. Lloyd).

Bill to be further considered on Tuesday next.

[Adjourned till Tuesday next, at Eleven o'clock.]

Tuesday, 16th March, 1937.

MEMBERS PRESENT :

Major LLOYD GEORGE in the Chair.

Colonel Sandeman Allen	Mr. McCorquodale
Viscountess Astor	Mr. Magnay
Mr. Banfield	Mr. Mander
Mr. Broad	Mr. Moreing
Mr. Brooke	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Porritt
Mr. Bull	Mr. Allan Reid
Mr. Burke	Mr. Rickards
Mr. Cartland	Mr. Ridley
Mr. Rhys Davies	Mr. Ross Taylor
Mr. Denman	Mr. Short
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Mr. Law	Mr. Viant
Sir Ernest Graham-Little	Mr. Graham White
Lieut.-Colonel Llewellyn	Mr. Wragg
Mr. Lloyd	Wing-Commander Wright

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Clause 15.

Amendment proposed, in page 10, line 18, at the end, to insert the words :—

“(a) no account shall be taken of any terms, orders, or directions affecting the use of or work in connection with such machinery contained in any contract of employment with or issued by or under the authority of the owner or occupier of the factory”
—(Mr. Short).

Question proposed, “ That those words be there inserted.”

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause *agreed to*.

Clause 16 *agreed to*.

Clause 17.

Amendment proposed, in page 11, line 15, after the word “ of,” to insert the words “ shafting or ”—(Lieut.-Colonel Sir Walter Smiles).—Question proposed, “ That those words be there inserted.”

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 11, line 27, after the word “ hire,” to insert the words “ or the agent in this country of any person outside the United Kingdom who supplies ”—(Mr. Rhys Davies).—Question proposed, “ That those words be there inserted.”

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 12, line 2, to leave out the word “ constructed,” and insert the words “ in use ”—(Mr. Silkin).—Question, “ That the word ‘ constructed ’ stand part of the Clause,”—put, and *agreed to*.

Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 18.

Amendment proposed, in page 12, line 15, at the end, to insert the words :—

“ Every vessel, structure, sump, or pit referred to in this sub-section shall have a notice affixed to it indicating its contents or the nature of its contents ”—(Mr. Graham White).

Question proposed, “ That those words be there inserted.”

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause *agreed to*.

Clause 19 *agreed to*.

Clause 20.

Amendment proposed, in page 13, line 9, to leave out the words "A woman or young," and insert the word "No"—(Mr. Mander).—Question proposed, "That the words 'A woman or young' stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause *agreed to*.

Clause 21.

Amendment proposed, in page 13, line 31, to leave out from the word "shall" to the word "be" in line 33—(Mr. Brooke).—Question put, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."—The Committee divided:—Ayes 20, Noes 18.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned—(Secretary Sir John Simon).

Bill to be further considered on Thursday.

[Adjourned till Thursday, at Eleven o'clock.

Thursday, 18th March, 1937.

MEMBERS PRESENT :

Major LLOYD GEORGE in the Chair.

Colonel Sandeman Allen	Mr. Bull
Viscountess Astor	Mr. Cartland
Mr. Banfield	Lieut.-Colonel Clarke
Mr. Broad	Mr. Rhys Davies
Mr. Brooke	Mr. Denman
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Dobbie

MEMBERS PRESENT—(continued) :

Mr. Emmott	Mr. Rickards
Mr. Frankel	Mr. Ross Taylor
Mr. Gibbins	Mr. Rowlands
Mr. Hollins	Mr. Salt
Miss Horsbrugh	Mr. Short
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Silkin
Mr. Lewis Jones	Mr. Silverman
Mr. Hamilton Kerr	Secretary Sir John Simon
Mr. Law	Lt.-Colonel Sir Walter Smiles
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Mr. Palmer	Mr. Graham White
Mr. Rathbone	Lieut.-Colonel Wickham
Mr. Arthur Reed	Mr. Wragg
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Clause 21.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 14, line 18, after the word "persons," to insert the words "other than the operator"—(Colonel Sandeman Allen).—Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 15, line 1, to leave out sub-section (8)—(Mr. Graham White).—Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 22.

Amendment proposed, in page 16, line 13, to leave out the words "except a fibre rope or fibre rope sling"—(Mr. Silverman).—Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause *agreed to*.

Clause 23 *agreed to*.

Clause 24.

Amendment proposed, in page 18, line 9, at the end, to insert the words:—

"(2) In the event of the floor of any workroom becoming slippery through any process carried on at the factory or otherwise, effective steps shall be taken to prevent accidents"—(Mr. Silkin).

Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 25 amended and *agreed to*.

Clause 26.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 19, line 11, after the word "wear," to insert the words "a suitable breathing apparatus and"—(Mr. Silkin).—Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 19, line 28, to leave out the words "any of the aforesaid requirements"

and insert the words "the requirements set forth in paragraphs (c) and (d) of this sub-section"—(Mr. Viant).—Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 27.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 21, line 8, at the end, to add the words:—

"Provided that the chief inspector may by certificate grant, subject to any conditions specified in the certificate, exemption from compliance with the requirements of this sub-section as respects any gasholder used for the purpose of a gas undertaking with respect to which he is satisfied that compliance with those requirements is unnecessary or impracticable"—(Mr. Ross Taylor).

Question, "That those words be there added,"—put, and *negatived*.

Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 28.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 24, line 31, at the end, to insert the words:—

"No work shall be permitted in any steam boiler unless during the time when any work is proceeding the stop valve, the water-feed check valve, and the blow-off valve or tap attached to the boiler are kept securely locked"—(Mr. Brooke).

Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 29.

Amendment proposed, in page 26, line 25, after the word "container," to insert the words "steam radiator"—(*Mr. Graham White*).—Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 30 *agreed to*.

Clause 31.

Amendment proposed, in page 28, line 34, after the word "certificate," to insert the words "after consultation with representatives of workmen engaged in connection with the class or type of apparatus intended to be excepted by the certificate"—(*Mr. Short*).—Question put, "That those words be there inserted."—The Committee divided:—Ayes 14, Noes 30.

Clause *agreed to*.

Clause 32 *agreed to*.

Clause 33.

Amendment proposed, in page 31, line 26, to leave out from the word "may" to the end of the sub-section, and insert the words:—

"when he is satisfied that no proceedings have been taken by the district council for remedying the dangerous condition, take the like action as the council might have taken and shall be entitled to recover from the district council summarily as a civil debt all such expenses as the inspector may incur in so doing and as are not recovered from any other person and are not

expenses incurred in or about any unsuccessful legal proceedings"—(*Mr. Viant*).

Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 31, line 27, after the word "council," to insert the words "specifying the nature of the alterations required to secure that the means of escape are adequate"—(*Mr. Hollins*).—Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 32, line 15, to leave out the words "court of summary jurisdiction," and insert the words "competent person appointed by the Secretary of State"—(*Mr. Buchanan*).—Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 33, line 17, at the end, to add the words:—

"() This section shall not apply to premises licensed under the Petroleum Consolidation Act, 1928"
—(*Mr. Rowlands*).

Question proposed, "That those words be there added."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause *agreed to*.

Clause 34.

Amendment proposed, in page 33, line 18, to leave out the word "may," and insert the word "shall"—(*Mr. Graham White*).—Question proposed, "That the word 'may' stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 33, line 36, to leave out from the word "shall" to the word "make" in line 38—(*Mr. Silverman*).—Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 35.

Amendment proposed, in page 34, line 35, to leave out the words "which is not kept continuously open"—(*Mr. Graham White*).—Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 35, line 20, at the end, to add the words:—

"(8) Where in any room in which persons are employed in a factory explosives or inflammable material are stored or used or accumulate, effective provision for fire extinguishing, either by way of water sprinkler apparatus or portable chemical fire-extinguishers, shall be made to the satisfaction of the inspector"—(*Mr. Short*).

Question proposed, "That those words be there added."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 36.

Amendment proposed, in page 35, line 22, to leave out the word "first," and insert the word "ground"—(*Mr. Graham White*).—Question proposed, "That the word 'first' stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 37 agreed to.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned—(*Secretary Sir John Simon*).

Bill to be further considered on Tuesday next.

[Adjourned till Tuesday next, at Eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 23rd March, 1937.

MEMBERS PRESENT :

Major LLOYD GEORGE in the Chair.

Colonel Sandeman Allen	Mr. Palmer
Viscountess Astor	Mr. Porritt
Mr. Banfield	Mr. Arthur Reed
Mr. Broad	Mr. Allan Reid
Mr. Bromfield	Mr. Rickards
Mr. Bull	Mr. Ridley
Mr. Burke	Mr. Salt
Lieut.-Colonel Clarke	Mr. Short
Mr. Rhys Davies	Mr. Silkin
Mr. Denman	Mr. Silverman
Mr. Hepworth	Secretary Sir John Simon
Mr. Hollins	Lt.-Colonel Sir Walter Smiles
Miss Horsbrugh	Mr. Ellis Smith
Mr. Lewis Jones	Mr. Touche
Mr. Hamilton Kerr	Sir John Train
Sir Alfred Law	Lieut.-Commander Tufnell
Mr. Law	Mr. Viant
Sir Ernest Graham-Little	Mr. Walker
Lieut.-Colonel Llewellyn	Mr. Welsh
Mr. Lloyd	Mr. Graham White
Mr. McCorquodale	Lieut.-Colonel Wickham
Mr. Magnay	Mr. Wragg
Mr. Mander	

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Clause 38.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 36, line 29, to leave out the words "danger to life," and insert the words "risk of bodily injury"—(*Mr. Rhys Davies*).—Question proposed, "That the words 'danger to life' stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment made.

Question put, "That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill."—The Committee divided:—Ayes 24, Noes 13.

Clause 39 *agreed to*.

Clause 40.

Amendment proposed, in page 37, line 17, at the end, to add the words:—

"(3) When the supply of drinking water does not consist of a drinking jet, there shall be provided and maintained at every point of supply a reasonable number of clean drinking vessels"—(*Mr. Burke*).

Question proposed, "That those words be there added."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 41.

Amendment proposed, in page 37, line 18, to leave out from the beginning to the word "and" in line 24, and insert the words "In every factory"—(*Mr. Mander*).—Question, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause,"—put, and *agreed to*.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 42.

Amendment proposed, in page 37, line 28, to leave out the words "employed in processes to which this section applies"—(*Mr. Mander*).—Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 37, line 32, at the end, to insert the words:—

"and

(b) suitable protective clothing in a clean condition shall be provided by the occupier, and worn by the persons employed"—(*Mr. Short*).

Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause *agreed to*.

Clause 43.

Amendment proposed, in page 38, line 2, to leave out the word "female"—(*Mr. Graham White*).—Question, "That the word 'female' stand part of the Clause,"—put, and *agreed to*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 38, line 5, at the end, to add the words:—

"and it shall be the duty of the occupier of the factory to permit the female workers so employed to make use of such seats whenever the use thereof does not interfere with their work, and the occupier shall in the prescribed manner and in the prescribed form give notice informing such female workers that they are intended to do so"—(*Mr. Broad*).

Question proposed, "That those words be there added."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause *agreed to*.

Clause 44.

Amendment proposed, in page 38, line 6, to leave out the words "If mechanical power is used"—(*Mr. Broad*).—Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 38, line 9, after the word "standard," to insert the words "which shall be examined annually by a factory surgeon"—(*Sir Ernest Graham-Little*).—Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 38, line 10, to leave out from the word "employed" to the end of line 11, and insert the words:—

"a suitably equipped ambulance room shall be provided and such arrangements shall be made as to ensure the immediate treatment there of all injuries occurring in the factory"—(*Mr. Rhys Davies*).

Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause *agreed to*.

Clause 45.

Amendment proposed, in page 39, line 28, to leave out from the word "made" to the word "but" in line 30—(*Mr. Mander*).—Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause *agreed to*.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned—(*Secretary Sir John Simon*).

Bill to be further considered on Thursday, 8th April.

[Adjourned till Thursday, 8th April, at Eleven o'clock.]

Thursday, 8th April, 1937.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Major LLOYD GEORGE in the Chair.

The Lord Advocate	Mr. Moreing
Mr. Banfield	Major Neven-Spence
Mr. Broad	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Porritt
Mr. Bull	Mr. Rathbone
Mr. Burke	Mr. Allan Reid
Mr. Cartland	Mr. Rickards
Lieut.-Colonel Clarke	Mr. Ridley
Mr. Rhys Davies	Mr. Ross Taylor
Mr. Denman	Mr. Rowlands
Mr. Rostron Duckworth	Mr. Salt
Mr. Emmott	Mr. Short
Mr. Gibbins	Mr. Silverman
Sir John Haslam	Secretary Sir John Simon
Mr. Hepworth	Lieut.-Col. Sir Walter Smiles
Miss Horsbrugh	Mr. Ellis Smith
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Touche
Sir Alfred Law	Sir John Train
Sir Ernest Graham-Little	Mr. Viant
Lieut.-Colonel Llewellyn	Mr. Walker
Mr. Lloyd	Mr. Graham White
Mr. McCorquodale	Mr. Wragg
Mr. Mander	

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Clause 46.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 40, line 12, to leave out the words "or offensive"—(*Mr. Graham White*).—Question proposed, "That the words 'or offensive' stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 47.

Amendment proposed, in page 40, line 38, to leave out the word "washing," and insert the word "cleansing"—(Sir Ernest Graham-Little).—Question proposed, "That the word 'washing' stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 41, line 10, after the word "permitted," to insert the words "to partake of food or drink in that room or"—(Mr. Rhys Davies).—Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 48.

Amendment proposed, in page 41, line 24, to leave out the word "special"—(Mr. Rhys Davies).—Question proposed, "That the word 'special' stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause *agreed to*.

Clause 49 *agreed to*.

Clause 50 amended and *agreed to*.

Clause 51.

Amendment proposed, in page 44, line 1, to leave out from the word "State)" to the end of line 10, and insert the words:—

" unless it is certified by the inspector for the district to be suitable for the purpose on hygienic grounds

and in particular as regards construction, light, ventilation, and adequate means of escape in case of fire"—(Mr. Short).

Question proposed, "That the words 'which is' stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 44, line 1, after the word "is," to insert the words "less than eight feet six inches in height measured from the floor to the ceiling, nor in any other such underground room if it is"—(Mr. Silverman).—Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 44, line 2, to leave out the words "inspector for the district," and insert the words "district council in consultation with the factory inspector"—(Sir Ernest Graham-Little).—Question proposed, "That the words 'inspector for the district' stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 44, line 21, to leave out from the word "that" to the word "below" in line 22, and insert the words "the surface of the floor is more than three feet"—(Mr. Viant).—Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause *agreed to*.

Clause 52.

Amendment proposed, in page 44, line 32, after the word "Act," to insert the words "and in any case shall not be so used after the expiration of five years after the date of the passing of this Act"—(Mr. Banfield).—Question, "That those words be there inserted,"—put, and *negatived*.

Clause *agreed to*.

Clause 53 agreed to.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned—(*Secretary Sir John Simon*).

Bill to be further considered on Tuesday next.

[Adjourned till Tuesday next, at Eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 13th April, 1937.

MEMBERS PRESENT :

Major LLOYD GEORGE in the Chair.

The Lord Advocate	Mr. Lloyd
Colonel Sandeman Allen	Mr. McCorquodale
Viscountess Astor	Mr. Magnay
Mr. Banfield	Mr. Mander
Mr. Broad	Mr. Moreing
Mr. Bromfield	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Brooke	Mr. Rathbone
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Allan Reid
Mr. Bull	Mr. Rickards
Mr. Burke	Mr. Ridley
Mr. Cartland	Mr. Rowlands
Lieut.-Colonel Clarke	Mr. Salt
Mr. Rhys Davies	Mr. Short
Mr. Denman	Mr. Silverman
Mr. Dobbie	Secretary Sir John Simon
Mr. Rostron Duckworth	Lt.-Colonel Sir Walter Smiles
Mr. Emmott	Mr. Ellis Smith
Mr. Frankel	Mr. Touche
Colonel Goodman	Sir John Train
Mr. Hepworth	Lieut.-Commander Tufnell
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Viant
Mr. Lewis Jones	Mr. Walker
Mr. Hamilton Kerr	Mr. Welsh
Sir Alfred Law	Mr. Graham White
Mr. Law	Lieut.-Colonel Wickham
Sir Ernest Graham-Little	Mr. Wragg
Lieut.-Colonel Llewellyn	Wing-Commander Wright

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Clause 54.

Amendment proposed, in page 45, line 16, to leave out the word "young"—(*Mr. Rhys Davies*).—Question proposed, "That the word 'young' stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 55.

Amendment proposed, in page 45, line 33, at the end, to insert the words "(d) the making or finishing of bricks or tiles not being ornamental tiles"—(*Mr. Bromfield*).—Question, "That those words be there inserted,"—put, and *negatived*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 45, line 35, at the end, to insert the words:—

"No girl under the age of seventeen years shall be employed on a power press, and then only if she has had twelve months' experience of working in a shop where machinery is in operation"—(*Mr. Mander*).

Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 56.

Amendment proposed, in page 46, line 8, to leave out the words "woman or"—(*Sir Ernest Graham-Little*).—Question, "That the words 'woman or' stand part of the Clause,"—put, and *agreed to*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 46, line 14, at the end, to insert the words "or of alloys containing more than ten per cent. of lead"—(*Mr. Walker*).—Question, "That those words be there inserted,"—put, and *negatived*.

Clause *agreed to*.

Clause 57.

Amendment proposed, in page 46, line 24, to leave out the words " a woman or young person shall not," and insert the words " no one shall "—(*Mr. Graham-White*).—Question, " That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause,"—put, and *agreed to*.

Clause *agreed to*.

Clause 58.

Amendment proposed, in page 48, line 14, to leave out the words " modify or "—(*Mr. Silverman*).—Question, " That the words ' modify or ' stand part of the Clause,"—put, and *agreed to*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 48, line 20, to leave out sub-section (3)—(*Mr. Short*).—Question proposed, " That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause *agreed to*.

Clause 59 amended and *agreed to*.

Clause 60.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 49, line 39, to leave out the word " fifty," and insert the words " one hundred "—(*Mr. Graham White*).—Question proposed, " That the word ' fifty ' stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 49, line 40, at the end, to add the words :—

" () If at the time when a sample is taken the occupier so requests in writing any of the sample not

used for the purpose of the analysis shall be returned to him within one month of the date when the sample was taken "—(*Mr. Graham White*).

Question proposed, " That those words be there added."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clauses 61 to 63 *agreed to*.

Clause 64.

Amendment proposed, in page 51, line 22, to leave out from the word " from " to the word " contracted " in line 23, and insert the words :—

" any industrial disease to which the provisions of section forty-three of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1925, apply, or silicosis "—(*Mr. Ellis Smith*).

Question proposed, " That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 51, line 30, after the word " shall," to insert the words " send a copy of the notice to the occupier of the factory and he shall "—(*Colonel Sandeman Allen*).—Question proposed, " That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause *agreed to*.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned—(*Secretary Sir John Simon*).

Motion made, and Question put, " That the Bill be further considered this Day at Four o'clock."—The Committee divided :—Ayes 19, Noes 10.

Sitting suspended until Four o'clock.

Clause 65.

Amendment proposed, in page 53, line 21, after the word "union," to insert the word "or"—(*Mr. Short*).—
Question proposed, "That the word 'or' be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause *agreed to*.

Clauses 66 and 67 *agreed to*.

Clause 68.

Amendment proposed, in page 56, line 20, after the word "Act," to insert the words "it shall not be lawful to employ a young person under the age of fifteen in a factory and"—(*Mr. Ridley*).—Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Committee do now adjourn"—(*Mr. Short*).

Motion, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Original Question again proposed.

Debate arising:

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned—(*Secretary Sir John Simon*).

Debate to be resumed on Thursday.

[Adjourned till Thursday, at Eleven o'clock.

Thursday, 15th April, 1937.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Major LLOYD GEORGE in the Chair.

Colonel Sandeman Allen	Mr. McCorquodale
Viscountess Astor	Mr. Magnay
Mr. Banfield	Mr. Mander
Mr. Broad	Mr. Moreing
Mr. Bromfield	Major Neven-Spence
Mr. Brooke	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Porritt
Mr. Bull	Mr. Rathbone
Mr. Burke	Mr. Arthur Reed
Mr. Cartland	Mr. Allan Reid
Lieut.-Colonel Clarke	Mr. Rickards
Mr. Rhys Davies	Mr. Ridley
Mr. Denman	Mr. Ross Taylor
Mr. Dobbie	Mr. Rowlands
Mr. Rostron Duckworth	Mr. Salt
Mr. Emmott	Mr. Short
Sir Henry Fildes	Mr. Silkin
Mr. Frankel	Mr. Silverman
Mr. Gibbins	Secretary Sir John Simon
Colonel Goodman	Lt.-Colonel Sir Walter Smiles
Major Guest	Mr. Ellis Smith
Mr. Hepworth	Mr. Touche
Mr. Hollins	Sir John Train
Miss Horsbrugh	Lieut.-Commander Tufnell
Mr. Robert Hudson	Mr. Viant
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Walker
Mr. Hamilton Kerr	Mr. Welsh
Sir Alfred Law	Mr. Graham White
Mr. Law	Lieut.-Colonel Wickham
Sir Ernest Graham-Little	Mr. Wragg
Lieut.-Colonel Llewellyn	Wing-Commander Wright
Mr. Lloyd	

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Clause 68.

Amendment proposed, in page 56, line 20, after the word "Act," to insert the words "it shall not be lawful to employ

a young person under the age of fifteen in a factory and.”
—Question again proposed, “That those words be there inserted.”

Debate arising :

Secretary Sir John Simon rose in his place, and claimed to move “That the Question be now put.”—Question put, “That the Question be now put.”—The Committee divided :—Ayes 35, Noes 20.

Question put accordingly, “That those words be there inserted.”—The Committee divided :—Ayes 22, Noes 32.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned—(*Secretary Sir John Simon*).

Bill to be further considered this Day at Four o'clock.

Resolved, That, unless the Committee otherwise resolve, the sittings of the Committee on Tuesdays and Thursdays be resumed at Four o'clock—(*Secretary Sir John Simon*).

Sitting suspended until Four o'clock.

Clause 68.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 56, line 22, to leave out the words “woman or young”—(*Mr. Ridley*).

Question put, “That the words ‘woman or young’ stand part of the Clause.”—The Committee divided :—Ayes 29, Noes 16.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned—(*Secretary Sir John Simon*).

Bill to be further considered on Tuesday next.

[Adjourned till Tuesday next, at Eleven o'clock.]

Tuesday, 20th April, 1937.

MEMBERS PRESENT :

Major LLOYD GEORGE in the Chair.

Colonel Sandeman Allen	Mr. Lloyd
Viscountess Astor	Mr. McCorquodale
Mr. Banfield	Mr. Magnay
Mr. Broad	Mr. Mander
Mr. Bromfield	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Porritt
Mr. Bull	Mr. Allan Reid
Mr. Burke	Mr. Rickards
Mr. Cartland	Mr. Ridley
Lieut.-Colonel Clarke	Mr. Ross Taylor
Mr. Denman	Mr. Salt
Mr. Dobbie	Mr. Short
Mr. Emmott	Mr. Silkin
Sir Henry Fildes	Mr. Silverman
Mr. Frankel	Secretary Sir John Simon
Mr. Gibbins	Lt.-Colonel Sir Walter Smiles
Colonel Goodman	Mr. Ellis Smith
Major Guest	Mr. Touche
Sir John Haslam	Sir John Train
Mr. Hepworth	Lieut.-Commander Tufnell
Miss Horsbrugh	Mr. Viant
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Wakefield
Mr. Lewis Jones	Mr. Welsh
Mr. Hamilton Kerr	Mr. Graham White
Mr. Law	Mr. Wragg
Sir Ernest Graham-Little	Wing-Commander Wright
Lieut.-Colonel Llewellyn	

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Clause 68.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 56, line 26, after the word “shall,” to insert the words “in the case of a woman”—(*Mr. Short*).—Question proposed, “That those words be there inserted.”

Debate arising :

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned—(*Mr. Short*).

Debate to be resumed on Thursday.

[Adjourned till Thursday, at Eleven o'clock.

Thursday, 22nd April, 1937.

MEMBERS PRESENT :

Major LLOYD GEORGE in the Chair.

The Lord Advocate	Mr. Mander
Colonel Sandeman Allen	Mr. Moreing
Viscountess Astor	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Banfield	Major Procter
Mr. Broad	Mr. Rathbone
Mr. Brooke	Mr. Allan Reid
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Rickards
Mr. Bull	Mr. Ridley
Mr. Burke	Mr. Ross Taylor
Mr. Cartland	Mr. Salt
Lieut.-Colonel Clarke	Mr. Short
Mr. Rhys Davies	Mr. Silkin
Mr. Denman	Mr. Silverman
Mr. Dobbie	Secretary Sir John Simon
Mr. Emmott	Lt.-Colonel Sir Walter Smiles
Mr. Gibbins	Mr. Ellis Smith
Colonel Goodman	Sir John Train
Sir John Haslam	Lieut.-Commander Tufnell
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Viant
Mr. Hamilton Kerr	Mr. Wakefield
Mr. Law	Mr. Walker
Sir Ernest Graham-Little	Mr. Graham White
Lieut.-Colonel Llewellyn	Mr. Wragg
Mr. Lloyd	Wing-Commander Wright
Mr. McCorquodale	

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Clause 68.

Amendment proposed, in page 56, line 26, after the word "shall," to insert the words "in the case of a woman."—Question again proposed, "That those words be there inserted."—Question put.—The Committee divided:—Ayes 16, Noes 21.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 56, line 27, to leave out the word "forty-eight," and insert the word "forty"—(*Mr. Brooke*).—Question put, "That the word 'forty-eight' stand part of the Clause."—The Committee divided:—Ayes 24, Noes 15.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned—(*Secretary Sir John Simon*).

Bill to be further considered this Day at Four o'clock.

Sitting suspended till Four o'clock.

Clause 68.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 56, line 29, to leave out the word "eleven," and insert the word "ten"—(*Mr. Rhys Davies*).—Question proposed, "That the word 'eleven' stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 56, line 32, to leave out the word "eight," and insert the word "six"—(*Mr. Silkin*).—Question proposed, "That the word 'eight' stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 56, line 34, to leave out the words "or young person"—(*Mr. Graham White*).—Question, "That the words 'or young person' stand part of the Clause,"—put, and *agreed to*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 56, line 35, to leave out the words "four and a half," and insert the word "three"—(*Sir Ernest Graham-Little*).—Question, "That the words 'four and a half' stand part of the Clause,"—put, and *agreed to*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 56, line 37, to leave out from the word "rest" to the end of the paragraph—(*Mr. Graham White*).—Question put, "That the words proposed to be left out to the word 'ten' in line 38 stand part of the Clause."—The Committee divided:—Ayes 22, Noes 9.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 56, line 40, to leave out the words "to five hours," and insert the words "by the length of the interval"—(*Mr. Ridley*).—Question put, "That the words 'to five hours' stand part of the Clause."—The Committee divided:—Ayes 22, Noes 9.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned—(*Mr. Lloyd*).

Bill to be further considered on Tuesday next.

[Adjourned till Tuesday next, at Eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 27th April, 1937.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Major LLOYD GEORGE in the Chair.

Colonel Sandeman Allen	Mr. Buchanan
Viscountess Astor	Mr. Bull
Mr. Banfield	Mr. Burke
Mr. Broad	Mr. Cartland
Mr. Bromfield	Lieut.-Colonel Clarke

MEMBERS PRESENT—(*continued*):

Mr. Rhys Davies	Major Procter
Mr. Denman	Mr. Rathbone
Mr. Dobbie	Mr. Arthur Reed
Mr. Emmott	Mr. Allan Reid
Sir Henry Fildes	Mr. Rickards
Mr. Frankel	Mr. Ridley
Mr. Gibbins	Mr. Ross Taylor
Colonel Goodman	Mr. Rowlands
Major Guest	Mr. Salt
Sir John Haslam	Mr. Short
Miss Horsbrugh	Mr. Silkin
Mr. Robert Hudson	Mr. Silverman
Mr. Hunter	Secretary Sir John Simon
Mr. Lewis Jones	Lt.-Colonel Sir Walter Smiles
Mr. Hamilton Kerr	Mr. Ellis Smith
Sir Alfred Law	Mr. Touche
Mr. Law	Sir John Train
Sir Ernest Graham-Little	Lieut.-Commander Tufnell
Lieut.-Colonel Llewellyn	Mr. Viant
Mr. Lloyd	Mr. Wakefield
Mr. McCorquodale	Mr. Walker
Mr. Magnay	Mr. Welsh
Mr. Mander	Mr. Graham White
Mr. Moreing	Lieut.-Colonel Wickham
Major Neven-Spence	Mr. Wragg
Mr. Palmer	Wing-Commander Wright
Mr. Porritt	

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Clause 68.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 56, line 40, at the end, to insert the words:—

"Provided that, as respects young persons, where the hours of employment include the hours from half-past eleven in the morning to half-past two in the afternoon, an interval of not less than three-quarters of an hour shall be allowed between those hours for dinner, if dinner is taken in the factory or in a building of

which the factory forms part, or one hour if dinner is not taken in the factory or such building"—(*Mr. Silkin*).

Question, "That those words be there inserted,"—put, and *negatived*.

Another Amendment made.

Question put, "That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill."—The Committee divided:—Ayes 34, Noes 18.

Clause 69 *agreed to*.

Clause 70.

Amendment proposed, in page 58, line 4, to leave out from the word "women" to the end of line 5—(*Mr. Ellis Smith*).—Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."

Debate arising:

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned—(*Secretary Sir John Simon*).

Debate to be resumed this Day at Four o'clock.

Sitting suspended till Four o'clock.

Clause 70.

Amendment proposed, in page 58, line 4, to leave out from the word "women" to the end of line 5.

Question again proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."—Question put.—The Committee divided:—Ayes 34, Noes 19.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 58, line 5, at the end, to insert the words "Provided that no young persons shall work more than fifty hours' overtime in any calendar year"—(*Mr. Silkin*).—Question put, "That those words be there inserted."—The Committee divided:—Ayes 21, Noes 33.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned—(*Secretary Sir John Simon*).

Bill to be further considered on Thursday.

[Adjourned till Thursday, at Eleven o'clock.

Thursday, 29th April, 1937.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Major LLOYD GEORGE in the Chair.

Colonel Sandeman Allen	Mr. Moreing
Viscountess Astor	Major Neven-Spence
Mr. Banfield	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Broad	Mr. Porritt
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Rathbone
Mr. Bull	Mr. Arthur Reed
Mr. Burke	Mr. Allan Reid
Mr. Cartland	Mr. Rickards
Mr. Rhys Davies	Mr. Ridley
Mr. Denman	Mr. Ross Taylor
Mr. Dobbie	Mr. Rowlands
Mr. Rostron Duckworth	Mr. Salt
Mr. Emmott	Mr. Short
Sir Henry Fildes	Mr. Silkin
Mr. Frankel	Secretary Sir John Simon
Mr. Gibbins	Lt.-Colonel Sir Walter Smiles
Colonel Goodman	Mr. Touche
Sir John Haslam	Sir John Train
Mr. Hollins	Lieut.-Commander Tufnell
Sir Ernest Graham-Little	Mr. Viant
Lieut.-Colonel Llewellyn	Mr. Wakefield
Mr. Lloyd	Mr. Walker
Mr. McCorquodale	Mr. Welsh
Mr. Magnay	Mr. Graham White
Mr. Mander	Wing-Commander Wright

FACTORIES BILL.

Clause 70.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 58, line 7, to leave out the words "one hundred," and insert the word "fifty"—(*Mr. Rhys Davies*).—Question proposed, "That the words 'one hundred' stand part of the Clause."

But it appearing from the Debate that the Amendment was out of order, the Chairman declined to put the Question thereon.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 58, line 8, to leave out the words "calendar year," and insert the words "consecutive period of twelve months"—(*Mr. Short*).—Question proposed, "That the words 'calendar year' stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 58, line 42, to leave out sub-section (4)—(*Mr. Mander*).—Question put, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."—The Committee divided:—Ayes 23, Noes 12.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 59, line 9, to leave out sub-section (5)—(*Mr. Mander*).—Question put, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."—The Committee divided:—Ayes 25, Noes 12.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 59, line 30, at the end, to insert the words:—

"(7) If the Secretary of State is satisfied that the nature of the business carried on in any class or description of factory involves the overtime employment of different persons on different occasions to such an extent that the provisions of this section limiting overtime employment by reference to the factory would, as respects a substantial number of factories of that class or description, be unreasonable or inappropriate, he may by regulations provide that any factory of that class or description may, in lieu of complying with the said

provisions, comply with such provisions limiting overtime employment by reference to the individual as may be specified in the regulations, and such provisions shall secure—

- (a) that no woman shall be employed overtime in the factory for more than seventy-five hours, and no young person for more than fifty hours, in any calendar year; and
- (b) that no woman or young person shall, except as otherwise provided in regulations, be employed overtime in the factory for more than six hours in any week or in more than twenty-five weeks in any calendar year"—(*Secretary Sir John Simon*).

Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Debate arising:

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned—(*Secretary Sir John Simon*).

Debate to be resumed this Day at Four o'clock.

Sitting suspended till Four o'clock.

Clause 70.

Amendment proposed, in page 59, line 30, at the end, to insert the words:—

"(7) If the Secretary of State is satisfied that the nature of the business carried on in any class or description of factory involves the overtime employment of different persons on different occasions to such an extent that the provisions of this section limiting overtime employment by reference to the factory would, as respects a substantial number of factories of that class or description, be unreasonable or inappropriate, he

may by regulations provide that any factory of that class or description may, in lieu of complying with the said provisions, comply with such provisions limiting overtime employment by reference to the individual as may be specified in the regulations, and such provisions shall secure—

- (a) that no woman shall be employed overtime in the factory for more than seventy-five hours, and no young person for more than fifty hours, in any calendar year; and
- (b) that no woman or young person shall, except as otherwise provided in regulations, be employed overtime in the factory for more than six hours in any week or in more than twenty-five weeks in any calendar year.”

Question again proposed, “ That those words be there inserted.”

Question put, and *agreed to*.

Question put, “ That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.”—The Committee divided :—Ayes 22, Noes 9.

Clause 71 amended and *agreed to*.

Clauses 72 to 74 *agreed to*.

Clause 75.

Amendment proposed, in page 61, line 7, after the word “ factory,” to insert the words “ without loss of wages ”—(Mr. Viant).—Question proposed, “ That those words be there inserted.”—The Committee divided :—Ayes 12, Noes 23.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 61, line 9, after the word “ Friday,” to insert the words “ Easter Saturday ”—(Mr. Mander).—Question, “ That those words be there inserted,”—put, and *negatived*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 61, line 25, at the end, to insert the words :—

“ (2) To every young person continuously employed in the factory since the preceding calendar year there

shall also be allowed as additional whole holidays six weekdays, to be fixed by the occupier and notified by means of a notice posted in the factory throughout or by notification to the young person concerned not less than three weeks before the holiday, and there shall be paid to him in respect of such holidays a sum equal to the wages he might reasonably have been expected to receive if he had been at work ”—(Mr. Denman).

Question put, “ That those words be there inserted.”—The Committee divided :—Ayes 14, Noes 22.

Clause *agreed to*.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned—(Mr. Lloyd).

Bill to be further considered on Tuesday next.

[Adjourned till Tuesday next, at Eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 4th May, 1937.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Major LLOYD GEORGE in the Chair.

The Lord Advocate	Colonel Goodman
Colonel Sandeman Allen	Sir John Haslam
Viscountess Astor	Mr. Hepworth
Mr. Banfield	Mr. Hollins
Mr. Broad	Miss Horsbrugh
Mr. Bromfield	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Lewis Jones
Mr. Bull	Mr. Law
Mr. Cartland	Sir Ernest Graham-Little
Lieut.-Colonel Clarke	Lieut.-Colonel Llewellyn
Mr. Rhys Davies	Mr. Lloyd
Mr. Denman	Mr. McCorquodale
Mr. Rostron Duckworth	Mr. Magnay
Sir Henry Fildes	Mr. Mander
Mr. Frankel	Mr. Moreing
Mr. Gibbins	Mr. Palmer

MEMBERS PRESENT—(continued):

Mr. Rathbone	Lt.-Colonel Sir Walter Smiles
Mr. Arthur Reed	Mr. Ellis Smith
Mr. Allan Reid	Mr. Touche
Mr. Rickards	Sir John Train
Mr. Ridley	Lieut.-Commander Tufnell
Mr. Ross Taylor	Mr. Viant
Mr. Rowlands	Mr. Wakefield
Mr. Salt	Mr. Walker
Mr. Short	Mr. Graham White
Mr. Silkin	Lieut.-Colonel Wickham
Secretary Sir John Simon	Mr. Wragg

Resolved, That the Committee do meet To-morrow at Eleven o'clock, and that the sitting of the Committee be resumed at Four o'clock—(Secretary Sir John Simon).

FACTORIES BILL.

Clause 76 *agreed to*.

Clause 77.

Amendment proposed, in page 62, line 8, after the word "factory," to insert the words "but except as regards young persons"—(Mr. Rhys Davies).—Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 78.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 62, line 24, to leave out from the word "o'clock" to the end of subsection (1)—(Mr. Short).—Question, "That the words pro-

posed to be left out stand part of the Clause,"—put, and *agreed to*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 62, line 33, to leave out from the word "six" to the word "in" in line 35—(Mr. Walker).—Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 63, to leave out lines 1 to 5—(Mr. Rhys Davies).—Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 63, line 32, to leave out from the word "rods" to the end of the paragraph—(Mr. Walker).—Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Question put, "That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill."—The Committee divided:—Ayes 24, Noes 13.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned—(Secretary Sir John Simon).

Bill to be further considered this Day at Four o'clock.

Sitting suspended till Four o'clock.

Clause 79.

Amendment proposed, in page 64, line 10, after the word "on," to insert the words "the same or"—(Colonel

Sandeman Allen).—Question proposed, “ That those words be there inserted.”

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause *agreed to*.

Clause 80 *agreed to*.

Clause 81 amended and *agreed to*.

Clauses 82 to 85 *agreed to*.

Clause 86 amended and *agreed to*.

Clause 87.

Amendment proposed, in page 67, line 5, after the word “ preserving,” to insert the word “ canning ”—(*Colonel Sandeman Allen*).—Question proposed, “ That the word ‘ canning ’ be there inserted.”

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 67, line 9, at the end, to insert the words :—

“ (c) the fashioning and adaptation of flowers for bouquets, wreaths, and other examples of floral art ”—(*Colonel Sandeman Allen*).

Question proposed, “ That those words be there inserted.”

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 67, line 11, at the end, to insert the words :—

“ Provided that the hours worked in any week by any such woman or young person shall not exceed fifty-four ”—(*Mr. Viant*).

Question proposed, “ That those words be there inserted.”

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause *agreed to*.

Clause 88.

Amendment proposed, in page 67, line 20, to leave out the words “ before being sold as such ”—(*Colonel Sandeman Allen*).—Question proposed, “ That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.”

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause *agreed to*.

Clauses 89 to 91 *agreed to*.

Clause 92.

Amendment proposed, in page 68, line 38, after the word “ section,” to insert the words “ a female young person and ”—(*Sir Ernest Graham-Little*).—Question proposed, “ That those words be there inserted.”

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 71, line 1, to leave out sub-section (10)—(*Mr. Viant*).—Question proposed, “ That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.”

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause *agreed to*.

Clause 93 *agreed to*.

Clause 94.

Amendment proposed, in page 72, line 10, at the end, to insert the words :—

“ Provided also that the owner of any tenement shall not be responsible for the observance in that tenement of any of the provisions of this Act with respect to any matters in regard to which he has surrendered control to the occupier ”—(*Colonel Sandeman Allen*).

Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause *agreed to*.

Clause 95.

Amendment proposed, in page 73, line 14, after the first word "fire," to insert the word "and"—(*Mr. Rhys Davies*).—Question proposed, "That the word 'and' be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause *agreed to*.

Clauses 96 and 97 *agreed to*.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned—(*Mr. Rhys Davies*).

Bill to be further considered To-morrow.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Eleven o'clock.

Wednesday, 5th May, 1937.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Major LLOYD GEORGE in the Chair.

The Lord Advocate	Mr. Denman
Colonel Sandeman Allen	Sir Henry Fildes
Viscountess Astor	Mr. Gibbins
Mr. Banfield	Colonel Goodman
Mr. Broad	Sir John Haslam
Mr. Bromfield	Mr. Hepworth
Mr. Bull	Miss Horsbrugh
Mr. Burke	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Cartland	Sir Ernest Graham-Little
Mr. Rhys Davies	Lieut.-Colonel Llewellyn

MEMBERS PRESENT—(*continued*):

Mr. Lloyd	Mr. Salt
Mr. McCorquodale	Mr. Short
Mr. Magnay	Mr. Silkin
Mr. Mander	Mr. Silverman
Mr. Moreing	Secretary Sir John Simon
Major Neven-Spence	Mr. Ellis Smith
Mr. Palmer	Mr. Touche
Major Procter	Sir John Train
Mr. Arthur Reed	Lieut.-Commander Tufnell
Mr. Allan Reid	Mr. Viant
Mr. Rickards	Mr. Wakefield
Mr. Ridley	Mr. Graham White
Mr. Ross Taylor	Lieut.-Colonel Wickham
Mr. Rowlands	Mr. Wragg

FACTORIES BILL.

Clause 98.

Amendment proposed, in page 76, line 12, at the end, to insert the words "() Part VI."—(*Mr. Graham White*).—Question, "That those words be there inserted,"—put, and *negatived*.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 77, line 13, at the end, to add the words:—

"(4) For the purposes of sub-section (1) of this section the expression 'dock, wharf, or quay' shall not include any part of the bank of a canal or inland navigation not ordinarily used for the loading or unloading of goods"—(*Colonel Sandeman Allen*).

Question proposed, "That those words be there added."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 77, line 13, at the end, to add the words:—

"(4) The chief Inspector may by certificate grant, subject to any conditions specified in the certificate,

exemption from compliance with any of the requirements contained in the provisions of this Act mentioned in the preceding sub-sections of this section in any case where he is satisfied that compliance with those requirements as applied by this section is unnecessary or impracticable"—(Colonel Sandeman Allen).

Question proposed, "That those words be there added."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 99.

Amendment proposed, in page 77, line 17, after the word "in," to insert the words "the disinfection of a ship or in"—(Mr. Gibbins).—Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 100.

Amendment proposed, in page 78, line 9, after the word "undertaking," to insert the words "excepting painting and decorating work in the interior of private domestic property and buildings in which the rooms do not exceed twelve feet in height"—(Mr. Salt).—Question, "That those words be there inserted,"—put, and *negatived*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 78, line 14, at the end, to insert the words "lighting, enforcement by district councils of certain provisions, powers of inspectors as to sanitary defects, powers in case of default of a district council"—(Mr. Viant).—Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 78, line 36, at the end, to insert the words:—

"Provided that no order made under the provisions of this Act with respect to the power of a court of summary jurisdiction to make orders as to dangerous conditions and practices, and no special regulations made under Part IV of this Act shall operate so as to interfere with the design of any building operations or with the adoption in the execution of building operations of any method prescribed in the specification or in any signed plans issued, or written directions given, by the architect and/or consulting engineer or engineer in charge which is not inconsistent with the safety of the works or of the persons employed"—(Mr. Wakefield).

Question, "That those words be there inserted,"—put, and *negatived*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 79, to leave out lines 26 to 28—(Mr. Rhys Davies).—Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 101 amended and *agreed to*.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned—(Mr. Lloyd).

Bill to be further considered this Day at Four o'clock.

Sitting suspended till Four o'clock.

Clauses 102 to 104 *agreed to*.

Clause 105.

Amendment proposed, in page 86, line 7, to leave out from the word "State" to the word "subject" in line 11, and insert the words "shall by regulations apply the provisions of this section to all classes of pieceworkers"—(Mr. Rhys Davies).—Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause *agreed to*.

Clause 106.

Amendment proposed, in page 86, line 34, after the word "district," to insert the words "and on the medical officer of health of the district"—(Mr. Viant).—Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause *agreed to*.

Clauses 107 to 110 *agreed to*.

Clause 111.

Amendment proposed, in page 89, line 6, to leave out from the word "employed" to the end of the sub-section—(Colonel Sandeman-Allen).—Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause *agreed to*.

Clauses 112 to 115 *agreed to*.

Clause 116 amended and *agreed to*.

Clause 117 *agreed to*.

Clause 118.

Amendment proposed, in page 93, line 9, at the end, to add the words "or his representative"—(Colonel Sandeman Allen).—Question proposed, "That those words be there added."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 119.

Amendment proposed, in page 93, to leave out lines 25 to 31—(Major Neven-Spence).—Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 93, line 34, at the end, to insert the words "and subject to the consent of the employed person concerned the examining surgeon shall have the right to inspect the medical records of the medical practitioner employed by the occupier of the factory"—(Mr. Rhys Davies).—Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 120.

Amendment proposed, in page 94, line 24, to leave out from the word "shall" to the word "be" in line 31—(Mr. Viant).—Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause *agreed to*.

Clause 121 amended and *agreed to*.

Clause 122 *agreed to*.

Clause 123.

Amendment proposed, in page 96, line 26, at the end, to insert the words:—

“ Provided that the occupier or owner of the factory shall not be guilty of the offence if he proves to the satisfaction of the Court—

- (a) that he has used all due diligence to enforce the execution of this Act and of any relevant order or regulation made thereunder;
- (b) that the offence with which he is charged has been committed without his consent, connivance, or wilful default ”—(*Mr. Arthur Reed*).

Question proposed, “ That those words be there inserted.”

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause *agreed to*.

Clause 124.

Amendment proposed, in page 97, line 17, to leave out the word “ twenty,” and insert the words “ one hundred ”—(*Mr. Ridley*).—Question put, “ That the word ‘ twenty ’ stand part of the Clause.”—The Committee divided:—Ayes 19, Noes 6.

Clause *agreed to*.

Clauses 125 to 132 *agreed to*.

Clause 133.

Amendment proposed, in page 100, line 39, to leave out sub-section (3)—(*Mr. Wakefield*).—Question proposed, “ That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.”

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause *agreed to*.

Clauses 134 to 143 *agreed to*.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned—(*Secretary Sir John Simon*).

Bill to be further considered on Tuesday, 25th May.

[Adjourned till Tuesday, 25th May, at Eleven o'clock.

Tuesday, 25th May, 1937.

MEMBERS PRESENT :

Major LLOYD GEORGE in the Chair.

The Lord Advocate	Mr. Magnay
Colonel Sandeman Allen	Mr. Mander
Viscountess Astor	Mr. Moreing
Mr. Banfield	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Bromfield	Major Procter
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Allan Reid
Mr. Bull	Mr. Ross Taylor
Lieut.-Colonel Clarke	Mr. Short
Mr. Rhys Davies	Mr. Silkin
Mr. Denman	Mr. Silverman
Mr. Dobbie	Secretary Sir John Simon
Mr. Rostron Duckworth	Lt.-Colonel Sir Walter Smiles
Mr. Gibbins	Mr. Ellis Smith
Colonel Goodman	Mr. Touche
Sir John Haslam	Sir John Train
Miss Horsbrugh	Lieut.-Commander Tufnell
Mr. Hunter	Mr. Viant
Sir Alfred Law	Mr. Wakefield
Sir Ernest Graham-Little	Mr. Walker
Lieut.-Colonel Llewellyn	Mr. Welsh
Mr. Lloyd	Mr. Graham White
Mr. McCorquodale	Lieut.-Colonel Wickham

FACTORIES BILL.

Clause 144.

Amendment proposed, in page 105, line 17, after the word "premises," to insert the words "other than a shop as defined by the Shops Act, 1912"—(*Colonel Sandeman Allen*).—Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 105, line 38, after the word "transformed," to insert the words "or where switching operations are performed"—(*Mr. Short*).—Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 106, line 36, after the word "premises," to insert the words "not being premises licensed by a competent authority as a theatre, variety theatre, or cinematograph theatre"—(*Colonel Sandeman Allen*).—Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 107, line 11, to leave out from the word "gain" to the end of the paragraph—(*Major Procter*).—Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 107, line 31, at the end, to insert the words:—

" Provided that, with the approval in writing of the chief inspector, any such siding in joint occupation may be considered to be part of one of the factories which it serves"—(*Mr. Graham White*).

Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clause 145.

Amendment proposed, in page 109, line 5, after the first word "or," to insert the word "flour"—(*Mr. Banfield*).—Question proposed, "That the word 'flour' be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 109, line 18, at the end, to insert the words "nor any operation carried out on the premises of any consumer of gas, water, or electricity by the company, body or person supplying such gas, water, or electricity"—(*Mr. Ross Taylor*).—Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 110, line 32, after the word "appliance," to insert the words "other than a locomotive"—(*Mr. Graham White*).—Question proposed, "That those words be there inserted."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 111, line 28, to leave out the words "harbour, inland navigation"—(*Colonel Sandeman Allen*).—Question, "That the words 'harbour, inland navigation' stand part of the Clause,"—put, and *agreed to*.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, *agreed to*.

Clauses 146 and 147 *agreed to*.

Clause 148 amended and *agreed to*.

Clauses 149 to 151 *agreed to*.

Clause 152.

Amendment proposed, in page 118, line 35, to leave out from the word "thirty-eight" to the end of sub-section (2)—(Mr. Silverman).—Question proposed, "That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Clause *agreed to*.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned—(Mr. Lloyd).

Bill to be further considered on Thursday.

[Adjourned till Thursday, at Eleven o'clock.

Thursday, 27th May, 1937.

MEMBERS PRESENT :

Major LLOYD GEORGE in the Chair.

The Lord Advocate	Colonel Goodman
Colonel Sandeman Allen	Sir John Haslam
Viscountess Astor	Mr. Hepworth
Mr. Banfield	Miss Horsbrugh
Mr. Broad	Mr. Robert Hudson
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Hunter
Mr. Bull	Mr. Hamilton Kerr
Mr. Burke	Sir Ernest Graham-Little
Lt.-Colonel Clarke	Lieut.-Colonel Llewellyn
Mr. Rhys Davies	Mr. Lloyd
Mr. Denman	Mr. Magnay
Mr. Dobbie	Mr. Mander
Mr. Rostron Duckworth	Mr. Moreing
Mr. Emmott	Mr. Palmer
Sir Henry Fildes	Mr. Rathbone
Mr. Gibbins	Mr. Arthur Reed

MEMBERS PRESENT—(continued) :

Mr. Allan Reid	Mr. Touche
Mr. Rickards	Sir John Train
Mr. Ross Taylor	Lieut.-Commander Tufnell
Mr. Rowlands	Mr. Viant
Mr. Short	Mr. Wakefield
Mr. Silkin	Mr. Welsh
Secretary Sir John Simon	Mr. Graham White
Lt.-Colonel Sir Walter Smiles	Mr. Wragg
Mr. Ellis Smith	Wing-Commander Wright

FACTORIES BILL.

A Clause (Reduction of weekly hours of work of young persons under sixteen) :—

- “ (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, as from the expiration of a period of two years after the commencement of this Act, the foregoing provisions of this Part of this Act limiting the hours worked in any
- 5 week, exclusive of intervals allowed for meals and rest, shall have effect, in the case of young persons who have not attained the age of sixteen, as if for the reference to forty-eight hours there were substituted a reference to forty-four hours.
- 10 (2) If representations are made to the Secretary of State with respect to any class or description of factory—
- (a) that the industry carried on in that class or description of factory is, either generally or as
- 15 respects a particular process, so dependent on the employment of such young persons and so organised that the carrying on of the industry would be seriously prejudiced unless the number of hours worked in a week by such young persons employed in that industry or in that process were
- 20 permitted to exceed forty-four ;
- (b) that such increased hours would not be likely to be injurious to the health of the young persons ; and

- 25 (c) that the work in which the young persons would
be employed in that industry or process is parti-
cularly suitable for young persons, and that their
employment would familiarise them with, and
help to train them for employment in, processes
30 in which older persons are employed in the
industry, and be likely to lead to their permanent
employment in the industry;

the Secretary of State may direct an inquiry to be held,
and if, as a result of the inquiry, he is satisfied with
35 respect to all the matters aforesaid, he may make regu-
lations increasing the total hours, exclusive of intervals
allowed for meals and rest, that may be worked by such
young persons in any week in that class of description
of factory, or, as the case may be, in a particular process
40 carried on therein, to such figure, not exceeding forty-
eight, as may be specified in the regulations.

Paragraph 5 of the Second Schedule to this Act shall
apply, with such adaptations as may be prescribed, to
any inquiry held under this sub-section.

- 45 (3) The Secretary of State may, as respects factories,
or any class or description of factory, in which the
number of hours permitted to be worked in any week by
young persons who have not attained the age of sixteen
is less than forty-eight, by regulations vary the provi-
50 sions of this Part of this Act which require that the
period of employment and intervals allowed for meals
and rest shall be the same for all women and young
persons and that no woman or young person shall be
employed during any such interval, and make such other
55 modifications in the provisions of this Part of this Act
as appear to him necessary or expedient for regulating
the manner in which effect is given to this section ”—
(Secretary Sir John Simon),

brought up, and read the first and second time.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in line 9, to leave out the
word “ forty-four ” and insert the word “ forty ”—(Mr.
Rhys Davies).—Question put, “ That the word ‘ forty-four ’
stand part of the proposed Clause.”—The Committee
divided :—Ayes 26, Noes 16.

Clause, as amended, added.

Another Clause (Application of Act to young persons
employed in factories in certain occupations)—(Mr. Lloyd)
—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Regulation of employment of young
persons in certain occupations)—(Mr. Lloyd),—brought up,
and read the first and second time, and added.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now
adjourned—(Mr. Lloyd).

Bill to be further considered this Day at Four o'clock.

Sitting suspended till Four o'clock.

Another Clause (Exception for factories operating the five-
day week)—(Mr. Lloyd)—brought up, and read the first and
second time, and added.

Another Clause (Exception as to hour of commencement
of period of employment)—(Mr. Lloyd)—brought up, and
read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Safety first committees):—

“ In every factory where not less than one hundred
persons are employed, and in every other factory where
the Secretary of State deems it expedient, it shall be the
duty of the occupier, in accordance with regulations to
be made by the Secretary of State, to provide for the
appointment of a safety-first committee consisting of
representatives of the management and representatives
of the workpeople to examine the causes of any acci-
dents, recommend any measures that they may deem
necessary to prevent accidents, and generally to promote

conditions calculated to ensure safety"—(Mr. Ellis Smith),

brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, "That the Clause be read a second time."—The Committee divided:—Ayes 13, Noes 27.

Another Clause (Messrooms):—

"In every factory messrooms shall be provided and maintained for the use of employed persons and shall be kept in clean and orderly condition with adequate and suitable facilities for warming and cooking food"—(Mr. Mander),

brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Clause be read a second time."

Motion and Clause, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Clause (Period of rest in the case of confinement):—

"Any woman or young person employed in a factory shall be entitled, on the production of a medical certificate stating that her confinement will probably take place within six weeks, to leave her work, and she shall not be permitted to work during the six weeks following her confinement.

Any woman or young person who shall have left her work under the provisions of this section shall be entitled to be re-employed at the end of the period of rest"—(Mr. Graham White),

brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, "That the Clause be read a second time,"—put, and *negatived*.

Another Clause (Provision for nursing mothers):—

"A woman or young person employed in a factory who is nursing her child shall be allowed half an hour

twice a day for this purpose, and time so allowed shall be included in the calculation of the total hours worked"—(Mr. Graham White),

brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, "That the Clause be read a second time,"—put, and *negatived*.

Another Clause (Exceptions as to mineral or aerated water factories):—

"(1) Subject to such conditions as the Secretary of State may by regulations prescribe, the provisions of this Part of the Act with respect to the general conditions as to hours of employment of women and young persons, notices fixing hours of employments, overtime employment of women and young persons, prohibition of use of rooms during intervals, and annual holidays shall not apply to the employment of women and young persons who have attained the age of sixteen in the manufacture of mineral or aerated waters during the months of May, June, July, August, and September where such manufacture requires to be carried on without delay to meet an unforeseen demand for such goods.

(2) Where an occupier avails himself of this exception the notice required to be served and posted by an occupier availing himself of any special exception need not specify the period of employment or the intervals to be allowed for meals or rest"—(Mr. Hunter),

brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Clause be read a second time."

Motion and Clause, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Clause (Exception as to laundries, and factories in which bread or flour confectionery is manufactured):—

"(1) For the purpose of meeting without overtime employment pressure of work recurring on particular days of the week, the total hours worked in a day by women in laundries and in factories in which bread or flour confectionery (including meat and fruit pies) is manufactured may, on two week days other than

Saturday in any week, extend to ten hours, and the period of employment on those days may extend to twelve hours and may begin at any time not earlier than six o'clock in the morning and end at any time not later than nine o'clock in the evening:

Provided that nothing in this sub-section shall affect the provisions of this Part of this Act with respect to the total hours worked in a week.

(2) The Secretary of State may, as respects factories of which the occupiers avail themselves of this exception, by regulations make such modifications in the provisions of this Part of this Act which require that the period of employment and intervals allowed for meals and rest shall be the same for all women and young persons, and that no woman or young person shall be employed during any such interval, as appear to him to be necessary or expedient"—(Colonel Sandeman Allen),

brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Clause be read a second time."

Motion and Clause, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Another Clause (Training and supervision of young persons working at dangerous machines)—(Colonel Sandeman Allen)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Schedule 1 *agreed to*.

Schedule 2.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in page 122, line 14, to leave out the words "the majority," and insert the words "a substantial number"—(Mr. Arthur Reed).—Question proposed, "That the words 'the majority' stand part of the schedule."

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Other Amendments made.

Schedule, as amended, *agreed to*.

Schedules 3 and 4 amended and *agreed to*.

Ordered, To report the Bill, as amended, to the House.

Other Amendments made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Schedules 2 and 3 amended and agreed to.

Order, To report the Bill, as amended, to the House.