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From the Private Secretary

8 January 1988

Government Motion for Autumn Statement
Debate, 14 January

Thank you for your letter of 7 January.
I am sure it is right to keep to the same
wording of the Motion as in earlier years.

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Dear Paul,

GOVERNMENT MOTION FOR AUTUMN STATEMENT DEBATE, 14 JANUARY

... I attach a minute I have sent to Brian Dyer recording the Chancellor's decision on the Motion for the Autumn Statement debate. Since this is formally in the name of the Prime Minister, Brian reminded me that we need to clear it with you.

X/ Please could you let me know if you are happy? I don't think David Norgrove used to bother the Prime Minister herself with these - ~~but~~ I am sure we can sort out any changes between ourselves.

Yours ever,

Andrew

A P HUDSON



FROM: A P HUDSON

DATE: 6 January 1988

MR DYER

cc Chief Secretary
Sir P Middleton
Sir T Burns
Sir G Littler
Mr Turnbull
Mr Odling-Smee
Mr Peretz
Mr Culpin
Mr H P Evans
Mr R I G Allen
Mr Pickford
Mr A C S Allan
Mr Cropper
Mr Tyrie
Mr Call
Mr N Forman MP

GOVERNMENT MOTION FOR AUTUMN STATEMENT DEBATE, 14 JANUARY

Thank you for reminding me about the need to consider the motion for the Autumn Statement debate.

2. The Chancellor has decided that the motion should be the same as last year, as follows (I have changed the date):

"That this House approves the Autumn Statement presented by Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer on 3 November 1987; welcomes the prospect of continuing low inflation and steady growth as the basis for maintaining the trend of rising employment; and congratulates Her Majesty's Government on the continuing reduction in the share of national income pre-empted by public expenditure."

3. Please could you point out to the business managers that the motion is the same as last year, and indeed as the year before. The Chancellor commented that if they suggested a change, he would, of course, consider it.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A P HUDSON'.

A P HUDSON

ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS—*continued*

29 PRIVATE BILL PROCEDURE

Mr John Biffen

That, in accordance with the resolution passed by this House on 16th June in the last session of this Parliament, a Select Committee of seven Members be appointed to join with a Committee to be appointed by the Lords to examine the processes of enacting Private Legislation and to consider whether:

- (a) there are any matters of a kind at present dealt with by Private Bill which could more appropriately be dealt with some other way, taking account of the interests both of Promoters and other affected parties;
- (b) any changes are desirable in Private Bill procedure; and
- (c) any amendments are desirable to the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936 and the procedure thereunder;

and to consider whether any amendments are desirable to the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945.

That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records.

That three be the Quorum of the Committee.

That Mrs Ann Clwyd, Mr Terry Davis, Sir Anthony Grant, Mr Patrick McNair-Wilson, Mr Albert McQuarrie, Mr Roger Moate and Sir John Stradling Thomas be members of the Committee.

That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them thereof.

30 AUTUMN STATEMENT

The Prime Minister
Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe
Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer
Mr Secretary Hurd
Mr Secretary Walker
Mr Secretary Younger

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That this House approves the Autumn Statement presented by Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer on 6th November; welcomes the prospect of continuing low inflation and steady growth as the basis for maintaining the trend of rising employment; and congratulates Her Majesty's Government on the continuing reduction in the share of national income pre-empted by public expenditure.

As an Amendment to the Prime Minister's proposed Motion (Autumn Statement);

Mr David Steel,
Dr David Owen,
Mr David Penhaligon
Mr Ian Wrigglesworth
Mr David Alton
Mr John Cartwright

Line 1, leave out from 'House' to end and add: 'rejects the Autumn Statement presented by Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer on 6th November, noting that after seven and a half years of the Conservative Government both long-term unemployment and real interest rates are at record levels; further notes that inflation is once again on a rising trend, that earnings are being allowed to increase far ahead of productivity, and that the current account of the balance of payments is moving into rapidly worsening deficit; and therefore calls on Her Majesty's Government to strengthen investment in manufacturing industry, the infrastructure, and training, to negotiate entry into the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary System at a competitive rate and to introduce an incomes strategy to reduce the increase in unit labour costs to the level of the United Kingdom's major competitors.'

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