

ORDER OF REFERENCE.

Die Lunæ, 9° Martii, 1896.

INFANT LIFE PROTECTION BILL [H.L.].

Read 2^a (according to Order), and referred to a Select Committee.

Die Jovis, 19° Martii, 1896.

The Lords following were named of the Committee :

Earl of Denbigh.	Lord Kinnaird.
Viscount Llandaff.	Lord Reay.
Lord Bishop of Winchester.	Lord Thring.
Lord Belper.	

The Committee to meet on Tuesday next, at Eleven o'clock, and to appoint their own Chairman.

Die Martis, 24° Martii, 1896.

The evidence taken before the Select Committee from time to time to be printed for the use of the Members of this House; but no copies thereof to be delivered, except to Members of the Committee, and to such other persons as the Committee shall think fit, until further order.

Die Jovis, 23° Aprilis, 1896.

The Lord Reay discharged from serving on the Select Committee, and the Earl of Buckinghamshire added to the Committee in his place.

Die Lunæ, 4° Maii, 1896.

SAFETY OF NURSE CHILDREN BILL [H.L.].

Read 2^a (according to Order), and referred to the same Select Committee to which the Infant Life Protection Bill [H.L.] stands referred.

LORDS PRESENT, AND THE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT EACH SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE.

Die Martis, 24° Martii, 1896.

LORDS PRESENT :

Earl of Denbigh.	Lord Reay.
Viscount Llandaff.	Lord Thring.
Lord Belper.	

The Order of Reference is read.

It is moved, That the Earl of Denbigh do take the Chair.

The same is agreed to.

The course of Proceeding is considered.

It is moved that the Committee be an open one.

The same is agreed to.

Ordered, That the Committee be adjourned till Friday, the 24th of April, at Eleven o'clock.

Die Veneris, 24° Aprilis, 1896.

LORDS PRESENT :

Earl of Denbigh.	Lord Belper.
Earl of Buckinghamshire.	Lord Kinnaird.
Viscount Llandaff.	Lord Thring.
Lord Bishop of Winchester.	

The EARL OF DENBIGH in the Chair.

The Order of Adjournment is read.

The Proceedings of the 24th of March last are read.

The following Witnesses are called in, and examined, viz. :—Mr. *Alfred Spencer* and Mr. *C. Luzmoore Drew*.

Ordered, That the Committee be adjourned till Monday next, at Eleven o'clock.

Die Lunæ, 27° Aprilis, 1896.

LORDS PRESENT :

Earl of Denbigh.	Lord Belper.
Earl of Buckinghamshire.	Lord Kinnaird.
Viscount Llandaff.	Lord Thring.
Lord Bishop of Winchester.	

The EARL OF DENBIGH in the Chair.

The Order of Adjournment is read.

The Proceedings of Friday last are read.

The following Witnesses are called in, and examined, viz. :—Mr. *Alfred Spencer* (re-called), Mr. *Samuel Babey*, and Mr. *A. Braxton Hicks*.

Ordered, That the Committee be adjourned till Thursday next, at Eleven o'clock.

Die Jovis, 30^o Aprilis, 1896.

LORDS PRESENT :

Earl of Denbigh.	Lord Bishop of Winchester.
Earl of Buckinghamshire.	Lord Belper.
Viscount Llandaff.	Lord Thring.

The EARL OF DENBIGH in the Chair.

The Order of Adjournment is read.

The Proceedings of Monday last are read.

The following Witnesses are called in, and examined, viz. :—Mr. *Braxton Hicks* (re-called), Mr. *E. De M. Rudolf*, and Miss *Isabel G. Smith*.

Ordered, That the Committee be adjourned till Tuesday next, at Eleven o'clock.

Die Martis, 5^o Maii, 1896.

LORDS PRESENT :

Earl of Denbigh.	Lord Belper.
Earl of Buckinghamshire.	Lord Kinnaid.
Viscount Llandaff.	Lord Thring.
Lord Bishop of Winchester.	

The EARL OF DENBIGH in the Chair.

The Order of Adjournment is read.

The Proceedings of Thursday last are read.

The following Witnesses are called in, and examined, viz. :—Dr. *John F. W. Tatham*, M.D., Mr. *William Crooks*, Mr. *Wynne Edwin Baxter*.

Ordered, That the Committee be adjourned till Thursday next, at Eleven o'clock.

Die Jovis, 7^o Maii, 1896.

LORDS PRESENT :

Earl of Denbigh.	Lord Belper.
Earl of Buckinghamshire.	Lord Kinnaid.
Viscount Llandaff.	Lord Thring.
Lord Bishop of Winchester.	

The EARL OF DENBIGH in the Chair.

The Order of Adjournment is read.

The Proceedings of Tuesday last are read.

The following Witnesses are called in, and examined, viz. :—Rev. *Benjamin Waugh*, Dr. *John F. W. Tatham*, M.D. (re-called), Dr. *Thomas John Barnardo*, F.R.C.S.

Ordered, That the Committee be adjourned till Tuesday next, at Eleven o'clock.

Die Martis, 12^o Maii, 1896.

LORDS PRESENT :

Earl of Denbigh.	Lord Bishop of Winchester.
Earl of Buckinghamshire.	Lord Belper.
Viscount Llandaff.	Lord Kinnaid.

The EARL OF DENBIGH in the Chair.

The Order of adjournment is read.

The Proceedings of Thursday last are read.

The following Witnesses are called in, and examined, viz. :—Dr. *Hugh Percy Dunn*, F.R.C.S., Deaconess *Gilmore*, Miss *Mason*, and Mrs. *Crowder*.

Ordered, That the Committee be adjourned till Friday next, at Eleven o'clock.

Die Veneris, 15^o Maii, 1896.

LORDS PRESENT :

Earl of Denbigh.	Lord Bishop of Winchester.
Earl of Buckinghamshire.	Lord Kinnaid.
Viscount Llandaff.	Lord Thring.

The EARL OF DENBIGH in the Chair.

The Order of Adjournment is read.

The Proceedings of Tuesday last are read.

The following Witnesses are called in, and examined, viz. :—Mrs. *Hardie*, Mrs. *Bostock*, Dr. *John F. W. Tatham* (re-called), Mrs. *Wethered*, Miss *Steer*, and Mr. *Alfred Spencer* (re-called).

Ordered, That the Committee be adjourned till Friday, the 19th of June, at Eleven o'clock.

Die Veneris, 19^o Junii, 1896.

LORDS PRESENT :

Earl of Denbigh.	Lord Bishop of Winchester.
Earl of Buckinghamshire.	Lord Belper.
Viscount Llandaff.	Lord Thring.

The EARL OF DENBIGH in the Chair.

The Order of Adjournment is read.

The Proceedings of Friday the 15th of May are read.

The following Witness is called in, and examined, viz. : Mrs. *Abrahams*.

The course of Proceeding is considered.

Ordered, That the Committee be adjourned till Thursday next, at Eleven o'clock.

Die Jovis, 25^o Junii, 1896.

LORDS PRESENT :

Earl of Denbigh.	Lord Belper.
Earl of Buckinghamshire.	Lord Kinnaid.
Viscount Llandaff.	Lord Thring.
Lord Bishop of Winchester.	

The EARL OF DENBIGH in the Chair.

The Order of Adjournment is read.

The Proceedings of Friday last are read.

The course of Proceeding is considered.

Ordered, That the Committee be adjourned till Tuesday, the 7th of July, at Eleven o'clock.

Die Martis, 7^o Julii, 1896.

LORDS PRESENT :

Earl of Denbigh.
Earl of Buckinghamshire.
Viscount Llandaff.
Lord Bishop of Winchester.

Lord Belper.
Lord Kinnaird.
Lord Thring.

The EARL OF DENBIGH in the Chair.

The Order of Adjournment is read.

The Proceedings of Thursday the 25th of June are read.

It is moved that the Infant Life Protection Bill [H.L.] be considered.

The same is agreed to.

The Title is read and postponed.

The Preamble is read and postponed.

Clause 1 is read, and agreed to, with an Amendment.

The remaining Clauses of the Bill are read, and disagreed to.

The following new Clauses and a Schedule are read, and inserted in the Bill :—

"2—(1.) Any person retaining or receiving for hire or reward in that behalf more than one infant under the age of five years for the purpose of nursing or maintaining such infants apart from their parents for a longer period than 48 hours, shall within 48 hours give notice thereof to the local authority.

"(2.) Such notice shall truly state the name, age, and sex of such infants, the name and address of the person receiving the infants, and the name and address of the person or persons from whom the infants have been received.

"(3.) If any such infant is removed from the care of the person who has received the infant for the purpose aforesaid, such person shall forthwith give to the local authority notice of the removal, and of the name and address of the person to whose care the infant has been transferred.

"(4.) If any person who has retained or received any infant as aforesaid omits to give the said notices, or any of them, or knowingly or wilfully makes or causes or procures any other person to make any false statement in any such notice, he shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

"3.—(1.) It shall be the duty of every local authority to provide for the execution of this Act within its district, and for that purpose it may appoint female inspectors and may appoint or authorise in writing other suitable persons to execute the provisions of this Act, subject to such terms and conditions as may be stated in such appointment or authorisation.

"(2.) Any local authority may combine with any other local authority for the purpose of executing the provisions of this Act, and for defraying the expenses of such execution.

"(3.) Any inspector or other person duly appointed and authorised in writing by or on behalf of the local authority may inspect any infants referred to in any notice given under this Act, and the premises in which they are retained or received in order to satisfy himself as to the proper maintenance of such infants or to give any necessary advice or directions as to such maintenance.

"(4.) If any person retaining or receiving such infants refuses to allow any such inspector or other person to inspect such infants or the premises in which they are retained or received, he shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

"(5.) If any such inspector or other person is refused admittance to any premises in contravention of this Act, or has reason to believe that any infants under the age of five years are being kept in any house or premises in contravention of this Act, he may apply to any justice of the peace, who, on being satisfied that there is reasonable ground for believing that an offence against this Act has been committed, may grant a warrant authorising such inspector or other person to enter the house or premises for the purpose of inspection or of ascertaining whether any offence against this Act has been committed, and if the occupier of the house or premises or other person obstruct any inspector or other person acting in pursuance of such warrant, he shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

"4.—It shall be the duty of the local authority to give public notice of the provisions of this Act by the publication of an abstract thereof, or otherwise as a Secretary of State may direct.

"5.—(1.) Should

"5.—(1.) Should any infant, in respect of which notice is required to be given under this Act,— Removal of infant improperly kept.

"(a) be kept in any house or premises which are so unfit as to endanger its health; or

"(b) be retained or received by any person who, by reason of negligence, ignorance, or other cause, is so unfit to have its care and maintenance as to endanger its health;

any inspector or other person appointed for the purposes of this Act may apply to the local authority for an order in writing directing him to remove such infant to a workhouse or place of safety until it can be restored to its relatives or guardians or be otherwise lawfully disposed of.

"(2.) Any person refusing to comply with an order under this section upon the same being produced and read over to him, or obstructing the inspector or other authorised person in the execution thereof, shall be guilty of an offence under this Act, and the inspector may apply to any justice of the peace for an order directing the removal of the child, and such order may be enforced by any police constable.

"(3.) The master of any workhouse shall receive into the workhouse any child brought there under such order, and such child shall be maintained in the workhouse until it can be otherwise disposed of.

"6. In case of the death of any infant respecting whom notice is required under this Act, the person having the care of such infant shall, within 24 hours of such death cause notice thereof to be given to the coroner of the district within which the body of such infant lies, and the coroner shall hold an inquest thereon unless a certificate under the hand of a registered medical practitioner shall be produced to him certifying that such registered medical practitioner has personally attended or examined such infant, and specifying the cause of its death, and the coroner shall be satisfied by such certificate that there is no ground for holding such inquest. If the person having the care of such infant shall neglect to give the notice in this section mentioned he shall be guilty of an offence against this Act. Notice to coroner.

"7. Every person guilty of an offence under this Act shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding 5*l.*, or to imprisonment for not more than six months, as a court of summary jurisdiction may award. Penalties.

"8. All expenses incurred by or on behalf of the local authority in and about the execution of this Act shall be defrayed out of the local rate. Expenses.

"9. Any offence under this Act may be prosecuted before a court of summary jurisdiction in manner provided by the Summary Jurisdiction Acts. Prosecution of offences.

"10. Any monies arising from penalties under this Act shall, notwithstanding any provision in any other Act, be paid to the local authority, and be applied to the purposes to which the local rate is applicable. Application of fines.

"11. Every notice by this Act required to be given to the local authority, shall be in writing, and shall be sent by post as a registered letter to the clerk of the local authority, or to such other person as the local authority may appoint, or be delivered at the office of the local authority. Notices.

"12. The provisions of this Act shall not extend to the relatives or guardians of any infant by them retained or received as aforesaid; or to any person receiving any infant for the purpose of nursing or maintaining such infant under the provisions of any Act for the relief of the poor or of any order of the Local Government Board made under such Act; or to hospitals, convalescent homes or institutions established for the protection and care of infants and conducted in good faith for religious or charitable purposes. Exemptions.

"13. The terms "local rate," "local jurisdiction," and "local authority," mean in reference to the districts mentioned in the first column of the Schedule to this Act, the rate, jurisdiction, and authority mentioned in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th columns of the said Schedule, and such Schedule shall be deemed to be part of this Act. The term "place of safety" shall mean any suitable place, the occupier of which is willing temporarily to receive such infant. The term "relatives" shall mean and include the parents, grandparents, and uncles, and aunts by consanguinity or affinity of the infant retained or received as aforesaid, and in the case of illegitimate infants the persons who would be so related if the infant were legitimate. Definition.

"14. This Act in its application to Scotland shall be subject to the following provision, the sheriff shall be substituted for a justice of the peace, the procurator fiscal shall be substituted for the coroner, and an inquiry by him into the cause of death for an inquest, and poorhouse shall be substituted for workhouse. Application to Scotland.

"15. The Infant Life Protection Act, 1872, shall be repealed from the date of the commencement of this Act. Repeal.

"16. This Act shall commence on the first day of January One thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven. Commencement of Act.

THE SCHEDULE referred to in the foregoing ACT.

ENGLAND and WALES.

DISTRICT.	Local Rate.	Local Jurisdiction.	Local Authority.
County of London -	Rate or fund applicable to the payment of the general expenses of the Council.	Area of the County of London (except the City of London).	London County Council.
City of London - -	Consolidated Sewers Rate -	Area of the City of London and the liberties thereof.	Common Council.
Boroughs - - -	The borough fund or borough rate.	Area of borough.	Council.
Other Places - -	The district rate - - -	District of the District Council.	The District Council.

SCOTLAND.

DISTRICT.	Local Rate.	Local Jurisdiction.	Local Authority.
Counties - - - -	The county general assessment.	Area subject to the county general assessment.	Justice of Peace.
Burghs, Royal or Parliamentary, not subject to the separate jurisdiction of police commissioners or trustees.	The revenue or common good of the burgh or any rate leviable by the town council.	Area of the burgh -	Town Council.
Burghs and places where police commissioners or trustees exercise the functions of police commissioners or trustees under any general or local Act.	Any rate leviable by the commissioners or trustees, or any fund belonging to them.	Area within the boundaries of the burgh or place as defined under the general or local Act.	The commissioners or trustees.

IRELAND.

DISTRICT.	Local Rate.	Local Jurisdiction.	Local Authority.
Towns corporate - - - -	The borough rate or borough fund.	Area of borough -	Town Council.
Towns having commissioners appointed by virtue of an Act made in the ninth year of the reign of George the Fourth, intituled, "An Act to make provision for the lighting, cleansing, and watching of cities and towns corporate and market towns in Ireland in certain cases" - - - -	Any rate leviable by the commissioners - - - -	Area of town - - -	The commissioners.
Towns having town commissioners under the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854 (17 & 18 Vict. c. 103), or under any other local Act - - - -		Area of town - - -	The commissioners.
Townships having commissioners under local Acts - - - -	- - - -	Area of township -	The commissioners.
Places in Ireland not included in the foregoing descriptions.	The grand jury cess -	Area of petty sessional district in which the place is situate.	The petty sessions for the district in which the place is situate.

The Preamble is again read, and agreed to.

The Title is again read, and agreed to, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Lord in the Chair do report the Infant Life Protection Bill [H.L.], with the Amendments, to the House.

It is moved to resolve "That it is not expedient to proceed with the Safety of Nurse Children Bill [H.L.]."

The same is agreed to.

Ordered, That the Lord in the Chair do report accordingly to the House.