BEQUEST OF THE LATE MR. H.E. LE SEELLEUR

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PROPOSITION

THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion -

to agree that the administration and all benefits received from properties which were bequeathed to the States by the late Harold Ernest Le Seelleur be vested in the Health and Social Services Committee for the benefit of aged, infirm and needy residents of the Island, namely -

Le Boulevard, La Grand Route des Sablons, St. Saviour Claremont, Bagatelle Road, St. Saviour Nos. 1,2,3,4 The Denes, Greve D'Azette, St. Clement La Pouclee Lodge, La Pouquelaye, St. Helier Sous L'Eglise, St. Peter Stonecot, Mont Millais, St. Helier 9 Chevalier Road, St. Helier Workshop and Offices, No. 1, Oxford Road, St. Helier Beau Sejour, Mont Millais, St. Helier

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Note:

The Finance and Economics Committee supports this proposition.

Report

By his last Will and testament of immovable estate, dated 28th day of December, 1988, the late Mr. Harold Ernest Le Seelleur has most generously devised the whole of his immovable estate, subject to certain life enjoyments, to the States of Jersey, for the benefit of aged, infirm and needy residents of the Island.

During his lifetime, Mr. Le Seelleur had owned a successful building contracting and joinery company, and had used his expertise to purchase and develop a number of properties. Mr. Le Seelleur died on 10th October 1996. At the time of his death, his immovable estate comprised several properties, namely Le Boulevard, La Grande Route des Sablons, Grouville; Claremont, Bagatelle Road, St. Saviour; Nos. 1,2,3,4 The Denes, Greve D'Azette, St. Clement; La Pouclee Lodge, La Pouquelaye, St. Helier; Stonecot, Mont Millais, St. Helier; 9 Chevalier Road, St. Helier; Beau Sejour, Mont Millais, St. Helier; Sous L'Eglise, St. Peter, and workshops and offices at 1 Oxford Road, St. Helier. All the properties are presently tenanted, with the exception of the workshops and Beau Sejour, Mont Millais, where Mr. Le Seelleur last resided.

The properties are valued at £1,980,000 and the present rental income is £114,654. At the time of his death, none of the properties were insured and following consultation with the Attorney General, it was agreed that the Will should be registered in order that the properties could be covered by the States Blanket Insurance Policy and the States could benefit from the rental income. The Will was registered on 27th November 1996. In his Will, Mr. Le Seelleur also expressed a wish that the States shall consult with the executrix of the movable estate, upon the use of the properties.

The Solicitor General has advised the Finance and Economics Committee that the most appropriate Committee to administer and benefit from the properties would be the Health and Social Services Committee, which now seeks the authority of the States to undertake the administration of the properties under the terms of the Will for the benefit of the aged, infirm and needy residents of the Island, and to consult with the executrix on the use of the properties in accordance with the wish expressed by Mr. Le Seelleur.