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*House of Deputies—Sixth Day*

The Rev. Mr. Curry of Western Massachusetts, reported that the Joint Committee on Committees and Commissions recommended concurrence.

Mr. Kent of Long Island presented Report #12 of the Joint Committee on Expenses, and moved, in respect of the fourth Resolved clause, that it be amended to read as follows:

. . . That any unexpended funds from the above-named former Committees be available to the new Joint Commission until August 15, 1970, on which date all unexpended appropriations under the current budget will lapse, in accordance with established policy.

**Amendment adopted**

The Chair then put the Question, "Shall this House concur in the action of the House of Bishops as communicated by their Message No. 48, as amended?"

**The House concurred, with Amendments**

[Communicated to the House of Bishops by Message No. 67.]

*House of Bishops—Sixth Day*

Message No. 67 was received from the House of Deputies.

**The House concurred**

[Communicated to the House of Deputies by Message No. 81.]

**Penal Reform**

*House of Deputies—Fifth Day*

The Rev. Mr. Lloyd of Harrisburg presented Report #5 of the Committee on National and International Problems, with reference to HD 52, a Resolution introduced by Mr. Morgan of Arizona. The Committee recommended, in respect of the first Resolved clause of Mr. Morgan's Resolution, dealing with police power of the country and its relation to minority groups, that the matter be referred to the Joint Commission on the Church in Human Affairs.

In respect of the second paragraph, the Committee recommended, and the Rev. Mr. Lloyd moved, the following Resolution:

**Resolved**, the House of Bishops concurring, That, in order to eliminate the inhuman and diabolical conditions which prevail in our prisons today, and realizing that a disproportionate percentage of all inmates are from minority groups, and to provide that these institutions take on an attitude of rehabilitation rather than punishment, this Special General Convention strongly urge the Episcopal Church to use all available resources of influence and manpower to bring about drastic revision and reform of Federal, State, and local penal systems.

The Rev. Mr. Lawrence of Lexington moved to amend, by striking the adjective “diabolical”.

**Amendment adopted**

The Rev. Mr. Stacey moved to amend, by inserting the adjective originally proposed by Mr. Morgan,—namely, “obscene”—in the place now vacated by striking “diabolical”.

**Amendment defeated**

The Resolution, as amended, was put to a vote.

**Resolution adopted**

[Communicated to the House of Bishops by Message No. 20.]

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*House of Bishops—Sixth Day*

Message No. 20 was received from the House of Deputies.

**The House concurred**

[Communicated to the House of Deputies by Message No. 58.]

**Renewal of the Church**

*House of Bishops—Third Day*

The Bishop of Milwaukee reported for the Committee on Ecumenical Relations, with reference to a Resolution proposed by the Joint Commission on Renewal, and moved the following Resolution:

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring, That the General Convention of The Episcopal Church declare the readiness of this Church to join with representatives of other Christian bodies in North America to develop an appropriate agency to facilitate the long-term process through which the Christian community may be renewed in mission, unity, and faith; such an ecumenical process (which would last at least five years and involve adequate staff and budget) to undertake some or all of the following things, to be more precisely defined jointly by the representatives of the Churches which intend to participate in it:

- a) provide communication between renewal groups in different Churches or regions;
- b) encourage local renewal efforts, denominational and ecumenical;
- c) interpret and evaluate existing evidences of renewal as models for others;
- d) develop dialogue on behalf of the Churches with non-Church forms of renewal;
- e) consider the advisability, for greater impact on American Church life, of calling a Council of Renewal;  
and be it further

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring, That the Presiding Bishop be requested to convey to the appropriate authorities in other