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MR ADDISON

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LIQUOR LICENSING LAW: CHANGES IN OPENING HOURS

As you know, the paper for H proposes that licensing laws should be amended to allow off-licence premises to open between 11 am and 11 pm on weekdays, with Sunday opening hours remaining unchanged except for restaurants, and that current reviews should be announced by the Home Office early in 1986.

It is quite likely that there will be a fight by the Anti-alcohol Lobby and we are unlikely to please the extreme deregulators either. The Lord President tells me he is against introducing this legislation. The Policy Unit, apart from being totally split on Sunday Trading, is strongly deregulatory in its stand. We would support the Home Office in its proposals. However, we recognise the force of Lord Whitelaw's political points, and are content that the Prime Minister is not specifically minuted to encourage her to intervene on this issue.



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