

12.28½ hrs.

BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FORTY-FIRST REPORT

Shri Rane (Buldana): Sir, I beg to move:—

"That this House agrees with the Forty-first Report of the Business Advisory Committee presented to the House on the 12th November, 1965."

Mr. Speaker: The question is:

"That this House agrees with the Forty-first Report of the Business Advisory Committee presented to the House on the 12th November, 1965."

The motion was adopted.

12.28-3/4 hrs.

INDIAN OFFICIAL SECRETS
(AMENDMENT)* BILL

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri L. N. Mishra): Sir, on behalf of Shri Gulzarilal Nanda, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Indian Official Secrets Act, 1923.

Mr. Speaker: The question is:

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill further to amend the Indian Official Secrets Act, 1923."

The motion was adopted.

Shri L. N. Mishra: Sir, I introduce the Bill.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath (Hoshangabad): Is it the aftermath of the CBI Report on Orissa, or what? It is a sequel to that.

12.29 hrs.

MOTION RE: INTERNATIONAL
SITUATION

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh): Sir, I beg to move:—

"That the present international situation and the policy of the Government of India in relation thereto be taken into consideration."

Since the last debate on international affairs, we have passed through the most serious crisis which our country has had to face during the 18 years of our independence. An unprovoked war of aggression was launched against us by Pakistan. The people's Republic of China, in conspiracy or collusion with Pakistan—call it whatever you will, gave us an ultimatum and was ready to strike us at a moment when our armies were locked in combat with Pakistani forces to repeal Pakistani aggression.

These have been traumatic experiences through which our nation has passed. It is a matter of the utmost pride to us that our entire nation—the armed forces, the police, the civil servants and, above all, the people of India—have emerged out of the crisis with flying colours. They have been a great disappointment to Pakistan and China and to many others who, influenced by the vicious propaganda conducted by these nations against us or for other reasons, had led themselves to believe that India was weak and disunited.

I do not wish to say much about the facts about the conflict with Pakistan. We had to fight and repeal Pakistani aggression in the months of August and September during which period the Parliament was in session. The Prime Minister, the Defence Minister and myself have