



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 5, No. 90 Session 4

Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 10 March 2016

Note: (DT) signifies a decision taken at Decision Time.

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. More Electric Car Rapid Charge Points Needed: The Parliament debated S4M-15291 in the name of Dave Thompson—That the Parliament recognises Scotland's role in reducing global warming; understands that, when fossil fuels, coal, oil and natural gas are burnt, they release CO₂ into the atmosphere and are considered by the vast majority of the scientific community as a contributory cause of global temperature increases; considers that, thanks to human ingenuity, there are smarter ways to generate energy and that travelling by electric car reduces one's carbon footprint; believes that "fast" (22kw) and "rapid" (50kw) electric charge points are becoming more prevalent in Scotland and that more rapid charge points are needed to make electric car travel in Scotland more efficient to encourage widespread use in Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch and across the country, and notes calls for all members to campaign in their constituencies to make this happen.

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15875—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Lobbying (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under

consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 45 minutes
Groups 4 to 6: 1 hour 15 minutes
Groups 7 to 9: 1 hour 45 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15874—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 40 minutes
Groups 4 to 6: 1 hour.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Lobbying (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 23, 19 and 20.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

18 (For 96, Against 12, Abstentions 0)
21 (For 77, Against 31, Abstentions 0)
22B (For 77, Against 31, Abstentions 0)
22 (For 76, Against 31, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

1 (For 30, Against 75, Abstentions 0)
12 (For 34, Against 75, Abstentions 0)
13 (For 35, Against 74, Abstentions 0)
15 (For 35, Against 73, Abstentions 0)
2 (For 31, Against 77, Abstentions 0)
14 (For 35, Against 73, Abstentions 0)
3 (For 29, Against 76, Abstentions 0)
4 (For 29, Against 76, Abstentions 0)
5 (For 28, Against 76, Abstentions 0)
6 (For 29, Against 75, Abstentions 0)
7 (For 29, Against 76, Abstentions 0)
8 (For 29, Against 76, Abstentions 0)
9 (For 29, Against 76, Abstentions 0)

- 10 (For 35, Against 72, Abstentions 0)
- 11 (For 30, Against 66, Abstentions 11)
- 16 (For 35, Against 72, Abstentions 0)
- 22A (For 35, Against 73, Abstentions 0)

Amendment 17 was moved and, with the agreement of the Parliament, withdrawn.

7. Lobbying (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick) moved S4M-15870—That the Parliament agrees that the Lobbying (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Scottish Fiscal Commission Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28.

Amendment 29 was disagreed to ((by division): For 43, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

9. Scottish Fiscal Commission Bill - Stage 3: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-15869—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Fiscal Commission Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Motion without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick) moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 6.05 pm.

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 7 and 9 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 6.06 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
10 March 2016

Appendix
(Note: this Appendix does not form part of the Minutes)

Committee Reports

The following report will be published on 11 March 2016—

Devolution (Further Powers) Committee, 3rd Report, 2016 (Session 4): New Powers for Scotland: Final Report on the Scotland Bill (SP Paper 953)

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