



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 4, No. 57 Session 4

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 9 December 2014

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Reverend Alan Cobain, Minister, Tyne Valley Parish, Midlothian led Time for Reflection.

2. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11828—That the Parliament agrees that, during Stage 3 of the Food (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit 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 5: 35 minutes

The motion was agreed to.

3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11831—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 9 December 2014—

delete

5.45 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

4. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

5. Food (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2 and 3.

Amendment 6 was disagreed to (by division: For 45, Against 62, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were moved and, with the agreement of the Parliament, withdrawn: 4, 5 and 8

The following amendments were not moved: 7, 9 and 10.

6. Food (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Public Health (Maureen Watt) moved S4M-11826—That the Parliament agrees that the Food (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

7. End of Year Fish Negotiations: The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Food and Environment (Richard Lochhead) moved S4M-11825—That the Parliament welcomes the successful conclusion of the recent EU-Norway fishing negotiations, which secured a number of good outcomes for the Scottish fishing industry; notes the forthcoming annual fishing negotiations in Brussels and supports the Scottish Government in its efforts to achieve the best possible outcome for the industry; agrees that the final negotiated settlement must promote sustainable fisheries and have the best interests of Scotland's fishermen, coastal communities and wider seafood sectors at its heart; notes that the outcome of the negotiations will be pivotal to support the fleet's implementation of the landing obligation, and supports the Scottish Government's continued calls for it to lead for the UK in European fisheries negotiations on issues where it is clearly appropriate to do so.

Claire Baker moved amendment S4M-11825.3 to motion S4M-11825—

Leave out from second "and supports" to end and insert—

"; believes that the European Commission must deliver greater flexibility and regionalisation to achieve this, and calls on the Scottish Government to set out a clear plan of action to ensure that the discard ban is implemented and sufficiently monitored."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 47, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

Jamie McGrigor moved amendment S4M-11825.2 to motion S4M-11825—

Leave out from second "and supports" to end and insert—

“; considers that Scotland benefits from the UK’s negotiating strength in Europe, and urges Scottish and UK ministers to work together to achieve the best possible deal for Scotland’s fishermen.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 45, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

Liam McArthur moved amendment S4M-11825.1 to motion S4M-11825—

Leave out from second “and supports” to end and insert—

“; believes that, before the ban on discards is introduced, the Scottish Government should ensure that a comprehensive plan is prepared setting out how the ban will work in practice without damaging Scotland’s whitefish sector; notes the desire of the Scottish industry to see a phased approach implemented to the discard ban for the main whitefish stocks due to come into effect in January 2016; further notes the industry’s wish for any such phased approach to proceed initially with haddock, and recognises the strong concerns of the Scottish pelagic industry regarding the EU-Faroese reciprocal arrangements on mackerel.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 16, Against 62, Abstentions 32).

The motion was then agreed to (DT) by division: For 62, Against 0, Abstentions 48).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. Scottish Local Coastal Partnerships: The Parliament debated S4M-11441 in the name of Rhoda Grant—That the Parliament notes that it is 21 years since the Focus on Firths initiative was established; understands that this led to the establishment of local coastal partnerships (LCPs) in order to take forward the Rio Earth Summit’s call for the better management of coastlines and seas; celebrates what it sees as the important work of the LCPs in the Highlands and Islands and around the country in raising awareness of issues with regard to coastlines and inshore waters and in delivering projects and research based on local needs; notes that LCPs promote an interest in marine and coastal habitats and what it considers their amazing diversity of species; understands that they work with communities to encourage them to appreciate the maritime environment and to act as custodians of this by supporting initiatives such as litter management schemes and beach cleans; believes that they bring stakeholders together with the common purpose of sustainable development by brokering agreements between different sectoral interests and promoting an ecosystem approach, and appreciates what it sees as the very considerable experience and expertise that the LCPs have built up, which it considers will make an invaluable contribution to the setting up of the regional marine planning partnerships set out in the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010.

The meeting closed at 6.15 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
9 December 2014

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

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative instruments

The following draft affirmative instruments were withdrawn and subsequently re-laid before the Parliament on 8 December 2014—

Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Covert Human Intelligence Sources – Code of Practice) (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 24(9) of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Act 2000

Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Covert Surveillance and Property Interference – Code of Practice) (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 24(9) of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Act 2000

The timetable for consideration of these draft instruments remains unchanged

Negative instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 8 December 2014 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Prescribed Proportions) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/350)
laid under section 68 of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013

Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Qualifying Public or Educational Bodies) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2014 (SSI 2014/351)
laid under section 68 of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013

Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Definition of Charity) (Relevant Territories) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/352)
laid under section 68 of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013

Public Body Consent Memorandum

The following memorandum was lodged on 3 December 2014 (please note that the date in the title has been changed from 2014 to 2015)—

Aileen McLeod, Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform:
Public Body Consent Memorandum on The Public Bodies (Abolition of the Home Grown Timber Advisory Committee) Order 2015 (UK Parliament legislation) (PBCM(S4) 10.1)

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 5 December 2014 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Creative Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/270)

National Museums Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/250)

National Galleries of Scotland Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/251)

National Library of Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2014 (SG/2014/252)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000.

Committee Reports

The following report is being published on 8 December 2014—

Welfare Reform Committee, 7th Report, 2014 (Session 4): Stage 1 report on the Welfare Funds (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 631)

The following report was published on 9 December 2014—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 73rd report 2014 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 634)

The following report is being published on 10 December 2014:

Justice Committee, 15th Report, 2014 (Session 4): Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Serious Crime Bill (LCM (S4) 33.1) (SP Paper 633).”

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