



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 4, No. 84 Session 4

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 3 March 2015

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Reverend James Boag, Minister, Broom Parish Church of Scotland, Newton Mearns led Time for Reflection.

2. Business Motion: Joe Fitzpatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12487—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Welfare Funds (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 3: 40 minutes.
Groups 4 to 6: 1 hour 5 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

4. Welfare Funds (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 6 and 1.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 2 (For 37, Against 80, Abstentions 0)
- 3 (For 38, Against 80, Abstentions 0)
- 4 (For 54, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
- 5 (For 37, Against 80, Abstentions 0)
- 7 (For 37, Against 79, Abstentions 0)
- 8 (For 50, Against 66, Abstentions 0).

The Minister for Parliamentary Business moved a motion without notice under Rule 9.8.5A to extend the time limit for amendments by 10 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The Deputy Presiding Officer extended the time-limits under Rule 9.8.4A(a).

5. Welfare Funds (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Minister for Housing and Welfare (Margaret Burgess) moved S4M-12485—That the Parliament agrees that the Welfare Funds (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 5 as noted above.

7. Celebrating Mary Slessor on International Women’s Day 2015: The Parliament debated S4M-12191 in the name of Jenny Marra—That the Parliament recognises the centenary of the death of Mary Slessor, the missionary who left the slums of Dundee at the age of 28 and went on to save hundreds of lives and promote women’s rights in Calabar in Nigeria; commends the Mary Slessor Foundation’s work with a number of people, companies and organisations throughout Dundee and beyond to organise a series of events throughout the centenary year; welcomes the launch of these events with the unveiling of a commemorative standing stone and plaque in front of Dundee’s Steeple Church; recognises Mary Slessor’s importance as a historical figure as a Scot, a woman and the first female magistrate in the British Empire, and considers that her accomplishments should especially be highlighted on International Women’s Day 2015 to celebrate her work in helping create a future for women that is bright, equal, safe and rewarding.

The meeting closed at 5.42 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
3 March 2015

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

Negative instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 27 February 2015 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Bankruptcy (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/80)

laid under section 72(1) the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985

Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Amounts) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/81)

laid under section 195(8) of the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003

Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care (Fees) Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/400)

laid under section 38 of the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 2 March 2015 and are subject to the negative procedure—

National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/86)

laid under section 105 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/87)

laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Board Establishment) (Scotland) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/88)

laid under section 69 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014

Scottish Road Works Register (Prescribed Fees) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/89)

laid under section 163 of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991

Reservoirs (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/90)

laid under section 114(3) of the Reservoirs (Scotland) Act 2011

National Health Service (Cross-Border Health Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/91)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Reservoirs (Panels of Reservoir Engineers: Sections under which Members may be Appointed) (Scotland) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/92)
laid under section 114(3) of the Reservoirs (Scotland) Act 2011

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 3 March 2015 and are subject to the negative procedure—

National Health Service Pension Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/94)
laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

National Health Service Pension Scheme (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/95)
laid under section 12(6) of the Superannuation Act 1972 and section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

National Health Service Superannuation Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/96)
laid under section 12(6) of the Superannuation Act 1972

Teachers' Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/97)
laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Teachers' Superannuation (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/98)
laid under section 12(6) of the Superannuation Act 1972

Food (Scotland) Act 2015 (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/100)
laid under section 60 of the Food (Scotland) Act 2015

Waste (Recyclate Quality) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/101)
laid under section 161 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and section 2(8) of the Pollution Prevention and Control Act 1999

Laid only instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 27 February 2015 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Post-16 Education (Scotland) Act 2013 (Commencement No. 6) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/82 (C.18))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 2 March 2015 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules Amendment) (Reporting Restrictions) 2015 (SSI 2015/84)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session and Sheriff Court Rules Amendment No. 3) (Reporting Restrictions) 2015 (SSI 2015/85)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 3 March 2015 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Food (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/99 (C.19))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 3 March 2015 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Code of Practice on Sampling and Reporting at Materials Recovery Facilities: (SG/2015/27)

laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 34 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 2 March 2015—

Devolution (Further Powers) Committee, 1st report 2015 (Session 4): Votes for 16-17 year olds: report on the Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedules 4 and 5 and Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2015 [draft] (SP Paper 676)

Welfare Reform Committee, 1st Report, 2015 (Session 4): The Cumulative Impact of Welfare Reform on Households in Scotland (SP Paper 657)

The following report was published on 3 March 2015—

Finance Committee, 5th Report, 2015 (Session 4): Report on subordinate legislation (SP Paper 668)

The following reports are being published on 4 March 2015—

Infrastructure and Capital Investment, 1st Report, 2015 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 679)

Finance Committee, 6th Report, 2015 (Session 4): Further Fiscal Devolution (SP Paper 667)

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