



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 4, No. 74, Session 5

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 4 February 2020

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

The meeting opened at 1.30 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rev. Fraser Donaldson, Hope Community Church, Greenock, led Time for Reflection.

2. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20731—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business—

(a) Tuesday 4 February 2020—

delete

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill

and insert

followed by Stage 3 Amendments: Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill

(b) Wednesday 5 February 2020—

after

followed by Ministerial Statement: The New Transport Strategy for Scotland - Protecting our Climate and Improving Lives

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Independent Care Review

after

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: No Case for Tax Increases or Further Cuts to Public Spending

insert

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.30 pm Decision Time

(c) Thursday 6 February 2020—

delete

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Economy

and insert

2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: Evidence of Excellence and Equity in Scottish Education

followed by Portfolio Questions: Rural Economy

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

4. Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill: Patrick Harvie, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20724—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Non-Domestic Rates (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 30 minutes

Group 7: 2 hours 45 minutes

Groups 8 to 10: 4 hours

Groups 11 to 15: 5 hours 10 minutes

5. Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 30, 1, 31, 2, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 3, 41, 42, 43, 4, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 54, 56, 55, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 64, 8, 65, 66, 11 and 67.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

- 32 (For 87, Against 25, Abstentions 0)
- 33 (For 88, Against 26, Abstentions 0)
- 34 (For 88, Against 26, Abstentions 0)
- 35 (For 104, Against 8, Abstentions 0)
- 57 (For 76, Against 36, Abstentions 0)
- 63 (For 106, Against 6, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 17 (For 27, Against 87, Abstentions 0)
- 18 (For 26, Against 88, Abstentions 0)
- 5 (For 55, Against 58, Abstentions 0)
- 23A (For 10, Against 103, Abstentions 0)
- 23 (For 10, Against 103, Abstentions 0)
- 24 (For 7, Against 104, Abstentions 0)
- 25 (For 6, Against 107, Abstentions 0)
- 7 (For 53, Against 59, Abstentions 0)
- 6 (For 35, Against 77, Abstentions 0)
- 52 (For 36, Against 75, Abstentions 0)
- 16 (For 30, Against 81, Abstentions 0)
- 26 (For 36, Against 76, Abstentions 0)
- 27A (For 36, Against 76, Abstentions 0)
- 27 (For 36, Against 76, Abstentions 0)
- 19 (For 26, Against 86, Abstentions 0)
- 20 (For 26, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
- 10 (For 52, Against 58, Abstentions 0)
- 9 (For 52, Against 59, Abstentions 0)
- 13 (For 52, Against 59, Abstentions 0)
- 12 (For 52, Against 58, Abstentions 0)
- 14 (For 53, Against 59, Abstentions 0)
- 15 (For 30, Against 82, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were not moved: 22, 53, 21, 28, 68, 69, 70, 29, 71 and 72.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

6. Decision Time: There were no decisions to take at Decision Time on the items noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.30 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
4 February 2020

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 31 January 2020—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 8th Report, 2020 (Session 5):
Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill: Stage
1 (SP Paper 667)

The following reports were published on 4 February 2020—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 9th Report, 2020 (Session 5):
Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law
Reform Committee on 4 February 2020 (SP Paper 673)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 10th Report, 2020 (Session
5): Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1 (SP Paper
674)

The following reports will be published on 5 February 2020—

Local Government and Communities Committee, 2nd Report, 2020 (Session
5): Stage 1 Report on the Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill (SP
Paper 668)

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 2nd Report,
2020 (Session 5): Proposal for a Committee Bill - Scottish Parliament
(Assistance for Political Parties) Bill (SP Paper 669)

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 3rd Report,
2020 (Session 5): Representation of the People (Data Matching) (Scotland)
Regulations 2020 [draft] (SP Paper 670)

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 4th Report,
2020 (Session 5): Representation of the People (Annual Canvass)
Amendment (Scotland) Order 2020 [draft] (SP Paper 671)

New Subordinate Legislation

Instruments/documents laid for consultation

The following instruments/documents were laid before the Parliament on 4 February
2020 for consultation—

UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Act 2020 Remedial Order 2020
(SG/2020/18)

laid under section 13(3)(a) of the Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland) Act 2001 for the purposes of consultation required by section 13(3)(b) of that Act

UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Act 2020 Remedial Order 2020:
Statement of Reasons (SG/2020/19)

laid under section 13(3)(a) of the Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland) Act 2001 for the purposes of consultation required by section 13(3)(b) of that Act

Provisional Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 31 January 2020 and is subject to the provisional affirmative procedure—

Direct Payments to Farmers (Legislative Continuity) (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/18)

laid under paragraph 2(1) of schedule 2 of the Direct Payments to Farmers (Legislative Continuity) Act 2020

Affirmative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 31 January 2020 and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

Public Services Reform (Registers of Scotland) Order 2020 [draft]

laid under section 25(2)(b)(i) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Social Security (Advocacy Service Standards) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft]

laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 3 February 2020 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Specified Type A Procedures) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft]

laid under section 59(3)(ad) of the Human Tissue (Scotland) Act 2006

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 31 January 2020 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Explanatory Document - The Public Services Reform (Registers of Scotland) Order 2020 SG/2020/17 laid under section 25(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 4 February 2020 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Government response to the UK Committee on Climate Change 2019 annual report on progress towards targets SG/2020/21 laid under section 9(3) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

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