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Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 29 November 2022

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell, Minister of Humble I/w Yester, Bolton and Saltoun Church, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
- 3. EU Retained Law:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture (Angus Robertson) moved S6M-06984—That the Parliament agrees that the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill threatens vital standards and protections built up over 47 years of EU membership and undermines devolution, and should, therefore, be scrapped by the UK Government.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S6M-06984.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-06984 in the name of Angus Robertson (EU Retained Law), leave out from “agrees” to end and insert “notes that the Scottish Government has lodged a legislative consent memorandum to the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill and that two separate committees are involved in extensive scrutiny of the bill, and have yet to formally report in line with the established process; considers that, by proceeding with a substantive debate on this issue, the Scottish Government is undermining the entire scrutiny process of the Scottish Parliament and the work of the members and staff of parliamentary committees, and agrees that this is against the spirit of the Scottish Parliament’s Standing Orders and contrary to the principle of proper and objective scrutiny by the Scottish Parliament.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 83, Abstentions 0).

Sarah Boyack moved amendment S6M-06984.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-06984 in the name of Angus Robertson (EU Retained Law), leave out from “standards” to “membership” and insert “environmental and health standards and protections built up over 47 years of EU membership, creates enormous uncertainty for workers and businesses,”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 83, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

Willie Rennie moved amendment S6M-06984.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-06984 in the name of Angus Robertson (EU Retained Law), insert at end “; believes that there are clear opportunities available to each of the UK and Scottish governments to build stronger relationships with European neighbours, and considers that both governments should be compelled to cooperate and agree where their work overlaps, backed by common frameworks and a new dispute resolution process so that differences can be resolved maturely between administrations, to share power and to deliver better governance across the whole of the UK in accordance with the principles of federalism.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 22, Against 92, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 84, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament agrees that the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill threatens vital environmental and health standards and protections built up over 47 years of EU membership, creates enormous uncertainty for workers and businesses, and undermines devolution, and should, therefore, be scrapped by the UK Government.

4. Motion without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.54 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 3 as noted above.

6. Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month 2022: The Parliament debated S6M-05853 in the name of Clare Adamson—That the Parliament marks Pancreatic Cancer

Awareness Month, which takes place in November, and World Pancreatic Cancer Day, which takes place on 17 November 2022; understands that pancreatic cancer is the deadliest common cancer in Scotland and the UK, with more than half of people diagnosed dying within three months; further understands that survival rates have barely changed in 50 years; considers that data on the experience of patients with this disease is incredibly scarce and poor, leading to concerns of patients' voices being lost in the system; believes that support and information for patients with pancreatic cancer is often neither readily available nor forthcoming; applauds the work of the range of pancreatic cancer charities that do provide information and support for patients and their families; notes the view that more needs to be done to ensure that all patients get immediate and easy access to such support as soon as they are diagnosed, given that, it understands, currently only 12% of people diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in Scotland are using such support channels; commends all the charities and activist organisations and their dedicated supporters for their tireless efforts to raise awareness of pancreatic cancer, and wishes everyone involved with Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month every success in their endeavours.

The meeting closed at 5.53 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
29 November 2022

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 29 November 2022—

Economy and Fair Work Committee, 12th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Inquiry into Retail and Town Centres in Scotland (SP Paper 268)

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 7th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee report on a Proxy Voting pilot (SP Paper 270)

Criminal Justice Committee, 12th Report, 2022 (Session 6): The International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022 [draft] (SP Paper 271)

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 28 November 2022 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Independent Living Fund Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements Year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/170) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The United Kingdom Sports Council Grant-in-Aid and National Lottery Distribution Fund Annual Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/221) laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 29 November 2022 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

National Records of Scotland Annual Report & Accounts 2021-22 (SG/2022/154) laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The 2021/2022 Audit of the National Records of Scotland Annual Accounts: (SG/2022/195) laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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