



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 5, No. 47 Session 4

Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 11 November 2015

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Rural Affairs, Food and Environment, and Justice and the Law Officers were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

2. Succession (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs (Paul Wheelhouse) moved S4M-14768—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Succession (Scotland) Bill.

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

3. Scotland and Malawi 10 Years Since the Cooperation Agreement: The Minister for Europe and International Development (Humza Yousaf) moved S4M-14775—That the Parliament notes both that the tenth anniversary of the signing of the historic cooperation agreement between the governments of Scotland and Malawi was reached on 3 November 2015 and the continuing strength of this relationship; further notes that this agreement marked the beginning of the Scottish Government's International Development Programme, which now works in seven countries in the developing world; believes that, as a good global citizen, Scotland should continue to prioritise its international development work; recognises the contribution of the Scottish development sector and the Scotland Malawi Partnership, in particular their work with partners in Malawi, and the many Scots and Scottish organisations who, over the last 10 years, strengthened these links with Malawi and Scotland's other priority countries through their hard work and enthusiasm and have given their time and support so generously; commends the work of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and MSPs through their

continued work with the Malawi National Assembly, and looks forward to the Scottish Parliament and Government and the people of Scotland working together with the country's domestic and overseas partners toward the delivery of the new global United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, which will become applicable from January 2016.

Claire Baker moved amendment S4M-14775.1 to motion S4M-14775—

Insert at end—

“; welcomes the change achieved through the cooperation agreement, particularly regarding progress in health and education, and believes that, going forward, work should be undertaken to support a strong and sustainable economy for Malawi's future”.

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

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes both that the tenth anniversary of the signing of the historic cooperation agreement between the governments of Scotland and Malawi was reached on 3 November 2015 and the continuing strength of this relationship; further notes that this agreement marked the beginning of the Scottish Government's International Development Programme, which now works in seven countries in the developing world; believes that, as a good global citizen, Scotland should continue to prioritise its international development work; recognises the contribution of the Scottish development sector and the Scotland Malawi Partnership, in particular their work with partners in Malawi, and the many Scots and Scottish organisations who, over the last 10 years, strengthened these links with Malawi and Scotland's other priority countries through their hard work and enthusiasm and have given their time and support so generously; commends the work of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and MSPs through their continued work with the Malawi National Assembly; looks forward to the Scottish Parliament and Government and the people of Scotland working together with the country's domestic and overseas partners toward the delivery of the new global United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, which will become applicable from January 2016; welcomes the change achieved through the cooperation agreement, particularly regarding progress in health and education, and believes that, going forward, work should be undertaken to support a strong and sustainable economy for Malawi's future.

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14781—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 17 November 2015

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Devolution (Further Powers) Committee Debate: Changing Relationships:
Parliamentary Scrutiny of Intergovernmental Relations

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 18 November 2015

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Health, Wellbeing and Sport

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Ambitious Housebuilding Programme for Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 19 November 2015

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.30 pm Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Stage 1 Debate: Community Justice (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Community Justice (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 24 November 2015

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 25 November 2015

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Culture, Europe and External Affairs;
Infrastructure, Investment and Cities

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 26 November 2015

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.30 pm Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

5. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14782—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Pentland Hills Regional Park Boundary Bill at stage 1 be completed by 29 January 2016.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14783—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Carers (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 11 December 2015.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Office of the Clerk and Designation of a Lead Committee: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved:

S4M-14784—That the Parliament agrees that, between 5 January 2016 and 23 March 2016 (inclusive), the Office of the Clerk will be open on all days except Saturdays and Sundays.

S4M-14785—That the Parliament agrees that the Office of the Clerk will be closed on Tuesday 29, Wednesday 30 and Thursday 31 December 2015.

S4M-14786—That the Parliament agrees that the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, and 7 as noted above.

9. Energy Storage Network: The Parliament debated S4M-14440 in the name of Mike MacKenzie—That the Parliament welcomes the launch by Scottish Renewables of its new storage network and its publication of a briefing paper, *Energy Storage: The Basics*; understands that the technologies covered in the paper include hydrogen fuel cells, large-scale heat storage and supercapacitors and that the purpose of the network is to bring together people and organisations with an interest in the energy storage sector, which it believes is growing rapidly; notes reports that it is estimated that the global market for large-scale energy storage will be worth around £20 billion by 2022; understands that Scotland has already taken a lead in the development of technologies such as grid-scale batteries, and notes the view that it is of vital importance to the future of the renewable energy sector in the Highlands and Islands and across the country that Scotland continues to develop a strong energy storage sector.

10. Motion without Notice: Mike MacKenzie moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 5.54 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
11 November 2015

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 11 November 2015—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 67th report 2015 (Session 4):
Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 828)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 68th report 2015 (Session 4):
Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper
829)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 69th report 2015 (Session 4):
Criminal Verdicts (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 830)

The following report is being published on 12 November 2015—

Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee, 7th Report, 2015 (Session
4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 832)

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