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Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 27 February 2013

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-05742—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Water Resources (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 6: 50 minutes
Groups 7 to 10: 1 hour 20 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

2. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Education and Lifelong Learning were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

3. Water Resources (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 25, 6, 7, 26, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 1 (For 35, Against 82, Abstentions 0)
- 2 (For 36, Against 82, Abstentions 0)
- 5 (For 55, Against 62, Abstentions 0)

Amendment 4 was moved and, with the agreement of the Parliament, withdrawn.

Amendment 3 was not moved.

4. Water Resources (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S4M-05711—That the Parliament agrees that the Water Resources (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

5. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-05732—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 5 March 2013

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Finance Committee Debate: Demographic Change and an Ageing Population

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 6 March 2013

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 7 March 2013

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 Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Integration of Adult Health and Social Care
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 12 March 2013

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 13 March 2013

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Justice and the Law Officers;
Rural Affairs and the Environment
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Thursday 14 March 2013

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 Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

6. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-05733—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 28 February 2013—

delete

2.30 pm Stage 1 Debate: Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Bill

and insert

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Scotland's New Food Safety Body

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Bill

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Crime and Courts Bill – UK Legislation

The motion was agreed to.

7. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-05734—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 28 June 2013.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 4 as noted above.

9. Families Need Fathers: The Parliament debated S4M-04456 in the name of John Mason—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Scottish Government's national parenting strategy, National Parenting Strategy: Making a positive difference to children and young people through parenting; considers that parenting is one of the most important jobs that anyone could have in their life; welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to developing a national parenting strategy that includes an investment of £18 million to improve access to information, advice and support for parents; notes the comments from Families Need Fathers, which, following the publication of the strategy, said that it "welcomes the emphasis on fathers in this new strategy, including fathers who live apart from their children",

and considers that Glasgow and Scotland as a whole would benefit from a debate on the role of fathers and their rights and responsibilities.

The meeting closed at 5.48 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
27 February 2013

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

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 27 February 2013 and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

Welfare Reform (Consequential Amendments) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2013 [draft]

laid under sections 1(3)(a) and 2(3)(a) of the Welfare Reform (Further Provision) (Scotland) Act 2012

Local Government Finance (Scotland) Amendment Order 2013 [draft]

laid under paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 12 to the Local Government Finance Act 1992

The following draft affirmative instrument was withdrawn and subsequently re-laid before the Parliament on 27 February 2013—

Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 (Consequential Modifications and Savings) Order 2013 [draft]

The timetable for consideration of this draft SSI remains unchanged

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 27 February 2013 and is not subject to Parliamentary procedure—

The Local Government Finance (Scotland) Amendment Order 2013 - Report by the Scottish Ministers (SG/2013/25)

laid under paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 12 to the Local Government Finance Act 1992

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