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Meeting of the Parliament
Thursday 21 November 2013

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

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. First Minister’s Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).

3. 50th Anniversary of the JFK Assassination: The Parliament debated S4M-07824 in the name of Richard Lyle—That the Parliament acknowledges the 50th anniversary of the assassination of the 35th President of the United States, John F Kennedy, on 22 November 1963; remembers what it considers his great achievements as a political leader especially with regard to foreign affairs, civil rights and economic policy; commends what it believes were his efforts to limit the threat of nuclear weapons through diplomatic measures, most notably by signing the limited test ban treaty with the UK and Soviet Union; considers that he was instrumental in progressing the civil rights movement through open public support and executive orders, which resulted in interventions such as the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity; applauds what it believes was the recovery of the US economy under his presidency and understands that it enjoyed its longest sustained expansion since the second world war; recognises what it considers his ambitious vision of safely sending an American to the Moon by the end of the 1960s; believes with sadness that his time in office was unjustly cut short, and honours with sincerity and respect the memory of President Kennedy who, it understands, travelled through central Scotland in 1939 before delivering a speech in Glasgow on behalf of his father, Joseph, who was the USA’s ambassador to the UK at that time.
4. **Motion without Notice:** Richard Lyle moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

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

6. **Burrell Collection (Lending and Borrowing) (Scotland) Bill:** Joan McAlpine, on behalf of the Burrell Collection (Lending and borrowing) (Scotland) Bill Committee, moved S4M-08259—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Burrell Collection (Lending and Borrowing) (Scotland) Bill and agrees that it should proceed as a private bill.

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

7. **Children and Young People (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Children and Young People (Aileen Campbell) moved S4M-08326—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Bill.

   After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 104, Against 0, Abstentions 14).

8. **Children and Young People (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) moved S4M-08192—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Children and Young People (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in paragraph 3(b) of Rule 9.12 of the Parliament’s Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

   The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 6, 7 and 8 as noted above.

   The meeting closed at 5.02 pm.

   **P E Grice**
   
   Clerk of the Parliament
   
   21 November 2013
Appendix
(Note: this Appendix does not form part of the Minutes)

Subordinate Legislation

Negative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 21 November 2013 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Food Safety, Food Hygiene and Official Controls (Sprouting Seeds) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/333)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 21 November 2013 and are not subject to Parliamentary procedure—

Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland Annual Report 2013 (SG/2013/257)
laid under paragraph 14(3) of schedule 2 to the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

The Sea Fish Industry Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2012/2013 (SG/2013/133)
laid under section 11(8) of the Fisheries Act 1981