



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 4, No. 105 Session 4

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 5 May 2015

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Ms Janie O'Neill, Head Teacher, Coatbridge High School led Time for Reflection.

2. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Minister.

3. British Sign Language (Scotland) Bill: Mark Griffin moved S4M-13046—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the British Sign Language (Scotland) Bill.

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

4. British Sign Language (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Minister for Learning, Science and Scotland's Languages (Dr Alasdair Allan) moved S4M-13052—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the British Sign Language (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Motion without Notice: John Finnie, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.48 pm. The motion was agreed to.

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 4 as noted above.

7. North East Mosses: The Parliament debated S4M-12210 in the name of Christian Allard—That the Parliament recognises the importance of raised bogs known as mosses to the local eco-systems with unique animal and plant life; notes that the north east has the Arnhall Moss in Westhill and the Portlethen Moss, both of which, it considers, provide an important natural environment for use by local communities; recognises what it sees as the great work of groups such as the Portlethen Moss Conservation Group and the Arnhall Moss Management Advisory Group, who ensure conservation and maintenance of the mosses; understands that local schools have taken part in safaris and tree planting on the mosses facilitated by local rangers who foster understanding and care of the natural heritage in these areas, and welcomes widespread use of the mosses.

The meeting closed at 5.15 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
5 May 2015

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

Subordinate Legislation

Negative instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 1 May 2015 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Scottish Tax Tribunals (Time Limits and Rules of Procedure) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/184)

laid under section 254(1) of the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

Less Favoured Area Support Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/185)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Laid only instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 1 May 2015 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 (SSI 2015/186)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Scottish Tax Tribunals (Conduct and Fitness Assessment Tribunal) Rules 2015 (SSI 2015/187)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

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