



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 5 December 2018

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

2. Protecting Our Interests: Scotland's Response to the UK Government and EU's Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration: The Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations (Michael Russell) moved S5M-15032—That the Parliament agrees that both a no deal outcome and the outcomes arising from the withdrawal agreement and political declaration setting out the framework for the future relationship between the EU and the UK, as presented to the House of Commons by the Prime Minister, would be damaging for Scotland and the nations and regions of the UK as a whole, and therefore recommends that they be rejected and that a better alternative be taken forward.

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 92, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

3. Business Motion: Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-15045—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 11 December 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Sea Fisheries and End of Year Negotiations

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 12 December 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport

followed by Ministerial Statement: Protecting Scotland's Interests: Response to the Outcome of the Meaningful Vote in Westminster

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government's Draft Spending and Tax Plans for 2019-20

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 13 December 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Scottish Government Debate: Demonstrating Leadership in Human Rights

followed by Final Stage: Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 18 December 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Damages (Investment Returns and Periodical Payments) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 19 December 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government; Social Security and Older People

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 20 December 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Decision Time

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 12 December 2018, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with "Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer"

and

(c) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on Thursday 13 December 2018, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

The motion was agreed to.

4. Business Motion: Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-15046—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Transport (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 1 March 2019.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Business Motion: Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-15047—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the South of Scotland Enterprise Bill at stage 1 be completed by 29 March 2019.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Parliamentary Bureau Motion: Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-15048—That the Parliament agrees that the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 1991 (Variation of Schedule 5) Order 2019 [draft] be approved.

The motion agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2 and 6 as noted above.

8. Remembering Conscientious Objectors: The Parliament debated S5M-14915 in the name of Alison Johnstone—That the Parliament notes the proposal by the Edinburgh Peace and Justice Centre for a memorial to conscientious objectors and all who oppose war; further notes that the Transport and Environment Committee of the City of Edinburgh Council has approved the proposal for this memorial, which would be located in Princes St Gardens; believes that such a memorial would provide an important opportunity for people to reflect on the value of peacemakers around the world, as well as on the bravery of conscientious objectors during the First World War and what it considers their inhumane treatment by the government; congratulates the Edinburgh Peace and Justice Centre on its work on this project, and wishes it well with its crowd funder to raise money to create the memorial.

The meeting closed at 5.54 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
5 December 2018

Appendix

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

Laid only instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 5 December 2018 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Act 2018 (Commencement No. 1, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/368 (C.23))

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 5 December 2018—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 62nd Report 2018 (Session 5) Subordinate legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 5 December 2018 (SP Paper 438)

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