



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

RURAL ECONOMY AND CONNECTIVITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

35th Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)

Wednesday 6 December 2017

Present:

Peter Chapman	John Finnie
Rhoda Grant	Jamie Greene
Richard Lyle	Fulton MacGregor
John Mason	Edward Mountain (Convener)
Gail Ross (Deputy Convener)	Mike Rumbles
Stewart Stevenson	

Also present: Claudia Beamish, Andy Wightman, Fergus Ewing

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. **Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).

Edward Mountain declared an interest as a member of a farming partnership.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 117, 18, 21, 2, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40, 3, 43, 44 and 45.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

121 (For 8, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
19 (For 8, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
20 (For 8, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
130 (For 7, Against 3, Abstentions 1)
38 (For 7, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
41 (For 7, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
12 (For 5, Against 5, Abstentions 1; amendment agreed to on casting vote)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

7 (For 3, Against 7, Abstentions 1)
9 (For 4, Against 6, Abstentions 1)
10 (For 4, Against 7, Abstentions 0)

131 (For 5, Against 6, Abstentions 0)
36A (For 2, Against 8, Abstentions 1)
6 (For 4, Against 7, Abstentions 0)
12A (For 4, Against 6, Abstentions 1)
132 (For 4, Against 7, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 14, 118, 120, 129, and 11.

The following amendments were pre-empted: 39 and 42.

The following amendments were not moved: 119, 8, 116, 15, 122, 4, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 16, 17 and 22.

The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: sections 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 14, 15 and 21.

The following provisions were agreed to as amended: sections 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16 and 17.

The Committee ended consideration of the Bill for the day section 21 having been agreed to.

The meeting closed at 12.47 pm.

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