RURAL ECONOMY AND CONNECTIVITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

36th Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)

Wednesday 13 December 2017

Present:

Peter Chapman
Rhoda Grant
Richard Lyle
John Mason
Gail Ross (Deputy Convener)
Stewart Stevenson

John Finnie
Jamie Greene
Fulton MacGregor
Edward Mountain (Convener)
Mike Rumbles

Also present: Claudia Beamish, Fergus Ewing

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

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

Edward Mountain declared an interest as a farmer.

Peter Chapman declared an interest as a farmer.

Stewart Stevenson declared an interest as an owner of a small agricultural holding.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 106, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114 and 115.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—
102 (For 6, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
107 (For 6, Against 5, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—
75A (For 4, Against 7, Abstentions 0)
136 (For 5, Against 6, Abstentions 0).

Amendment 13 was moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn.

The following amendments were not moved: 133, 134, 135, 78A, 81A, 84A, 85A, 86A, 87A, 89A, 97A, 100A, 103, 104, 105 and 108.

The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: sections 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 32, 34, 35, 36, 43, 46, 50, 53, 56, 57, 58, 61, 62, 63, 64, 66, 68, schedules 1, 2 and sections 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75.

The following provisions were agreed to as amended: sections 22, 23, 27, 30, 31, 33, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 44, 45, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 54, 55, 59, 60, 65, 67, schedule 3 and the long title.

The Committee completed Stage 2 consideration of the Bill.

The meeting closed at 11.27 am.

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