



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

RURAL ECONOMY AND CONNECTIVITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

10th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Wednesday 28 March 2018

Present:

Peter Chapman

Jamie Greene

Fulton MacGregor

Edward Mountain (Convener)

Mike Rumbles

Stewart Stevenson

John Finnie

Richard Lyle

John Mason

Gail Ross (Deputy Convener)

Colin Smyth

Also present: Liam McArthur, Tavish Scott

The meeting opened at 8.31 am.

1. **Transport - winter resilience:** The Committee took evidence from—

Humza Yousaf, Minister for Transport and the Islands, Martin Thomson, Networks Impact Manager, and Andrew Harper, Timetable Development Manager, Transport Scotland, Scottish Government;

Alex Hynes, Managing Director, Scotrail Alliance;

George Mair, Director, Confederation of Passenger Transport.

Stewart Stevenson declared interests as Honorary Vice President of Rail Future UK and as Honorary Vice President of the Scottish Association for Public Transport.

Gail Ross declared an interest as Honorary Vice President of the Friends of the Far North Line.

John Finnie declared interests as a member of the Scottish Parliament's Cross Party Group on Rail and the National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT) Parliamentary Group.

John Mason declared an interest as Co-Convenor of the Scottish Parliament's Cross Party Group on Rail.

2. **Islands (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 2).

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 5, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 21, 22, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 83.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

49 (For 7, Against 4, Abstentions 0)

69 (For 8, Against 2, Abstentions 1)

78 (For 5, Against 5, Abstentions 0; amendment agreed to on casting vote).

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

43 (For 5, Against 6, Abstentions 0)

47 (For 3, Against 8, Abstentions 0)

61 (For 4, Against 6, Abstentions 1)

62 (For 4, Against 7, Abstentions 0)

64 (For 4, Against 7, Abstentions 0)

65 (For 2, Against 9, Abstentions 0)

90 (For 2, Against 9, Abstentions 0)

80 (For 2, Against 8, Abstentions 0)

81 (For 1, Against 9, Abstentions 0)

25 (For 2, Against 8, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 20, 82 and 87.

The following amendments were not moved: 44, 45, 46, 48, 60, 63, 66, 67, 68, 70, 89, 72, 73, 23, 74, 75, 76, 77, 79, 24, 26, 84, 85, 86, 27 and 88.

The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: sections 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24 and the long title.

The following provisions were agreed to as amended: section 7, the schedule and sections 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, and 18.

The Committee completed Stage 2 consideration of the Bill.

The meeting closed at 1.00 pm.

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