



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 22 June 2021

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rev Dr Jenny Wright, Convenor, Church in Society Committee, Scottish Episcopal Church and Associate Priest, Christ Church, Morningside, led Time for Reflection.

2. Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Bill: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-00447—That the Parliament agrees that the Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Bill be treated as an Emergency Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 87, Against 31, Abstentions 0).

3. Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Bill: Timetable and Procedures for Consideration: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-00397—That, subject to the Parliament's agreement that the Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Bill be treated as an Emergency Bill, the Parliament agrees to consider the Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Bill as follows—

Stage 1 on Tuesday 22 June;
Stage 2 on Wednesday 23 June; and
Stage 3 on Thursday 24 June.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 85, Against 31, Abstentions 0).

4. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

5. First Minister's Statement: The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 Update.

6. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Shirley-Anne Somerville) made a statement and answered questions on OECD Report on Curriculum for Excellence.

7. Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Bill: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-00446—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 92, Against 27, Abstentions 0).

8. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time shall begin at 7.00 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

9. Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy (Kate Forbes) moved S6M-00443—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-00465—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 24 June—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Bill

and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: Cervical Screening

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Bill

(b) that for the purposes of consideration of the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 25) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/224), the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No.26) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/227) and the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 12) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/230), rules 10.1.3(a) and 10.3.3 of Standing Orders be suspended; and

(c) that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 25) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/224), the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No.26) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/227) and the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 12) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/230) be considered by the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to.

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 7 and 9 as noted above.

12. MND Scotland 40th Anniversary: The Parliament debated S6M-00070 in the name of Bob Doris—That the Parliament notes the 40th anniversary of MND Scotland, which was founded by John MacLeod in 1981 following his MND diagnosis; congratulates MND Scotland on its campaigning achievements and legislative changes agreed in the Parliament that have improved the lives of people with MND, including the late Gordon Aikman's campaign to double the number of MND specialist nurses, the statutory provision of augmentative and alternative communication for people who have lost their voice, and, most recently, the effective fast-tracking of terminally ill people for Scottish social security benefits; notes the belief that there is still more to do in the Parliament, including the establishment of a national care service and the prioritisation of accessible housing, and further notes the view that Members should work together to continue this progress and help find a cure for this devastating terminal illness.

The meeting closed at 7.49 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
22 June 2021

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

Legislative Consent Memorandum

The following memorandum was lodged on 22 June 2021—

Mairi Gougeon, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-1)

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