



Stage 3 of a bill's passage through the Parliament is the final opportunity for MSPs to propose amendments in order to tidy up the wording and to debate important issues relating to the bill.



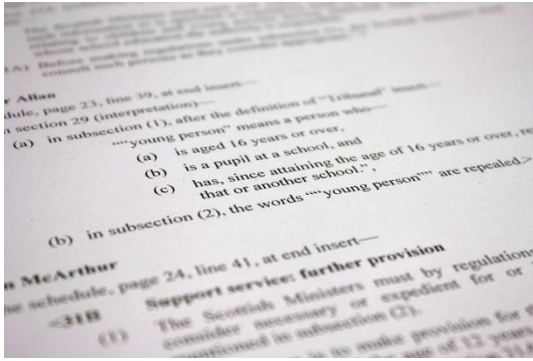
The Presiding Officer decides which amendments can be considered at this stage.



Stage 3 takes place in the Chamber in two parts, usually both on the same day.



First, the Parliament considers and decides on any stage 3 amendments that have been lodged by MSPs and selected by the Presiding Officer.



Then, after all amendments have been dealt with, the Parliament debates whether or not to pass the bill in its final form.



At Decision Time, the Presiding Officer asks MSPs whether they agree that the bill should be passed. If they agree, the bill is passed. If they don't agree, the bill falls and can't become a law.

