RURAL AFFAIRS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

8th Meeting, 2009 (Session 3)

Wednesday 11 March 2009

Present:

Rhoda Grant (Committee Substitute)        Liam McArthur
Alasdair Morgan                    Elaine Murray
Peter Peacock                  John Scott (Deputy Convener)
Maureen Watt (Convener)            Bill Wilson

Apologies were received from Karen Gillon.

The meeting opened at 10.01 am.

1. **Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 2).

   The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 86, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 90, 91, 92, 34, 35, 93, 94, 36, 37, 38, 95, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 101, 102, 50, 103, 104 and 51.

   The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

   71 (For 4, Against 4, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote)
   72 (For 4, Against 4, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote)
   125 (For 4, Against 4, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote)
   123 (For 4, Against 4, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote)
   126 (For 4, Against 4, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote)
   74 (For 4, Against 4, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote)

   The following amendments were moved and, with the agreement of the Committee, withdrawn: 87, 89, 75, 128 and 130.

   Amendment 76 was pre-empted.
The following amendments were not moved: 73, 127, 129 and 77.

Sections 25, 26, 27, 28, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 39, 40, 41, 44, 45, 47, 49, 50 and 51, schedule 2 and sections 53, 54 and 58 were agreed to without amendment.

Sections 24, 29, 30, 37, 38, 42, 43, 46, 48, 52, 55, 56, 57, 59, 60 and 61 were agreed to as amended.

The Committee ended consideration of the Bill for the day, section 61 having been agreed to.

2. **European Union issues**: The Committee considered an update on European Union issues. The Committee agreed that the Convener should meet with the Convener of the European and External Relations Committee (EERC) in relation to the EERC’s proposed “Early Intervention” scrutiny of the Common Fisheries Policy reform and the Common Agricultural Policy.

3. **Rural housing inquiry (in private)**: The Committee considered a draft report.

The meeting closed at 12.35 pm.

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