



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

RURAL AFFAIRS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

15th Meeting, 2010 (Session 3)

Wednesday 9 June 2010

Present:

Aileen Campbell

Liam McArthur

Peter Peacock

Maureen Watt (Convener)

Karen Gillon

Elaine Murray

John Scott (Deputy Convener)

Bill Wilson

The meeting opened at 10.02 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 4 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instruments—

the Air Quality Standards (Scotland) Regulations 2010 (SSI 2010/204);

the Plant Health (Scotland) Amendment Order 2010 (SSI 2010/206);

the Plant Health Fees (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2010 (SSI 2010/207)

and agree to make no recommendations on the instruments. In relation to SSIs 2010/206 and 2010/207, the Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government to ask for its views on the cumulative impact of amendment regulations on the principal Order.

3. **Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 2).

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 229, 230 and 170.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division):

- 89 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 91 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 92 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 93 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 94 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 105 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 109 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 110 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 117 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 118 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 119 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 120 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 121 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 122 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 123 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 124 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 125 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 126 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 135 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 136 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 137 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 138 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 142 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 143 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 144 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 145 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 84 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 147 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 148 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 149 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 154 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 155 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 156 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 157 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 158 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 242 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 243 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 160 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 161 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 162 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 163 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 169 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 171 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 172 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 173 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 179 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 180 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 181 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 182 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 183 (For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)

Amendments 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 78, 79, 80, 81 and 82 were agreed to en bloc (by division: For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)

Amendments 102, 103 and 104 were agreed to en bloc (by division: For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)

Amendments 106, 107, 83 and 108 were agreed to en bloc (by division: For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)

Amendments 111, 112, 113, 114, 115 and 116 were agreed to en bloc (by division: For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)

Amendments 127, 128, 129, 130 and 131 were agreed to en bloc (by division: For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)

Amendments 132, 133 and 134 were agreed to en bloc (by division: For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)

Amendments 139, 140 and 141 were agreed to en bloc (by division: For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)

Amendments 85, 146 and 86 were agreed to en bloc (by division: For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)

Amendments 150, 151, 152 and 153 were agreed to en bloc (by division: For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)

Amendments 164, 165, 166, 167 and 168 were agreed to en bloc (by division: For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)

Amendments 174, 175, 176, 177 and 178 were agreed to en bloc (by division: For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)

Amendments 184, 185 and 186 were agreed to en bloc (by division: For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)

Amendments 187, 87, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194 and 195 were agreed to en bloc (by division: For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 4)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division):

227 (For 4, Against 4, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote)

228 (For 4, Against 4, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote)

231 (For 4, Against 4, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote)

232 (For 4, Against 4, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote)

234 (For 4, Against 4, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote)

237 (For 4, Against 4, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote)

238 (For 4, Against 4, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote)

239 (For 4, Against 4, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote)

240 (For 4, Against 4, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote)

241 (For 4, Against 4, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote)

244 (For 4, Against 4, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote)

245 (For 4, Against 4, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote)

247 (For 4, Against 4, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote)

248 (For 4, Against 4, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote)

249 (For 4, Against 4, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote)

250 (For 4, Against 4, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote)

251 (For 4, Against 4, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote)

252 (For 4, Against 4, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote)

Amendment 233 was not moved.

The following amendments were pre-empted: 90, 235, 236 and 159.

Sections 3 and 19 were agreed to without amendment.

Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 were agreed to as amended.

The Committee ended consideration of the Bill for the day, section 19 having been agreed to.

4. **Legislation on wildlife and the natural environment:** The Committee considered its approach to forthcoming legislation on wildlife and the natural environment and agreed to authorise the Convener to make bids to the Conveners Group (and where necessary the Parliamentary Bureau) for any fact-finding visits or external meeting held as part of the Committee's scrutiny of the bill; to delegate to the Convener responsibility for arranging for the SPCB to pay, under Rule 12.4.3, any expenses of witnesses in respect of consideration of the bill; and to hold agenda items involving witness selection, the review of evidence and the consideration of drafts of the Committee's Stage 1 report on the bill in private at future meetings. The Committee also agreed that the clerks should issue a call for views following introduction of the bill.

The meeting closed at 12.23 pm.

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