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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 16 May 2019

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

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

- 1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 3. Community Pharmacy Scotland:** The Parliament debated S5M-16544 in the name of Alexander Stewart—That the Parliament welcomes the work of Community Pharmacy Scotland (CPS) in representing independent community pharmacy owners in Mid Scotland and Fife and across the country; acknowledges that it provides information and advice to over 1,200 pharmacies, engages with MSPs, NHS boards and other relevant national bodies and negotiates its members' terms and conditions of service; considers that, because of their skills and professional expertise, community pharmacists are increasingly important frontline healthcare providers, working as educators, primary care campaigners and experts in the most effective use of medicines; understands that CPS is keen to build its presence among the public by promoting the role of modern pharmacy care at a time of major change; believes that it is doing this by taking a proactive, open-door approach to better reflect the changing and developing role of its members, whom it considers are at the heart of every community, and acknowledges CPS's work in the drive to ensure that its members can provide the services that communities need and deserve.
- 4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Justice and the Law Officers were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

5. Impact of Brexit on Scotland's Food and Drink: Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy (Fergus Ewing) moved S5M-17304—That the Parliament acknowledges the significant contribution that food and drink makes to Scotland's economy, society and reputation; notes analysis and warnings, including from the food and drink sector, of the disastrous impact of a no deal Brexit that would result in the loss of freedom of movement and trade, harming food and drink businesses and exports of quality meat and seafood; recognises the importance of growing markets for Scottish produce internationally, across the UK and here in Scotland, and considers that this can best be achieved through continued membership of the EU.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S5M-17304.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-17304 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Impact of Brexit on Scotland's Food and Drink), leave out from "notes analysis" to end and insert "recognises the importance of new international markets for Scottish produce, as well as continued access to the UK market; supports leaving the EU with a deal; notes the challenges to society, the environment and the food and drink sector from other related issues, including climate change and food insecurity, and recognises the need for change, regardless of the outcomes of Brexit, in order to create a resilient food and drink industry that is sustainable in Scotland both today and in the future."

After debate, amendment S5M-17304.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 82, Abstentions 0).

Rhoda Grant moved amendment S5M-17304.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-17304 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Impact of Brexit on Scotland's Food and Drink), insert at end "and remaining part of the UK; believes that, should the UK leave the EU, any Brexit deal must protect the UK's close relationship with the EU, and further believes that the Scottish Government should bring forward a Good Food Nation Bill that enshrines a right to food, and, in light of the climate emergency, must also, as a matter of urgency, bring forward a new agricultural support scheme that assists farmers and crofters become carbon-neutral."

After debate, amendment S5M-17304.2 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 14, Against 97, Abstentions 0).

Mark Ruskell moved amendment S5M-17304.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-17304 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Impact of Brexit on Scotland's Food and Drink), insert at end "; notes the role that the EU has played in reducing the environmental impact of Scotland's food and drink through the Scottish Rural Development Programme, and the protection provided through world-leading food safety and quality standards; recognises the future opportunities for the food and drink sector that will come from adopting climate-neutral farming and food production measures, and calls for the Scottish Government to make this a core principle of its approach to

Scotland becoming a Good Food Nation, including through legislation to be introduced within the next year.”

After debate, amendment S5M-17304.3 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 20, Against 35, Abstentions 56).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 76, Against 29, Abstentions 6).

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 5 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.04 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
16 May 2019

Appendix

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

New Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 16 May 2019 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Presumption Against Short Periods of Imprisonment (Scotland) Order 2019 [draft] laid under section 204(3D) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995, and section 201(4) of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 16 May 2019—

Equalities and Human Rights Committee, 1st Report, 2019 (Session 5): Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill Stage 1 Report (SP Paper 528)

The following report will be published on 17 May 2019—

Finance and Constitution Committee, 5th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Annual report 2018-19 (SP Paper 527)

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