RURAL ECONOMY AND CONNECTIVITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

9th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Wednesday 21 March 2018

Present:

Peter Chapman               Alex Cole-Hamilton (Committee Substitute)
John Finnie                 Jamie Greene
Richard Lyle                Fulton MacGregor
John Mason                  Edward Mountain (Convener)
Gail Ross (Deputy Convener) Mike Rumbles
Colin Smyth                 Stewart Stevenson

Also present: Liam McArthur, Tavish Scott

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. Laser Misuse (Vehicles) Bill (UK Parliament legislation): The Committee considered the legislative consent memorandum lodged by Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Connectivity (LCM(S5)14) and took evidence from—

   Humza Yousaf, Minister for Transport and the Islands, Bertrand Deiss, Head of Road Safety Policy, and Stephen Rees, Solicitor, Scottish Government.

   and agreed to recommend the Parliament to approve the content of the LCM and the motion as drafted by the Cabinet Secretary.

2. Islands (Scotland) Bill: The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).

   The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 10, 1, 2A, 2, 32, 17, 18, 19, 36, 3, 40 and 4.

   Amendment 29 was agreed to (by division: For 6, Against 5, Abstentions 0).

   The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—
   37 (For 3, Against 7, Abstentions 1)
42 (For 4, Against 6, Abstentions 1)

Amendment 28 was moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn.

The following amendments were not moved: 30, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 31, 33, 34, 35, 38, 39, and 41.

The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: sections 1 and 6.

The following provisions were agreed to as amended: sections 2, 3, 4 and 5.

The Committee ended consideration of the Bill for the day section 6 having been agreed to.

The meeting closed at 12.46 pm.

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