

**ROBIN RIGG OFFSHORE WIND FARM
(NAVIGATION AND FISHING) (SCOTLAND)
BILL COMMITTEE**

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(Afternoon)

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1st Meeting 2002, Session 1

THE OLDEST COMMITTEE MEMBER PRESENT

*Mr John Home Robertson (East Lothian) (Lab)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Colin Campbell (West of Scotland) (SNP)

*Mr Tom McCabe (Hamilton South) (Lab)

Mr Jamie McGrigor (Highlands and Islands) (Con)

*Mr Mike Rumbles (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine) (LD)

*attended

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Committee Room 3

Scottish Parliament

Robin Rigg Offshore Wind Farm (Navigation and Fishing) (Scotland) Bill Committee

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[THE OLDEST COMMITTEE MEMBER PRESENT *opened the meeting at 13:31*]

Mr John Home Robertson (Oldest Committee Member Present): As there are three members of the committee present, we are quorate. I have been advised by some sensitive soul that I am the oldest member present and must therefore convene the committee. I have a bone to pick with Colin Campbell, who would have convened the committee as the oldest member if he had not sent his apologies.

Interests

Mr Home Robertson: As we are in the presence of the convener of the Standards Committee, it is appropriate that we begin by formally declaring any interests. Obviously, given the nature of the committee, it is important that members err on the side of caution when declaring any interests that they have that might prejudice or give the appearance of prejudicing their ability to participate in a disinterested manner in the committee's proceedings. Do any members present have any interests to declare?

Mr Tom McCabe (Hamilton South) (Lab): No.

Mr Mike Rumbles (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine) (LD): I have no relevant interests.

Mr Home Robertson: Neither do I. We will get the absent members to state any interests that they might have at the earliest opportunity.

Convener

Mr Home Robertson: On a motion of the Parliamentary Bureau, the Parliament has agreed that the convener of the committee is to be chosen from among the Labour members, which narrows the choice ever so slightly.

Mr Rumbles: It gives me great pleasure to nominate Tom McCabe as convener of the committee.

Mr McCabe: Thank you, Mike. I will remember that phrase.

Mr Tom McCabe was chosen as convener.

Deputy Convener

The Convener (Mr Tom McCabe): The next item concerns the election of the deputy convener. On a motion of the Parliamentary Bureau, it has been decided that a member of the Scottish National Party will hold that post. It does not require a complex process of elimination to see that there is only one member of the SNP on the committee, Colin Campbell, who has already indicated that he would be prepared to accept nomination.

Mr Rumbles: I am happy to nominate Colin Campbell.

Colin Campbell was chosen as deputy convener.

Item in Private

The Convener: Do we agree to take item 5, which concerns the committee's essential housekeeping issues, in private?

Members indicated agreement.

Mr Rumbles: It is appropriate that we take this item in private.

The Convener: It is worth noting that it is our intention to hold the vast majority of our proceedings in public.

13:33

Meeting continued in private until 13:54.

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