## SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Tuesday 7 November 2000 (*Morning*)

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31<sup>st</sup> Meeting 2000, Session 1

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## **Scottish Parliament**

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[THE CONVENER opened the meeting at 11:19]

The Convener (Mr Kenny MacAskill): Welcome to the meeting. I have been asked to read out a note from Fergus Ewing, who has been unable, due to the intimation of his resignation, to meet people collectively. The letter to the clerk says:

"May I thank you and all the staff for your great help and assistance during my time as a member on the committee. I have enjoyed working with you all and look forward to seeing you around the building. Please also extend my appreciation to members of the committee from all parties who have made my term on the Subordinate Legislation Committee such a pleasure."

We will no doubt see Fergus take up matters at the Rural Affairs Committee that he pursued on this one.

David Mundell (South of Scotland) (Con): Fergus Ewing will be missed on this committee. I do not think that any other member is capable of bringing a constituency interest into obscure pieces of subordinate legislation as Fergus has done. We will miss that.

The Convener: Yes, I am sure.

## Budget (Scotland) Act 2000 (Amendment) (No 2) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/draft)

**The Convener:** The first item on the agenda is Executive responses.

We asked why there had not been a note about the above order. We received a clear explanation that other matters had been produced, and we can accept that.

I think that David Mundell wants to make a point about the Education (Graduate Endowment and Student Support) (Scotland) Bill, which we considered.

**David Mundell:** We can welcome the fact that the Executive has intimated that it is delaying the bill to produce some changes to the drafting. I hope that it takes on board some of the drafting issues that the committee raised when we examined the bill. We thought that it would be necessary to take evidence from witnesses.

**The Convener:** That is noted on the record.

Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) Adaptation of Functions etc (No 2) Order 2000 (SI 2000/draft)

Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc) (No 2) Order 2000 (SI 2000/draft)

**The Convener:** The second item on the agenda is draft affirmative instruments. There are only two before us, on which no points arise.

That brings us—in the absence of Fergus Ewing's constituency interest in any of those orders—to a record conclusion.

Meeting closed at 11:21.

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