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17th Meeting 2001, Session 1

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DEPUTY CONVENER

Ian Jenkins (Tweeddale, Ettrick and Lauderdale) (LD)

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*Bill Butler (Glasgow Anniesland) (Lab)
*Gordon Jackson (Glasgow Govan) (Lab)
*Ms Margo MacDonald (Lothians) (SNP)
*Bristow Muldoon (Livingston) (Lab)
*David Mundell (South of Scotland) (Con)

*attended

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Committee Room 3

Scottish Parliament

Subordinate Legislation Committee

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[THE CONVENER *opened the meeting at 11:16*]

The Convener (Mr Kenny MacAskill): Good morning and welcome to the 17th meeting of the Subordinate Legislation Committee.

Water (Prevention of Pollution) (Code of Practice) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2001 (SSI 2001/175)

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

As the Executive has responded to the various points that we raised on the order, the question now is whether we are content simply to draw that response to the Parliament's attention or wish to pursue those points further. This is not a major matter, as the Executive has to some extent clarified the points. If members are content, we will pass the instrument on to the lead committee with a copy of the correspondence to allow it to decide whether or not to take a serious view.

Local Government Finance (Scotland) (No 2) Order 2001

The Convener: The next item on the agenda is the consideration of instruments subject to approval. No points arise on the order.

Consumer Protection Act 1987 (Product Liability) (Modification) (Scotland) Order 2001 (Draft)

The Convener: The third item on the agenda is the consideration of draft instruments subject to approval.

An italic heading on the order apparently indicates when it will come into force, which is somewhat presumptuous. We need do no more than simply note what appears to be an oversight and draw it to the Executive's attention—in a gentle manner, I suppose.

David Mundell (South of Scotland) (Con): Absolutely.

Graduate Endowment (Scotland) Regulations (Draft)

The Convener: The regulations contain some typos and there are other minor matters that we can draw to the Executive's attention in the usual way. The regulations will obviously be of greater interest to the Enterprise and Lifelong Learning Committee, of which David Mundell, Bill Butler and I are members. We can run through the details with a fine toothcomb there.

Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Scotland) Amendment (No 5) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/178)

The Convener: The fourth item on the agenda is the consideration of instruments subject to annulment. No points arise on the regulations.

Artificial Insemination of Cattle (Emergency Licences) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/179)

The Convener: No points arise on the regulations. We should, however, put on record the fact that they are extremely well-drafted, just to show that we do not always criticise the Executive.

That brings our short, but sweet meeting to an end.

Meeting closed at 11:19.

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