

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

The Session commenced at 9.05am

Item 1

Oral Questions to Jenny Randerson, Minister for Culture & Sport

The first 12 questions were answered. Questions 4 and 10 were withdrawn. Questions 7, 8 and 9 were not asked.

9.22am

Item 2

Oral Questions to Carwyn Jones, Minister for Rural Affairs

The first 5 questions were answered.

9.40am

Point of Order

Peter Law on the replies by Ministers to oral questions.

9.42am

Item 3

Composite motion to approve:

NDM662 To propose that the National Assembly, acting under Standing Order 22.25:

1. Approves:

The Crab Claws (Prohibition of Landing) (Revocation) (Wales) Order 2001 laid in the Table Office on 28 March 2001; and

Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order **The Crab Claws (Prohibition of Landing) (Revocation) (Wales) Order 2001**, laid in the Table Office on 1 May 2001.

2. Approves:

The Undersized Whiting (Revocation) (Wales) Order 2001 laid in the Table Office on 28 March 2001; and

Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order The Undersized Whiting (Revocation) (Wales) Order 2001, laid in the Table Office on 1 May 2001.

A vote was taken:

For 31; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 31

The composite motion was carried

9.43am

Item 4

Revision of Standing Orders 6.3 and 6.26

NDM660 To propose that the National Assembly acting under section 46(6) of the Government of Wales Act and Standing Order 34:

- (1) consider the report of the Business Committee laid in the Table Office on 3rd April 2001; and
- (2) approve the following revisions of standing orders;

Standing Order 6.3

1. Insert new sub-paragraph (iii)

(iii) the Assembly Secretary with particular responsibility for business to answer questions related to his or her responsibilities other than for business for oral answer at least once, and for at least 5 minutes, every four weeks that the Assembly meets in plenary;

2. Renumber the remaining sub-paragraphs.

Standing Order 6.26

3. After "to any Assembly Secretary" delete "other than the Assembly Business Secretary"
4. After "any matters relating to" delete "their" and insert "his or her"
5. After "responsibilities" insert "(except that oral questions may be tabled to the Assembly

Business Secretary only about matters relating to his or her responsibilities other than for business).

A vote was taken:

For 34; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 34

The motion was carried by the two-thirds majority required

9.44am

The Deputy Presiding Officer took the Chair

Item 5

Debate on Committees' Strategic Forward Work Programme

NDM661 To propose that the National Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order 9.9, notes the Strategic Forward Work Programmes and Progress Reports of the National Assembly's Subject Committees on Health & Social Services, Economic Development, Education & Lifelong Learning and Environment, Planning and Transport, which were emailed to Members on 10 May 2001.

A vote was taken:

For 33; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 33

The motion was carried

10.48am

Item 6

Minority Party Debate: Plaid Cymru

NDM659 The National Assembly expresses its profound concern at the effect of UK government monetary, fiscal and public expenditure policy on the economy and communities of Wales.

The following amendments were selected:

1. Williams Graham (South Wales East)

Alun Cairns (South Wales West)

Add as new sentence to the end of the motion:

"It recognises that the tax burden for the UK has risen from 35.2% of GDP or £104 billion in 1996/97 to 38.2% of GDP or £156 billion in 2000/01. An increase of £1 billion a week, that has resulted in the UK becoming one of the highest tax economies in the developed world".

2. Williams Graham (South Wales East)

Alun Cairns (South Wales West)

Add as new sentence to the end of the motion:

"It calls upon the Liberal Democrat – Labour Administration to condemn the:

- imposition of 'stealth taxation' which has reduced the competitiveness of our industries and impeded entrepreneurial development.
- level of tax on fuel, which penalises our rural communities and all those who rely upon their own transport.
- failure to fully commit towards Objective 1.
- inadequate funding given in response to flooding, foot and mouth, tourism and Corus.

3. Williams Graham (South Wales East)

Alun Cairns (South Wales West)

Add as new sentence to the end of the motion:

"It calls upon the Liberal Democrat – Labour Administration to abandon all plans to introduce a Local Business Rate Tax".

4. Williams Graham (South Wales East)

Alun Cairns (South Wales West)

Add as a new sentence to the end of the motion:

"It acknowledges that the UK policy to fund initiatives, particularly in health and education, directly to hospitals and schools allows these service providers to more accurately forecast their income and to be able to plan more effectively".

A vote was taken:

Amendment 1

For 7; Abstain 0; Against 34; Total 41

Amendment 1 was defeated

Amendment 2

For 17; Abstain 0; Against 23; Total 40

Amendment 2 was defeated

Amendment 3

For 7; Abstain 11; Against 23; Total 41

Amendment 3 was defeated

Amendment 4

For 7; Abstain 0; Against 34; Total 41

Amendment 4 was defeated

The motion

For 17; Abstain 0; Against 22; Total 39

The motion was defeated

11.57am

Item 7

Short Debate: *NDM658* Richard Edwards (Preseli Pembrokeshire); To be GM Free or Not

The session concluded at 12.18pm

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

2.00pm on Tuesday, 22nd May 2001

E P Silk

Clerk to the Assembly

DOCUMENTS LAID SINCE THE ASSEMBLY LAST MET

DOCUMENTS LAID 16 MAY 2001

The Feeding Stuffs (Sampling and Analysis) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2001 - LD802

The Education (Publication of Draft Proposals and Orders) (Further Education Corporations) (Wales) Regulations 2001 - LD801

DOCUMENTS LAID 15 MAY 2001

The Children (Leaving Care) (Wales) Regulations 2001 - LD800

The Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000 (Commencement) (Wales) Order - LD799

The Gelatine (Intra-Community Trade) (Wales) Regulations 2001- LD798

The Central Rating List (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 - LD797

Local Government and Housing Committee - Policy Review of Housing Stock Transfer - LD796

Legislation Committee Report - The Disabled Children (Direct payments) (Wales) Regulations 2001 - LD795

Legislation Committee Report - Valuation for Rating (Plant and Machinery) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 - LD794

Legislation Committee Report - The Care Standards Act 2000 (Commencement No.3) (Wales) Order 2001- LD793

Legislation Committee Report - The Carers and Disabled Children Act 2000 (Commencement No.1) (Wales) Order 2001 - LD792

Legislation Committee Report - Carers (Services) and Direct Payments (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2001 - LD791

Legislation Committee Report - The Education (School Government) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 - LD790

Legislation Committee Report - The Contaminated Land (Wales) Regulations 2001 - LD789

Legislation Committee Report - The Potatoes Originating in Egypt (Amendment)(Wales) Regulations - LD788

Legislation Committee Report - The National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2001 - LD787

Legislation Committee Report - The Meat (Enhanced Enforcement Powers) (Wales) Regulations 2001 - LD786

DOCUMENTS LAID 14 MAY 2001

The Annual Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales 1999-2000 (LD785) - No Electronic Version Available