

Votes and Proceedings for Tuesday, 5th November 2002

The Session commenced at 2.00pm

Point of Order

The First Minister on a point of order arising from Question Time last week.

2.01pm

Oral Questions to the First Minister

The first 10 questions were answered

2.51pm

Point of Order

Lorraine Barrett under Standing Order 7 on the distribution of papers during plenary meetings.

2.52pm

Statement: The Minister for Health and Social Services on the Establishment of the Health & Well-Being Partnership Council

3.10pm

The Economic Development Minister proposed a motion under Standing Order 34.5 to bring forward Named Day Motion 1202 tabled on the 5th November 2002.

To propose that the National Assembly suspends Standing Orders 5.3 and 5.4 under the provisions of Standing Order 34.5 to allow Andrew Davies, Minister for Economic Development to deliver the Business Statement today in the absence of Carwyn Jones, Minister with responsibility for the Business of the Assembly.

A vote was taken on the motion:

For 39; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 39

The motion was carried

3.11pm

Business Statement: The Business Minister

9 Members voted against the business statement but as the required 10 Members did not vote against the business statement no vote was necessary.

The Business Statement was agreed.

3.10pm

Point of Order

Nick Bourne on the representation of Members in Committees

3.23pm

Standing Order changes arising from the ARP

1. *NDM1195* - To propose that the National Assembly, acting under section 46(6) of the Government of Wales Act 1998, and Standing Order No. 34:

- i. considers the report of the Business Committee (Arising from ARP Report - LD1636) laid in the Table Office on 28 October 2002;
- ii. approves the replacement in their entirety of Standing Orders 5.1, 5.3, 5.4, 6.3(iv), 6.3(v), 6.5, 6.12, 6.14, 6.16, 6.18, 9.8(i), 14.3, 15.4, 22.25(i), 22.25(ii), 25.2(iv) and 32.2 with the revised versions of these Standing Orders set out in the document laid in the Table Office on 28 October 2002.
- iii. approves the insertion of a new Standing Order 11.3A as set out in the document laid in the Table Office on 28 October 2002.
- iv. resolves that the revisions shall take effect immediately with the exception of the revisions to SO 14.3 and SO 15.4 (Equal Opportunities and European Affairs committees) which will take effect on 1 May 2003.

The following amendment was tabled:

Amendment 1 - Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central);

On point iv. Delete all after 'resolves that the revisions shall take effect immediately.'

Amendment 1

For 34; Abstain 0; Against 15; Total 49

Amendment 1 was carried

The motion, as amended

For 48; Abstain 1; Against 0; Total 49

The motion, as amended, was carried by the required 2/3rds majority

3.32pm

2. *NDM1196* - To propose that the National Assembly, acting under section 46(6) of the Government of Wales Act 1998, and Standing Order No. 34:

- i. considers the report of the Business Committee (Plenary Timings - LD1637) laid in the Table Office on 28 October 2002;
- ii. approves the replacement in their entirety of Standing Orders 5.2 and 6.2 with the revised versions of these Standing Orders set out in the document laid in the Table Office on 28 October 2002.

A vote was taken on the motion:

For 14; Abstain 0; Against 35; Total 49

The motion was defeated

3.33pm

Motion to approve amendments to Standing Orders concerning the Declaration of Interests in plenary proceedings

NDM1194 - To propose that the National Assembly, acting under section 46(6) of the Government of Wales Act 1998, and Standing Order No. 34:

- i. considers the report of the Business Committee (Declaration of Interest in Plenary Proceedings - LD1635) laid in the Table Office on 28 October 2002;

ii. approves the replacement in their entirety of Standing Orders 4.2, 4.5 and 4.7 with the revised versions of these Standing Orders set out in the document laid in the Table Office on 28 October 2002.

The motion

For 51; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 51

The motion was carried

3.41pm

The Deputy Presiding Officer took the Chair

Debate on launch of Innovation Action Plan

NDM1197 - To propose that the National Assembly:

1. notes the publication for consultation of 'Wales 4 innovation', the Welsh Assembly Government's Action Plan for Innovation, and
2. notes the intention of the Welsh Assembly Government to publish a final version of "Wales 4 Innovation" following completion of the consultation process.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

In line 1 add 'for Wales' after 'National Assembly'

Amendment 2. Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

Add to the beginning of point 1 before the word 'notes':

'regrets the opportunity has not been made available to the Economic Development Committee to input into the development of policy but'

Amendment 3 - Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

Insert at the end of point 2 after the word 'process':

'which will involve detailed consideration by the Economic Development Committee'.

Amendment 4 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);

Add new point;

'Looks forward to a further plenary debate on 'Wales 4 innovation' following the completion of the consultation process and it's consideration by the Economic Development Committee.'

Welsh & English versions of 'Wales 4 innovation' were emailed to Members on Monday 28 October 2002.

Amendment 1

For 19; Abstain 0; Against 28; Total 47

Amendment 1 was defeated

Amendment 2

For 9; Abstain 11; Against 28; Total 48

Amendment 2 was defeated

Amendment 3

For 9; Abstain 11; Against 28; Total 48

Amendment 3 was defeated

Amendment 4

For 20; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 49

Amendment 4 was defeated

The motion

For 40; Abstain 0; Against 9; Total 40

The motion

4.37pm

Debate on policies for fire safety

NDM1198 - To propose that the National Assembly:

1. welcomes the work undertaken to date by the Assembly Government's Community Fire Safety Working Group in the production of its report into domestic fire in Wales – 'Wired for Safety'.
2. supports the recommendations in the document "Wired for Safety" to tackle the problems of domestic fire in Wales; and
3. looks forward to the establishment in January 2003 of the Community Fire Safety Trust for Wales – a joint Assembly Government/Fire Services funded body – to drive forward a co-ordinated fire safety programme across the three Welsh Fire Services.

The following amendment was tabled:

Amendment 1 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

In line 1 add 'for Wales' after 'National Assembly'

Wired for Safety was placed in the Library on Monday 28 October 2002 and a personal copy was sent to each Assembly Member. This document is not available electronically.

Amendment 1

For 17; Abstain 0; Against 27; Total 44

Amendment 1 was defeated

The motion

For 44; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 44

The motion was carried

The session concluded at 5.16pm

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at
2.00pm on Wednesday, 6th November 2002

E P Silk
Clerk to
the
Assembly

DOCUMENTS LAID SINCE THE ASSEMBLY LAST MET

Documents laid on 1 November 2002

- Local Government Finance (Wales) Special Grant Report (No11) Wales 2002: Special Grant for Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children - LD1652

Documents laid on 30 October 2002

- Cost Benefit Analysis for Subordinate Legislation Proposed by Geraint Davies AM - LD1643