

BUSINESS PAPERS

VOTES & PROCEEDINGS FOR TUESDAY, 23rd JANUARY 2001

The session commenced at 2pm

Questions to the First Minister

In accordance with Standing Order 6.3A, the Minister for Assembly Business answered questions on behalf of the First Minister in his absence.

The first 12 questions were answered. Questions 6 and 8 were withdrawn.

2.37pm

The Minister for Finance and Communities answered an urgent question from Nick Bourne about housing asylum seekers in Cardiff Prison

2.47pm

The Minister for Finance and Communities made a statement about the Wales Millennium Centre.

2. 51pm

Points of Order

Nick Bourne about the use of the term "the Assembly" to describe the actions of the Administration.

Janice Gregory about supplementary questions. The Presiding Officer confirmed that supplementary questions should relate to the original question.

3.03 pm

Business Statement: the Assembly Business Minister

The business statement was agreed

3.06pm

Composite motion:

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

Approves:

The Care Standards Act 2000 (Commencement No.2 and Transitional Provisions) (Wales) Order 2001.

- The Care Standards Act 2000 (Commencement No.2 and Transitional Provisions) (Wales) Order 2001 laid in the Table Office on 14 December 2000, and:

- Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order, The Care Standards Act 2000 (Commencement No.2 and Transitional Provisions) (Wales) Order 2001, laid in the Table Office 20 December 2000.

The Children's Homes Amendment (Wales) Regulations 2001.

Approves:

- The Children's Homes Amendment (Wales) Regulations 2001 laid in the Table Office on 14 December 2000, and:

- Considers the report of the Legislation Committee which has not identified any matters for concern in the draft order, The Children's Homes Amendment (Wales) Regulations 2001, laid in the Table Office 19 December 2000.

A vote was taken on the motion:

For 44; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 44

The motion was agreed

3.07pm

Motion to delegate the functions of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 to the First Minister.

To propose that the National Assembly, acting under section 62(1)(b) of the Government of Wales Act 1998, resolves to delegate all the functions of the National Assembly contained in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (available on the HMSO web site: <http://www.legislation.hmso.gov.uk/acts/acts2000/20000037.htm>) to the Assembly First Minister, save those which by law cannot be so delegated.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

In the last line replace the word 'Minister' with 'Secretary'.

**Amendment 2 - William Graham (South Wales East)
David Davies (Monmouth)**

Add at the end:

Notes that the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 would have severe financial implications for Welsh Local Authorities and landowners, and resolves to resist this measure in Wales.

A vote was taken:

Amendment 1

For 18; Abstain 0; Against 28; Total 46

Amendment 1 fell

Amendment 2

or 9; Abstain 0; Against 37; Total 46

Amendment 2 fell

A vote was taken on the motion:

For 38; Abstain 0; Against 8; Total 46

The motion was carried

3.58 pm

The Deputy Presiding Officer took the chair

Debate on the Long Term Direction of Agriculture.

To propose that the National Assembly, supports the work of the Minister for Rural Affairs to develop a future direction for Welsh farming based on the principles in the Rural Development Plan for Wales (available on the National Assembly's web site www.wales.gov.uk/polinifo/agriculture/agric_e.htm) and having regard to the objectives for rural affairs and agriculture as set out in 'Putting Wales First' A Partnership Agreement for the People of Wales (available on the intranet at <http://assembly/>)

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 - William Graham (South Wales East)

Peter Rogers (North Wales)

After "to propose that the National Assembly.." replace text with:

"acknowledges the long-term objectives as laid out in the Rural Development Plan for Wales 2000-2006, and recognises the importance of a partnership between the Assembly, farmers and their representatives in securing a long-term and sustainable future for the industry in Wales."

Amendment 2 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

In the first line replace the word 'supports' with 'notes'.

Amendment 3 - William Graham (South Wales East)

Peter Rogers (North Wales)

At the end of the motion add:

", which can only be achieved on the basis of a level playing-field for the industry based on a fair deal for farmers."

Amendment 4 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add at end of motion as new bullet point :

Confirms that Agriculture is a basic industry of vital importance to the Welsh Economy and recognises that food production and land use is central to achieving the National Assembly's commitment to Sustainable Development;

Amendment 5 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add at end of motion as new bullet point :

Considers the adoption of alternative indicators, in addition to GDP, to measure the contribution of agriculture to the Welsh Economy;

Amendment 6 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East)

Add at end of motion as new bullet point :

Recognises the importance of ensuring that young farmers enter the Agriculture industry and regrets the failure of the Coalition Government of Wales to implement the Committee decision to finance the establishment of a Young Entrants Scheme as one of its main priorities.

A vote was taken:

Amendment 1

For 9; Abstain 12; Against 28; Total 49

Amendment 1 fell

Amendment 2

For 22; Abstain 0; Against 28; Total 50

Amendment 2 fell

Amendment 3

For 22; Abstain 0; Against 28; Total 50

Amendment 3 fell

Amendment 4

For 50; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 50

Amendment 4 was carried

Amendment 5

For 50; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 50

Amendment 5 was carried

Amendment 6

For 22; Abstain 0; Against 28 Total 50

Amendment 6 fell

A vote was taken on the motion, as amended:

For 38; Abstain 12; Against 0; Total 50

The motion, as amended, was agreed

The session concluded at 5.24pm

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

9.05 am on Thursday, 25TH January 2001

J W Lloyd

Clerk to the Assembly

DOCUMENTS LAID SINCE THE ASSEMBLY LAST MET

DOCUMENTS LAID ON 18 JANUARY 2001

The National Health Service (General Medical Services) Amendment (Wales) Regulations 2001

The Education (Education Standards Grants) (Wales) Regulations 2001

The Education (Individual Pupils' Achievements) (Information) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2001

The Education (National Curriculum) (Key Stage 3 Assessment Arrangements) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2001

DOCUMENTS LAID ON 17 JANUARY 2001

Rural Development Plan for Wales 2000-2006 (no electronic copies available)