

**BUSINESS PAPERS**

**PART 2 – SECTION H**

**VOTES & PROCEEDINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, 15th DECEMBER 1999**

**The session commenced at 2pm**

**Questions to Peter Law, Secretary for the Environment & Local Government**

The first 6 questions were reached (question 5 was withdrawn).

**2.18pm**

**Procedural motion**

The Finance Secretary moved a procedural motion under Standing Order 6.16 to seek the Assembly's agreement that she should make her statement on the winter supplementary estimates after the debate on the finance transfers.

The motion was voted on:

For 51

Abstain 0

Against 0

Total 51

The procedural motion was carried

**2.23pm**

**Debate on the Image of Wales**

To propose that on the threshold of the new Millennium, this Assembly calls for a concerted effort to promote a new and positive image of Wales, both at home and abroad

The following amendments were selected:

**Amendment 1 - Cynog Dafis (Mid and West Wales);**

After "that" in Line 1 delete "on the threshold of the new millennium" and insert:

"noting the growth in national self-confidence and the widespread desire that Wales should take

increasing responsibility for decisions affecting the lives of its people and the sustainability of its communities,

**Amendment 2 - Glyn Davies (Mid and West Wales);**

After "this Assembly" insert "acknowledges the poor performance of the Administration during 1999 and"

**Amendment 3 - Cynog Dafis (Mid and West Wales); WITHDRAWN**

In Line 2 delete "Wales" and insert "our country"

**Amendment 4 - Michael German (South Wales East);**

Add at the end of the motion: "This Assembly regrets the demise of the Branding Wales Group and resolves to initiate a national debate involving all the Assembly's Committees as well as the public, private and voluntary sectors, to ensure that any image of Wales presented is consistent with the aims and aspirations of the people of Wales"

**Amendment 5 - Michael German (South Wales East);**

Add at the end of the motion: "This Assembly further resolves to take the following steps to improve and promote the image of Wales:

- ensure the development of the Assembly's own external website as an electronic gateway to information about Wales, to include links to a comprehensive on-line planning and booking service for visitors to Wales

- encourage the promotion of food from Wales in shops, restaurants and hotels throughout Wales as part of a complete visitor experience

- place a strong emphasis on encouraging indigenous entrepreneurs in both private and community based enterprises"

**A vote was taken:**

**Amendment 1**

For 44  
Abstain 0  
Against 6  
Total 50

The amendment was carried

**Amendment 2**

For 12  
Abstain 13  
Against 25  
Total 50

The amendment fell

### **Amendment 3 was withdrawn**

#### **Amendment 4**

For 20  
Abstain 30  
Against 0  
Total 50

The amendment was carried

#### **Amendment 5**

For 50  
Abstain 0  
Against 0  
Total 50

The amendment was carried

### **The motion, as amended**

For 50  
Abstain 0  
Against 0  
Total 50

The motion, as amended was carried

**3.33pm**

### **Debate on the Lifting of the "Beef on the Bone" ban**

To propose that the Assembly, expresses its gratitude to the Agriculture and Rural Development Committee for its thorough investigation of the beef on the bone issue and, in accordance with the recommendation contained in its report (laid in the Table Office on 8<sup>th</sup> December 1999) approves the draft Statutory Instrument also laid in the Table Office on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 1999 lifting the ban (other than for use in manufacturing food products (including infant foods)) with effect from 17<sup>th</sup> December

The following amendments were selected:

#### **Amendment 1 - Glyn Davies (Mid and West Wales);**

After "beef on the bone issue" insert "and regrets the damaging way in which the Government undermined the Committee's work"

#### **Amendment 2 - Andrew Davies (Swansea West);**

Delete all after '(laid in the Table Office on 8<sup>th</sup> December 1999)' and replace with 'instructs the Agriculture Secretary to make the appropriate statutory instrument under the urgency procedure in order to ensure the implementation of the Committees recommendation with effect from 17

December'.

**Amendment 3 - Mick Bates ( Montgomeryshire ) ;**

Add at the end of the motion: "The Assembly however regrets that its Agriculture and Rural Development Committee has been undermined by the decision to announce the lifting of the ban on beef on the bone shortly before the Committee was due to publish its own conclusions on the matter"

**A vote was taken:**

**Amendment 1**

For 12  
Abstain 13  
Against 23  
Total 48

The amendment fell

**Amendment 2**

For 49  
Abstain 0  
Against 0  
Total 49

The amendment was carried

**Amendment 3**

For 26  
Abstain 0  
Against 23  
Total 49

The amendment was carried

**The motion, as amended**

For 49  
Abstain 0  
Against 0  
Total 49

The motion, as amended was carried

**4.22pm**

**Financial Transfers**

That the Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order 19.7 approves the transfers across Main Expenditure Groups for the financial year 1999-2000, laid in the Table Office on **Wednesday 8**

**December** by the Finance Secretary, Edwina Hart.

Details are available on the intranet

A vote was taken:

For 40  
Abstain 0  
Against 0  
Total 40

The motion was carried

**4.29pm**

**Statement by the Finance Secretary** on the winter supplementary estimates.

**4.40pm**

**Central Rating List (Wales) Regulations 1999**

To propose that the Assembly,

(a) considers the report of the Legislation Committee relating to the draft Order "The Central Rating List (Wales) Regulations 1999", laid in the Table Office on 22 November 1999;

(b) considers the principle of the draft Order, and

(c) approves that the Order is made in accordance with the draft laid in the Table Office on 22 November 1999

**A vote was taken:**

For 35  
Abstain 0  
Against 0  
Total 35

The motion was carried.

**Procedural motion**

The Business Secretary moved a motion under Standing Order 6.9 to seek the Assembly's approval to debate the Special grant Report.

A vote was taken.

For 30

Abstain 5

Against 0

Total 35

The motion was carried.

**Debate on the Special Grant Report on the Children and Youth Partnership Council**

To propose that the Assembly, in order to remove uncertainty resulting from inconsistency between the English and Welsh versions of the Special Grant Report (No.3) (Wales) considered by the Assembly on the 8 December 1999, and as a matter of urgent public importance consideration of which the Assembly has authorised under Standing Order 6.9, resolves that the Report approved by the Assembly under Section 88B of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 and in accordance with Standing Order 19.10 is that in the form laid in the Table Office on 14 December 1999;

**The motion was voted on:**

For 36

Abstain 0

Against 0

Total 36

The motion was carried.

**The session concluded at 4.51pm**

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**THE ASSEMBLY WILL BE IN RECESS FROM 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 1999 TO 14<sup>TH</sup>  
JANUARY 2000**

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**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at**

**2.00 pm on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2000**

**Document laid before the Assembly**

**DOCUMENTS LAID ON 15 DECEMBER 1999**

- Report of the Legislation Committee The Education (National Curriculum)(Attainment Targets and Programmes of study in Modern Foreign Languages, Art, Technology, History, Geography and Music)(Wales) Order 2000
- Report of the Legislation Committee The Education (National Curriculum)(Attainment Targets and Programmes of study in English, Mathematics, Physical Education, Science, Welsh)(Wales) Order 2000

**DOCUMENTS LAID ON 14 DECEMBER 1999**

- Regulatory Appraisal National Curriculum Orders (see documents laid 6 December 1999)
- Legislation Committee Report to the Assembly on the Beef Bones (Amendment)(Wales) Regulations 1999
- Legislation Committee Report to the Assembly on the Housing (Right to Buy) (Wales) Order 1999
- Legislation Committee Report to the Assembly on the British Gas(Rateable Value) (Wales) Order 1999
- Local Government Finance (Wales) Special Grant Report (No.3) (Wales) 1999 (as amended)

