

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES

BUSINESS PAPERS

THURSDAY 13TH MAY 1999

PART II – SECTION H

Record of Votes & Proceedings for Wednesday 12th May

The Secretary of State for Wales, the Rt Hon Alun Michael JP MP was in the chair for the first item of business

The Secretary of State gave a short address noting the historic occasion.

11.00am

Election of the Presiding Officer

The Secretary of State asked for nominations:

Dafydd Wigley proposed the nomination of Dafydd Elis Thomas

Andrew Davies seconded the nomination

There being no other nominations or objection, the Secretary of State declared Dafydd Elis Thomas duly elected to be Presiding Officer

Dafydd Elis Thomas took the Chair as Presiding Officer and gave a vote of thanks and short address

Election of the Deputy Presiding Officer

The Presiding Officer asked for nominations:

11.10am Andrew Davies proposed the nomination of Jane Davidson as Deputy Presiding Officer

Mike German seconded the proposal

There were no further nominations so the Presiding Officer declared Jane Davidson duly elected

Jane Davidson gave a short speech of thanks

11.15am

Election of the First Secretary

The Presiding Officer sought nominations:

Rhodri Morgan proposed the nomination of Alun Michael as First Secretary

Ann Jones seconded the nomination

There being no other nominations, the Presiding Officer declared Alun Michael to be elected as First Secretary

Alun Michael addressed the Assembly (his statement will appear in the Assembly Journal)

Rod Richards then addressed the Assembly; followed by Mike German and Dafydd Wigley

11.40

Business Statement: The First Secretary

The First Secretary gave a vote of thanks to staff of Welsh Office and the Assembly

The First Secretary then proposed his business statement.

The First Secretary then announced the appointment of his Cabinet as follows:

Rhodri Morgan Economic Development

Andrew Davies Business Secretary

Rosemary Butler Education – children and young persons to

16 years of age

Jane Hutt Health and Social Services

Tom Middlehurst Post 16 education and training

Christine Gwyther Agriculture and the rural economy

Peter Law Environment, Local Government and

Planning

Edwina Hart Finance Secretary

Glyn Davies objected to the Business statement.

There being fewer than 10 objectors the Presiding Officer declared the business statement adopted

The session ended at 11.58am

Papers presented:

Other papers

A letter from Hon Sir Charles KERRUISH, O.B.E., C.P – President of the Tynwald – To the Presiding Officer and Members of the National Assembly for Wales

"On behalf of myself and the Members of Tynwald, I offer you the warmest fraternal greetings on the historic and momentous occasion of the establishment of the Welsh Assembly.

The fortunes of our two nations have been inextricably linked for many centuries and, as members of the oldest parliament in the world to have enjoyed a continuous existence, we now look forward to a future of close and fruitful association between our two parliaments."

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at

2.00pm on Tuesday 18th May 1999

J W Lloyd

Clerk to the Welsh Assembly