

Votes and Proceedings for Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2001

The Session commenced at 2.00pm

**Oral Questions to the First Minister**

The first 10 questions were answered

**2.38pm**

**Urgent Question**

An urgent question was asked to the Health and Social Services Minister on the Children's Society

**2.44pm**

**Statement**

The Health and Social Services Minister made a statement on the Strategy for Older People

**3.11pm**

**Business Statement: the Assembly Business Minister**

The Business Statement was agreed

**3.19pm**

**Approval of the Periodic Timetable Statement**

*NDM813* - To propose that the National Assembly:

Notes the proposed 3 month timetable of Assembly Business laid in the Table Office on 24 October 2001, under standing order 5.1.

**A vote was taken**

For 46; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 46

**The motion was carried**

**3.26pm**

**Points of Order**

**Peter Rogers under Standing Order 6.2 about questions to the Minister for Rural Affairs. The Minister responded.**

**Alun Cairns on responses received from the Cabinet to written questions.**

**Mick Bates on the proceedings of the Education and Lifelong Learning Committee and the unauthorised disclosure of a Committee paper.**

**3.43pm**

**Debate on the Queen's Speech** (*Re-scheduled from 19th July 2001*)

*NDM768* - To propose that the National Assembly:

1. Notes the content of the UK Government's legislative programme for 2001-2002, as contained in The Queen's Speech, which is available at:

[http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld199900/ldhansrd/pdvn/lds01/text/10620-01.htm#10620-01\\_head1](http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld199900/ldhansrd/pdvn/lds01/text/10620-01.htm#10620-01_head1)

2. Notes that the following proposed Bills are of particular relevance to the Assembly's responsibilities:

- a. Adoption
- b. Homelessness
- c. Education
- d. NHS Reform
- e. Land Registration
- f. Draft Safety Bill

3. Remits the above Bills to the relevant subject committees for further consideration as to the provisions they should make for Wales and how the Assembly might use its new powers therein, and requests each committee to report to the Assembly by 30 November 2001.

4. Notes also the intention to publish an NHS (Wales) Bill and a Communications Bill in draft, and requests the relevant subject committees to consider these within the period allotted for consultation on them, and to report to the Assembly accordingly.

***The following amendments had been tabled:***

**Amendment 1 - Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire);**

*Add at end of point 1:*

"but regrets:

- a) the lack of a commitment to introduce free personal care for the elderly
- b) the lack of a commitment to introduce an early referendum on British entry into the single European currency
- c) the lack of a commitment to democratic reform of the House of Lords
- d) the lack of a commitment to introduce legislation to fulfil the Government's pledge to introduce a licensing scheme for houses in multiple occupation"

**Amendment 2 - William Graham (South Wales East);**

*After "f. Draft Safety Bill" in point 2 insert:*

and warmly welcomes, in particular, provisions in the Education Bill to enable a substantial expansion in the number of faith schools, specialist schools and schools run in conjunction with the voluntary and independent sectors. The National Assembly looks forward to the implementation of

these excellent education policies at the earliest opportunity in Wales.

**Amendment 3 - William Graham (South Wales East);**

*At end of point 2 add:*

and notes the First Minister's prediction in answer to OAQ12467 on 10 July 2001 that specialist schools will be established in Wales.

**Amendment 4 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);**

*In bullet point 3, after "therein," insert:*

"calls on the Minister for Business to arrange appropriate training in dealing with draft bills for all Assembly members, as a matter of urgency," **WITHDRAWN**

**Amendment 5 - Andrew Davies (Swansea West)**

In paragraph 3, delete all after "report to the Assembly"

**Amendment 6 - William Graham (South Wales East);**

*At end of point 3 add:*

However, we regret that the UK Government has not acceded to the National Assembly's request (made on 13 March 2001) for a Bill to be included in the Queen's Speech to make St David's Day a public holiday in Wales.

**Amendment 7 - William Graham (South Wales East);**

*Insert new point after point 3 and renumber subsequent points:*

Requests that the Liberal Democrat / Labour Administration and the UK Government give consideration to ensuring that the NHS (Wales) Bill reserves in statute at least one place on the executive committees of the new Local Health Partnerships for a nursing representative.

**Amendment 8 - William Graham (South Wales East);**

*After final numbered point, insert:*

Calls upon the UK Government to establish in the NHS (Wales) Bill an all-Wales arms length agency named '*Wellbeing Wales*' whose functions would preclude undue political interference in service reconfigurations or clinical judgements best made by medical practitioners.

**Amendment 9 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);**

*Add as new point at the end of the motion:*

'Regrets the lack of legislative proposals for:

- a) Making St David's Day as a Bank Holiday in Wales
- b) Allowing the National Assembly to decide in the matter of the Welsh tick box in future census surveys
- c) Providing greater cohesion in and between the education, training and careers system for people of all ages '

**Amendment 10 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);**

*Add as new point at the end of the motion:*

'Regrets the lack of legislative proposals for the banning of tobacco advertising throughout the UK.'

**Amendment 11 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);**

*Add as new point at the end of the motion:*

'Deplores the fact that the Government of Wales has failed to address health inequalities by refusing to press the UK Government to introduce free personal care for the elderly.'

**Amendment 12 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);**

*Add as new point at the end of the motion:*

'Regrets the UK Governments proposals to introduce a private element into public services in Wales, particularly in the fields of health and education.'

**Amendment 13 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);**

*Add as new point at the end of the motion:*

'Calls for primary legislative and tax varying powers for the National Assembly.'

**Amendment 14 - William Graham (South Wales East); Peter Rogers (North Wales);**

*Add a new point at the end of the motion:*

Regrets the failure of the UK Government to bring forward legislative proposals aimed at addressing the crisis in the countryside.

**Amendment 15 - Jocelyn Davies (South Wales East);**

*Add as new point at the end of the motion:*

Calls on the UK Government to devolve further powers to the National Assembly in the field of rural affairs in relation to animal health.

**3.46pm**

**The Deputy Presiding Officer took the Chair**

**4.57pm**

**The Presiding Officer took the Chair**

**A vote was taken:**

**Amendment 1**

For 19; Abstain 0; Against 32; Total 51

**Amendment 1 was defeated**

**Amendment 2**

For 9; Abstain 0; Against 42; Total 51

**Amendment 2 was defeated**

**Amendment 3**

For 8; Abstain 0; Against 43; Total 51

**Amendment 3 was defeated**

**Amendment 4 was withdrawn**

**Amendment 5**

For 37; Abstain 14; Against 0; Total 51

**Amendment 5 was carried**

**Amendment 6**

For 51; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 51

**Amendment 6 was carried**

**Amendment 7**

For 22; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 51

**Amendment 7 was defeated**

**Amendment 8**

For 8; Abstain 14; Against 29; Total 51

**Amendment 8 was defeated**

**Amendment 9**

For 22; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 51

**Amendment 9 was defeated**

**Amendment 10**

For 46; Abstain 4; Against 1; Total 51

**Amendment 10 was carried**

**Amendment 11**

For 14; Abstain 8; Against 28; Total 50

**Amendment 11 was defeated**

**Amendment 12**

For 14; Abstain 0; Against 37; Total 51

**Amendment 12 was defeated**

**Amendment 13**

For 19; Abstain 0; Against 32; Total 51

**Amendment 13 was defeated**

**Amendment 14**

For 22; Abstain 0; Against 29; Total 51

**Amendment 14 was defeated**

**Amendment 15**

For 51; Abstain 0; Against 0; Total 51

**Amendment 15 was carried**

**The motion, as amended**

For 28; Abstain 14; Against 8; Total 50

**The motion, as amended, was carried**

**The session concluded at 5.32pm**

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

**9.05 am on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2001**

**E P Silk**

**Clerk to the Assembly**

**DOCUMENTS LAID SINCE THE ASSEMBLY LAST MET**

**DOCUMENTS LAID ON 31 OCTOBER 2001**

Memorandum of Corrections - The Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) (Wales) Regulations 2001 - LD1077

Local Government Finance (Wales) Special Grant Report (17) (Wales) 2001: Financial Assistance for Businesses Affected by Foot and Mouth Disease - LD1078