

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 6 DECEMBER 1999

The Assembly met at 10.30 am, the Presiding Officer in the Chair

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

1.1 Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **Statutory Committee Business**

2.1 **Motion**

Proposed: That this Assembly confirms 'MLA' as designatory letters for Assembly Members.

[Mr F Cobain]

[Mr D Haughey]

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

2.2 **Motion**

Proposed: After Standing Order 57 insert a new Standing Order:

Standing Committee on European Affairs

1. There shall be a Standing Committee of the Assembly to be known as the Standing Committee on European Affairs.
2. It shall consider and review on an ongoing basis:
 - (a) matters referred to it in relation to European Union issues; and
 - (b) any other related matter or matters determined by the Assembly.

3. The Committee shall have powers to call for persons and papers.
4. The procedures of the Committee shall be such as the Committee shall determine.

[Mr F Cobain]
[Mr D Haughey]

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

2.3 **Motion**

Proposed: After Standing Order 57 insert a new Standing Order:

Committee on Equality, Human Rights and Community Relations

1. There shall be a Standing Committee of the Assembly to be known as the Equality, Human Rights and Community Relations Committee.
2. It shall consider and review on an ongoing basis:
 - (a) matters referred to it in relation to Equality, Human Rights and Community Relations; and
 - (b) any other related matter or matters determined by the Assembly.
3. The Committee shall have powers to call for persons and papers.
4. The procedures of the Committee shall be such as the Committee shall determine.

[Mr F Cobain]
[Mr D Haughey]

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** on a cross-community basis (Division 1).

2.4 **Motion**

Proposed: In Standing Order 10, paragraph (1) insert “(g) Party Business”.

[Mr F Cobain]
[Mr D Haughey]

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

2.5 **Motion**

Proposed: In Standing Order 45 paragraph (1)(a), after Portfolio, insert

- "and".
- Delete sub-paragraph 45(1)(c) and insert:

"(2) Statutory Committees shall have the powers described in paragraph 9 of Strand One of the Belfast Agreement (CM 3883) and may, in particular, exercise the power in Section 44(1) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998."

[Mr F Cobain]

[Mr D Haughey]

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

2.6 **Motion**

Proposed: That this Assembly agrees that the membership of the Assembly Commission shall consist of:

The Speaker
Mrs Eileen Bell
Mr Gregory Campbell
Rev Robert Coulter
Mr John Fee
Dr Dara O'Hagan

[Mr F Molloy]

After debate, and the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

2.7 **Assembly Members' Pensions Bill**

First Stage

Rev Robert Coulter introduced a Bill to make provision for the payment of pensions and gratuities to, or in respect of, persons who have been Members of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Bill passed First Stage and ordered to be printed (NIA Bill 1/99).

2.8 **Allowances to Members of the Assembly and Office Holders Bill**

First Stage

Mr Fee introduced a Bill to make provision for the payment of allowances to or in respect of persons who have been Members of the Northern Ireland Assembly or holders of offices mentioned in section 47(3)(a) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

Bill passed First Stage and ordered to be printed (NIA Bill 2/99).

2.9 **Financial Assistance for Political Parties Bill**

First Stage

Mr Fee introduced a Bill to make provision for the making of payments to political parties for the purpose of assisting Members of the Northern Ireland Assembly who are connected with such parties to perform their Assembly duties.

Bill passed First Stage and ordered to be printed (NIA Bill 3/99)

2.10 **Northern Ireland Assembly (Members' Salaries) Determination 1999**

Proposed: That the Northern Ireland Assembly (Members' Salaries) Determination 1999 (NIA 3) be approved.

[Mr J Fee]

Debate ensued.

And the Question being put, the Determination was **approved** without division.

2.11 **Northern Ireland Assembly (Members' Allowances) Determination 1999**

Proposed: That the Northern Ireland Assembly (Members' Allowances) Determination 1999 (NIA 2) be approved.

[Rev R Coulter]

Debate ensued.

And the Question being put, the Determination was **approved** without division.

3. **Adjournment**

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 12.46 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
6 December 1999

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

6 DECEMBER 1999

DIVISIONS

Division No 1

Proposed by Mr Fred Cobain and Mr Denis Haughey:

Proposed: After Standing Order 57 insert a new Standing Order:

Committee on Equality, Human Rights and Community Relations

1. There shall be a Standing Committee of the Assembly to be known as the Equality, Human Rights and Community Relations Committee.
2. It shall consider and review on an ongoing basis:
 - (a) matters referred to it in relation to Equality, Human Rights and Community Relations; and
 - (b) any other related matter or matters determined by the Assembly.
3. The Committee shall have powers to call for persons and papers.
4. The procedures of the Committee shall be such as the Committee shall determine.

The Question was put and the Assembly divided on a cross-community basis.

Ayes : 68

Noes : 3

Ayes

Nationalist: Gerry Adams, Alex Attwood, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, John Dallat, Bairbre De Brun, Arthur Doherty, Pat Doherty, Mark Durkan, Sean Farren, John Fee, Tommy Gallagher, Michelle Gildernew, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, John Hume, Gerry Kelly, John Kelly, Patricia Lewsley, Alex Maskey, Donovan McClelland, Alasdair McDonnell, Barry McElduff, Eddie McGrady, Eugene McMenamin, Francie Molloy, Conor Murphy, Mary Nelis, Danny O'Connor, Dara O'Hagan, Eamon O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, John Tierney.

Unionist: Ian Adamson, Pauline Armitage, Roy Beggs Jnr, Billy Bell, Tom Benson, Esmond Birnie, Joan Carson, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, David Ervine, John Gorman, Derek Hussey, Billy Hutchinson, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, David McClarty, Alan McFarland, Michael McGimpsey, Dermot Nesbitt, Ken Robinson, George Savage, John Taylor, David Trimble, Peter Weir, Jim Wilson.

Other: Eileen Bell, Seamus Close, David Ford, Kieran McCarthy, Monica McWilliams, Jane Morrice, Sean Neeson.

Noes

Unionist: Norman Boyd, Patrick Roche, Cedric Wilson.

Total Votes	71	Total Ayes	68	(95.8%)
Nationalist Votes	34	Nationalist Ayes	34	(100.0%)
Unionist Votes	30	Unionist Ayes	27	(90.0%)
Others	7	Other Ayes	7	(100.0%)

The Motion was **carried** on a cross-community basis.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY FROM

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1. ORDERS IN COUNCIL

2. PUBLICATIONS LAID IN THE NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY LIBRARY BY STATUTE

Report on the Sea and Inland Fisheries of Northern Ireland 1997

3. ASSEMBLY REPORTS

Northern Ireland Assembly (Members' Allowances) Determination 1999

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Northern Ireland Assembly (Members' Salaries) Determination 1999

NIA 3

4. STATUTORY RULES

(The department identified after each rule is for reference purposes only.)

SR No 440 The Disability Discrimination (Description of Insurance Services) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DHSS)

SR No 445 Strone Park, Dundonald (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 447 The Medicines (Aristolochia) (Temporary Prohibition) Order 1999 (DHSS)

SR No 461 The Property (1997 Order) (Commencement No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DFP)

SR No 464 County Court (Amendment No. 3) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1999 (Lord Chancellor)

5. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

6. DEPARTMENTAL PUBLICATIONS

Vision into Practice: The First New TSN Annual Report (DFP)

7. AGENCY PUBLICATIONS

8. WESTMINSTER PUBLICATIONS

Northern Ireland Audit Office: Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland: Road Safety in Northern Ireland (HC 10)

SI No 3208 The Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Appointed Day) Order 1999

SI No 3209 The Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Commencement No. 5) Order 1999

9. MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS

10. ASSEMBLY RESEARCH PAPERS

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY 14 DECEMBER 1999
and
WEDNESDAY 15 DECEMBER 1999

The Assembly met at 2.30 pm, the Speaker in the Chair

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

1.1 Members observed two minutes' silence.

The Speaker suspended the sitting to enable Members to consider the Marshalled List of Amendments.

The Sitting, by leave, suspended at 2.39 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 3.10 pm.

2. **Executive Committee Business**

The First Minister and deputy First Minister made a statement to the Assembly on the North/South Ministerial Council, following which they replied to questions.

Motion

Proposed: That this Assembly approves the determination by the First Minister and the deputy First Minister of the number of junior Ministerial offices, the procedure for appointment, and the functions which would be exercisable by the holder of each such office.

[First Minister]
[Deputy First Minister]

Amendment

Proposed:

At line 1, delete all after ‘That’ and insert:

This Assembly keeping in mind that the First Minister and deputy First Minister have already six paid assistants in their office, disapproves their determination to appoint two further junior Ministers.

[Rev Dr I R K Paisley MP MEP]
[Mr N Dodds]

After debate, the Amendment being put, the Amendment fell (Division 1).

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** (Division 2).

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 6.55 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 8.00 pm.

3. **Statutory Committee Business**

Motion

Proposed: That this Assembly agrees the resolution set out in Annex A to “The Code of Conduct *together with* the Guide to the Rules relating to the Conduct of Members” [NIA 1] as resolved by the New Northern Ireland Assembly on 1 March 1999.

[Mr B Hutchinson]

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without Division.

Motion

Proposed: After Standing Order 53(4) insert a new Standing Order:

- (5) The Business Committee shall consist of thirteen Members.
- (6) Each party delegation shall be entitled to cast the number of votes equivalent to the number of Members who adhere to the Whip of that party.

[Mr A Maskey]

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without Division.

Motion

Proposed: That the Business Committee shall consist of:

The Speaker
Mr I Davis
Mr D Ford
Mr B Hutchinson
Mr A Maskey
Mr M Morrow
Mr C Murphy
Dr A McDonnell
Mr E McGrady MP
Ms M McWilliams
Mrs I Robinson
Mr D Watson
Mr J Wilson

[Mr A Maskey]

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without Division.

Motion

Proposed: To amend Standing Order 54 in the first line, delete 'Standing' and insert 'Ad Hoc'.

[Mr J Wilson]

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without Division.

Motion

Proposed: After Standing Order 57 insert a new Standing Order:

() Committee of the Centre

- (1) There shall be a Standing Committee of the Assembly to be known as the Committee of the Centre, to examine and report on the exercise of the executive functions carried out in the Office of the First Minister and the deputy First Minister, other than those addressed by the Standing Committee on European Affairs, and the Committee on Equality, Human Rights and Community Relations and on any other related matters determined by the Assembly.
- (2) The Committee shall have the power to send for persons and papers.

- (3) The procedures of the Committee shall be such as the Committee shall determine.

[Mr D Ford]

[Mr Peter Robinson]

Proposed: At line 3, delete from “Committee of the” to end of line 8 and insert –

“Centre to examine and report on the following functions carried out in the Office of the First Minister and the deputy First Minister, and on any other related matters determined by the Assembly:

- (a) Economic Policy Unit (other than the Programme of Government);
 - (b) Equality Unit;
 - (c) Civic Forum;
 - (d) European Affairs and International Matters;
 - (e) Community Relations;
 - (f) Public Appointments Policy;
 - (g) Freedom of Information;
 - (h) Victims;
 - (i) Nolan Standards;
 - (j) Public Service Office;
 - (k) Emergency Planning; and
 - (l) Women’s Issues.
- (2) This Committee shall replace the Standing Committees on European Affairs and Equality, Human Rights and Community Relations. Standing Orders “Standing Committee on European Affairs” and “Committee on Equality, Human Rights and Community Relations” are, accordingly, revoked.
- (3) The Committee shall consist of 17 Members.”

[Rt Hon David Trimble MP]

[Mr Séamus Mallon MP]

After debate, the Question being put, the Amendment was **made** on a cross-community basis (Division 3).

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion, as amended, was **carried** on a cross-community basis (Division 4).

As a result of these divisions two Motions standing in the name of Mr C Murphy were not moved.

The Assembly was, by leave, suspended at 10.00 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 10.30 am on Wednesday 15 December 1999.

Statement

Mr Mark Durkan, Minister of Finance and Personnel, made a statement on the proposed budget for financial year 2000/01 following which the Minister replied to Questions.

Procedure for the Appointment of Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of Committees under Standing Order 48

The Speaker informed the Assembly that he had received notification from Mr G Cosgrove nominating Mr E McGrady MP to be nominating officer for the Social Democratic and Labour Party and notification from Reverend Dr I R K Paisley MP MEP, nominating Mr Peter Robinson MP as nominating officer for the Democratic Unionist Party.

Mr Trimble MP, the nominating officer for the Ulster Unionist Party, nominated Mr Billy Bell to be Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee. Mr Bell indicated his agreement to accept the nomination.

The Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Mr Bell as Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee.

Mr McGrady MP, the nominating officer for the Social Democratic and Labour Party, nominated Mr Donovan McClelland to be Chairperson of the Standards and Privileges Committee. Mr McClelland indicated his agreement to accept the nomination.

The Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Mr McClelland as Chairperson of the Standards and Privileges Committee.

Mr Robinson MP, the nominating officer for the Democratic and Unionist Party, nominated Mr Gregory Campbell to be Chairperson of the Committee of the Centre. Mr Campbell indicated his agreement to accept the nomination.

The Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Mr Campbell as Chairperson of the Committee of the Centre.

Mr McLaughlin, the nominating officer for Sinn Féin, nominated Mr Conor Murphy to be Chairperson of the Procedures Committee. Mr Murphy indicated his agreement to accept the nomination.

The Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Mr Murphy as Chairperson of the Procedures Committee.

Mr Trimble MP, the nominating officer for the Ulster Unionist Party, nominated Mr Duncan Shipley Dalton to be Deputy Chairperson of the Procedures Committee. Mr Shipley Dalton indicated his agreement to accept the nomination.

The Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Mr Shipley Dalton as Deputy Chairperson of the Procedures Committee.

Mr McGrady MP, the nominating officer for the Social Democratic and Labour Party, nominated Mr John Dallat to be Chairperson of the Audit Committee. Mr Dallat indicated his agreement to accept the nomination.

The Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Mr Dallat as Chairperson of the Audit Committee.

Mr Robinson MP, the nominating officer of the Democratic Unionist Party, nominated Mr Oliver Gibson to be Deputy Chairperson of the Committee of the Centre. Mr Gibson indicated his agreement to accept the nomination.

The Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Mr Gibson as Deputy Chairperson of the Committee of the Centre.

Mr Trimble MP, the nominating officer of the Ulster Unionist Party, nominated Mr Roy Beggs Jnr to be the Deputy Chairperson of the Standards and Privileges Committee. Mr Beggs Jnr indicated his agreement to accept the nomination.

The Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Mr Beggs Jnr as Deputy Chairperson of the Standards and Privileges Committee.

Mr McLaughlin, as nominating officer for Sinn Féin, nominated Ms Sue Ramsey to be Deputy Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee. Ms Ramsey indicated her agreement to accept the nomination.

The Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Ms Ramsey as Deputy Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee.

Mr McGrady MP, the nominating officer for the Social Democratic and Labour Party, nominated Mr Alban Maginness to be Deputy Chairperson of the Audit Committee. Mr Maginness indicated his agreement to accept the nomination.

The Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Mr Maginness as Deputy Chairperson of the Audit Committee.

Allowances to Members of the Assembly and Office Holders Bill (Second Stage)

Mr Fee moved that the Second Stage of the Allowances to Members of the Assembly and Office Holders Bill be agreed.

Debate ensued.

Bill (NIA Bill 2/99) passed Second Stage and stood referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee.

Financial Assistance for Political Parties Bill (Second Stage)

Mr Fee moved that the Second Stage of the Financial Assistance for Political Parties Bill be agreed.

Debate ensued.

Bill (NIA Bill 3/99) passed Second Stage and stood referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee.

4. **Adjournment**

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 12.49 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
16 December 1999

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

14 and 15 DECEMBER 1999

DIVISIONS

Division No 1

Proposed by: Rev Dr I R K Paisley MP MEP:

Amendment

Proposed: At line 1, delete all after 'That' and insert:

“This Assembly keeping in mind that the First Minister and deputy First Minister have already six paid assistants in their office, disapproves their determination to appoint two further junior Ministers.”

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes: 24

Noes: 67

Ayes

Fraser Agnew, Paul Berry, Norman Boyd, Meryvn Carrick, Wilson Clyde, Nigel Dodds, Oliver Gibson, William Hay, David Hilditch, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, Robert McCartney, William McCrea, Maurice Morrow, Ian Paisley Jnr, Ian R K Paisley, Edwin Poots, Iris Robinson, Mark Robinson, Peter Robinson, Jim Shannon, Jim Wells, Cedric Wilson, Sammy Wilson.

Noes

Ian Adamson, Pauline Armitage, Billy Armstrong, Alex Attwood, Roy Beggs Jnr, Billy Bell, Eileen Bell, Tom Benson, Esmond Birnie, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, Joan Carson, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, John Dallat, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, Arthur Doherty, Pat Doherty, Mark Durkan, Reg Empey, David Ervine, Sean Farren, John Fee, David Ford, Sam Foster, Tommy Gallagher, Michelle Gildernew, John Gorman, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, Derek Hussey, Billy Hutchinson, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Seamus Mallon, Alex Maskey, Kieran McCarthy, David McClarty, Donovan McClelland, Alasdair McDonnell, Barry McElduff, Alan McFarland, Michael McGimpsey, Eddie McGrady, Gerry McHugh, Mitchel McLaughlin, Eugene McMenamin, Monica McWilliams, Jane Morrice, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Sean Neeson, Mary Nelis, Dermot Nesbitt, Danny O'Connor, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, Ken Robinson, Brid Rodgers, George Savage, John Tierney, David Trimble, Jim Wilson.

The Amendment **fell**.

Division No 2

Proposed by: First Minister and deputy First Minister:

Proposed: “That this Assembly approves the determination by the First Minister and the deputy First Minister of the number of junior Ministerial offices, the procedure for appointment, and the functions which would be exercisable by the holders of each such office.”

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes: 49

Noes: 38

Ayes

Ian Adamson, Pauline Armitage, Billy Armstrong, Alex Attwood, Roy Beggs Jnr, Billy Bell, Tom Benson, Esmond Birnie, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, Joan Carson, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, John Dallat, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, Arthur Doherty, Mark Durkan, Reg Empey, Sean Farren, John Fee, Sam Foster, Tommy Gallagher, John Gorman, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, Derek Hussey, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Seamus Mallon, David McClarty, Donovan McClelland, Alasdair McDonnell, Alan McFarland, Michael McGimpsey, Eddie McGrady, Eugene McMEnamin, Dermot Nesbitt, Danny O'Connor, Eamonn O'Neill, Ken Robinson, Brid Rodgers, George Savage, John Tierney, David Trimble, Jim Wilson.

Noes

Fraser Agnew, Paul Berry, Norman Boyd, Meryvn Carrick, Wilson Clyde, Nigel Dodds, Pat Doherty, David Ervine, Oliver Gibson, Michelle Gildernew, William Hay, David Hilditch, Billy Hutchinson, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, Alex Maskey, Robert McCartney, William McCrea, Barry McElduff, Gerry McHugh, Mitchel McLaughlin, Monica McWilliams, Jane Morrice, Maurice Morrow, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Mary Nelis, Ian Paisley Jnr, Ian R K Paisley, Edwin Poots, Sue Ramsey, Iris Robinson, Mark Robinson, Peter Robinson, Jim Shannon, Jim Wells, Cedric Wilson, Sammy Wilson.

The motion was **carried**.

Division No 3

Proposed by: Rt Hon David Trimble MP and Mr Séamus Mallon MP.

Amendment

Proposed: At line 3, delete from “Committee of the” to end of line 8 and insert –

“Centre to examine and report on the following functions carried out in the Office of the First Minister and the deputy First Minister, and on any other related matters determined by the Assembly:

- (a) Economic Policy Unit (other than the Programme of Government);
 - (b) Equality Unit;
 - (c) Civic Forum;
 - (d) European Affairs and International Matters;
 - (e) Community Relations;
 - (f) Public Appointments policy;
 - (g) Freedom of Information;
 - (h) Victims;
 - (i) Nolan Standards;
 - (j) Public Service Office;
 - (k) Emergency Planning; and
 - (l) Women’s Issues
- (2) This Committee shall replace the Standing Committees on European Affairs and Equality, Human Rights and Community Relations. Standing Orders “Standing Committee on European Affairs” and “Committee on Equality, Human Rights and Community Relations” are, accordingly, revoked.
- (3) The Committee shall consist of 17 Members.”

The Question was put and the Assembly divided on a cross-community basis.

Ayes: 53

Noes: 32

Ayes

Nationalist: Alex Attwood, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, John Dallat, Arthur Doherty, Mark Durkan, Sean Farren, John Fee, Tommy Gallagher, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Seamus Mallon, Donovan McClelland, Alasdair McDonnell, Eddie McGrady, Eugene McMenamin, Danny O'Connor, Eamonn O'Neill, Brid Rodgers, John Tierney.

Unionist: Ian Adamson, Pauline Armitage, Billy Armstrong, Roy Beggs Jnr, Billy Bell, Tom Benson, Esmond Birnie, Joan Carson, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, Reg Empey, Sam Foster, John Gorman, Derek Hussey, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, David McClarty, Alan McFarland, Michael McGimpsey, Dermot Nesbitt, Ken Robinson, George Savage, David Trimble, Jim Wilson.

Other: Eileen Bell, David Ford, Kieran McCarthy, Sean Neeson.

Noes

Nationalist: Michelle Gildernew, Alex Maskey, Barry McElduff, Gerry McHugh, Mitchel McLaughlin, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Mary Nelis, Sue Ramsey.

Unionist: Paul Berry, Meryvn Carrick, Wilson Clyde, Nigel Dodds, David Ervine, Oliver Gibson, William Hay, David Hilditch, Billy Hutchinson, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, Robert McCartney, Maurice Morrow, Ian R K Paisley, Edwin Poots, Iris Robinson, Mark Robinson, Peter Robinson, Jim Shannon, Jim Wells, Sammy Wilson.

Other: Monica McWilliams, Jane Morrice.

Total Votes	85	Total Ayes	53 (62.4%)
Nationalist Votes	32	Nationalist Ayes	23 (71.9%)
Unionist Votes	47	Unionist Ayes	26 (55.3%)

The Amendment was **made**.

Division No 4

Proposed: After Standing Order 57 insert a new Standing Order:

() **Committee of the Centre**

- (1) There shall be a Standing Committee of the Assembly to be known as the Committee of the Centre to examine and report on the following functions carried out in the Office of the First Minister and the deputy First Minister, and on any other related matters determined by the Assembly:
 - (a) Economic Policy unit (other than the Programme of Government);
 - (b) Equality Unit;
 - (c) Civic Forum;
 - (d) European Affairs and International Matters;
 - (e) Community Relations;
 - (f) Public Appointments policy;
 - (g) Freedom of Information;
 - (h) Victims;
 - (i) Nolan Standards;
 - (j) Public Service Office;
 - (k) Emergency Planning; and
 - (l) Women's Issues
- (2) This Committee shall replace the Standing Committees on European Affairs and Equality, Human Rights and Community Relations. Standing Orders "Standing Committee on European Affairs" and "Committee on Equality, Human Rights and Community Relations" are, accordingly, revoked.
- (3) The committee shall consist of 17 Members.
- (4) The Committee shall have the power to send for persons and papers.
- (5) The procedures of the Committee shall be such as the Committee shall determine.

The Question was put and the Assembly divided on a cross-community basis.

Ayes: 52

Noes: 33

Ayes

Nationalist: Alex Attwood, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, John Dallat, Arthur Doherty, Mark Durkan, Sean Farren, John Fee, Tommy Gallagher, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Seamus Mallon, Donovan McClelland, Alasdair McDonnell, Eddie McGrady, Eugene McMenamin, Danny O'Connor, Eamonn O'Neill, Brid Rodgers, John Tierney.

Unionist: Ian Adamson, Pauline Armitage, Billy Armstrong, Roy Beggs Jnr, Billy Bell, Tom Benson, Esmond Birnie, Joan Carson, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, Reg Empey, Sam Foster, John Gorman, Derek Hussey, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, David McClarty, Alan McFarland, Michael McGimpsey, Dermot Nesbitt, Ken Robinson, George Savage, David Trimble, Jim Wilson.

Other: Eileen Bell, David Ford, Kieran McCarthy, Sean Neeson.

Noes

Nationalist: Michelle Gildernew, Alex Maskey, Barry McElduff, Gerry McHugh, Mitchel McLaughlin, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Mary Nelis, Sue Ramsey.

Unionist: Fraser Agnew, Paul Berry, Meryvn Carrick, Wilson Clyde, Nigel Dodds, David Ervine, Oliver Gibson, William Hay, David Hilditch, Billy Hutchinson, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, Robert McCartney, Maurice Morrow, Ian R K Paisley, Edwin Poots, Iris Robinson, Mark Robinson, Peter Robinson, Jim Shannon, Jim Wells, Sammy Wilson.

Other: Monica McWilliams, Jane Morrice.

Total Votes	85	Total Ayes	52 (61.2%)
Nationalist Votes	31	Nationalist Ayes	22 (71.0%)
Unionist Votes	48	Unionist Ayes	26 (54.2%)

The Motion, as amended, was **carried**.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY FROM

7 December 1999 to 15 December 1999

1. ORDERS IN COUNCIL

SI No 3144 (N.I. 10) The Licensing and Registered Clubs (Northern Ireland) Order 1999

SI No 3147 (N.I. 11) The Welfare and Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999

2. PUBLICATIONS LAID IN THE NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY LIBRARY BY STATUTE

3. PUBLICATIONS LAID IN THE NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

Corporate Governance and Financial Management in Colleges of Further Education
(NIA 5)

4. ASSEMBLY REPORTS

5. STATUTORY RULES

(The Department identified after each rule is for reference purposes only.)

SR No 457 The Sheep Annual Premium (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DANI)

SR No 472 Social Security (1998 Order) (Commencement No. 11 and Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DHSS)

SR No 473 The Social Security and Child Support (Decisions and Appeals) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DHSS)

SR No 474 The Social Security (New Deal Pilot) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DHSS)

SR No 475 Control of Traffic (Londonderry) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 476 Route C271 Beechvale Road, Killinchy (Abandonment) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 477 Federation Street, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 478 Motor Vehicles (Invalid Carriages) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 479 Vehicles (Class 1 Invalid Carriages) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 482 Foyle Area (Close Season) Regulations 1999 (DANI)

SR No 483 Foyle Area (Control of Fishing) Regulations 1999 (DANI)

SR No 484 Traffic Signs (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 485 Foyle Area (Licensing of Fishing Engines) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1999 (DANI)

6. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

Review of Explosives Legislation: Discussion Document (NIO)

7. DEPARTMENTAL PUBLICATIONS

8. AGENCY PUBLICATIONS

9. WESTMINSTER PUBLICATIONS

Report of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Explosives for Northern Ireland 1998 (HC 3)

10. MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS

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NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 17 JANUARY 2000

The Assembly met at 10.30 am, the Speaker in the Chair

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

1.1 Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **Presiding Officer's Business**

2.1 The Speaker informed the Assembly that Mr Denis Haughey had resigned as Chairman of the Regional Development Committee and had been replaced by Mr Alban Maginness. He further informed Members that both Mr Denis Haughey and Mr Dermot Nesbitt attended his office to affirm the Pledge of Office before taking up their posts as Junior Ministers in the Office of First Minister and deputy First Minister.

3. **Executive Committee Business**

The First Minister and deputy First Minister made a statement to the Assembly on the British-Irish Council and British-Irish Intergovernmental meeting which took place on 17 December 1999, following which they replied to questions.

4. **Statutory Committee Business**

Assembly Members' Pensions Bill (Second Stage)

Rev Robert Coulter moved that the Second Stage of the Assembly Members' Pensions Bill be agreed.

Bill NIA 1/99 passed Second Stage and stood referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee.

5. **Private Members' Business**

Motion

Proposed: This House demands the handing over of all illegal terrorist weaponry and its destruction in accordance with legislative provisions; acknowledges that the people of Northern Ireland will not accept token decommissioning; and calls for the process of decommissioning to be verifiable, transparent and credible.

[Rev Dr I R K Paisley MP MEP]
[Mr P D Robinson MP]

Amendment

Proposed: Delete all after 'House' and insert:

will work to implement all aspects of the Good Friday Agreement, including decommissioning, and consistent with the three principles agreed on 25 June 1999 and reiterated by Senator Mitchell in his concluding report on the Review.

[Mr E McGrady MP]

After debate, the Amendment being put, the Amendment fell (Division 1).

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

The Assembly was suspended at 1.10 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

6. **Question Time**

Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment

Questions were put to and answered by the Minister, Sir Reg Empey.

Minister of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment

Questions were put to and answered by the Minister, Dr Séan Farren.

Minister for Social Development

Questions were put to and answered by the Minister, Mr Nigel Dodds.

7. **Private Members' Business (continued)**

Motion

Proposed: This House condemns the refusal of the Health Minister to grant permission for the flying of the national flag on appropriate government property on the designated period over the Christmas holidays in flagrant breach of settled policy.

[Rev Dr I R K Paisley MP MEP]
[Mr I Paisley Jnr]

Amendment

Proposed: Delete all after 'condemns' and insert:

the abuse of national flags and other symbols and emblems in our community as party political, or sectarian symbols and will work to ensure that such symbols and emblems are used in a manner which promotes mutual respect rather than division in accordance with the Good Friday Agreement.

[Mr A Maginness]

After debate, the Amendment being put, the Amendment **fell** (Division 2).

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** (Division 3).

The Motion standing in the name of Rev Dr I R K Paisley MP MEP and Mr Nigel Dodds seeking the Assembly's rejection of the Patten Commission Report was, by leave, withdrawn.

8. **Adjournment**

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 5.45 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
17 January 2000

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

17 JANUARY 2000

DIVISIONS

Division No 1

Amendment

Proposed: Delete all after 'House' and insert:

will work to implement all aspects of the Good Friday Agreement, including decommissioning, and consistent with the three principles agreed on 25 June 1999 and reiterated by Senator Mitchell in his concluding report on the Review.

[Mr E McGrady MP]

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 43

Noes : 45

Ayes

Alex Attwood, Eileen Bell, P J Bradley, Seamus Close, John Dallat, Arthur Doherty, Mark Durkan, David Ervine, Sean Farren, John Fee, David Ford, Tommy Gallagher, Michelle Gildernew, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, Billy Hutchinson, John Kelly, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Seamus Mallon, Alex Maskey, Kieran McCarthy, Donovan McClelland, Alasdair McDonnell, Barry McElduff, Eddie McGrady, Gerry McHugh, Mitchel McLaughlin, Eugene McMenemy, Pat McNamee, Monica McWilliams, Francie Molloy, Jane Morrice, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Sean Neeson, Mary Nelis, Danny O'Connor, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, Brid Rodgers, John Tierney.

Noes

Ian Adamson, Billy Armstrong, Roy Beggs Jnr, Billy Bell, Tom Benson, Paul Berry, Esmond Birnie, Norman Boyd, Gregory Campbell, Meryvn Carrick, Joan Carson, Wilson Clyde, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, Nigel Dodds, Sam Foster, Oliver Gibson, William Hay, David Hilditch, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, James Leslie, David McClarty, William McCrea, Alan McFarland, Maurice Morrow, Dermot Nesbitt, Ian R K Paisley, Ian Paisley Jnr, Edwin Poots, Iris Robinson, Ken Robinson, Mark Robinson, Peter Robinson, Patrick Roche,

George Savage, Jim Shannon, Denis Watson, Peter Weir, Jim Wells, Cedric Wilson,
Jim Wilson, Sammy Wilson.

The Amendment **fell**.

Division No 2

Amendment

Proposed: Delete all after 'condemns' and insert:

the abuse of national flags and other symbols and emblems in our community as party political, or sectarian symbols and will work to ensure that such symbols and emblems are used in a manner which promotes mutual respect rather than division in accordance with the Good Friday Agreement.

[Mr A Maginness]

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 24

Noes : 63

Ayes

Alex Attwood, Eileen Bell, P J Bradley, Seamus Close, John Dallat, Arthur Doherty, John Fee, David Ford, Tommy Gallagher, Carmel Hanna, Joe Hendron, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Kieran McCarthy, Donovan McClelland, Alasdair McDonnell, Eddie McGrady, Eugene McMenamin, Monica McWilliams, Sean Neeson, Danny O'Connor, Eamonn O'Neill, Brid Rodgers, John Tierney.

Noes

Ian Adamson, Fraser Agnew, Billy Armstrong, Roy Beggs Jnr, Billy Bell, Paul Berry, Esmond Birnie, Norman Boyd, Gregory Campbell, Meryvn Carrick, Joan Carson, Wilson Clyde, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, Bairbre de Brun, Nigel Dodds, David Ervine, Sam Foster, Oliver Gibson, Michelle Gildernew, John Gorman, William Hay, David Hilditch, Billy Hutchinson, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, John Kelly, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, Alex Maskey, Robert McCartney, David McClarty, William McCrea, Barry McElduff, Alan McFarland, Gerry McHugh, Mitchel McLaughlin, Pat McNamee, Francie Molloy, Maurice Morrow, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Mary Nelis, Dermot Nesbitt, Ian Paisley Jnr, Edwin Poots, Sue Ramsey, Iris Robinson, Ken Robinson, Mark Robinson, Peter Robinson, Patrick Roche, George Savage, Jim Shannon, David Trimble, Denis Watson, Peter Weir, Jim Wells, Cedric Wilson, Jim Wilson, Sammy Wilson.

The Amendment **fell**.

Division No 3

Proposed by: Rev Dr I R K Paisley MP MEP

This House condemns the refusal of the Health Minister to grant permission for the flying of the national flag on appropriate Government property on the designated period over the Christmas holidays in flagrant breach of settled policy.

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 51

Noes : 32

Ayes

Ian Adamson, Fraser Agnew, Billy Armstrong, Roy Beggs Jnr, Billy Bell, Paul Berry, Esmond Birnie, Norman Boyd, Gregory Campbell, Meryvn Carrick, Joan Carson, Wilson Clyde, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, Nigel Dodds, Reg Empey, David Ervine, Sam Foster, Oliver Gibson, John Gorman, William Hay, David Hilditch, Billy Hutchinson, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, Robert McCartney, David McClarty, William McCrea, Alan McFarland, Maurice Morrow, Dermot Nesbitt, Ian Paisley Jnr, Edwin Poots, Iris Robinson, Ken Robinson, Mark Robinson, Peter Robinson, Patrick Roche, George Savage, Jim Shannon, David Trimble, Denis Watson, Peter Weir, Jim Wells, Cedric Wilson, Jim Wilson, Sammy Wilson.

Noes

Alex Attwood, P J Bradley, John Dallat, Bairbre De Brun, Arthur Doherty, John Fee, Tommy Gallagher, Michelle Gildernew, Carmel Hanna, Joe Hendron, John Kelly, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Alex Maskey, Donovan McClelland, Alasdair McDonnell, Barry McElduff, Eddie McGrady, Gerry McHugh, Mitchel McLaughlin, Eugene McMenamin, Pat McNamee, Monica McWilliams, Francie Molloy, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Mary Nelis, Danny O'Connor, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, Brid Rodgers, John Tierney.

The motion was **carried**.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY FROM

16 December 1999 to 17 January 2000

1. **ORDERS IN COUNCIL**

2. **PUBLICATIONS LAID IN THE NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY LIBRARY BY STATUTE**

Registrar General for Northern Ireland Annual Report 1998

3. **PUBLICATIONS LAID IN THE NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY**

Northern Ireland Appropriation Accounts 1998–1999 (NIA 6)

4. **ASSEMBLY REPORTS**

5. **STATUTORY RULES**

(The Department identified after each rule is for reference purposes only.)

SR No 470 Employment Relations (1999 Order) (Commencement No. 1 and Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DED)

SR No 471 Maternity and Parental Leave etc. Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DED)

SR No 480 The Departments (1999 Order) (Commencement) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (NIO)

SR No 481 Departments (Transfer and Assignment of Functions) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (NIO)

SR No 486 The Personal and Occupational Pension Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999

SR No 487 Eel Fishing (Licence Duties) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DCAL)

SR No 488 Fisheries (Amendment No. 2) Byelaws (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DCAL)

SR No 489 The Magistrates' Court (Devolution Issues) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1999 (Lord Chancellor)

SR No 490 The County Court (Amendment No. 4) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1999 (Lord Chancellor)

SR No 491 The Criminal Appeal (Devolution Issues) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1999 (Lord Chancellor)

SR No 492 The Criminal Appeal (Devolution Issues) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1999 (Lord Chancellor)

SR No 493 The Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Amendment No. 3) 1999 (Lord Chancellor)

SR No 494 The Welfare Reform and Pensions (1999 Order) (Commencement No. 1) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DHSS)

SR No 496 The Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 498 The Countryside Access (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DARD)

SR No 499 The Social Fund (Maternity and Funeral Expenses) (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DSD)

SR No 500 The Income Support (General (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DSD)

SR No 501 The Income Support (General) and Jobseekers' Allowance (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DSD)

SR No 502 The Marketing of Ornamental Plant Propagating Material Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DARD)

6. **CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS**

Proposals for the Carriage of Explosives by Rail Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (NIO)

Pet Shop Regulations (DARD)

7. **DEPARTMENTAL PUBLICATIONS**

Labour Market Statistics: December 1999 (DED)

Northern Ireland Waiting Lists – September 1999 (DHSS&PS)

Security – Return to Normality: The Government’s Approach (NIO)

Our Competitive Future UK Competitiveness Indicators 1999 (DTI)

8. **AGENCY PUBLICATIONS**

9. **WESTMINSTER PUBLICATIONS**

Disqualifications Bill (Bill 4)

Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill (Bill 34)

Northern Ireland Affairs Committee: Public Expenditure – Inward Investment in Northern Ireland (HC 551-i)

Arts Council of Northern Ireland Lottery Distribution Account 1998 – 1999 (HC 780)

Legal Aid Fund (Northern Ireland) Account 1997 – 1998 (HC 848)

Independent Commission for Police Complaints for Northern Ireland Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 1999 (HC 847)

Northern Ireland Affairs Committee: Prison Service in Northern Ireland (HC 886-i)

Report of the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland 1998–1999 (HC 92)

SI No 665 The Judicial Committee (Devolution Issues) Rules Order 1999

SI No 2204 The Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Commencement No. 3) Order 1999

10. **MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS**

The Local Government Staff Commission for Northern Ireland: Annual Report 1st April 1998–31st March 1999

11. **ASSEMBLY RESEARCH PAPERS**

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 24 JANUARY 2000

and

TUESDAY 25 JANUARY 2000

The Assembly met at 10.30 am, the Speaker in the Chair

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

1.1 Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **Executive Committee Business**

Equality (Disability Etc) Bill

First Stage

The Deputy First Minister introduced a Bill to confer new powers on the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland.

Bill passed First Stage and ordered to be printed. (NIA 4/2000)

3. **Statutory Committee Business**

3.1 The Presiding Officer reported to the Assembly that Mr Alban Maginness had resigned as Deputy Chairperson of the Audit Committee. Mr E McGrady, the nominating officer for the Social Democratic and Labour Party, declined to nominate a member of his party and of the Assembly for the position of Deputy Chairperson of the Audit Committee.

Mr J Wilson, the nominating officer for the Ulster Unionist Party, declined to nominate a member of his party and of the Assembly for the position of Deputy Chairperson of the Audit Committee.

Rev Dr I R K Paisley, the nominating officer for the Democratic Unionist Party, declined to nominate a member of his party and of the Assembly for the position of Deputy Chairperson of the Audit Committee.

Mr S Neeson, the nominating officer for the Alliance Party, declined to nominate a member of his party and of the Assembly for the position of Deputy Chairperson of the Audit Committee.

Mr M McLaughlin, the nominating officer for Sinn Féin, declined to nominate a member of his party and of the Assembly for the position of Deputy Chairperson of the Audit Committee.

Mr R McCartney, as nominating officer for the United Kingdom Unionist Party, declined to nominate a member of his party and of the Assembly for the position of Deputy Chairperson of the Audit Committee.

Mr D Ervine, as nominating officer for the Progressive Unionist Party, nominated Mr B Hutchinson for the position of Deputy Chairperson of the Audit Committee. Mr Hutchinson indicated his agreement to accept the nomination. The Speaker confirmed Mr Hutchinson as Deputy Chairperson of the Audit Committee.

3.2 Appointment of Members to Standing Committees

Amendment No. 1 (OP4/99 Standing Committees)

Proposed: That Mr D Hussey shall replace Mr B Bell on the Audit Committee.

The Amendment was **agreed** without division.

Motion

Proposed: That the Members listed in “OP 4/99 Standing Committees”, as amended, shall be Members of the relevant Standing Committees.

The Motion, as amended, was **carried** without division.

3.3 Membership of Statutory Committees

Proposed: that Mr John Dallat should replace Mr Denis Haughey on the Agriculture Committee;
Mr Derek Hussey should replace Mr Dermot Nesbitt on the Finance and Personnel Committee;
Mr Alex Attwood should replace Mr John Dallat on the Finance and Personnel Committee; and
Mr P J Bradley should replace Mr Denis Haughey on the Regional Development Committee.

[Mr E McGrady MP]

[Mr J Wilson]

The motion was **carried** without division.

3.4 Deferral of Consideration Stage of Bill to later

The Speaker explained that Standing Order 39(1) required seven days between each stage of a Public Bill. It was therefore not possible to proceed with the Consideration Stage of the Financial Assistance for Political Parties Bill (NIA 3/99) before Tuesday 25 January.

4. **Private Members' Business**

Motion

Proposed: This House rejects the Patten Commission's Report and calls upon the Secretary of State to reject proposals which would reward and elevate terrorists while demoralising and destroying the Royal Ulster Constabulary whose members, both full and part time, have diligently and with great distinction served the whole community.

[Mr P Robinson MP]
[Mr N Dodds]

Amendment

Proposed: Delete all after "This" and insert:

"Assembly believes that while the Patten Report causes pain to many, it can provide a new beginning for policing in Northern Ireland, responsive to, and representative of, the entire community.

This Assembly urges leaders from all sections of the community to give full support to the proposed reformed police service and to encourage people to join."

[Mr S Neeson]
[Mr S Close]

Debate ensued.

Debate was suspended until the end of Question Time.

The Assembly was suspended at 2.00 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

5. **Question Time**

Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister

Questions were put to, and answered by, the First Minister and Deputy First Minister, (Rt Hon D Trimble MP and Mr S Mallon MP).

Minister for Regional Development

Questions were put to, and answered by, the Minister (Mr P Robinson MP).

Minister of the Environment

Questions were put and answered by the Minister (Mr S Foster).

6. **Private Members' Business (Continued)**

After Question Time debate resumed on Amendment to Motion.

Motion

Proposed: This House rejects the Patten Commission's Report and calls upon the Secretary of State to reject proposals which would reward and elevate terrorists while demoralising and destroying the Royal Ulster Constabulary whose members, both full and part time, have diligently and with great distinction served the whole community.

[Mr P Robinson MP]
[Mr N Dodds]

Amendment

Proposed: Delete all after 'This' and add:

“Assembly believes that while the Patten Report causes pain to many, it can provide a new beginning for policing in Northern Ireland, responsive to and representative of the entire community.

This Assembly urges leaders from all sections of the community to give full support to the proposed reformed police service and to encourage people to join.”

[Mr S Neeson]

After debate, the Amendment being put, the Amendment **fell** (Division 1).

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** (Division 2).

The Sitting, by leave, was suspended at 6.10 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 25 January 2000.

7. **Statutory Committee Business (Continued)**

Financial Assistance for Political Parties Bill (NIA 3/99)

Consideration Stage

Proposed: That Clauses 1-4 stand part of the Bill.

[Mr J Fee]

The Question being put, the Motion was agreed **without** division.

Proposed: That the Long Title be agreed.

[Mr J Fee]

And the Question being put, the Long Title of the Bill NIA 3/99 was **agreed** without division.

The Bill stood referred to the Speaker.

The Sitting was suspended at 2.04 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 3.00 pm.

8. **Adjournment**

Mr Edwin Poots spoke on Pre-School Nursery Provision.

Debate ensued.

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 5.39 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
25 January 2000

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

24 JANUARY 2000

DIVISIONS

Division No 1

Amendment

Proposed: Delete all after “This” and insert:

“Assembly believes that while the Patten Report causes pain to many, it can provide a new beginning for policing in Northern Ireland, responsive to, and representative of, the entire community.

This Assembly urges leaders from all sections of the community to give full support to the proposed reformed police service and to encourage people to join.”

[Mr S Neeson]

[Mr S Close]

The Amendment was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 28

Noes : 65

Ayes

Alex Attwood, Eileen Bell, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, Seamus Close, John Dallat, Arthur Doherty, Mark Durkan, Sean Farren, John Fee, David Ford, Tommy Gallagher, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Seamus Mallon, Kieran McCarthy, Donovan McClelland, Alasdair McDonnell, Eddie McGrady, Eugene McMennamin, Monica McWilliams, Sean Neeson, Danny O'Connor, Eamonn O'Neill, John Tierney.

Noes

Ian Adamson, Fraser Agnew, Billy Armstrong, Roy Beggs Jnr, Billy Bell, Tom Benson, Paul Berry, Esmond Birnie, Norman Boyd, Gregory Campbell, Meryvn Carrick, Joan Carson, Wilson Clyde, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, Bairbre de Brun, Nigel Dodds, Pat Doherty, Boyd Douglas, Reg Empey, Sam Foster, Oliver Gibson, John Gorman, William Hay, David Hilditch, Derek Hussey, Gardiner Kane, Gerry Kelly, John Kelly, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, Alex Maskey, Robert McCartney, David McClarty, William McCrea, Barry McElduff, Alan McFarland, Martin McGuinness, Gerry McHugh, Mitchel McLaughlin, Francie Molloy, Maurice Morrow, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Mary Nelis, Dermot Nesbitt, Ian Paisley Jnr, Ian R K Paisley, Edwin Poots,

Sue Ramsey, Iris Robinson, Ken Robinson, Mark Robinson, Peter Robinson, Patrick Roche, George Savage, Jim Shannon, Denis Watson, Peter Weir, Jim Wells, Cedric Wilson, Jim Wilson, Sammy Wilson.

The Amendment therefore fell.

Division No 2

Proposed: This House rejects the Patten Commission's Report and calls upon the Secretary of State to reject proposals which would reward and elevate terrorists while demoralising and destroying the Royal Ulster Constabulary whose members, both full and part time, have diligently and with great distinction served the whole community.

[Mr P Robinson MP]

[Mr N Dodds]

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 50

Noes : 42

Ayes

Ian Adamson, Fraser Agnew, Billy Armstrong, Roy Beggs Jnr, Billy Bell, Tom Benson, Paul Berry, Esmond Birnie, Norman Boyd, Gregory Campbell, Meryvn Carrick, Joan Carson, Wilson Clyde, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, Nigel Dodds, Boyd Douglas, Sam Foster, Oliver Gibson, John Gorman, William Hay, David Hilditch, Derek Hussey, Gardiner Kane, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, Robert McCartney, David McClarty, William McCrea, Alan McFarland, Maurice Morrow, Dermot Nesbitt, Ian Paisley Jnr, Ian R K Paisley, Edwin Poots, Iris Robinson, Ken Robinson, Mark Robinson, Peter Robinson, Patrick Roche, George Savage, Jim Shannon, Denis Watson, Peter Weir, Jim Wells, Cedric Wilson, Jim Wilson, Sammy Wilson.

Noes

Alex Attwood, Eileen Bell, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, Seamus Close, John Dallat, Bairbre de Brun, Arthur Doherty, Pat Doherty, Mark Durkan, Sean Farren, John Fee, David Ford, Tommy Gallagher, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, Gerry Kelly, John Kelly, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Seamus Mallon, Alex Maskey, Kieran McCarthy, Donovan McClelland, Alasdair McDonnell, Barry McElduff, Eddie McGrady, Martin McGuinness, Gerry McHugh, Mitchel McLaughlin, Eugene McMenamin, Monica McWilliams, Francie Molloy, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Sean Neeson, Mary Nelis, Danny O'Connor, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, John Tierney.

The motion was **carried**.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY FROM

18 January to 25 January 2000

1. **Orders in Council**

2. **Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly Library by Statute**

3. **Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly**

The Air Quality Strategy for England, Scotland Wales and Northern Ireland

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4. **Assembly Reports**

Report 1/99 (Committee for Finance and Personnel): Report on the Financial Assistance for Political Parties (NIA Bill 3/99)

5. **Statutory Rules**

(The Department identified after each rule is for reference purposes only.)

SR No 495 The Beef Bones (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DARD)

SR No 1 The Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 2 The Social Security (Education Maintenance Allowance Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

6. **Consultation Documents**

Divorce in Northern Ireland: A Better Way Forward (Office of Law Reform)

Proposals for the Explosive (Hazard Information) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (NIO)

7. **Departmental Publications**

Relative Deprivation in Northern Ireland (DFP)

8. **Agency Publications**

9. **Westminster Publications**

Neill Report: Sixth Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life: Reinforcing Standards: Review of the First Report of the Committee on Standard Life Public Life (Cm 4557 – I)

Neill Report: Sixth Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life: Reinforcing Standards: Review of the First Report of the Committee on Standard Life Public Life (Cm 4557 – II)

10. **Miscellaneous Publications**

Publicly Funded R&D and Economic Development in Northern Ireland (NIEC)

Divorce in Northern Ireland: Unravelling the System (Office of Law Reform)

11. **Assembly Research Papers**

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 31 JANUARY 2000

and

TUESDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2000

The Assembly met at 10.30 am, the Speaker in the Chair

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

1.1 Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **Motion under Standing Order 70**

Proposed: That Standing Orders 10(2)(b) and 10(6) shall be suspended for the sitting of the Assembly on Tuesday 1 February 2000.

[Mr S Wilson]

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

3. **Executive Committee Business**

3.1 The Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment Sir Reg Empey made a statement to the Assembly on the North-South Ministerial Council meeting held on 24 January 2000, following which he replied to questions.

3.2 The First Minister and Deputy First Minister made a statement to the Assembly on the proposed legislative programme for the Northern Ireland Assembly, following which they replied to questions.

4. **Statutory Committee Business**

4.1 The Speaker outlined the procedure for the election of 3 Deputy Speakers to the Northern Ireland Assembly under Standing Order 5.

Rev Dr I R K Paisley nominated Mr William Hay for the position of Deputy Speaker. Mr Nigel Dodds seconded the nomination. Mr Hay indicated his agreement to accept the nomination.

Mr John Hume nominated Mr Donovan McClelland for the position of Deputy Speaker. Mr Alban Maginness seconded the nomination. Mr McClelland indicated his agreement to accept the nomination.

Mr Jim Wilson nominated Sir John Gorman for the position of Deputy Speaker. Rt Hon David Trimble seconded the nomination. Sir John Gorman indicated his agreement to accept the nomination.

Mrs Eileen Bell nominated Ms Jane Morrice for the position of Deputy Speaker. Mr Denis Watson seconded the nomination. Ms Morrice indicated her agreement to accept the nomination.

The Question being put, that Mr William Hay be a Deputy Speaker of the Assembly, the Motion was **negatived** on a cross-community basis (Division 1).

The Question being put, that Mr Donovan McClelland be a Deputy Speaker of the Assembly, the Motion was **carried** on a cross-community basis (Division 2).

The Question being put, that Sir John Gorman be a Deputy Speaker of the Assembly, the Motion was **carried** on a cross-community basis (Division 3).

The Question being put, that Ms Jane Morrice be a Deputy Speaker of the Assembly, the Motion was **carried** on a cross-community basis (Division 4).

The Assembly was suspended at 12.52 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

5. **Question Time**

Questions to the Minister of Education

Questions were put to and answered by the Minister, Mr Martin McGuinness.

Questions to the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety

Questions were put to and answered by the Minister, Ms Bairbre de Brún.

Questions to the Minister of Finance and Personnel

Questions were put to and answered by the Minister, Mr Mark Durkan.

6. **Private Members' Business**

Motion

Proposed: This Assembly endorses the decision of the 'Health, Social Services and Public Safety' Statutory Committee to locate Maternity Services in Belfast at the City Hospital.

[Mrs I Robinson]

Amendment

Proposed: Delete all after "This Assembly" and insert

"recalling that the Belfast Agreement provides for key decisions to be taken on a cross-community basis, rebukes the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety for not raising the question of maternity provision in Belfast with her Ministerial colleagues, for not consulting properly with the Statutory Committee, and for attempting to pre-empt consideration of the matter by this Assembly and calls on the Minister to bring the issue before the Assembly in a proper fashion."

[Dr Esmond Birnie]

After debate, the Amendment being put, the Amendment **fell** (Division 5).

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** (Division 6).

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 6.22 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 10.30 am on Tuesday 1 February 2000.

Private Members' Business (Continued)

Motion

Proposed: This House contends that the cuts in farm incomes, the market pressure on each sector of agriculture, and the lawlessness of the French Government constitute a serious crisis in the Northern Ireland agriculture industry and calls on the Northern Ireland Executive to recognise this and take emergency measures to save the industry.

[Rev Dr I R K Paisley MP MEP]

[Mr G Kane]

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** *nemine contradicente*.

The Assembly was suspended at 12.32 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 1.30 pm.

Motion

The following Motion stood on the Order Paper in the name of the Rt Hon David Trimble MP.

To take note of reports from the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning.

[Rt Hon D Trimble MP]

The Motion was not moved and accordingly **fell**.

The Assembly was suspended at 1.37 pm.

The Sitting was resumed at 2.07 pm.

The Assembly was suspended at 2.12 pm.

7. **Adjournment**

The Sitting was resumed at 5.00 pm.

Mr Sammy Wilson spoke on Disruption in Schools.

Debate ensued.

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 6.03 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE

The Speaker

1 February 2000

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

31 JANUARY 2000

DIVISIONS

Division No 1

Election of Deputy Speakers

Proposed: That Mr William Hay be a Deputy Speaker of the Assembly.

[Rev Dr I R K Paisley MP MEP]
[Mr N Dodds]

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 29
Noes : 63

Ayes

Unionist: Fraser Agnew, Pauline Armitage, Paul Berry, Norman Boyd, Gregory Campbell, Meryvn Carrick, Wilson Clyde, Nigel Dodds, Boyd Douglas, Oliver Gibson, William Hay, David Hilditch, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, William McCrea, Maurice Morrow, Ian R K Paisley, Ian Paisley Jnr, Edwin Poots, Iris Robinson, Mark Robinson, Peter Robinson, Patrick Roche, Jim Shannon, Denis Watson, Peter Weir, Jim Wells, Cedric Wilson, Sammy Wilson.

Noes

Nationalist: Alex Attwood, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, John Dallat, Arthur Doherty, Pat Doherty, Mark Durkan, Sean Farren, John Fee, Tommy Gallagher, Michelle Gildernew, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, John Hume, John Kelly, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Séamus Mallon, Donovan McClelland, Alasdair McDonnell, Barry McElduff, Eddie McGrady, Gerry McHugh, Mitchel McLaughlin, Eugene McMenamin, Conor Murphy, Mary Nelis, Danny O'Connor, Dara O'Hagan, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, Bríd Rodgers, John Tierney.

Unionist: Ian Adamson, Billy Bell, Tom Benson, Esmond Birnie, Joan Carson, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, Reg Empey, John Gorman, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, David McClarty, Alan McFarland, Michael McGimpsey, Dermot Nesbitt, Ken Robinson, George Savage, John Taylor, David Trimble, Jim Wilson.

Other: Eileen Bell, Seamus Close, David Ford, Kieran McCarthy, Monica McWilliams, Jane Morrice, Sean Neeson.

Total Votes	92	Total Ayes	29 (31.5%)
Nationalist Votes	34	Nationalist Ayes	0 (0.0%)
Unionist Votes	51	Unionist Ayes	29 (56.9%)

The motion was **negatived** on a cross community basis.

Division No 2

Proposed: That Mr Donovan McClelland be a Deputy Speaker of the Assembly.

[Mr J Hume MP MEP]

[Mr A Maginness]

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 66

Noes : 28

Ayes

Nationalist: Alex Attwood, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, John Dallat, Arthur Doherty, Pat Doherty, Mark Durkan, Sean Farren, John Fee, Tommy Gallagher, Michelle Gildernew, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, John Hume, John Kelly, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Séamus Mallon, Donovan McClelland, Alasdair McDonnell, Barry McElduff, Eddie McGrady, Gerry McHugh, Eugene McMenamin, Mary Nelis, Danny O'Connor, Dara O'Hagan, Eamon O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, Bríd Rodgers, John Tierney.

Unionist: Ian Adamson, Pauline Armitage, Billy Armstrong, Roy Beggs Jnr, Billy Bell, Tom Benson, Esmond Birnie, Joan Carson, Robert Coulter, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, Reg Empey, David Ervine, John Gorman, Derek Hussey, Billy Hutchinson, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, David McClarty, Alan McFarland, Michael McGimpsey, Dermot Nesbitt, Ken Robinson, George Savage, John Taylor, David Trimble, Jim Wilson.

Other: Eileen Bell, Seamus Close, David Ford, Kieran McCarthy, Monica McWilliams, Jane Morrice, Sean Neeson.

Noes

Unionist: Fraser Agnew, Paul Berry, Norman Boyd, Gregory Campbell, Meryvn Carrick, Wilson Clyde, Nigel Dodds, Boyd Douglas, Oliver Gibson, William Hay, David Hilditch, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, William McCrea, Maurice Morrow, Ian R K Paisley, Ian Paisley Jnr, Edwin Poots, Iris Robinson, Mark Robinson, Peter Robinson, Patrick Roche, Jim Shannon, Denis Watson, Peter Weir, Jim Wells, Cedric Wilson, Sammy Wilson.

Total Votes	94	Total Ayes	66 (70.2%)
Nationalist Votes	32	Nationalist Ayes	32 (100.0%)
Unionist Votes	55	Unionist Ayes	27 (49.1%)

The motion was **carried** on a cross community basis.

Division No 3

Proposed: That Sir John Gorman be a Deputy Speaker of the Assembly.

[Mr J Wilson]
[Rt Hon D Trimble MP]

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 67

Noes : 26

Ayes

Nationalist: Alex Attwood, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, John Dallat, Arthur Doherty, Pat Doherty, Mark Durkan, Sean Farren, John Fee, Tommy Gallagher, Michelle Gildernew, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, John Hume, John Kelly, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Séamus Mallon, Donovan McClelland, Alasdair McDonnell, Barry McElduff, Eddie McGrady, Gerry McHugh, Eugene McMenamin, Mary Nelis, Danny O'Connor, Dara O'Hagan, Eamon O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, Bríd Rodgers, John Tierney.

Unionist: Ian Adamson, Pauline Armitage, Billy Armstrong, Roy Beggs Jnr, Billy Bell, Tom Benson, Esmond Birnie, Joan Carson, Robert Coulter, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, Reg Empey, David Ervine, John Gorman, Derek Hussey, Billy Hutchinson, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, David McClarty, Alan McFarland, Michael McGimpsey, Dermot Nesbitt, Ken Robinson, George Savage, John Taylor, David Trimble, Peter Weir, Jim Wilson.

Other: Eileen Bell, Seamus Close, David Ford, Kieran McCarthy, Monica McWilliams, Jane Morrice, Sean Neeson.

Noes

Unionist: Paul Berry, Norman Boyd, Gregory Campbell, Meryvn Carrick, Wilson Clyde, Nigel Dodds, Boyd Douglas, Oliver Gibson, William Hay, David Hilditch, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, William McCrea, Maurice Morrow, Ian R K Paisley, Ian Paisley Jnr, Edwin Poots, Iris Robinson, Mark Robinson, Peter Robinson, Patrick Roche, Jim Shannon, Denis Watson, Jim Wells, Cedric Wilson, Sammy Wilson.

Total Votes	93	Total Ayes	67 (72.0%)
Nationalist Votes	32	Nationalist Ayes	32 (100.0%)
Unionist Votes	54	Unionist Ayes	28 (51.9%)

The motion was **carried** on a cross community basis.

Division No 4

Proposed: That Ms Jane Morrice be a Deputy Speaker of the Assembly.

[Ms E Bell]
[Mr D Watson]

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 66
Noes : 28

Ayes

Nationalist: Alex Attwood, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, John Dallat, Arthur Doherty, Pat Doherty, Mark Durkan, Sean Farren, John Fee, Tommy Gallagher, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, John Hume, John Kelly, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Séamus Mallon, Donovan McClelland, Alasdair McDonnell, Barry McElduff, Eddie McGrady, Martin McGuinness, Gerry McHugh, Eugene McMenamin, Mary Nelis, Danny O'Connor, Dara O'Hagan, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, Bríd Rodgers, John Tierney.

Unionist: Ian Adamson, Billy Armstrong, Roy Beggs Jnr, Billy Bell, Tom Benson, Esmond Birnie, Joan Carson, Robert Coulter, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, Reg Empey, David Ervine, John Gorman, Derek Hussey, Billy Hutchinson, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, David McClarty, Alan McFarland, Michael McGimpsey, Dermot Nesbitt, Ken Robinson, George Savage, John Taylor, David Trimble, Denis Watson, Jim Wilson.

Other: Eileen Bell, Séamus Close, David Ford, Kieran McCarthy, Monica McWilliams, Jane Morrice, Sean Neeson.

Noes

Unionist: Fraser Agnew, Pauline Armitage, Paul Berry, Norman Boyd, Gregory Campbell, Meryvn Carrick, Wilson Clyde, Nigel Dodds, Boyd Douglas, Oliver Gibson, William Hay, David Hilditch, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, William McCrea, Maurice Morrow, Ian R K Paisley, Ian Paisley Jnr, Edwin Poots, Iris Robinson, Mark Robinson, Peter Robinson, Patrick Roche, Jim Shannon, Peter Weir, Jim Wells, Cedric Wilson, Sammy Wilson.

Total Votes	94	Total Ayes	66 (70.2%)
Nationalist Votes	32	Nationalist Ayes	32 (100.0%)
Unionist Votes	55	Unionist Ayes	27 (49.1%)

The motion was **carried** on a cross community basis.

Division No 5

Amendment

Proposed: Delete all after “This Assembly” and insert

“recalling that the Belfast Agreement provides for key decisions to be taken on a cross-community basis, rebukes the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety for not raising the question of maternity provision in Belfast with her Ministerial colleagues, for not consulting properly with the Statutory Committee, and for attempting to pre-empt consideration of the matter by this Assembly and calls on the Minister to bring the issue before the Assembly in a proper fashion.”

[Dr Esmond Birnie]

The Amendment was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 24

Noes : 40

Ayes

Ian Adamson, Pauline Armitage, Billy Armstrong, Roy Beggs Jnr, Billy Bell, Tom Benson, Esmond Birnie, Joan Carson, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, Ivan Davis, Sam Foster, John Gorman, Derek Hussey, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, David McClarty, Alan McFarland, Michael McGimpsey, Dermot Nesbitt, Ken Robinson, George Savage, John Taylor, Jim Wilson.

Noes

Alex Attwood, Eileen Bell, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, John Dallat, Bairbre De Brun, Arthur Doherty, Pat Doherty, Mark Durkan, David Ervine, Sean Farren, John Fee, David Ford, Tommy Gallagher, Michelle Gildernew, John Hume, Billy Hutchinson, John Kelly, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Alex Maskey, Kieran McCarthy, Donovan McClelland, Alasdair McDonnell, Barry McElduff, Eddie McGrady, Martin McGuinness, Gerry McHugh, Mitchel McLaughlin, Eugene McMenemy, Monica McWilliams, Jane Morrice, Conor Murphy, Sean Neeson, Mary Nelis, Danny O'Connor, Dara O'Hagan, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, John Tierney.

The motion was **negatived**.

Division No 6

Proposed: This Assembly endorses the decision of the 'Health, Social Services and Public Safety' Statutory Committee to locate Maternity Services in Belfast at the City Hospital.

[Mrs I Robinson]

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 53

Noes : 37

Ayes

Ian Adamson, Fraser Agnew, Pauline Armitage, Billy Armstrong, Roy Beggs Jnr, Billy Bell, Tom Benson, Paul Berry, Esmond Birnie, Norman Boyd, Gregory Campbell, Meryvn Carrick, Joan Carson, Wilson Clyde, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, Ivan Davis, Nigel Dodds, Boyd Douglas, David Ervine, Sam Foster, Oliver Gibson, William Hay, David Hilditch, Derek Hussey, Billy Hutchinson, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, Robert McCartney, David McClarty, William McCrea, Alan McFarland, Michael McGimpsey, Monica McWilliams, Jane Morrice, Maurice Morrow, Dermot Nesbitt, Ian R K Paisley, Ian Paisley Jnr, Edwin Poots, Iris Robinson, Ken Robinson, Mark Robinson, Peter Robinson, George Savage, Jim Shannon, John Taylor, Denis Watson, Jim Wells, Jim Wilson, Sammy Wilson.

Noes

Alex Attwood, Eileen Bell, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, John Dallat, Bairbre De Brun, Arthur Doherty, Pat Doherty, Mark Durkan, Sean Farren, John Fee, David Ford, Tommy Gallagher, Michelle Gildernew, Joe Hendron, John Hume, John Kelly, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Alex Maskey, Kieran McCarthy, Donovan McClelland, Alasdair McDonnell, Barry McElduff, Eddie McGrady, Martin McGuinness, Gerry McHugh, Mitchel McLaughlin, Eugene McMenamin, Conor Murphy, Sean Neeson, Mary Nelis, Danny O'Connor, Dara O'Hagan, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, John Tierney.

The motion was **carried**.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY FROM

26 January to 1 February 2000

1. **Orders in Council**
2. **Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly Library by Statute**
3. **Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly**
4. **Assembly Reports**
5. **Statutory Rules**
(The Department identified after each rule is for reference purposes only.)

SR No 3 The Social Security and Child Support (Decisions and Appeals)
(Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 4 The Social Security Incapacity for Work) (Miscellaneous Amendments)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)
6. **Consultation Documents**

Beyond the Centre: District Councils' Community Services Programme (DSD)

Part-Time Work: Consultation Document (DHFETE)
7. **Departmental Publications**

The Health of the Public in Northern Ireland: Report of the Chief Medical Officer
1999 (DHSSPS)
8. **Agency Publications**
9. **Westminster Publications**
10. **Miscellaneous Publications**
11. **Assembly Research Papers**

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2000

and

TUESDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2000

The Assembly met at 10.30 am, the Speaker in the Chair

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

1.1 Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **Presiding Officer's Business**

With regard to a Point of Order raised by Mrs Iris Robinson at the last Sitting regarding Mr T Benson's failure to declare an interest when tabling a question, the Speaker indicated that following scrutiny he had decided to refer the matter to the Committee on Standards and Privilege.

3. **Business Motion under Standing Order 70**

Proposed: That Standing Orders 10(2)(b) and 10(6) shall be suspended for the sitting of the Assembly on Tuesday 8 February 2000.

[Mr M Morrow]

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

4. **Executive Committee Business**

4.1 The Speaker informed the Assembly that the Secretary of State's consent had been obtained to proceed with the Second Stage of the Equality (Disability, etc) Bill.

4.2 **Equality (Disability, etc) Bill**

Second Stage

The Deputy First Minister moved that the Second Stage of the Equality (Disability, etc) Bill be agreed.

Bill NIA 4/99 passed Second Stage.

5. **Business Motion under Standing Order 31**

Proposed: that the Equality (Disability, etc) Bill stand referred to the Committee of the Centre and that, for this purpose, Standing Order 31, be construed as referring to the Committee of the Centre.

[Dr A McDonnell]

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

6. **Statutory Committee Business**

Financial Assistance for Political Parties Bill (NIA 3/99)

Final Stage

Mr John Fee moved that the Final Stage of the Financial Assistance for Political Parties Bill be agreed.

Bill NIA 3/99 passed Final Stage.

The Assembly was suspended at 11.24 am.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

7. **Question Time**

Questions to the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development

Questions were put to and answered by the Minister, Mrs Bríd Rodgers.

Questions to the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure

Questions were put to and answered by the Minister, Mr Michael McGimpsey.

Questions to the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister

Questions were put to, and answered by, the First Minister and Deputy First Minister, Rt Hon David Trimble MP and Mr Séamus Mallon MP.

8. **Private Members' Business**

Motion

Proposed: This Assembly calls on Her Majesty's Government to proclaim each year St Patrick's Day a public holiday in Northern Ireland.

[Mr K McCarthy]

[Mr D Ford]

Amendment

Proposed: At the end add

“and to add that day to the list of official flag days.”

[Mr J Wilson]

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

The Speaker in the Chair.

After debate, the Amendment being put, the Amendment was **carried** (Division 1).

The Question being put, the Motion as amended, was **carried**, without division.

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 5.57 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 10.30 am on Tuesday 8 February 2000.

Private Members' Business (Continued)

Motion

The following Motion appeared on the Order Paper in the name of Dr I R K Paisley MP MEP and Mr P Robinson MP.

This House resolves that Sinn Féin does not enjoy the confidence of the Assembly because it is not committed to non-violence and exclusively peaceful and democratic means and, therefore, consistent with the Northern Ireland Act 1998 determines that members of Sinn Féin shall be excluded from holding office as Ministers for a period of 12 months from the date of this resolution.

The Speaker invited the movers to demonstrate the support of 30 Members as required by Section 30(5)(a) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 to allow the Motion to be moved. Twenty-nine Members had offered support, in writing, on the Notice of

Motion. No further Members indicated assent. The Speaker therefore ruled that the Motion could not be moved and, therefore, fell.

9. **Adjournment**

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 10.42 am.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
8 February 2000

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

7 and 8 FEBRUARY 2000

DIVISIONS

Division No 1

Amendment

Proposed: At the end add

“and to add that day to the list of official flag days.”

[Mr J Wilson]

The Amendment was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 50

Noes : 32

Ayes

Ian Adamson, Fraser Agnew, Billy Armstrong, Roy Beggs, Billy Bell, Tom Benson, Paul Berry, Esmond Birnie, Norman Boyd, Gregory Campbell, Mervyn Carrick, Joan Carson, Wilson Clyde, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, Nigel Dodds, Reg Empey, Sam Foster, Oliver Gibson, John Gorman, William Hay, David Hilditch, Derek Hussey, Billy Hutchinson, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, David McClarty, William McCrea, Alan McFarland, Michael McGimpsey, Maurice Morrow, Ian Paisley Jnr, Ian R K Paisley, Edwin Poots, Iris Robinson, Ken Robinson, Mark Robinson, Peter Robinson, George Savage, Jim Shannon, David Trimble, Denis Watson, Peter Weir, Jim Wells, Jim Wilson, Sammy Wilson.

Noes

Alex Attwood, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, John Dallat, Arthur Doherty, Pat Doherty, Mark Durkan, Séan Farren, John Fee, Michelle Gildernew, Carmel Hanna, Joe Hendron, John Kelly, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Séamus Mallon, Alex Maskey, Donovan McClelland, Alasdair McDonnell, Barry McElduff, Eddie McGrady, Gerry McHugh, Eugene McMenamin, Francie Molloy, Conor Murphy, Mary Nelis, Danny O'Connor, Dara O'Hagan, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, Bríd Rodgers, John Tierney.

Question accordingly **agreed** to.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY
PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY FROM
2 February to 8 February 2000

1. **Orders in Council**

2. **Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly Library by Statute**

3. **Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly**

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland:
The Administration of Income Support Benefit

NIA 8

4. **Assembly Reports**

5. **Statutory Rules**

(The department identified after each rule is for reference purposes only.)

6. **Consultation Documents**

7. **Departmental Publications**

8. **Agency Publications**

9. **Westminster Publications**

Northern Ireland Bill (Bill 61) & Explanatory Notes (Bill 61 – EN)

10. **Miscellaneous Publications**

11. **Assembly Research Papers**

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 5 JUNE 2000

and

TUESDAY 6 JUNE 2000

The Assembly met at 10.30 am, the Speaker in the Chair

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

- 1.1 Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **Executive Committee Business**

Statement

The Minister of Finance and Personnel, Mr Mark Durkan, made a statement to the Assembly on the procedures for Main Estimates and the Appropriation Act, following which he replied to questions.

Statement

The Minister of Finance and Personnel, Mr Mark Durkan, made a statement to the Assembly on the Main Estimates (2000-01), Supply Resolution and Appropriation Bill, following which he replied to questions.

Appropriation Bill

First Stage

The Minister of Finance and Personnel, Mr Mark Durkan, introduced a Bill to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of certain sums for the service of the year ending on 31st March 2001; to appropriate those sums for specified purposes and authorise other sums to be applied as appropriations in aid for those purposes; to authorise the Department of Finance and Personnel to borrow on the credit of the appropriated sums; and to repeal certain Appropriation Orders.

Bill passed First Stage and ordered to be printed (NIA Bill 5/99).

Ground Rents Bill

First Stage

The Minister of Finance and Personnel, Mr Mark Durkan, introduced a Bill to make provision for the redemption of certain ground rents and other periodic payments.

Bill passed First Stage and ordered to be printed (NIA Bill 6/99).

Dogs (Amendment) Bill

First Stage

The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Mrs Bríd Rodgers, introduced a Bill to make provision regarding the destruction of dogs under the Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1983.

Bill passed First Stage and ordered to be printed (NIA Bill 7/99).

Weights and Measures (Amendment) Bill

First Stage

The Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, Sir Reg Empey, introduced a Bill to amend the Weights and Measures (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 to allow self-verification of weighing or measuring equipment, testing by official EEA testers and pre-test stamping.

Bill passed First Stage and ordered to be printed (NIA Bill 8/99).

Statement

The Minister of Education, Mr Martin McGuinness MP, made a statement to the Assembly on the North/South Ministerial Council Sectoral Meeting held on 3 February 2000, following which he replied to questions.

The Assembly was suspended at 12.52 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.00 pm.

Statement

The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Mrs Bríd Rodgers, made a statement to the Assembly on the North/South Ministerial Council Sectoral Meeting held on 9 February 2000, following which she replied to questions.

Motion – Memorandum of Understanding and Supplementary Agreements

Proposed: That this Assembly takes note of the Memorandum of Understanding and Supplementary Agreements between Her Majesty's Government and the Northern Ireland Executive Committee.

[First Minister]
[Deputy First Minister]

Mr Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

Amendment

Proposed: Delete all after “Assembly” and add

“will not take note of the Memorandum of Understanding and Supplementary Agreements between Her Majesty’s Government and the Northern Ireland Executive Committee until the political parties have been consulted thereon.

[Rev Dr I R K Paisley MP MEP]

The Speaker in the Chair.

After debate, the Amendment being put, the Amendment **fell** (Division 1).

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** (Division 2).

Motion for Accelerated Passage

Proposed: That, in accordance with Standing Order 39(2), this Assembly grants accelerated passage to the Appropriation Bill.

[Minister of Finance and Personnel]

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** nemine contradicente.

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 4.54 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 10.30 am on Tuesday 6 June 2000.

The Speaker reported to the Assembly that a Petition of Concern in respect of the debate on Union Flags had been tabled and that it fulfilled the requirement of Standing Order 27 to allow the vote to be taken on 6 June 2000.

3. Private Members’ Business

3.1 Motion

Proposed: That this Assembly directs that the Union Flag shall be flown on Executive Buildings in Northern Ireland on all designated days in keeping with the arrangements for other parts of the United Kingdom and additionally on Parliament Buildings on all sitting days.

[Rev Dr I R K Paisley MP MEP]
[Mr N Dodds]

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **negatived** on a cross-community basis (Division 3).

The Sitting was suspended at 1.13 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

3.2 **Motion:**

Proposed: That this Assembly notes with approval the work to be completed by 30 June 2000 by public bodies in order to comply with the requirements of section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

[Mr C Murphy]

The Speaker in the Chair.

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** (Division 4).

4. **Royal Assent**

The Speaker informed Members that Royal Assent to the Financial Assistance for Political Parties Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 had been signified. This Act became law on 10 February 2000.

5. **Adjournment**

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 4.27 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker

7 June 2000

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

5 and 6 JUNE 2000

DIVISIONS

Division No 1

Amendment:

Proposed: Delete all after “Assembly” and insert:

“will not take note of the Memorandum of Understanding and Supplementary Agreements between Her Majesty’s Government and the Northern Ireland Executive Committee until the political parties have been consulted thereon.”

[Dr I R K Paisley MP MEP]

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 27

Noes : 53

Ayes

Fraser Agnew, Eileen Bell, Paul Berry, Norman Boyd, Gregory Campbell, Mervyn Carrick, Wilson Clyde, Nigel Dodds, David Ford, Oliver Gibson, William Hay, David Hilditch, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, Kieran McCarthy, William McCrea, Maurice Morrow, Séan Neeson, Ian Paisley Jnr, Ian R K Paisley, Edwin Poots, Mark Robinson, Patrick Roche, Jim Shannon, Jim Wells, Cedric Wilson, Sammy Wilson.

Noes

Ian Adamson, Billy Armstrong, Roy Beggs, Billy Bell, Tom Benson, Esmond Birnie, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, Joan Carson, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, John Dallat, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, Arthur Doherty, Mark Durkan, Reg Empey, David Ervine, Séan Farren, John Fee, Michelle Gildernew, John Gorman, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, Derek Hussey, Billy Hutchinson, John Kelly, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, Alban Maginness, Séamus Mallon, Alex Maskey, David McClarty, Alasdair McDonnell, Barry McElduff, Alan McFarland, Michael McGimpsey, Eddie McGrady, Eugene McMenamin, Pat McNamee, Monica McWilliams, Francie Molloy, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Dermot Nesbitt, Danny O'Connor, Dara O'Hagan, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, Ken Robinson, Bríd Rodgers, George Savage, Jim Wilson.

Amendment accordingly **fell**.

Division No 2

Proposed: That this Assembly takes note of the Memorandum of Understanding and Supplementary Agreements between Her Majesty's Government and the Northern Ireland Executive Committee.

[First Minister]

[Deputy First Minister]

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 52

Noes : 23

Ayes

Ian Adamson, Billy Armstrong, Roy Beggs, Billy Bell, Tom Benson, Esmond Birnie, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, Joan Carson, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, John Dallat, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, Arthur Doherty, Mark Durkan, David Ervine, Séan Farren, John Fee, Michelle Gildernew, John Gorman, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, Derek Hussey, Billy Hutchinson, John Kelly, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, Alban Maginness, Séamus Mallon, Alex Maskey, David McClarty, Alasdair McDonnell, Barry McElduff, Alan McFarland, Michael McGimpsey, Eddie McGrady, Eugene McMenamin, Pat McNamee, Monica McWilliams, Francie Molloy, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Dermot Nesbitt, Danny O'Connor, Dara O'Hagan, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, Ken Robinson, Bríd Rodgers, George Savage, Jim Wilson.

Noes

Fraser Agnew, Paul Berry, Norman Boyd, Gregory Campbell, Mervyn Carrick, Wilson Clyde, Nigel Dodds, Oliver Gibson, William Hay, David Hilditch, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, William McCrea, Maurice Morrow, Ian Paisley Jnr, Ian R K Paisley, Edwin Poots, Mark Robinson, Patrick Roche, Jim Shannon, Jim Wells, Cedric Wilson, Sammy Wilson.

The Motion was **carried**.

Division No 3

Proposed: That this Assembly directs that the Union Flag shall be flown on Executive Buildings in Northern Ireland on all designated days in keeping with the arrangements for other parts of the United Kingdom and additionally on Parliament Buildings on all sitting days.

[Rev Dr I R K Paisley MP MEP]
[Mr N Dodds]

The Question was put and the Assembly divided on a cross-community basis.

Ayes : 53
Noes : 41

Ayes

Unionist: Ian Adamson, Fraser Agnew, Pauline Armitage, Billy Armstrong, Roy Beggs, Billy Bell, Tom Benson, Paul Berry, Esmond Birnie, Norman Boyd, Gregory Campbell, Mervyn Carrick, Joan Carson, Wilson Clyde, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, Nigel Dodds, Boyd Douglas, Reg Empey, David Ervine, Sam Foster, Oliver Gibson, John Gorman, William Hay, David Hilditch, Derek Hussey, Billy Hutchinson, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, David McClarty, William McCrea, Alan McFarland, Michael McGimpsey, Maurice Morrow, Dermot Nesbitt, Ian Paisley Jnr, Ian R K Paisley, Edwin Poots, Ken Robinson, Mark Robinson, Patrick Roche, George Savage, Jim Shannon, David Trimble, Peter Weir, Jim Wells, Cedric Wilson, Jim Wilson, Sammy Wilson.

Noes

Nationalist: Alex Attwood, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, John Dallat, Bairbre de Brún, Arthur Doherty, Mark Durkan, Sean Farren, John Fee, Tommy Gallagher, Michelle Gildernew, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, John Kelly, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Alex Maskey, Donovan McClelland, Alasdair McDonnell, Barry McElduff, Martin McGuinness, Gerry McHugh, Eugene McMenamin, Pat McNamee, Francie Molloy, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Mary Nelis, Danny O'Connor, Dara O'Hagan, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, Bríd Rodgers, John Tierney.

Other: Eileen Bell, Seamus Close, David Ford, Kieran McCarthy, Monica McWilliams, Jane Morrice, Sean Neeson.

Total Votes	94	Total Ayes	53	(56.4%)
Nationalist Votes	34	Nationalist Ayes	0	(0.0%)
Unionist Votes	53	Total Ayes	53	(100.0%)

The Motion was **negatived**.

Division No 4

Proposed: That this Assembly notes with approval the work to be completed by 30 June 2000 by public bodies in order to comply with the requirements of section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

[Mr C Murphy]

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 37

Noes : 23

Ayes

Ian Adamson, Alex Attwood, Eileen Bell, P J Bradley, John Dallat, Bairbre de Brún, Arthur Doherty, Mark Durkan, David Ervine, Séan Farren, David Ford, Michelle Gildernew, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, John Kelly, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Alex Maskey, Kieran McCarthy, Donovan McClelland, Alasdair McDonnell, Barry McElduff, Alan McFarland, Gerry McHugh, Pat McNamee, Monica McWilliams, Francie Molloy, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Sean Neeson, Mary Nelis, Dermot Nesbitt, Danny O'Connor, Dara O'Hagan, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, John Tierney.

Noes

Fraser Agnew, Paul Berry, Norman Boyd, Gregory Campbell, Mervyn Carrick, Wilson Clyde, Nigel Dodds, Oliver Gibson, William Hay, David Hilditch, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, William McCrea, Maurice Morrow, Ian Paisley Jnr, Edwin Poots, Mark Robinson, Patrick Roche, Jim Shannon, Peter Weir, Jim Wells, Cedric Wilson, Sammy Wilson.

The Motion was **carried**.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY FROM

9 February 2000 to 6 June 2000

1. **Acts of the Northern Ireland Assembly**

Financial Assistance for Political Parties Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 (Chapter 1)

2. **Bills of the Northern Ireland Assembly**

Appropriation Bill: NIA Bill 5/99

Ground Rents Bill: NIA Bill 6/99

Dogs (Amendment) Bill: NIA Bill 7/99

Weights and Measures (Amendment) Bill: NIA Bill 8/99

3. **Orders in Council**

SI No 742 (N.I. 1) The Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order 2000

SI No 1110 (N.I. 2) Equality (Disability, etc.) (Northern Ireland) Order 2000

4. **Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly**

Fire Authority for Northern Ireland: Fleet Management (NIAO) NIA 9

Accounts of the Agricultural Loans Fund (Northern Ireland) for the year ended
31 March 1999 (DARD)

Accounts of the Staff Commission for Education and Library Boards 1998/99 (DENI)

44TH Report from the Examiner of Statutory Rules

Assembly Members' Pensions Determination 2000.

5. **Assembly Reports**

Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development: The Outcome of the December Fisheries Council; The Scheme to Assist Pig Farmers in the Republic of Ireland; Assistance for Beef Farmers in Pursuing Claims for Compensation against the French Government; Minutes of Evidence: 14th January 2000 (001/99/E)

Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development Agenda 2000 Rural Development Regulation Accompanying Measures Plan; Minutes of Evidence: 21st January 2000 (002/99/E)

Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development: Public Expenditure 2000/01: Provisional Budget Allocations; Minutes of Evidence: 28th January 2000 (003/99/E)

6. Statutory Rules

(The department identified after each rule is for reference purposes only.)

- SR No 497 The Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DARD)
- SR No 5 Employment Relations (1999 Order) (Commencement No. 2 and Transitional Provision) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DHFETE)
- SR No 6 Employment Rights (Increase of Limits) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DHFETE)
- SR No 7 Working Time (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DHFETE)
- SR No 8 Equal Opportunities (Employment Legislation) (Territorial Limits) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (OFMdFM)
- SR No 9 The Jobseeker's Allowance (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)
- SR No 10 Rabies (Importation of Dogs, Cats and Other Mammals) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DARD)
- SR No 11 Parking Places on Roads (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)
- SR No 12 Loading Bays on Roads (Goods Vehicles) (Omagh) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)
- SR No 13 Off-Street Parking (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)
- SR No 14 One-Way Traffic (Belfast) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)
- SR No 15 Cycle Tracks (Downhill, Portrush and Portstewart) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)
- SR No 16 Traffic Weight Restriction (Split Bog Road, Moneyslane) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)
- SR No 17 One-Way Traffic (Larne) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)
- SR No 18 Control of Traffic (Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)
- SR No 19 Traffic Weight Restriction (Ballydonaghy Road, Crumlin) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)
- SR No 20 Cycle Tracks (Bangor) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)
- SR No 21 Glenkyle Crescent, Newtownabbey (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)
- SR No 22 Control of Traffic (Bangor) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)
- SR No 23 Local Government (Superannuation) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)
- SR No 24 Plant Protection Products (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DARD)
- SR No 25 One-Way Traffic (Portaferry) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)
- SR No 26 Route U1062 Niblock Road, Antrim (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)
- SR No 27 Class Sizes in Primary Schools Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DE)
- SR No 28 Bus Lane (Saintfield Road, Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)
- SR No 29 Bus Lane (Ballygowan Road, Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No 30 Bus Lane (Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No 31 Bus Lane (Stranmillis Road, Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No 32 Cycle Tracks (Londonderry) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No 33 Cycle Tracks (Omagh) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No 34 Cycle Tracks (Cookstown, Derrylin and Omagh) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No 35 Planning (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No 36 The Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 37 The Jobseeker's Allowance (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 38 The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 39 The Inshore Fishing (Daily Close Time for Scallops) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DARD)

SR No 40 Food Protection (Shellfish Emergency Prohibitions) (Revocation) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DARD)

SR No 41 Rates (Regional Rates) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DFP)

SR No 42 The Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) 2000 (Lord Chancellor)

SR No 43 Local Government (Defined Activities) (Exemptions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No 44 Control of Traffic (Belfast) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No 45 Prohibition of Overtaking (Desertmartin Road, Moneymore) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No 46 Registered Rents (Increase) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 47 The Social Security Up-rating Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 48 The Social Security Benefits Up-rating and Miscellaneous Increases Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 49 The Social Fund (Maternity and Funeral Expenses) (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 50 Employment Rights (Increase of Limits (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DHFETE)

SR No 51 Optical Charges and Payments and General Ophthalmic Services (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DHSSPS)

SR No 52 Beet Seeds (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DARD)

SR No 53 Cereal Seeds (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DARD)

SR No 54 Fodder Plant Seeds (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DARD)

SR No 55 Oil and Fibre Plant Seeds (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DARD)

SR No 56 Vegetable Seeds (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DARD)

SR No 57 Charges for Drugs and Appliances (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DHSSPS)

SR No 58 Dental Charges (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DHSSPS)

- SR No 59 Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)
- SR No 60 The Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Levy) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)
- SR No 61 Assistance for Minor Works to Dwellings (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)
- SR No 62 Housing Renovation etc. Grants (Reduction of Grant) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)
- SR No 63 Price Marking Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DETI)
- SR No 64 Pensions Increase (Review) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DFP)
- SR No 65 The Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)
- SR No 66 Bus Lanes (Donegall Road, Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)
- SR No 67 Control of Traffic (Lurgan) Order (Northern Ireland) 200 (DOE)
- SR No 69 The Occupational Pensions Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)
- SR No 70 Education and Libraries (Defined Activities) (Exemptions) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DE)
- SR No 71 The Social Security (Immigration and Asylum) Consequential Amendments Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)
- SR No 72 Food (Animal Products from Belgium) (Emergency Control) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DHSSPS)
- SR No 73 The Animal Feedingstuffs from Belgium (Control) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DARD)
- SR No 74 The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)
- SR No 75 The Workmen's Compensation (Supplementation) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)
- SR No 76 Welfare of Animals (Slaughter or Killing) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DARD)
- SR No 77 Food Protection (Shellfish Emergency Prohibitions) (Revocation) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DARD)
- SR No 78 Food Standards Act 1999 (Transitional and Consequential Provisions and Savings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DHSSPS)
- SR No 79 Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (Lord Chancellor)
- SR No 80 Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (Lord Chancellor)
- SR No 81 Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (Lord Chancellor)
- SR No 82 Food Protection (Shellfish Emergency Prohibitions) (Strangford Lough) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DARD)
- SR No 83 Dairy Produce Quotas (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DARD)
- SR No 84 Environmental Impact Assessment (Forestry) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DARD)
- SR No 85 Electrical Equipment for Explosive Atmospheres (Certification) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DETI)

SR No 86 Health and Safety at Work Order (Application to Environmentally Hazardous Substances) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DETI)

SR No 87 Police (Health and Safety) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DETI)

SR No 88 One-Way Traffic (Enniskillen) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No 89 Control of Traffic (Belfast) (No. 2) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No 90 Road Races (Circuit of Ulster Easter Stages Rally) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 91 The Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 92 Route U1122 Drennan's Road, Aldergrove (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No 93 Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DETI)

SR No 94 Food Protection (Sheep Emergency Prohibitions) (Revocation) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DARD)

SR No 95 Cycle Tracks (Omagh) (No 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No 96 Road Races (Benbradagh Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 97 Road Races (Cookstown 100) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 98 Control of Asbestos at Work (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DETI)

SR No 99 Asbestos (Prohibitions) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DETI)

SR No 100 Asbestos (Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DETI)

SR No 101 The Planning (Control of Major – Accident Hazards) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No 102 Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges (Amendment) Regulation (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DHSSPS)

SR No 103 The Income Support (General) (Standard Interest Rate Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 104 The Social Security (Maternity Allowance) (Earnings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 105 The Social Security (Incapacity for Work) (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 106 The Social Security (Over Lapping Benefits) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 107 The Occupational and Personal Pensions Schemes (Penalties) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 108 The Potatoes Originating in Egypt (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DARD)

SR No 109 The Social Security (Approved Work) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 110 Poultry Breeding Flocks and Hatcheries Scheme (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DARD)

SR No 111 Road Races (North West 200) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 112 Road (Speed Limit) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No 113 Planning (General Development) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No 114 Personal Services (Direct Payments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DHSSPS)

SR No 115 Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No 116 Rates (Amendment) (1998 Order) (Commencement No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DFP)

SR No 118 Parking Places on Roads (Amendment No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No 119 Transport of Dangerous Goods (Safety Advisers) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DETI)

SR No 120 Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DETI)

SR No 121 The Education (Student Loans) (Repayment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DE)

SR No 122 Employment Relations (1999 Order) (Commencement No. 3 and Transitional Provision) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DHFETE)

SR No 123 Off-Street Parking (Amendment No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No 124 Road Races (Tandragee 100) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 125 The Income-Related and Jobseeker's Allowance (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 126 The Plant Health (Amendment No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DARD)

SR No 128 Cereal Seeds (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DARD)

SR No 129 Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No 130 Road Races (Drumhore Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 131 Motor Vehicles (Third-Party Risks) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No 133 The Welfare Reform and Pensions (1999 Order) (Commencement No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 135 The Social Security (National Insurance Number Information: Exemption) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 136 Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness, Equipment and Use) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No 137 Road Races (Banbridge Road Race) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 138 Seed Potatoes (Crop Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DARD)

SR No 139 The Children (1995 Order) (Commencement No. 4) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (NIO)

SR No 141 Road Races (Mid-Antrim 150) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 142 The Pensions on Divorce etc. (Provision of Information) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 143 The Pensions on Divorce etc. (Charging) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 144 The Pensions Sharing (Valuations) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 145 The Pension Sharing (Implementation and Discharge of Liability) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 146 The Pensions Sharing (Pension Credit Benefit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 147 The Pensions Sharing (Safeguarded Rights) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 148 Motor Cars (Driving Instruction) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No 149 Public Service Vehicles (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No 150 Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (Test Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No 151 Motor Vehicles Testing (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No 152 Goods Vehicles (Testing) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No 153 Road Races (Dundrod 150) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 154 Road Races (Croft Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 155 Road Races (Garron Point Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 157 Razor Shells (Prohibition of Fishing) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DARD)

SR No 158 The Undersized Whiting (Revocation) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DARD)

SR No 161 Motor Cycles (Eye Protectors) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No 164 Bus Lane (Ballyhenry Road, Newtownabbey) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 165 Land Registration (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DFP)

SR No 166 Cycle Tracks (Coleraine) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 167 Land Registry (Fees) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DFP)

SR No 168 Census Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (NIO)

SR No 169 Roads Vehicles Lighting Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No 170 Road Races (Eagles Rock Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No 172 Control of Traffic (Belfast) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 173 Parking Places on Roads (Ambulances) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 174 Road Races (Newtownards Road Race) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No 175 One-Way Traffic (Larne) (Amendment No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 179 Inspection of Premises, Children and Record (Children Accommodated in Schools) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DE)

SR No 180 Road Races (Cairncastle Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 181 The Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 182 The Welfare Reform and Pensions (1999 Order) (Commencement No. 4) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 183 The Social Security Revaluation of Earnings Factors Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 184 Horse Racing (Charges on Bookmakers) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DARD)

SR No 185 Food (Animal Products from Belgium) (Emergency Control) (Revocation) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DHSSPS)

SR No 186 Tetrachloroethylene in Olive Oil (Revocation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DHSSPS)

SR No 187 Medical Food Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DHSSPS)

SR No 188 Colours in Food (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DHSSPS)

SR No 189 Genetically Modified and Novel Foods (Labelling) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DHSSPS)

SR No 190 Food Protection (Shellfish Emergency Prohibitions) (Strangford Lough) (Revocation) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DHSSPS)

SR No 191 Meat (Enhanced Powers) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DHSSPS)

SR No 195 The Social Security (Attendance Allowance and Disability Living Allowance) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 196 The Income Support (General) (Standard Interest Rate Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 197 The Jobseeker's Allowance (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 198 The Census Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DFP)

SR No 201 One-Way Traffic (Belfast) (Amendment No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 202 One-Way Traffic (Newtownabbey) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

7. Consultation Documents

Equality Commission for Northern Ireland: Consultative Draft Corporate Plan 2000 – 2003

An Equality Scheme for the Northern Ireland Office (NIO)

Trustees of the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 1998 (DCAL)

A Youth Service for a New Millennium: Youth Service Policy Review (DE)

Public Consultation Draft Planning Policy Statement 7 (PSS7) Quality Residential Environments (DOE)

Climate Change: Draft UK Programme (DETR)

UK Management Plan for Exports and Imports of Waste: Consultation Paper (DETR)

Consultation Document on Student Finance in Northern Ireland (DHFETE)

“Minding our Health” A Draft Strategy for Promoting Mental and Emotional Health in Northern Ireland (DHSSPS)

Future of the Port of Belfast: Options Paper (DRD)

Draft Equality Scheme (EHSSB)

Proposals for the revision of the Approved Code of Practice “Rider Operated Lift Trucks – Operator Training” (HSENI)

Proposal for an amendment to the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 1994 (HSENI)

8. Departmental Publications

Circular 1/00 Northern Ireland Act Section 75: Statutory Equality Obligation (OFMdfM)

Northern Ireland Executive Non – Departmental Public Bodies 1999 Report (OFMdfM)

A Survey of Provision for Special Needs in Irish-Medium Primary Schools 1999 (DE)
Report by the Education and Training Inspectorate on Youth Service Drug Education Survey (DE)

Report on Physical Education in Secondary Schools (DE)

Report of a Survey on The Development and Use of Information and Communication Technology in Teaching and Learning in Colleges of Further and Higher Education (DE)

Northern Ireland Education Statistics 1986/87 – 1998/99 (DE)

Northern Ireland Structural Funds Plan 2000 – 2006 “Northern Ireland – a Region achieving Transition” (DETI)

Leapfrog to the Information Age (DETI)

Made in Northern Ireland, Sold to the World: Sales and Exports 1997/1998 - 1998/1999 (DETI)

Small Hydro-Electric Schemes – Impact on River Fisheries in Northern Ireland (DETI)

Northern Ireland Estimates 2000 – 2001 for the services under the Government of Northern Ireland for the year ending 31st March 2001

Partnerships in Caring: Standards or Service. A Review of Palliative Care in Northern Ireland (DHSSPS)

Waste Management Strategy (DOE)

Planning Policy Statement 9 (PPS 9) The Enforcement of Planning Control (DOE)

Northern Ireland Spring Supplementary Estimates 1999 – 2000 (DFP)

Statement of Sums Required on Account (DFP)

Seventh Report of the Equal Opportunities Unit (DFP)

Northern Ireland Structural Funds Plan 2000 –2006 (DFP)

Shaping Our Future: Draft Regional Strategic Framework for Northern Ireland: Report of the Panel Conducting the Public Examination (DRD)

“Shaping our Future” The Regional Development Strategy for Northern Ireland: Response by the Department for Regional Development to the Report of the Independent Panel following the Public Examination

Report of the Scottish Fee Support Review (The Quigley Report)

9. Agency Publications

Racial Attitudes and Prejudice in Northern Ireland (Report No. 1) (NISRA)

10. Westminster Publications

Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Chapter 1)
Representation of the People Act 2000 (Chapter 2)
Consolidated Fund Act 2000 (Chapter 3)
Armed Forces Discipline Act 2000 (Chapter 4)
Nuclear Safeguards Act 2000 (Chapter 5)
Electronic Communications Act 2000 (Chapter 7)
Terrorism Bill (HL Bill 49)
Police (Northern Ireland) Bill (Bill 125)
Review Body on Senior Salaries Report No. 45 (Cm 4567)
Northern Ireland Office 2000 Departmental Report: Expenditure Plans and Priorities (Cm 4621)
Accounts of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive for the year ended 1999 (Cm 4681)
Sports Council for Northern Ireland Lottery Distribution Account 1998 – 99 (HC 869)
Northern Ireland Affairs Committee: Second Report: Current Problems Relating to the Livestock Industry in Northern Ireland (HC 62)
Committee of Public Accounts: Eighteenth Report: The Industrial Development Board for Northern Ireland: Inward Investment (HC 66)
Northern Ireland Affairs Committee: First Report: Scrutiny of Non-Departmental Public Bodies in Northern Ireland (HC 179)
Independent Commission for Police Complaints for Northern Ireland: 1999 Annual Report (HC 366)
Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland: Payment to Irish Sport Horse Genetic Testing Unit Ltd, Roads Service: Bridge Assessment and Strengthening Programme - A Progress Report and Health and Personal Social Services: Executive Directors' and Senior Managers' Pay (HC 396)
1999 – 2000 Annual Report of the Assembly Ombudsman for Northern Ireland and the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Complaints (HC 436)
Northern Ireland Affairs Committee: Third Report: The Northern Ireland Office 2000 Departmental Report (HC 450)

SI No 155 The Public Order (Prescribed Forms) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000
SI No 176 The Social Security (Contributions) Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2000
SI No 346 The Social Security (Contribution) (Amendment No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2000
SI No 396 The Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Commencement) Order 2000
SI No 452 The Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997 (Amnesty Period) Order 2000
SI No 655 The Public Processions (Northern Ireland) Act 1998 (Audit and Accounts) Order 2000
SI No 667 The Social Security Benefit (Computation of Earnings) (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2000
SI No 690 The Social Security (Maternity Allowance) (Work Abroad) (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2000
SI No 728 The Social Security Contributions (Intermediaries) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2000

SI No 737 The Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 3) (Northern Ireland) 2000

SI No 741 The Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Modification) Order 2000

SI No 748 The Social Security Contributions (Notional Payment of Primary Class 1 Contribution) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2000

SI No 757 The Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating) Consequential Amendment (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2000

SI No 758 The Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 40 (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2000

SI No 796 The Tax Credits Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2000

SI No 965 The Inheritance Tax (Delivery of Accounts) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2000

SI No 1070 The Medicines (Sales or Supply) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Amendment Regulations 2000

SI No 1150 The Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 5) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2000

SI No 1325 The Tax Credits Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2000

SI No 1369 The Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000

SI No 1409 The Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997 (Amnesty Period) (No. 2) Order 2000

11. Miscellaneous Publications

The Northern Ireland Higher Education Council Annual Report 1998 – 1999

International Fund for Ireland Annual Report and Accounts 1998

Northern Ireland Council for the Curriculum Examinations and Assessment: Annual Report and Financial Statements 1996/97

Northern Ireland Council for the Curriculum Examinations and Assessment: Annual Report and Financial Statements 1997/98

Annual Report of the Certification Officer for Northern Ireland 1999

Guide to the Statutory Duties (A Guide to the Implementation of the Statutory Duties on Public Authorities Arising from Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998) (Equality Commission)

Review of the Criminal Justice System in Northern Ireland

NIACRO Annual Report 1998/1999 and Business Plan 1999/2000

Mapping the Road to Change: A Strategic Review of the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service

Londonderry Port and Harbour Commissioners 1999 Annual Report and Financial Statements

Northern Ireland Prison Service Corporate and Business Plan 2000 – 2003

Memorandum of Understanding

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 12 JUNE 2000

and

TUESDAY 13 JUNE 2000

The Assembly met at 10.30 am, the Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair

1. Personal Prayer or Meditation

1.1 Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. Executive Committee Business

Statement

The Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, Ms Bairbre de Brún, made a statement to the Assembly on the meeting of North/South Ministerial Council held on 4 February 2000, following which she replied to questions.

Motion – Supply

Proposed: That a sum, not exceeding £4,296,588,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st March 2001 for expenditure by Northern Ireland Departments.

[Minister of Finance and Personnel]

The Assembly was suspended at 1.00 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.00 pm.

Mr Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

Mr Speaker in the Chair.

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** *nemine contradicente*. In the absence of any voices to the contrary, the Speaker ruled the Motion to be **carried** with cross-community support.

The Speaker, in reply to an earlier request by Rev Dr I R K Paisley that the Assembly, should by leave, consider a Motion without notice, ruled that Standing Orders did not allow for Motions to be taken without notice.

Appropriation Bill

Second Stage

The Minister of Finance and Personnel, Mr Mark Durkan, moved that the Second Stage of the Appropriation Bill be agreed.

Bill NIA 5/99 passed Second Stage, *nemine contradicente*. In the absence of any voices to the contrary, the Speaker ruled that the Bill passed with cross-community consent. The Bill stood referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee.

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 5.57 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 10.30 am on Tuesday 13 June 2000.

Mr Speaker in the Chair.

3. **Statutory Committee Business**

Motion – United Christian Broadcasters

Proposed: That this Assembly calls upon the appropriate broadcast licensing authorities to facilitate United Christian Broadcasters in their use of unused AM frequencies.

[Chairperson of the Culture, Arts
and Leisure Committee]

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

4. **Adjournment**

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[Deputy Speaker
(Ms Jane Morrice)]

The Assembly adjourned at 12.15 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker

13 June 2000

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY FROM

7 JUNE 2000 to 13 JUNE 2000

1. Acts of the Northern Ireland Assembly

2. Bills of the Northern Ireland Assembly

3. Orders in Council

4. Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly

Estimate of the Expenses of the Northern Ireland Audit Office

5. Assembly Reports

6. Statutory Rules

(The Department identified after each rule is for reference purposes only.)

SR No 171 The Transport of Explosives (Safety Advisors) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (NIO)

SR No 177 Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No 178 Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No 204 Banbridge Road, Dromore (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No 205 Brentwood Park, Richhill (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No 206 Braniel Square, Castlereagh (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No 207 Riverdale Park South, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No 208 Route A4 Sligo Road, Enniskillen (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

7. Consultation Documents

8. Departmental Publications

Report of the Independent Commission on Policing for Northern Ireland: Implementation Plan (NIO)

Creating Places: Achieving Quality in Residential Developments (DOE & DRD)

9. Agency Publications

Monitoring Report No 10: A Profile of Northern Ireland Workforce; Summary of Monitoring Returns 1999 (Equality Commission for Northern Ireland)

Forest Service Corporate and Business Plans 2000/01 – 2004/05

Land Registers of Northern Ireland Corporate Plan 2000 – 2003 & Business Plan 2000 – 2001

Telecommunications Prior Approval Procedures: Development Control Advice Note 14 (The Planning Service)

Valuation and Lands Agency Corporate and Business Plan 2000/2001 – 2002/2003

10. Westminster Publications

Terrorism Bill (HL Bill 75)

SI No 1445 The Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Restoration of Devolved Government) Order 2000

SI No 1446 The Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) Order 2000

11. Miscellaneous Publications

12. Assembly Research Papers

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 19 JUNE 2000

and

TUESDAY 20 JUNE 2000

The Assembly met at 10.30 am, the Speaker in the Chair

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **Executive Committee Business**

Statement

The Minister of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment, Dr Séan Farren, made a statement to the Assembly on the Support Programme for University Research, following which he replied to questions.

Ground Rents Bill (NIA Bill 6/99)

Second Stage

Mr Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

The Minister of Finance and Personnel, Mr Mark Durkan, moved that the Second Stage of the Ground Rents Bill be agreed.

Bill NIA 6/99 passed Second Stage.

Appropriation Bill (NIA Bill 5/99)

Consideration Stage

Mr Speaker in the Chair.

Bill NIA 5/99 passed Consideration Stage, *nemine contradicente*. In the absence of any voices to the contrary, the Speaker ruled that the Bill passed with cross-community support.

3. **Statutory Committee Business**

Allowances to Members of the Assembly and Office Holders Bill (NIA Bill 2/99)

Consideration Stage

Amendments were proposed; debate ensued.

The Sitting was suspended at 1.23 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

Mr Speaker in the Chair.

4. **Question Time**

Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister

Questions were put to, and answered by, the First Minister and Deputy First Minister, Rt Hon D Trimble MP and Mr S Mallon MP.

Minister for Regional Development

Questions were put to, and answered by, the Minister, Mr P Robinson MP.

Minister of the Environment

Questions were put to, and answered by, the Minister, Mr S Foster.

Statutory Committee Business (Cont'd)

Bill (NIA 2/99) passed Consideration Stage; Amendments were moved and (by leave of the Assembly) withdrawn; Amendments were agreed to; then after debate Bill was passed and stood referred to the Speaker.

Motion – Pensions Trustees

Proposed: That the following Members are appointed as the Trustees of the Assembly Members' Pension Scheme:

Mr John Dallat
Mr John Kelly
Mr David McClarty
Mr Denis Watson
Mr Jim Wells

[Rev R Coulter]

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 4.45 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 10.31 am on Tuesday 20 June 2000.

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

5. **Private Members' Business**

Motion – Postal Services Bill

Proposed: That this Assembly is seriously concerned by proposals drawn up under the Postal Services Bill which will undermine economic prosperity and regeneration in rural areas.

[Mr J Dallat]

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

The Sitting was suspended at 12.14 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.00 pm.

Mr Speaker in the Chair.

Motion – Abortion Act 1967

Proposed: That this Assembly is opposed to the extension of the Abortion Act 1967 to Northern Ireland.

[Mr J Wells]

Amendment

Proposed: Delete all after “Assembly” and add:

“refers the question of the extension of the Abortion Act 1967 and related issues to the Health, Social Services and Public Safety Committee and requests that the Committee make a report to the Assembly on the matter within 6 months.”

[Ms Monica McWilliams]

Mr Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

Mr Speaker in the Chair.

After debate, the Amendment being put, the Amendment fell (Division 1).

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

6. **Adjournment**

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 5.45 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker

22 June 2000

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

19 and 20 JUNE 2000

DIVISIONS

Division No 1

Amendment:

Proposed: Delete all after “Assembly” and add:

“refers the question of the extension of the Abortion Act 1967 and related issues to the Health, Social Services and Public Safety Committee and requests that the Committee make a report to the Assembly on the matter within 6 months.”

[Ms Monica McWilliams]

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 15

Noes : 43

Ayes

Gerry Adams, Eileen Bell, David Ervine, Michelle Gildernew, Billy Hutchinson, Gerry McHugh, Mitchel McLaughlin, Pat McNamee, Monica McWilliams, Francie Molloy, Jane Morrice, Conor Murphy, Mary Nelis, Dara O'Hagan, Sue Ramsey.

Noes

Billy Armstrong, Alex Attwood, Roy Beggs, Paul Berry, Esmond Birnie, Norman Boyd, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, Gregory Campbell, Mervyn Carrick, Seamus Close, Wilson Clyde, Robert Coulter, John Dallat, Ivan Davis, Nigel Dodds, Arthur Doherty, Sam Foster, Tommy Gallagher, Oliver Gibson, Denis Haughey, William Hay, Joe Hendron, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, Danny Kennedy, Alban Maginness, Kieran McCarthy, Alasdair McDonnell, Maurice Morrow, Danny O'Connor, Eamonn O'Neill, Ian Paisley Jnr, Ian R K Paisley, Edwin Poots, Mark Robinson, Peter Robinson, Patrick Roche, Jim Shannon, John Tierney, Denis Watson, Peter Weir, Cedric Wilson.

The Amendment therefore falls.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY FROM

14 JUNE 2000 to 20 JUNE 2000

1. Acts of the Northern Ireland Assembly

2. Bills of the Northern Ireland Assembly

3. Orders in Council

4. Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly

The Industrial Development Board for Northern Ireland: Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 31 March 1999 together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon (NIA 11)

DFP Minute: DVTA Trading Fund

DHFETE Minute: Merger of Training and Employment Agency Training Centres and Further Education Colleges

DSD Minute: Transfer of DSD CRISP/CERS Loan Book to Ulster Community Investment Trust Ltd

5. Assembly Reports

6. Statutory Rules

(The Department identified after each rule is for reference purposes only.)

Draft SR Fair Employment (Monitoring) (Amendment) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 2000

SR No 213 Education (Student Support) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000
(DHFETE)

7. Consultation Documents

The Disability Discrimination Consultation Pack: Physical Adjustments to Premises
– 2004 Code (Equality Commission)

8. Departmental Publications

9. Agency Publications

10. Westminster Publications

Parades Commission for Northern Ireland: Statement of Accounts (HC 515)

Supreme Court of Judicature Northern Ireland Land Purchase Account 1998–99 (HC 526)

Draft Statutory Rule Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Designation of Public Authorities) Order 2000

11. Miscellaneous Publications

Annual Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life 1999–2000

Southern Area Children & Young People’s Committee: Children’s Services Plan Review 1999–2000 (Southern Health & Social Services Board)

Review of the Civil Justice System in Northern Ireland: Final Report (Civil Justice Reform Group)

12. Assembly Research Papers

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 26 JUNE 2000

and

TUESDAY 27 JUNE 2000

The Assembly met at 10.30 am, the Speaker in the Chair

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **Executive Committee Business**

Appropriation Bill (NIA Bill 5/99)

Final Stage

Mr Mark Durkan, the Minister of Finance and Personnel, moved that the Final Stage of the Appropriation Bill be agreed.

NIA Bill 5/99 passed Final Stage.

Statement

The First Minister and Deputy First Minister made a statement to the Assembly on their visit to Brussels on 21 June 2000, following which they replied to questions.

Fisheries (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 9/99)

First Stage

The Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure, Mr Michael McGimpsey, introduced a Bill to amend the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 on behalf of Mrs Bríd Rodgers, the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Bill passed First Stage and ordered to be printed (NIA Bill 9/99).

Weights and Measures (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 8/99)

Second Stage

Mr Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

Sir Reg Empey, the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, moved that the Second Stage of the Weights and Measures (Amendment) Bill be agreed.

NIA Bill 8/99 passed Second Stage.

3. **Private Members' Business**

Motion – PAC Report on IDB

Proposed: That this Assembly welcomes the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee Report on the Industrial Development Board (HC 66) and directs that the Northern Ireland Assembly Public Accounts Committee give continuing attention to the issues raised in the report.

[Dr D O'Hagan]

Debate ensued.

The debate and Sitting were, by leave, suspended at 1.30 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

Mr Speaker in the Chair.

4. **Question Time**

Minister of Education

Questions were put to and answered by, the Minister, Mr Martin McGuinness MP.

Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety

Questions were put to and answered by, the Minister, Ms Baírbre de Brún.

Minister of Finance and Personnel

Questions were put to and answered by, the Minister, Mr Mark Durkan.

5. **Executive Committee Business (Cont'd)**

Mr Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

Statement

Mr Mark Durkan, the Minister of Finance and Personnel, made a Statement to the Assembly on the meeting of the North/South Ministerial Council held on 16 June 2000, concerning Special European Union Programmes Body, following which he replied to questions.

6. **Private Members' Business (Cont'd)**

Motion – PAC Report on IDB

Mr Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

The debate, suspended at 1.30 pm, was resumed on the Motion That this Assembly welcomes the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee Report on the Industrial Development Board (HC 66) and directs that the Northern Ireland Assembly Public Accounts Committee give continuing attention to the issues raised in the report.

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **negatived** without division.

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 5.50 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 10.30 am on Tuesday 27 June 2000.

Mr Speaker in the Chair.

Motion – Public Transport

Proposed: That this Assembly notes with concern the poor state of the public transport system in Northern Ireland and proposes that the Minister for Regional Development should urgently implement a comprehensive and integrated public transport policy to redress this problem.

[Mr J Byrne]

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 12.30 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 1.00 pm.

Mr Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

Motion – Ulster Cancer Foundation

Proposed: That this Assembly welcomes the Ulster Cancer Foundation's document 'Cancer Services – Invest Now' and urges the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety to implement, as a matter of urgency, the recommendations contained in the report.

[Mrs E Bell]

[Mr P Berry]

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 2.47 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 3.00 pm.

7. **Private Notice Question - Transtec**

Sir Reg Empey, Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment replied to questions on a Private Notice Question tabled by Mrs Mary Nelis.

8. **Adjournment Debate**

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

Mr Eugene McMenamin spoke on Arts in Northern Ireland.

Mr David Ford spoke on PFI Scheme in Antrim.

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 5.43 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 6.02 pm.

9. **Statement**

Ms Bairbre de Brún, the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, made a Statement to the Assembly on the Fire Service, following which she replied to questions.

10. **Private Members' Business (Cont'd)**

Motion – Equality Commission

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

Proposed: That this Assembly notes the publication by the Equality Commission of their tenth Annual Monitoring Report, criticises the worsening under-representation of the Protestant community, particularly in the public sector, and calls upon the Equality Commission to address this problem as a matter of urgency.

[Mr G Campbell]

Debate ensued.

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **negatived** (Division 1).

11. **Adjournment**

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[Deputy Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 8.20 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker

28 June 2000

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

26 and 27 JUNE 2000

DIVISIONS

Division No 1

Proposed: That this Assembly notes the publication by the Equality Commission of their tenth Annual Monitoring Report, criticises the worsening under-representation of the Protestant community, particularly in the public sector, and calls upon the Equality Commission to address this problem as a matter of urgency.

[Mr G Campbell]

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 21

Noes : 27

Ayes

Roy Beggs, Paul Berry, Esmond Birnie, Norman Boyd, Gregory Campbell, Mervyn Carrick, Wilson Clyde, Robert Coulter, Ivan Davis, Nigel Dodds, William Hay, Derek Hussey, Roger Hutchinson, Danny Kennedy, William McCrea, Maurice Morrow, Ian Paisley Jnr, Peter Robinson, Peter Weir, Jim Wells, Sammy Wilson.

Noes

Eileen Bell, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, John Dallat, Bairbre de Brún, Arthur Doherty, Mark Durkan, John Fee, David Ford, Tommy Gallagher, Michelle Gildernew, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, John Kelly, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Alasdair McDonnell, Barry McElduff, Gerry McHugh, Francie Molloy, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Dermot Nesbitt, Dara O'Hagan, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, John Tierney.

The Motion was **negatived**.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY FROM

21 JUNE 2000 to 27 JUNE 2000

1. Acts of the Northern Ireland Assembly

2. Bills of the Northern Ireland Assembly

Allowances to Members of the Assembly Bill
(as amended at Consideration Stage) NIA Bill 2/99

3. Orders in Council

SI No. 1347 (N.I. 3) The Flags (Northern Ireland) Order 2000

4. Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland: Structural Maintenance for Roads (NIA 15)

5. Assembly Reports

Examiner of Statutory Rules Report on Draft Fair Employment (Monitoring)
(Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000

6. Statutory Rules

(The Department identified after each rule is for reference purposes only.)

SR No 212 The Legal Aid in Criminal Proceedings (Costs) (Amendment) Rules
(Northern Ireland) 2000 (Treasury)

SR No 214 The Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases)
(Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 215 The Social Security and Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 217 General Medical Services (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland)
2000 (DHSSPS)

SR No 219 Part-time Workers (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DHFETE)

7. Consultation Documents

8. Departmental Publications

9. Agency Publications

Planning Control for Hazardous Substances (Development Control Advice Note 12)
2nd Edition (The Planning Service)

10. Westminster Publications

Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Chapter 8)

Terrorism Bill (as amended on report) HL Bill 87

2nd Annual Report of the Parades Commission 1999 – 2000 (HC 540)

11. Miscellaneous Publications

12. Assembly Research Papers

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 3 JULY 2000

and

TUESDAY 4 JULY 2000

The Assembly met at 10.30 am, the Speaker in the Chair

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **Presiding Officer's Business**

The Speaker advised the Assembly of the untimely death of the motorcycle ace, Mr Joey Dunlop OBE.

Members of the Assembly offered their condolences.

The Speaker addressed a number of issues drawn to the attention of the Deputy Speakers during the sitting on 26 and 27 June 2000. [The Speaker reminded Members that references to Officials should always refer to an official position rather than to any named individual.]

3. **Executive Committee Business**

Statement

The First Minister and Deputy First Minister made a statement to the Assembly on the Agenda for Government, following which they replied to questions.

Mr Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

Statement

The Minister of Finance and Personnel, Mr Mark Durkan, made a statement to the Assembly on Financial Expenditure 2000/2001 – Reallocations, following which he replied to questions.

Statement

The Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure, Mr Michael McGimpsey, made a statement to the Assembly on the North/South Ministerial Council meetings held in sectoral format on 21 June 2000 concerning Inland Waterways and Language, following which he replied to questions.

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

Statement

The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Mrs Bríd Rodgers, made a statement to the Assembly on North/South Ministerial Council meetings held in sectoral format on 26 June 2000 concerning areas of co-operation, following which she replied to questions.

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 2.21 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

Mr Speaker in the Chair.

4. **Question Time**

Questions to the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development

Questions were put to and answered by the Minister, Mrs Bríd Rodgers.

Questions to the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure

Mr Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

Questions were put to and answered by the Minister, Mr Michael McGimpsey.

Questions to the Assembly Commission

Questions were put to, and answered by Mr Gregory Campbell on behalf of the Assembly Commission.

5. **Executive Committee Business (Cont'd)**

Mr Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

Dogs (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 7/99)

Second Stage

Mrs Bríd Rodgers, the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, moved that the Second Stage of the Dogs (Amendment) Bill be agreed.

After debate, NIA Bill 7/99 passed Second Stage.

Motions under Standing Order 39(4)

Mr Speaker in the Chair.

Motion - Ground Rents Bill (NIA Bill 6/99)

Proposed: That this Assembly grants leave to carry forth the Ground Rents Bill (NIA Bill 6/99) to allow its passage to continue in the next session.

[Minister of Finance and Personnel]

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** nemine contradicente.

Motion - Dogs (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 7/99)

Proposed: That this Assembly grants leave to carry forth the Dogs (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 7/99) to allow its passage to continue in the next session.

[Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development]

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** nemine contradicente.

Motion - Weights and Measures (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 8/99)

Proposed: That this Assembly grants leave to carry forth the Weights and Measures (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 8/99) to allow its passage to continue in the next session.

[Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment]

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** nemine contradicente.

Motion - Fisheries Bill (NIA Bill 9/99)

Proposed: That this Assembly grants leave to carry forth the Fisheries Bill (NIA Bill 9/99) to allow its passage to continue in the next session.

[Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development]

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** nemine contradicente.

The Sitting was suspended at 4.10 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 10.30 am on Tuesday 4 July 2000.

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

Motion – Fair Employment Regulations

Proposed: That the draft Fair Employment (Monitoring) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 be approved by the Assembly.

[First Minister]
[Deputy First Minister]

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

6. **Statutory Committee Business**

Allowances to Members of the Assembly Bill (NIA Bill 2/99)

Final Stage

Mr John Fee moved that the Final Stage of the Allowances to Members of the Assembly Bill be agreed.

NIA Bill 2/99 passed Final Stage.

Motions to amend Standing Orders

Mr Speaker in the Chair.

The Speaker drew attention to the established precedent that where there is clear support across the Assembly for a Motion with no dissenting voice, cross-community support will be established.

Proposed: That the Committee on Procedures be authorised to update Standing Orders of the Assembly for punctuation and grammar and annually to republish Standing Orders.

[Chairperson of Committee on
Procedures]

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** nemine contradicente.

Proposed: That in Standing Order 8:

In line 2 delete “two minutes” and insert “one minute”.

[Chairperson of Committee on
Procedures]

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **negatived** on a cross-community basis (Division 1).

Proposed: That in Standing Order 10:

In Standing Order 10(2)(b) delete all and insert “at the end of each sitting one hour shall be set aside for an Adjournment Debate”.

[Chairperson of Committee on
Procedures]

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** nemine contradicente.

Proposed: That in Standing Order 10:

In Standing Order 10(2)(c) delete “on each Tuesday on which there is a sitting”.

[Chairperson of Committee on
Procedures]

Amendment

Proposed: That in Standing Order 10:

add, and in Standing Order 10(9)(b) delete

“or in the case of a Tuesday after 3 o’clock.”

[Mr M Morrow]

After debate, the Amendment being put, the Amendment was **made**.

The Question being put, the Motion, as amended, was **carried** nemine contradicente.

Proposed: That in Standing Order 10:

In Standing Order 10(6) delete “on Monday sittings and at 3.00 pm on Tuesday sittings” and insert “on each day on which there is a sitting”.

[Chairperson of Committee on
Procedures]

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** nemine contradicente.

Proposed: That in Standing Order 10:

After Standing Order 10(11) add:

“(12) A Session of the Assembly shall be that period from the commencement of business following the Summer Recess until the end of the subsequent Summer Recess”.

[Chairperson of Committee on
Procedures]

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** nemine contradicente.

Proposed: That in Standing Order 20:

In Standing Order 20(1) delete “on Tuesdays”.

[Chairperson of Committee on
Procedures]

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** nemine contradicente.

Proposed: That in Standing Order 29:

After Standing Order 29(c) insert:

“(d) Further Consideration Stage: consideration of, and an opportunity for Members to vote on the details of the Bill including amendments to the Bill.”

[Chairperson of Committee on
Procedures]

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** nemine contradicente.

Proposed: That in Standing Order 31:

In Standing Order 31(2) after “three” insert “working”.

[Chairperson of Committee on
Procedures]

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** nemine contradicente.

Proposed: That after Standing Order 34 a new Standing Order be inserted:

“34(A) PUBLIC BILLS: FURTHER CONSIDERATION STAGE

- (1) When a Bill has passed Consideration Stage and stands referred to the Speaker, the terms of Standing Order 34 shall be applied to the Further Consideration Stage as they would to a Consideration Stage as described in Standing Order 34.
- (2) Members may speak more than once in debate during the Further Consideration Stage.
- (3) At the completion of the Further Consideration Stage the Bill shall stand referred to the Speaker.”

As a consequence, amend Standing Orders 33(14), (15) and (16) and 36(1): in each case before “Consideration” insert “Further”.

[Chairperson of Committee on
Procedures]

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** nemine contradicente.

Proposed: That in Standing Order 39:

In Standing Order 39(1) delete “seven” and insert “five working” and delete “(excluding Saturdays and Sundays)”

[Chairperson of Committee on
Procedures]

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** nemine contradicente.

Proposed: That in Standing Order 46:

In Standing Order 46(9) delete “a majority of the Members present and voting” and insert “simple majority. Voting”

[Chairperson of Committee on
Procedures]

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** nemine contradicente.

Proposed: That in Standing Order 53:

After Standing Order 53(6) add:

“(7) The Business Committee shall determine the dates of Recess.”

[Chairperson of Committee on
Procedures)

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** nemine contradicente.

Proposed: That Interpretation be amended:

Delete line 4 and insert “*Sitting Days* are all days Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays and Recess”.

[Chairperson of Committee on
Procedures)

Amendment

Proposed: That Interpretation be amended:

after line 4 insert “and line 5”.

[Mr M Morrow]

The Amendment being put, the Amendment was **made**.

The Question being put, the Motion, as amended, was **carried** nemine contradicente.

The Sitting was suspended at 11.28 am.

The Sitting resumed at 2.00 pm.

Mr Speaker in the Chair.

7. **Private Members' Business**

Motion – Exclusion

Proposed: That, in consequence of:

the failure of the Provisional IRA to offer up its illegal weaponry for destruction; its continuing threat, and pursuit, of terrorist outrages to secure its aims; its maintenance of an active terrorist organisation; its continuing engagement in murder and other acts of violence; and the fact that it is inextricably linked to Sinn Féin;

this Assembly resolves that Sinn Féin does not enjoy its confidence because it is not committed to non-violence and exclusively peaceful means;

and further resolves that, in accordance with section 30 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, this Assembly determines that members of Sinn Féin shall be excluded from holding office as Ministers for a period of twelve months from the date of this resolution.

[Rev Dr I R K Paisley MP MEP]
[Mr P Robinson MP]

Debate ensued.

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **negatived** on a cross-community basis (Division 2).

8. **Adjournment**

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 6.53 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker

4 July 2000

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

4 JULY 2000

DIVISIONS

Division No 1

Proposed: That in Standing Order 8:

In line 2 delete “two minutes” and insert “one minute”.

[Chairperson of Committee on
Procedures]

The Question was put and the Assembly divided on a cross-community basis.

Ayes : 31

Noes : 29

Ayes

Nationalist: Gerry Adams, Arthur Doherty, Pat Doherty, John Fee, Michelle Gildernew, Denis Haughey, John Hume, Gerry Kelly, John Kelly, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Alex Maskey, Alasdair McDonnell, Barry McElduff, Gerry McHugh, Eugene McMenamin, Pat McNamee, Francie Molloy, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Mary Nelis, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, John Tierney.

Unionist: Billy Bell, Ivan Davis, James Leslie, Alan McFarland, David Trimble, Jim Wilson.

Other: Monica McWilliams.

Noes

Unionist: Ian Adamson, Roy Beggs, Tom Benson, Paul Berry, Esmond Birnie, Mervyn Carrick, Joan Carson, Wilson Clyde, Robert Coulter, Nigel Dodds, Reg Empey, Sam Foster, Oliver Gibson, John Gorman, William Hay, Derek Hussey, Gardiner Kane, Danny Kennedy, David McClarty, William McCrea, Ken Robinson, George Savage, Jim Shannon, Denis Watson, Peter Weir, Jim Wells.

Other: Eileen Bell, Seamus Close, Sean Neeson.

Total Votes	60	Total Ayes	31 (51.7%)
Nationalist Votes	24	Nationalist Ayes	24 (100.0%)
Unionist Votes	32	Unionist Ayes	6 (18.8%)

The Motion was **negatived**.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

4 JULY 2000

DIVISIONS

Division No 2

Proposed: That, in consequence of:

the failure of the Provisional IRA to offer up its illegal weaponry for destruction; its continuing threat, and pursuit, of terrorist outrages to secure its aims; its maintenance of an active terrorist organisation; its continuing engagement in murder and other acts of violence; and the fact that it is inextricably linked to Sinn Féin;

this Assembly resolves that Sinn Féin does not enjoy its confidence because it is not committed to non-violence and exclusively peaceful means;

and further resolves that, in accordance with section 30 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, this Assembly determines that members of Sinn Féin shall be excluded from holding office as Ministers for a period of twelve months from the date of this resolution.

[Rev Dr I R K Paisley MP MEP]
[Mr P Robinson MP]

The Question was put and the Assembly divided on a cross-community basis.

Ayes : 32
Noes : 14

Ayes

Unionist: Fraser Agnew, Pauline Armitage, Roy Beggs, Paul Berry, Norman Boyd, Gregory Campbell, Mervyn Carrick, Wilson Clyde, Nigel Dodds, Boyd Douglas, Oliver Gibson, William Hay, David Hilditch, Derek Hussey, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, Robert McCartney, William McCrea, Maurice Morrow, Ian Paisley Jnr, Ian R K Paisley, Edwin Poots, Iris Robinson, Mark Robinson, Peter Robinson, Patrick Roche, Jim Shannon, Denis Watson, Peter Weir, Jim Wells, Cedric Wilson, Sammy Wilson.

Noes

Nationalist: Mark Durkan, John Fee, Joe Hendron, John Hume, Alban Maginness, Alex Maskey, Conor Murphy, Eamonn O'Neill, John Tierney.

Other: Eileen Bell, Seamus Close, David Ford, Kieran McCarthy, Sean Neeson.

Total Votes	46	Total Ayes	32 (69.6%)
Nationalist Votes	9	Nationalist Ayes	0 (0.0%)
Unionist Votes	32	Unionist Ayes	32 (100.0%)

The Motion was **negatived**.

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PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY FROM

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1. Acts of the Northern Ireland Assembly

2. Bills of the Northern Ireland Assembly

3. Orders in Council

4. Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly

Members' Contributory Pension (Northern Ireland) Fund Accounts 1997–98 (NIA 12)

Assembly Contributory Pension Fund Accounts 1997–98 (NIA 13)

Child Support Agency Annual Report & Accounts 1999/2000 (NIA 18)

The Rural Development Programme (Northern Ireland Audit Office) (NIA 19)

Performance Measurement and Reporting in the Rate Collection Agency (Northern Ireland Audit Office) (NIA 20)

Health Estates Annual Report and Accounts 1999/2000 (NIA 23)

Social Security Agency Annual Report and Accounts 1999-2000 (NIA 27)

Public Record Office of Northern Ireland Annual Report & Accounts 1999–2000 (NIA 28)

5. Assembly Reports

Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development: Retailing in Northern Ireland – A Fair Deal for the Farmer? (Vol I) (1/99/R)

Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development: Retailing in Northern Ireland – A Fair Deal for the Farmer? (Vol II) Minutes of Evidence, Appendices and Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report (1/99/R)

6. Statutory Rules

(The Department identified after each rule is for reference purposes only.)

SR No 209 The Welfare Reform and Pensions (1999 Order) (Commencement No. 5) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (Lord Chancellor)

SR No 210 The Divorce etc. (Pensions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (Lord Chancellor)

SR No 221 The Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 222 The Income Support (General) and Jobseeker's Allowance (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

7. Consultation Documents

Products of Animal Origin (Third Country Imports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DARD)

Active Community Initiative Draft Northern Ireland Action Plan (Voluntary Activity Unit)

8. Departmental Publications

9. Agency Publications

Parliamentary Constituency Mid-year Population Estimates 1991–1998 (NISRA)

Drinking Water Quality Report 1999 (Water Service)

10. Westminster Publications

SI No 1608 The Northern Ireland (Emergency and Prevention of Terrorism Provisions) (Continuance) Order 2000

11. Miscellaneous Publications

12. Assembly Research Papers