

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 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. **The Speaker's Business**

2.1 The Speaker informed Members that Mr Gregory Campbell had been appointed Minister for Regional Development on the resignation of Mr Peter Robinson MP and Mr Maurice Morrow had been appointed Minister for Social Development on the resignation of Mr Nigel Dodds. These appointments were made under the provisions of Section 18 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 and became effective on 27 July 2000. The Speaker further informed Members that Mr Edwin Poots had been appointed Chairman to the Committee of the Centre.

3. **Executive Committee Business**

3.1 **Statement**

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

4. **The Speaker's Business (Cont'd)**

4.1 **Motion – Ad Hoc Committee**

Proposed: That this Assembly appoints an Ad Hoc Committee to consider the draft Regulations laid by the Secretary of State under the Flags (Northern Ireland) Order 2000 and to submit a report to the Assembly by 16 October 2000.

Composition:	UUP	2
	SDLP	2
	DUP	2
	SF	2
	Other Parties	3

Quorum: The quorum shall be five.

Procedure: The procedures of the Committee shall be such as the Committee shall determine.

[Dr A McDonnell]

4.2 Amendment

Proposed: Delete from 'composition' to 'five' and insert:

Composition:

UUP	4
SDLP	4
DUP	3
SF	3
Alliance	1
NIUP	1
UUAP	1
NIWC	1
PUP	1

Quorum: The quorum shall be eight.

[Mr N Dodds]

[Mr D Ford]

Debate ensued.

The Sitting was suspended at 12.05 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 12.14 pm.

After debate, the Amendment being put, the Amendment was **made** without division.

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

5. Executive Committee Business (Cont'd)

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

5.1 Statement

The Minister for Regional Development, Mr Gregory Campbell, made a statement to the Assembly on Cryptosporidium, following which he replied to questions.

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 1.58 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.15 pm.

5.2 **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 July 2000, following which he replied to questions.

5.3 **Statement**

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

The Minister of the Environment, Mr Sam Foster, made a statement to the Assembly on the North/South Ministerial Council sectoral meeting held on 28 June 2000, following which he replied to questions.

5.4 **Statement**

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

5.5 **Statement**

Mr Speaker in the Chair.

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 30 June 2000, following which he replied to questions.

6. **Statutory Committee Business**

6.1 **Motion – Extension of Committee Stage for Weights and Measures Bill (NIA Bill 8/99)**

Proposed: That the period referred to in Standing Order 31(4) be extended by 14 calendar days to 16 October 2000, in relation to the Committee Stage of the Weights and Measures (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 8/99).

[Chairperson of Enterprise, Trade and Investment Committee]

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

6.2 **Motion – Membership of Statutory Committees**

Proposed: That Mr Roy Beggs shall replace the Rt Hon John D Taylor on the Committee of the Centre;
Mrs Joan Carson shall replace Reverend Robert Coulter on the Higher and Further Education Committee; and

Reverend Robert Coulter shall replace Mrs Joan Carson on the Health, Social Services and Public Safety Committee.

[Mr J Wilson]

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

6.3 **Motion – Committee on Standards and Privileges**

Proposed: That Mr Paul Berry shall replace Mr Edwin Poots on the Committee on Standards and Privileges.

[Mr N Dodds]

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

7. **Royal Assent**

The Speaker informed Members that Royal Assent to the Appropriation Act and to the Allowances to Members of the Assembly Act had been signified. These Acts became law on 25 July 2000.

8. **Adjournment**

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 5.04 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker

11 September 2000

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY FROM

5 JULY 2000 to 11 SEPTEMBER 2000

1. Acts of the Northern Ireland Assembly

Appropriation Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 (Chapter 2)

Allowances to Members of the Assembly Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 (Chapter 3)

2. Bills of the Northern Ireland Assembly

3. Orders in Council

4. Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly

Assembly Members' Pension Scheme (Northern Ireland) 2000 (NIA 10)

Environment and Heritage Service Annual Report
1 April 1999–31 March 2000 (NIA 14)

Driver and Vehicle Testing Agency Annual Report and Financial Statements 1999–
2000 (NIA 16)

Driver and Vehicle Licensing Northern Ireland Annual Report and Accounts 1999/00
(NIA 17)

Construction Service Annual Report and Financial Statements 1999–2000 (NIA 21)

Rivers Agency Annual Report and Accounts 1999/2000 (NIA 22)

Government Purchasing Agency Report and Accounts 1999–2000 (NIA 24)

Business Development Service (BDS) Annual Report and Accounts
1999–2000 (NIA 25)

Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency Annual Report and Accounts
1999/2000 (NIA 26)

Northern Ireland Assembly Register of Members' Interests Second Edition (NIA 29)

Valuation and Lands Agency Annual Report and Accounts 1999/2000 (NIA 30)

Northern Ireland Trading and Other Accounts 1998–99 (NIA 31)

Ordnance Survey of Northern Ireland Annual Report and Accounts 1999–2000 (NIA 32)

Industrial Research and Technology Unit 1999–2000 Annual Report and Accounts (NIA 33)

Water Service Annual Report and Accounts 1999–2000 (NIA 34)

The Planning Service Annual Report and Accounts 1999/2000 (NIA 35)

Rate Collection Agency Annual Report and Financial Statements 1999–2000 (NIA 36)

Land Registers of Northern Ireland Annual Report and Financial Statements 1999–2000 (NIA 38)

Standing Orders (NIA 39)

Charities Annual Report 1999 (NIA 05/00)

5. Assembly Reports

Committee for Finance and Personnel: Inquiry into European Union Structural Fund – The Peace II Programme (Report 3/99/R)

Committee for Regional Development: Future of the Port of Belfast: Minutes of Evidence for Wednesday 21 June 2000 with Appendices (Report 1/99/E)

6. Statutory Rules

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

SR No. 192 Employment Rights (Time Off for Study or Training) (1998 Order) (Commencement) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DHFETE)

SR No. 193 Employment Rights (Time off for Study or Training) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DHFETE)

SR No. 199 Fair Employment (Specification of Public Authorities) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (OFMDFM)

SR No. 223 Road Races (Carrickfergus Road Race) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No. 224 Anthrax (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DARD)

SR No. 225 Anthrax (Vaccination) Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DARD)

SR No. 227 The Crown Court (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2000 (Lord Chancellor)

SR No. 228 Fair Employment (Monitoring) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (OFMDFM)

SI No. 229 Cycle Tracks (Enniskillen) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No. 230 Road Races (Craigantlet Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No. 231 Road Races (Ulster Grand Prix) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No. 232 The Environmental Protection (Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls and other Dangerous Substances) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No. 233 Animal Feedstuffs from Belgium (Control) (Revocation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DHSSPS)

SR No. 234 Processed Cereal-based Foods and Baby Foods for Infants and Young Children (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DHSSPS)

SR No. 235 Infant Formula and Follow-on Formula (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DHSSPS)

SR No. 238 Road Races (Carrowdore 100) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No. 239 Roads (Speed Limit) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No. 240 Industrial Training Levy (Construction Industry) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DETI)

SR No. 241 The Social Security (Students Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No. 242 The Social Security (Students and Income-Related Benefits Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No. 243 The Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Amendment No. 2) 2000 (Lord Chancellor)

SR No. 244 The Education (Student Loans) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No. 245 The Social Security (Personal Allowances for Children Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No. 247 The Insolvency (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DETI)

SR No. 248 Foyle Area (Rivers Finn and Foyle Angling Permits) Regulations 2000 (DARD)

SR No. 249 The Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No. 251 The Social Security (Therapeutic Earnings Limits) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No. 252 On-Street Parking (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No. 253 Animals and Animal Products (Import and Export) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DARD)

SI No. 255 The Jobseeker's Allowance (Amendment No. 4) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SI No. 259 The Social Fund (Winter Fuel Payment and Maternity and Funeral Expenses (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No. 260 The Social Security (Bereavement Benefits Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No. 261 Industrial Tribunals (Consultation and Rules of Procedure) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DHFETE)

SR No. 262 The Stakeholder Pension Schemes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No. 263 The Social Security (Attendance Allowance and Disability Allowance) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No. 265 The Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment No. 5) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No. 266 The Social Security (Payment on account, Overpayments and Recovery) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

7. Consultation Documents

An Equality Scheme for the Northern Ireland Office

Animals (Records) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (Consultation Document) (DARD)

Disabled Persons: The Equality Commission (Time Limits) Regulations (Consultation by the Office of the First and Deputy First Minister)

Price Marking Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (SR 2000 No. 63): Consultation Document (DETI)

The Game Preservation Act (Northern Ireland) 1928 as Amended (Consultation Paper) (DOE)

Proposals for a New Formula for Distribution of the Resources Element of General Exchequer Grant (DOE)

Amendments to the Transfrontier Shipment of Waste Regulations 1994 (DOE)

Local Government Ethical Framework: Consultation Paper on a Code of Conduct for Councillors

Proposals for the Amendment of the Current System of Councillors' Allowances

Housing and Health: Towards A Shared Agenda (Housing Executive)

8. Departmental Publications

The Government's Annual Report 99/00

Weights and Measures (DETI)

Department of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment Business Plan 2000–2001

A Strategy for the Promotion of Literacy and Numeracy in Primary and Secondary Schools in Northern Ireland (DE)

A Follow-up Survey of Teachers Who Qualified in 1995 Department of Education Research Briefing (RB 1/2000)

Immersion Education: A Literature Review Department of Education Research Briefing (RB 2/2000)

9. Agency Publications

Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency Corporate and Business Plan 2000/01 – 2002/03

Business Development Service (BDS) Strategic Plan 2000 to 2003 and Business Plan 2000 to 2001

The Planning Service Corporate and Business Plans 2000/01 – 2002/03

Operating Plan 2000–2001 (Training and Employment Agency)

Rate Collection Agency Corporate and Business Plan 2000–20003

Rivers Agency Business Plan 2000/2001 and Corporate Plan 2000/2005

Roads Service Corporate Plan 2000–2003 and Business Plan 2000–2001

Water Service Corporate/Business Plan 2000-2005

10. Westminster Publications

Appropriation Act 2000 (Chapter 9)

Terrorism Act 2000 (Chapter 11)

Television Licences (Disclosure of Information) Act 2000 (Chapter 15)

Finance Act 2000 (Chapter 17)

Sea Fishing Grants (Charges) Act 2000 (Chapter 18)

Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000 (Chapter 19)

Learning and Skills Act 2000 (Chapter 21)

Local Government Act 2000 (Chapter 22)

Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (Chapter 23)

Postal Services Act 2000 (Chapter 26)

Police (Northern Ireland) Bill (HL Bill 102)

Memorandum of Understanding and Supplementary Agreements between the United Kingdom Government, Scottish Ministers, the Cabinet of the National Assembly for Wales and the Northern Ireland Executive (Cm 4806)

Northern Ireland Department of Finance and Personnel Memorandum on the Committee of Public Accounts Session 1999-00 (Cm 4822)

Northern Ireland Affairs Committee: Fifth Report: Public Expenditure in Northern Ireland: Inward Investment (Volume I) (HC 198 – I)

Northern Ireland Affairs Committee: Fifth Report: Public Expenditure in Northern Ireland: Inward Investment (Volume II) (HC 198 – II)

Northern Ireland Affairs Committee: Parades Commission: Minutes of Evidence (HC 463-i)

Northern Ireland Affairs Committee: Fourth Report: Northern Ireland Railways: Financial Provision for New Rolling Stock in 2000–01 (HC 512)

Legal Aid Fund (Northern Ireland) Account 1998–99 (HC 591)

Thirty Fourth Report of the Law Society of Northern Ireland on Legal Aid in Northern Ireland in 1998–1999 (HC 595)

Intervention Board Annual Report and Accounts 1999–2000 (HC 643)

Northern Ireland Prison Service Annual Report and Accounts 1999–2000 (HC 668)

Sentence Review Commissioners Annual Report 2000 (HC 685)

Report of the Chief Electoral Office for Northern Ireland 1999–2000 (HC 873)

Forensic Science Agency of Northern Ireland Annual Report and Accounts 1999–2000 (HC 844)

SI No 1368 The Medicines (Aristicola and Mu Tong etc.) (Temporary Prohibition) Order 2000

SI No 1646 The Explosive Substances (Hazard Information) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000

SI No 1787 The Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Designation of Public Authorities) Order 2000

SI No 1968 The Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996 (Appointed Day No. 10) Order 2000

SI No 2078 The Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 7) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2000

SI No 2086 The Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 6) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2000

11. Miscellaneous Publications

Harland and Wolff PLC Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2000

Laganside Corporation Annual Report 1999-2000

Planning Appeals Commission: Chief Commissioner's Annual Report: April 1999 to March 2000

The Planning Appeals Commission: Business Plan 2000/2001

Report of the Chief Constable 1999/2000

1999/2000 Inspection of Royal Ulster Constabulary
(Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary)

12. Assembly Research Papers

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 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**

2.1 **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 5 July 2000, following which she replied to questions.

2.2 **Fisheries Bill (NIA Bill 9/99)**
Second Stage

Mrs Bríd Rodgers, the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, moved that the Second Stage of the Fisheries Bill be agreed.

NIA Bill 9/99 passed Second Stage.

3. **Statutory Committee Business**

3.1 **Motion – Change to Membership**

Proposed: That Mr Conor Murphy shall replace Mr Mitchel McLaughlin on the Committee of the Centre.

[Mr A Maskey]

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

3.2 **Motion – Change to Membership**

Proposed: That Mr Pat McNamee shall replace Mr Conor Murphy on the Committee for Regional Development.

[Mr A Maskey]

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

3.3 **Motion – Business Committee**

Proposed: That Mr Nigel Dodds be appointed to the Business Committee.

[Mr O Gibson]

[Mr G Kane]

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

3.4 **Motion – Assembly Commission**

Proposed: That Mr Jim Wells be appointed to the Assembly Commission.

[Mr N Dodds]

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

4. **Private Members' Business**

4.1 **Motion – Fuel Costs**

Proposed: That this Assembly expresses its concern at the escalating price of fuel and calls on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to take measures to lessen the impact of high fuel costs on the economic well-being of Northern Ireland and its people, and to encourage other EU member states to bring their tax on fuel into line with neighbouring countries to allow fair competition and to discourage the illegal transportation of fuel across national boundaries.

[Mr N Dodds]

[Mr R Beggs]

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

The debate was, by leave, suspended at 2.30 pm.

5. **Question Time**

Mr Speaker in the Chair.

5.1 **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 Seamus Mallon MP.

5.2 **Questions to the Minister for Regional Development**

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

Questions were put to, and answered by, the Minister Mr Gregory Campbell.

5.3 **Questions to the Minister of the Environment**

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

Mr Speaker in the Chair.

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

6.1 **Motion – Fuel Costs**

The debate, suspended at 2.30 pm, was resumed on the Motion That this Assembly expresses its concern at the escalating price of fuel and calls on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to take measures to lessen the impact of high fuel costs on the economic well-being of Northern Ireland and its people, and to encourage other EU member states to bring their tax on fuel into line with neighbouring countries to allow fair competition and to discourage the illegal transportation of fuel across national boundaries.

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

7. **Adjournment**

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 5.11 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker

19 September 2000

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY FROM

12 SEPTEMBER 2000 to 18 SEPTEMBER 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

Statement of Accounts of The Sports Council for Northern Ireland
1 April 1998 to 31 March 1999 (NIA 06/00)

5. Assembly Reports

6. Statutory Rules

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

SR No. 250 Students Awards (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000
(DHFETE)

SR No. 254 Education (Student Support) (2000 Regulations) (Amendment)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DHFETE)

SR No. 268 the Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment No. 6) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No. 269 Road Races (Challenge 2000 Rally) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000
(DRD)

7. Consultation Documents

Modernising Regulation – The New Nursing and Midwifery Council – Consultation
Document

8. Departmental Publications

Concordat between The Northern Ireland Office and The Northern Ireland Executive
Committee (NIO)

Hospital Statistics (1 April 1999 – 31 March 2000) Volume 1: Programme of Care (DHSSPS)

Hospital Statistics (1 April 1999 – 31 March 2000) Volume 2a: Inpatient Speciality Tables (DHSSPS)

Hospital Statistics (1 April 1999 – 31 March 2000) Volume 2b: Outpatient Speciality Tables (DHSSPS)

Overview of the Interim Report of the Railways Task Force on the Future of the Railway Network in Northern Ireland (DRD)

9. Agency Publications

10. Westminster Publications

SI No. 2189 The Tax Credits Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 3) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2000

11. Miscellaneous Publications

12. Assembly Research Papers

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2000

and

TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 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**

2.1 **Statement**

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

2.2 **Statement**

The First Minister and Deputy First Minister made a statement to the Assembly on the Civic Forum, following which they replied to questions.

2.3 **Statement**

The Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, Sir Reg Empey, made a statement to the Assembly on Harland and Wolff plc, following which he replied to questions.

3. **Statutory Committee Business**

3.1 **Motion – New Deal Programme**

Proposed: That this Assembly calls on the Minister of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment, to review the New Deal Programme to tailor it to the needs of the long term unemployed in Northern Ireland.

[Chairperson, Higher and Further Education,
Training and Employment]

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

The Sitting was suspended at 2.00 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

4. **Question Time**

4.1 **Minister of Finance and Personnel**

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

The Sitting was suspended at 2.48 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 3.00 pm.

4.2 **Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety**

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

4.3 **Minister of Education**

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

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

5.1 **Motion – Retailing in Northern Ireland**

Proposed: That this Assembly accepts and endorses the findings and recommendations contained in the Agriculture Committee's Report: 'Retailing in Northern Ireland – A Fair Deal for the Farmer?' and urges the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development and everyone associated with the industry to take all necessary steps to implement the recommendations.

[Chairperson, Agriculture and Rural
Development Committee]

Mr Speaker in the Chair.

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

The Assembly was, by leave, suspended at 5.51 pm

The Sitting resumed at 10.30 am on Tuesday 26 September 2000.

Mr Speaker in the Chair.

6. **Private Members' Business**

6.1 **Motion – Housing**

Proposed: That this Assembly notes with concern the growing crisis in the availability of affordable housing and urges the Minister for Social Development to bring forward proposals to address this issue.

[Dr A McDonnell]

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

7. **Adjournment**

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 12.29 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker

26 September 2000

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY
PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY FROM
19 SEPTEMBER 2000 to 25 SEPTEMBER 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 Insolvency Service Annual Report and Account for the Year Ended 31 March 1999 (NIA 008/00)

5. Assembly Reports

6. Statutory Rules

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

SR No. 264 Student Awards (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DHFETE)

SR No. 267 The Prison and Young Offenders Centre (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2000 (NIO)

SR No. 270 Welfare of Animals Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DARD)

SR No. 271 Parking Places on Roads (Amendment No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

7. Consultation Documents

Draft Code of Practice on Industrial Action Ballots and Notice to Employers (DHFETE)

8. Departmental Publications

9. Agency Publications

10. Westminster Publications

SI No. 2208 The Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 8)
(Northern Ireland) Regulations 2000

11. Miscellaneous Publications

12. Assembly Research Papers

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 2 OCTOBER 2000

and

TUESDAY 3 OCTOBER 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**

2.1 **Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill**

First Stage

The Minister for Social Development, Mr Maurice Morrow, introduced a Bill to amend the law relating to child support; to amend the law relating to occupational and personal pensions; to amend the law relating to social security benefits and social security administration; to amend Part III of the Family Law Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 and Part V of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings (Northern Ireland) Order 1989; and for connected purposes.

Bill passed First Stage and ordered to be printed. (NIA Bill 1/00)

2.2 **Street Trading Bill**

First Stage

The Minister for Social Development, Mr Maurice Morrow, introduced a Bill to make provision for the regulation by district councils of street trading in their districts.

Bill passed First Stage and ordered to be printed. (NIA Bill 2/00)

2.3 **Health and Personal Social Services Bill**

First Stage

The Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, Ms Bairbre de Brún introduced a Bill to establish a Northern Ireland Social Care Council and make provision for the registration, regulation and training of social care workers; to make provision about the recovery of charges in connection with the treatment of road traffic casualties in health services hospitals; to amend the law about the health and personal social services; to confer power to regulate the profession of pharmaceutical chemist; and for connected purposes.

Bill passed First Stage and ordered to be printed. (NIA Bill 3/00)

2.4 **Family Law Bill**

First Stage

The Minister of Finance and Personnel, Mr Mark Durkan, introduced a Bill to make further provision for the acquisition of parental responsibility under Article 7 of the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995; and to provide for certain presumptions of parentage and for tests to determine parentage.

Bill passed First Stage and ordered to be printed. (NIA Bill 4/00)

2.5 **Defective Premises (Landlord's Liability) Bill**

First Stage

The Minister of Finance and Personnel, Mr Mark Durkan, introduced a Bill to amend the law as to the liability of landlords for injury or damage caused to persons through defects in the state of premises let under certain tenancies.

Bill passed First Stage and ordered to be printed. (NIA Bill 5/00)

3. **Statutory Committee Business**

3.1 **Motion – Extension of Committee Stage – Ground Rents Bill (NIA Bill 6/99)**

Proposed: That the period referred to in Standing Order 31(4) be extended by 54 calendar days to Monday, 27 November 2000 in relation to the Committee Stage of the Ground Rents Bill (NIA 6/99).

[Chairperson, Committee for Finance and Personnel]

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

3.2 **Motion – Committee Membership**

Proposed: That Mr Jim Wells be appointed to the Enterprise, Trade and Investment Committee.

[Mr N Dodds]

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

3.3 **Motion - Change of Membership**

Proposed: That Mr Nigel Dodds and Mr Peter Robinson MP shall replace Mr Gardiner Kane and Mr Oliver Gibson on the Committee for Finance and Personnel.

[Mr J Wells]

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

3.4 **Motion – Change of Membership**

Proposed: That Mr Ian Paisley Jnr shall replace Mrs Iris Robinson on the Business Committee.

[Mr N Dodds]

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

4. **Private Members' Business**

4.1 **Motion – Retail Outlets**

Proposed: That this Assembly calls for credible independent impact assessments before planning approval is granted for major retail outlets and asks for a moratorium on such developments until such time as there is a policy in place which gives shoppers maximum choice but at the same time protects the legitimate rights and needs of the indigenous retail trade.

[Mr J Dallat]

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

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

The Sitting was suspended at 1.26 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

Mr Speaker in the Chair.

5. **Question Time**

5.1 **Questions to the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development**

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

5.2 **Questions to the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure**

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

5.3 **Questions to the Assembly Commission**

Questions were put to, and answered by Reverend Robert Coulter on behalf of the Assembly Commission.

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

6.1 **Statement**

The Deputy First Minister made a statement to the Assembly, on behalf of those Ministers who attended the meeting, on the North/South Ministerial Council Meeting held on 26 September 2000, following which he replied to questions.

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

7.1 **Motion – Local Community Nursing**

Proposed: That this Assembly calls on the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety to ensure that appropriate funding for local community nursing is available for those patients in acute hospitals for whom nursing care is appropriate, so that bed blocking is removed and consultants can treat additional patients currently on waiting lists.

[Rev R Coulter]
[Mr A McFarland]

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 5.53 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 10.30 am on Tuesday 3 October 2000.

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

Debate continued.

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

7.2 **Motion – Pensions**

Proposed: That this Assembly calls for an immediate increase from the Chancellor of the Exchequer's package of £5.00 per week in retirement pensions and the restoration of the index linking of pensions to earnings.

[Mr K McCarthy]
[Mrs E Bell]

The Sitting was suspended at 12.28 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.00 pm.

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

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

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

8.1 **Motion – Accelerated Passage**

Proposed: That in accordance with Standing Order 40(2) this Assembly grants accelerated passage to the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill.

[Minister for Social Development]

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

9. **Private Notice Question**

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

Sir Reg Empey, Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, replied to a Private Notice Question tabled by Mr Tommy Gallagher.

10. **Adjournment**

Dr Alasdair McDonnell spoke on Traffic Congestion – Saintfield Road, Belfast.

Debate ensued.

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 4.00 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker

3 October 2000

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

2 OCTOBER 2000

DIVISIONS

Division No 1

Proposed: That this Assembly calls for credible independent impact assessments before planning approval is granted for major retail outlets and asks for a moratorium on such developments until such time as there is a policy in place which gives shoppers maximum choice but at the same time protects the legitimate rights and needs of the indigenous retail trade.

[Mr J Dallat]

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 33

Noes : 39

Ayes

Gerry Adams, Alex Attwood, Joe Byrne, John Dallat, Arthur Doherty, Pat Doherty, Mark Durkan, John Fee, Tommy Gallagher, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, John Kelly, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Seamus Mallon, Alex Maskey, Barry McElduff, Michael McGimpsey, Gerry McHugh, Eugene McMenamin, Pat McNamee, Monica McWilliams, Francie Molloy, Jane Morrice, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Mary Nelis, Danny O'Connor, Dara O'Hagan, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, John Tierney.

Noes

Ian Adamson, Fraser Agnew, Billy Armstrong, Roy Beggs, Billy Bell, Tom Benson, Paul Berry, Norman Boyd, Gregory Campbell, Mervyn Carrick, Joan Carson, Wilson Clyde, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, Nigel Dodds, David Ervine, John Gorman, William Hay, Derek Hussey, Billy Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, Danny Kennedy, William McCrea, Alan McFarland, Maurice Morrow, Ian Paisley Jnr, Edwin Poots, Mark Robinson, Peter Robinson, Patrick Roche, George Savage, Jim Shannon, John Taylor, Peter Weir, Jim Wells, Cedric Wilson, Sammy Wilson.

The Motion was **negatived**.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY FROM

27 SEPTEMBER 2000 to 2 OCTOBER 2000

1. Acts of the Northern Ireland Assembly

2. Bills of the Northern Ireland Assembly

Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill (NIA Bill 01/00)

Street Trading Bill (NIA Bill 02/00)

Health and Personal Social Services Bill (NIA Bill 03/00)

Family Law Bill (NIA Bill 04/00)

Defective Premises (Landlord's Liability) Bill (NIA Bill 05/00)

3. Orders in Council

4. Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly

Health and Personal Social Services: Executive Directors' Contracts and Termination Statements (Northern Ireland Audit Office) (NIA 01/00)

Northern Ireland Housing Executive 29th Annual Report 1st April 1999 to 31st March 2000 (NIA 10/00)

5. Assembly Reports

Public Accounts Committee 1st Report: Report on Road Safety in Northern Ireland (01/99/R)

6. Statutory Rules

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

SR No. 275 East Bread Street, Belfast (Stopping-Up) (Revocation) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No. 276 Route U1414 Franklyn Park, Lurgan (Stopping-Up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No. 277 Control of Traffic (Ballymena and Larne) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

7. Consultation Documents

8. Departmental Publications

From Pre-School to School: A Review of the Research Literature (DE)

The Effects of the Selective System of Secondary Education in Northern Ireland: Main Report (Gallagher Report) (DE)

The Effects of the Selective System of Secondary Education in Northern Ireland: Research Papers Vol. 1(DE)

The Effects of the Selective System of Secondary Education in Northern Ireland: Research Papers Vol. 2 (DE)

The Effects of the Selective System of Secondary Education in Northern Ireland Department of Education Research Briefing (RB 4/2000)

9. Agency Publications

10. Westminster Publications

SI No. 2344 The Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 9) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2000

11. Miscellaneous Publications

12. Assembly Research Papers

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 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**

2.1 **Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill (NIA Bill 1/00)**

Second Stage

Mr Maurice Morrow, the Minister for Social Development, moved that the Second Stage of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill be agreed.

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

Debate ensued.

Mr Speaker in the Chair.

Bill NIA 1/99 passed Second Stage.

3. **Private Members' Business**

3.1 **Motion – First Minister**

Proposed: That this Assembly has no confidence in the First Minister.

[Mr P Robinson MP]

[Mr N Dodds]

Debate ensued.

The Sitting was suspended at 1.33 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

4. **Question Time**

4.1 **Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment**

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

4.2 **Minister of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment**

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

4.3 **Minister for Social Development**

Questions were put to and answered by the Minister, Mr Maurice Morrow.

Mr Speaker in the Chair.

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

5.1 **Motion – First Minister**

The debate, suspended at 1.33 pm was resumed on the Motion That this Assembly has no confidence in the First Minister.

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

6. **Adjournment**

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 6.14 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker

9 October 2000

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

9 OCTOBER 2000

DIVISIONS

Division No 1

Proposed: That this Assembly has no confidence in the First Minister.

[Mr P Robinson MP]

[Mr N Dodds]

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 26

Noes : 52

Ayes

Paul Berry, Norman Boyd, Gregory Campbell, Mervyn 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, Patrick Roche, Jim Shannon, Denis Watson, Jim Wells, Cedric Wilson, Sammy Wilson.

Noes

Ian Adamson, Billy Armstrong, Alex Attwood, Roy Beggs, Billy Bell, Eileen Bell, Tom Benson, Esmond Birnie, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, Joan Carson, Séamus Close, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, John Dallat, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, Arthur Doherty, Mark Durkan, Reg Empey, David Ervine, Séan Farren, John Fee, David Ford, Sam Foster, Tommy Gallagher, John Gorman, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, Derek Hussey, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Séamus Mallon, Kieran McCarthy, David McClarty, Alasdair McDonnell, Alan McFarland, Michael McGimpsey, Eddie McGrady, Eugene McMenamin, Monica McWilliams, Jane Morrice, Dermot Nesbitt, Danny O'Connor, Eamonn O'Neill, Ken Robinson, Bríd Rodgers, George Savage, David Trimble, Jim Wilson.

The Motion was **negatived**.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY
PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY FROM
3 OCTOBER 2000 to 9 OCTOBER 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

Statistics of Scientific Procedures on Living Animals Northern Ireland 1999 (NIA 37)

General Consumer Council 15th Annual Report (NIA 00/12)

5. Assembly Reports

6. Statutory Rules

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

SR No. 280 Back Street at Carrick Hill, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No. 281 Longlands Road, Newtownabbey (Footway) (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No. 288 Roads (Speed Limit) (No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

7. Consultation Documents

8. Departmental Publications

9. Agency Publications

10. Westminster Publications

11. Miscellaneous Publications

BIH Housing Association Limited Annual Report 1999 – 2000

12. Assembly Research Papers

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 16 OCTOBER 2000

and

TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER 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**

2.1 **Motion – Message of Condolence**

Proposed: That a Message of Condolence be sent to the family of the late Rt Hon Donald Dewar MP MSP, as follows:

We, the Members of the Northern Ireland Assembly, extend our deepest sympathy on their grievous loss to the family of the Rt Hon Donald Dewar MP MSP and to the Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament on the death of the First Minister of Scotland, and wish to record our recognition of his devoted service to his country.

[First Minister]

[Deputy First Minister]

Members of the Assembly offered their condolences.

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 10.50 am as a mark of respect to The Rt Hon Donald Dewar MP MSP.

The Sitting resumed at 11.50 am.

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

2.2 **First Stage – Government Resources and Accounts Bill**

Mr Mark Durkan, the Minister of Finance and Personnel, introduced a Bill to make provision about government resources and accounts; and for connected purposes.

Bill passed First Stage and ordered to be printed. (NIA Bill 6/00)

2.3 **Health and Personal Social Services Bill (NIA Bill 3/00)**

Second Stage

The Second Stage of the Health and Personal Social Services Bill was **not moved**.

2.4 **Defective Premises (Landlord's Liability) Bill (NIA Bill 5/00)**

Second Stage

Mr Mark Durkan, the Minister of Finance and Personnel, moved that the Second Stage of the Defective Premises (Landlord's Liability) Bill be agreed.

Debate ensued.

Mr Speaker in the Chair.

NIA Bill 5/00 passed Second Stage.

2.5 **Personal Statement**

The First Minister, the Rt Hon David Trimble MP, made a personal statement to correct the record of the Assembly regarding a statement he had made during a debate in the Assembly on 9 October 2000.

2.6 **Street Trading Bill (NIA Bill 2/00)**

Second Stage

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

Mr Maurice Morrow, the Minister for Social Development, moved that the Second Stage of the Street Trading Bill be agreed.

Debate ensued.

NIA Bill 2/00 passed Second Stage.

The Sitting was suspended at 1.05 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

Mr Speaker in the Chair.

3. **Question Time**

3.1 **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.

3.2 **Minister for Regional Development**

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

Questions were put to, and answered by, the Minister, Mr G Campbell.

3.3 **Minister of the Environment**

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

Mr Speaker in the Chair.

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

4.1 **Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill (NIA Bill 1/00)**

Consideration Stage

Debate ensued on clauses to which Members had indicated their intention to oppose the question that they stand part of the Bill.

Question put: That Clauses 1-15 stands part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Question put: That Clause 16 stands part of the Bill was **agreed** (Division 1).

The Sitting was suspended at 6.13 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 10.30 am on Tuesday 17 October 2000.

Mr Speaker in the Chair.

4.2 **Statement**

Mr Mark Durkan, the Minister of Finance and Personnel, made a statement to the Assembly on the Budget 2001/2002, following which he replied to questions.

The Sitting was suspended at 12.03 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 1.30 pm.

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

4.3 **Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill (NIA Bill 1/00) (Cont'd)**

Consideration Stage (Resumed)

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

Question put: That Clauses 17-52, 54-69, Schedules 1-9 and the Long Title stands part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Question put: That Clause 53 stands part of the Bill was **agreed** (Division 2).

The Amendment tabled was **negatived** without division.

Annotated Marshalled List – Annex 1

Bill (NIA 1/00) passed Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker.

5. **Statutory Committee Business**

5.1 **Motion – Extension of Committee Stage – Fisheries (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 9/99)**

Proposed: That in accordance with Standing Order 31(4) the period referred to in Standing Order 31(2) be extended to Thursday, 14 December 2000 in relation to the Committee Stage of the Fisheries (Amendment) Bill (NIA 9/99).

[Chairperson of Culture, Arts and Leisure Committee]

Mr Speaker in the Chair.

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

5.2 **Motion – Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Flags**

Proposed: That the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Flags set up to consider the draft Regulations laid by the Secretary of State under the Flags (Northern Ireland) Order 2000 should be submitted to the Secretary of State as a Report of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

[Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee on Flags]

Debate ensued.

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

6. **Private Members' Business**

Motion – Secondary Education

Proposed: That this Assembly notes the recent Report 'The Effects of the Selective System of Secondary Education in Northern Ireland' and calls for wide-ranging consultations involving all of the education partners about the best way forward for post-primary education.

[Mr T Gallagher]

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

Debate ensued.

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

7. **Adjournment**

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 7.46 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker

17 October 2000

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

16 OCTOBER 2000

DIVISIONS

Division No 1

Proposed: That Clause 16 stand part of the Bill.

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 42

Noes : 34

Ayes

Ian Adamson, Billy Armstrong, Roy Beggs, Billy Bell, Tom Benson, Paul Berry, Esmond Birnie, Gregory Campbell, Mervyn Carrick, Joan Carson, Wilson Clyde, Robert Coulter, Ivan Davis, Nigel Dodds, Reg Empey, Sam Foster, Oliver Gibson, William Hay, David Hilditch, Derek Hussey, 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, Peter Robinson, Jim Shannon, David Trimble, Denis Watson, Peter Weir, Jim Wells, Sammy Wilson.

Noes

Eileen Bell, Joe Byrne, Seamus Close, John Dallat, Baírbre de Brún, Arthur Doherty, David Ervine, John Fee, David Ford, Tommy Gallagher, Michelle Gildernew, Joe Hendron, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Alex Maskey, Kieran McCarthy, Alasdair McDonnell, Barry McElduff, Martin McGuinness, Gerry McHugh, Mitchel McLaughlin, Pat McNamee, Monica McWilliams, Francie Molloy, Jane Morrice, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Séan Neeson, Mary Nelis, Danny O'Connor, Dara O'Hagan, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, John Tierney.

The Question was **agreed** to.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

17 OCTOBER 2000

DIVISIONS

Division No 2

Proposed: That Clause 53 stand part of the Bill.

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 41

Noes : 32

Ayes

Ian Adamson, Fraser Agnew, Pauline Armitage, Billy Armstrong, Roy Beggs, Billy Bell, Tom Benson, Paul Berry, Esmond Birnie, Gregory Campbell, Mervyn Carrick, Joan Carson, Wilson Clyde, Robert Coulter, Ivan Davis, Nigel Dodds, Sam Foster, Oliver Gibson, William Hay, David Hilditch, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, David McClarty, William McCrea, Alan McFarland, Maurice Morrow, Ian Paisley Jnr, Ian R K Paisley, Edwin Poots, Ken Robinson, Mark Robinson, Peter Robinson, George Savage, Jim Shannon, Denis Watson, Peter Weir, Jim Wells, Jim Wilson, Sammy Wilson.

Noes

Alex Attwood, Eileen Bell, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, Seamus Close, John Dallat, Arthur Doherty, David Ervine, John Fee, David Ford, Tommy Gallagher, Michelle Gildernew, Joe Hendron, Billy Hutchinson, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Alex Maskey, Kieran McCarthy, Alasdair McDonnell, Barry McElduff, Gerry McHugh, Mitchel McLaughlin, Eugene McMenamin, Pat McNamee, Monica McWilliams, Francie Molloy, Conor Murphy, Séan Neeson, Mary Nelis, Dara O'Hagan, Sue Ramsey, John Tierney.

The Question was **agreed** to.



**MARSHALLED LIST OF AMENDMENTS
TO BE MOVED AT CONSIDERATION STAGE
ON 17 OCTOBER 2000**

Amendments given up to and including Thursday, 12 October 2000

The Bill will be considered in the following order-

Clauses, Schedules and Long Title

Clause 16 *[Clause stands part]*

The Members listed below give notice of their intention to oppose the question that Clause 16 stand part of the Bill.

*Mr David Ford
Mr Séamus Close
Mr Kieran McCarthy
Mr David Ervine
Ms Monica McWilliams*

Clause 53 *[Clause stands part]*

The Members listed below give notice of their intention to oppose the question that Clause 53 stand part of the Bill.

*Mr David Ford
Mr Séamus Close
Mr Kieran McCarthy
Mr David Ervine
Ms Monica McWilliams*

CHILD SUPPORT, PENSIONS AND SOCIAL SECURITY BILL

Clause 54 *[Clause stands part]*

The Members listed below give notice of their intention to oppose the question that Clause 54 stand part of the Bill.

*Mr David Ford
Mr Séamus Close
Mr Kieran McCarthy
Mr David Ervine
Ms Monica McWilliams*

Clause 55 *[Clause stands part]*

The Members listed below give notice of their intention to oppose the question that Clause 55 stand part of the Bill.

*Mr David Ford
Mr Séamus Close
Mr Kieran McCarthy
Mr David Ervine
Ms Monica McWilliams*

Clause 56 *[Clause stands part]*

The Members listed below give notice of their intention to oppose the question that Clause 56 stand part of the Bill.

*Mr David Ford
Mr Séamus Close
Mr Kieran McCarthy
Mr David Ervine
Ms Monica McWilliams*

Clause 57 *[Clause stands part]*

The Members listed below give notice of their intention to oppose the question that Clause 57 stand part of the Bill.

*Mr David Ford
Mr Séamus Close
Mr Kieran McCarthy
Mr David Ervine
Ms Monica McWilliams*

CHILD SUPPORT, PENSIONS AND SOCIAL SECURITY BILL

Amendment 1 [*Negatived*]

Clause 68, Page 66, Line 26

at end insert—

‘() An order bringing in sections 16 or 53 to 57 will be subject to approval in draft.’

Mr David Ford
Ms Michelle Gildernew

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY FROM

10 OCTOBER 2000 to 16 OCTOBER 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

5. Assembly Reports

Report on Draft Regulations proposed under Article 3 of The Flags (Northern Ireland) Order 2000 (Ad Hoc 001/00/R)

Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development: First Report: Dogs (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 07/99) (01/00/R)

Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment: First Report: Report on the Weights and Measures (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 08/99) (01/00/R)

6. Statutory Rules

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

SR No. 283 Waterside, Coleraine Cycle/Pedestrian Bridge Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No. 289 Donegall Quay, Belfast (Stopping-up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No. 290 Route A26 Crankill Road, Ballymena (Stopping-up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No. 291 Nicholson's Court, Newry (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No. 293 Transport of Animals and Poultry (Cleansing and Disinfecting) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DARD)

7. Consultation Documents

8. Departmental Publications

Citizens First: Modernising Government Annual Report 2000 (Cabinet Office)

Assessment of Offshore Wind Energy Resources in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland (DETI and Dept. of Public Enterprise)

9. Agency Publications

Promoting Independence: A Review of Leaving and After-care Services (Social Services Inspectorate)

10. Westminster Publications

11. Miscellaneous Publications

Armagh Observatory and Planetarium Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2000

An Introduction to Ourselves (Diversity 21). Northern Ireland Millennium Company.

12. Assembly Research Papers

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 23 OCTOBER 2000

and

TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER 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**

2.1 **First Stage – Planning (Compensation, etc) Bill**

Sir Reg Empey, the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, on behalf of **Mr Sam Foster**, the Minister of the Environment, introduced a Bill to abolish the right to compensation in respect of certain planning decisions; and to amend Article 121(1)(c)(iv) of the Planning (Northern Ireland) Order 1991.

Bill passed First Stage and ordered to be printed. (NIA Bill 7/00)

2.2 **Health and Personal Social Services Bill (NIA Bill 3/00)**

Second Stage

Ms Bairbre de Brún, the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, moved that the Second Stage of the Health and Personal Social Services Bill be agreed.

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

Debate ensued.

Mr Speaker in the Chair.

NIA Bill 3/00 passed Second Stage.

2.3 **Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill (NIA Bill 1/00)**

Further Consideration Stage

Question put: That Clauses 1- 64, 66-69, Schedules 1-9 and the Long Title stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Amendment to Clause 65 was moved and, by leave of the Assembly, withdrawn.

Question put: That Clause 65 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Annotated Marshalled List - Annex 1

Bill (NIA1/00) passed Further Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker.

The Sitting was suspended at 12.05 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

3. **Question Time**

3.1 **Minister of Education**

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

3.2 **Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety**

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

Mr Speaker in the Chair.

3.3 **Minister of Finance and Personnel**

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

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

4.1 **Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill (NIA Bill 1/00)**

Final Stage

Mr Maurice Morrow, Minister for Social Development, moved that the Final Stage of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill (NIA 1/00) be agreed.

After debate NIA Bill 1/00 passed Final Stage. (Division 1)

The Sitting was suspended at 4.29 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 10.30 am on Tuesday 24 October 2000.

Mr Speaker in the Chair.

The Speaker reported that Mr Ian Paisley Jnr had used unparliamentary language during Question Time on 23 October 2000. Mr Paisley refused to withdraw the remarks and was ordered to withdraw immediately from the Chamber and its precincts during the remainder of the day's Sitting as provided for in Standing Order 60(1). Mr Paisley withdrew from the Assembly.

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

5.1 **Statement**

The First Minister, the Rt Hon David Trimble MP and Deputy First Minister, Mr Séamus Mallon MP made a statement to the Assembly on the Programme for Government, following which they replied to questions.

5.2 **Government Resources and Accounts Bill (NIA Bill 6/00)**

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

Second Stage

Mr Mark Durkan, the Minister of Finance and Personnel, moved that the Second Stage of the Government Resources and Accounts Bill be agreed.

Debate ensued.

NIA Bill 6/00 passed Second Stage.

The Sitting was suspended at 12.42 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.00 pm.

6. **Statutory Committee Business**

6.1 **Motion – Committee on Procedures**

Proposed: That Mr Nigel Dodds be appointed to the Committee on Procedures and that Mr Ian Paisley Jnr shall replace Mr Sammy Wilson as a Member of the Committee on Procedures.

[Mr N Dodds]

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

7. **Private Members' Business**

7.1 **Motion – Civic Forum**

Proposed: That this Assembly urges the First Minister and Deputy First Minister to take appropriate and immediate steps to appoint a representative of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland to the Civic Forum.

[Mr P Robinson MP]

[Mr N Dodds]

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

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

7.2 **Motion – Commonwealth Parliamentary Association**

Proposed: That this Assembly agrees to apply for admission to membership of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, such membership to be effective immediately on approval of the application by the General Assembly of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association; to abide by the provisions of the Constitution of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association; the required membership fee be paid to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association; and that this motion be communicated to the Secretariat of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association immediately following agreement.

[Ms J Morrice]

[Ms M McWilliams]

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

7.3 **Motion – Zero Waste Strategy**

Proposed: That this Assembly calls upon the Minister of the Environment to agree a waste management strategy which would progressively work towards zero waste targets. This Assembly believes that such a strategy is vital to the future economic, environmental and social well being of our society. Further, this Assembly calls for such targets to be achieved within a generation, that is by the year 2025. This Assembly further calls upon the Minister of the Environment to initiate joint actions with his southern counterpart to develop an All-Island zero waste management strategy.

[Mr M McLaughlin]

[Mr M Murphy]

7.4 **Amendment**

Proposed: Delete all after 'to' (line 1) and insert:

“set a target of 50% of domestic and non-domestic waste to be recycled or composted within 10 years, with further progressive reductions in line with best economic and environmental practice in other European regions.

This Assembly further calls upon the Minister of the Environment to initiate joint actions with his southern counterpart towards this end.”

[Mr D Ford]

[Mr K McCarthy]

After debate, the Amendment being put, the Amendment fell.

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

8. **Adjournment**

Mr Eddie McGrady MP spoke on the future of the Mournes.

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 7.27 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker

24 October 2000

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

24 OCTOBER 2000

DIVISIONS

Division No 1

Proposed: That the Final Stage of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill (NIA Bill 1/00) be agreed.

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 57

Noes : 14

Ayes

Billy Armstrong, Alex Attwood, Roy Beggs, Billy Bell, Eileen Bell, Paul Berry, Esmond Birnie, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, Gregory Campbell, Mervyn Carrick, Joan Carson, Séamus Close, Wilson Clyde, Robert Coulter, John Dallat, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, Nigel Dodds, Arthur Doherty, Mark Durkan, David Ervine, John Fee, David Ford, Tommy Gallagher, Oliver Gibson, Carmel Hanna, William Hay, Joe Hendron, David Hilditch, Derek Hussey, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, David McClarty, Donovan McClelland, Alasdair McDonnell, Alan McFarland, Michael McGimpsey, Maurice Morrow, Séan Neeson, Danny O'Connor, Eamonn O'Neill, Ian Paisley Jnr, Edwin Poots, Ken Robinson, Mark Robinson, George Savage, Jim Shannon, John Tierney, Denis Watson, Jim Wells, Jim Wilson, Sammy Wilson.

Noes

David Ervine, Michelle Gildernew, John Kelly, Barry McElduff, Gerry McHugh, Mitchel McLaughlin, Pat McNamee, Monica McWilliams, Francie Molloy, Jane Morrice, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Dara O'Hagan, Sue Ramsey.

The Motion was **carried**.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

24 OCTOBER 2000

DIVISIONS

Division No 2

Proposed: That this Assembly urges the First Minister and Deputy First Minister to take appropriate and immediate steps to appoint a representative of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland to the Civic Forum.

[Mr P Robinson MP]

[Mr N Dodds]

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 21

Noes : 52

Ayes

Fraser Agnew, Roy Beggs, Paul Berry, Gregory Campbell, Mervyn Carrick, Wilson Clyde, Nigel Dodds, Boyd Douglas, Oliver Gibson, William Hay, David Hilditch, Derek Hussey, Roger Hutchinson, Maurice Morrow, Edwin Poots, Ken Robinson, Mark Robinson, Jim Shannon, Denis Watson, Peter Weir, Jim Wells.

Noes

Ian Adamson, Billy Armstrong, Alex Attwood, Billy Bell, Eileen Bell, Esmond Birnie, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, Joan Carson, Seamus Close, John Dallat, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, Arthur Doherty, Pat Doherty, Reg Empey, David Ervine, John Fee, David Ford, Tommy Gallagher, Michelle Gildernew, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, Billy Hutchinson, John Kelly, James Leslie, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, David McClarty, Alasdair McDonnell, Barry McElduff, Alan McFarland, Eddie McGrady, Gerry McHugh, Mitchel McLaughlin, Eugene McMenemy, Pat McNamee, Monica McWilliams, Francie Molloy, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Sean Neeson, Mary Nelis, Dermot Nesbitt, Dara O'Hagan, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, George Savage, John Tierney, David Trimble, Jim Wilson.

The Motion was **negatived**.



Northern Ireland
Assembly

**MARSHALLED LIST OF AMENDMENTS
TO BE MOVED AT FURTHER CONSIDERATION STAGE
ON 23 OCTOBER 2000**

Amendments given up to and including Thursday, 19 October 2000

The Bill will be considered in the following order-

Clauses, Schedules and Long Title

Amendment 1 [*Withdrawn by leave*]

Clause 65, Page 64, Line 11

after 2nd 'that' insert ', and having regard to the age and understanding of the child,'

Ms Michelle Gildernew

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY FROM

18 OCTOBER 2000 to 24 OCTOBER 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

Labour Relations Agency Annual Report & Accounts 1999 – 2000
(NIA 13/00)

Report on Draft Regulations proposed under Article 3 of The Flags (Northern Ireland)
Order 2000 (NIA 15/00)

5. Assembly Reports

Committee for Education: First Report: Committee Response to the Northern Ireland
Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment (CCEA) Proposals for
Changes to the Northern Ireland Curriculum Framework
– Phase 1 Consultation (01/00/R)

Committee for Higher and Further Education, Training Employment: First Report:
Student Finance in Northern Ireland: Volume 1 – Report and Proceedings of the
Committee (01/00/R) and Volume 2 – Research (01/00/R)

6. Statutory Rules

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

SR No. 298 Marketing of Potatoes (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000
(DARD)

SR No. 299 Seed Potatoes (Tuber and Label Fees) (Amendment) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 2000 (DARD)

7. Consultation Documents

Consultation on the Future of School Performance Tables (DE)

8. Departmental Publications

Terrorism Act 2000 (Section 99) Draft Code of Practice (NIO)

9. Agency Publications

10. Westminster Publications

11. Miscellaneous Publications

12. Assembly Research Papers

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 6 NOVEMBER 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**

2.1 **Statement**

The Minister of the Environment, Mr Sam Foster, made a statement to the Assembly on the British-Irish Council Sectoral Meeting held on 2 October 2000, following which he replied to questions.

2.2 **Statement**

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

The Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, Ms Bairbre de Brún, made a statement to the Assembly on the general objectives and practices of the Food Standards Agency, following which she replied to questions.

2.3 **Family Law Bill (NIA Bill 4/00)**

Second Stage

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr Speaker in the Chair.

NIA Bill 4/00 passed Second Stage.

2.4 **Weights & Measures (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 8/99)**

Consideration Stage

The Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment moved that the Weights and Measures (Amendment) Bill do now pass Consideration Stage.

No amendments were tabled to the Bill.

Question put: That Clauses 1-5, the Schedule and Long Title stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Bill (NIA Bill 8/99) passed Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker.

The Sitting was suspended at 12.30 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

Mr Speaker in the Chair.

3. **Question Time**

3.1 **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.

3.2 **Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development**

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

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

3.3 **Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure**

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

Mr Speaker in the Chair.

4. **Private Members' Business**

4.1 **Motion – Electricity Costs**

Proposed: That this Assembly notes the high cost of electricity in Northern Ireland and calls on the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment to examine and review the electricity supply market in this region.

[Mr J Byrne]

4.2 **Amendment**

Proposed: After “electricity supply market” add “and distribution system”.

[Mr R Beggs Jnr]

After debate, the Amendment being put, the Amendment was **made** without division.

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

5. **Adjournment**

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 5.36 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
6 November 2000

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY FROM

25 October 2000 to 6 November 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

Northern Ireland Commissioner for the Rights of Trade Union Members Report and Accounts 1 April 1999–31 July 2000 and Northern Ireland Commissioner for Protection against Unlawful Industrial Action Report and Accounts 1 April 1999–31 July 2000 (NIA 14/00)

5. Assembly Reports

Report by the Examiner of Statutory Rules on SR No 270 Welfare of Farmed Animals Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 and SR No 292 Salaries (Assembly Ombudsman and Commissioner for Complaints) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000

6. Statutory Rules

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

SR No 297 Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No 300 Magistrates' Courts (Domestic Proceedings) (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2000 (Lord Chancellor)

SR No 302 The Education (1998 Order) (Commencement No. 4) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DE)

SR No 303 Food Irradiation Provisions Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DARD)

SR No 305 Level Crossing (Antrim) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 306 Level Crossing (Kingsmoss East) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 307 Level Crossing (Kingsmoss West) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 308 Level Crossing (Ballymartin) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 309 Level Crossing (Kilmakee) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 310 Level Crossing (Kingsbog) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 312 Compulsory Registration of Title Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DFP)

SR No 313 Cycle Tracks (Lurgan) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 321 The Social Security Winter Fuel Payment (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 322 Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 324 The Statutory Maternity Pay (General) (Modification and Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

7. Consultation Documents

8. Departmental Publications

9. Agency Publications

Civil Service Commissioners for Northern Ireland Annual Report 1999–2000

Enterprise Ulster Annual Report 1999/2000

10. Westminster Publications

Police (Northern Ireland) Bill (HL Bill 119)

Probation Board for Northern Ireland Statement of Accounts 1998-99 (HC 372)

Funds in Court in Northern Ireland: Statement of Accounts 1997–1998 (HC 702)

SI No 2743 The Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 10) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2000

11. Miscellaneous Publications

12. Assembly Research Papers

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY 7 NOVEMBER 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**

2.1 **Statement**

The Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, Ms Bairbre de Brún, and the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Mrs Brid Rodgers, made a joint statement to the Assembly on the BSE Inquiry Report, following which they replied to questions.

2.2 **Planning (Compensation, etc) Bill (NIA Bill 7/00)**

Second Stage

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

Mr Sam Foster, the Minister of the Environment, moved that the Second Stage of the Planning (Compensation, etc) Bill be agreed.

Debate ensued.

NIA Bill 7/00 passed Second Stage.

The Sitting was suspended at 12.25 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.00 pm.

3. **Private Members' Business**

3.1 **Motion – Biomedical Sciences**

Proposed: That the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety takes immediate steps to redress the staffing inadequacies in the Biomedical Sciences in the Health Service and initiates a manpower planning exercise to consider the staffing levels, terms and conditions of employment of staff in these areas and establishes arrangements to address the needs of the Health Service in Northern Ireland in regard to this area of her responsibility.

[Mr R Hutchinson]
[Mr P Berry]

Mr Speaker in the Chair.

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

3.2 **Motion**

The following Motion stood on the Order Paper in the name of Mrs Eileen Bell and Mr David Ford.

That this Assembly calls on the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety to make representations to the Secretary of State on the need for a State Award to recognise the commitment to duty of members of the Fire Service in Northern Ireland.

The Motion was **not moved**.

4. **Adjournment**

Dr Alasdair McDonnell spoke on Planning Control in Belfast – Demolition of Built Heritage.

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 4.23 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
7 November 2000

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY
PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY FROM

6 November 2000 to 7 November 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**
5. **Assembly Reports**
6. **Statutory Rules**
(The department identified after each rule is for reference purposes only.)

SR No 323 Airfield Road, Eglinton (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000
(DRD)
7. **Consultation Documents**
8. **Departmental Publications**
9. **Agency Publications**
10. **Westminster Publications**
11. **Miscellaneous Publications**
12. **Assembly Research Papers**

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER 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. **The Speaker's Business**

2.1 The Speaker informed Members that he would be absent from the Assembly on Tuesday 14 November 2000.

3. **Executive Committee Business**

3.1 **Motion – Suspend Standing Orders**

Proposed: That this Assembly suspends Standing Order 10(2) and Standing Order 10(6) for Monday 13 November 2000.

[First Minister]
[Deputy First Minister]

Debate ensued.

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

3.2 **Motion – Programme for Government**

Proposed: That this Assembly notes the Executive Committee's proposed Programme for Government; notes that it will guide the public spending plans for 2001/02 in the Budget; notes that the Programme for Government will be presented for the approval of the Assembly in the New Year embracing Public Service Agreements for all Departments.

[First Minister]
[Deputy First Minister]

Debate ensued.

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 2.00 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

4. **Question Time**

4.1 **Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment**

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

4.2 **Minister of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment**

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

4.3 **Minister for Social Development**

Questions were put to and answered by the Minister, Mr Maurice Morrow.

The Speaker in the Chair.

5.0 **Executive Committee Business (Cont'd)**

5.1 *The debate, suspended at 2.00 pm, was resumed on the Motion - Programme for Government.*

That this Assembly notes the Executive Committee's proposed Programme for Government; notes that it will guide the public spending plans for 2001/02 in the Budget; notes that the Programme for Government will be presented for the approval of the Assembly in the New Year embracing Public Service Agreements for all Departments.

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

After debate, 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 6.48 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
13 November 2000

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY FROM

8 November 2000 to 13 November 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

5. Assembly Reports

6. Statutory Rules

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

SR No 335 The Pension Sharing (Consequential and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 336 The Pension Sharing (Contracting-out) (Consequential Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

7. Consultation Documents

New Opportunities from The Lottery: Proposals for the New Opportunities Fund (DCMS)

8. Departmental Publications

Myths and Reality: Teenage Pregnancy and Parenthood (DHSSPS)

9. Agency Publications

10. Westminster Publications

SI No 2024 The Northern Ireland (Sentences) Act 1998 (Amendment of Section 10)
Order 2000

11. Miscellaneous Publications

12. Assembly Research Papers

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2000

*The Assembly met at 10.30 am
Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair*

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

1.1 Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **Executive Committee Business**

2.1 **Statement**

The Minister of the Environment, **Mr Sam Foster**, made a statement to the Assembly on the North/South Ministerial Council Sectoral Meeting held on 23 October 2000, following which he replied to questions.

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

Consideration Stage

The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development moved that the Dogs (Amendment) Bill be given a Consideration Stage.

No amendments were tabled to the Bill.

Debate ensued on Clause 1.

Question put: That Clause 1 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Debate ensued on Clause 2.

Question put: That Clause 2 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Question put: That Clauses 3-6, and the Long Title stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Bill (NIA Bill 7/99) passed Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker.

3. **Executive Committee Business**

3.1 **Motion – Extension of Committee Stage**

Proposed: That in accordance with Standing Order 31(4) the period referred to in Standing Order 31(2) be extended to 31 January 2001 in relation to the Committee Stage of the Street Trading Bill (NIA Bill 2/00).

[Chairperson, Committee for Social Development]

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

3.2 **Motion – Draft Budget Proposal**

Proposed: That the Assembly takes note of the draft Budget Proposal announced on 17 October 2000 by the Minister of Finance and Personnel.

[Chairperson, Committee for Finance and Personnel]

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 12.34 pm.

The debate, suspended at 12.34 pm, was resumed at 2.00 pm on the Motion – Draft Budget Proposal.

That the Assembly takes note of the draft Budget Proposal announced on 17 October 2000 by the Minister of Finance and Personnel.

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

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

4. **Adjournment**

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 7.19 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
14 November 2000

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

ON 14 NOVEMBER 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

Pay Flexibilities for School Principals and Vice Principals (NIA 16/00)

5. Assembly Reports

6. Statutory Rules

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

SR No 301 The Sheep Annual Premium (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DARD)

SR No 325 Housing Renovation etc Grants (Reduction of Grant) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 332 The Welfare Reform and Pensions (1999 Order) (Commencement No. 6 and Transitional and Savings Provisions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 339 Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DHSSPS)

7. Consultation Documents

8. Departmental Publications

9. Agency Publications

Telecommunications for e-Business: A Users Guide (IRTU)

10. Westminster Publications

11. Miscellaneous Publications

12. Assembly Research Papers

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 20 NOVEMBER 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. **Speaker's Business**

2.1 The Speaker invited Mr Jim Wells to withdraw unparliamentary remarks made during the Plenary Sitting on 13 November 2000. Mr Wells refused and was ordered to withdraw immediately from the Chamber and its precincts during the remainder of the day's Sitting. Mr Wells withdrew from the Assembly.

3. **Executive Committee Business**

3.1 **Statement – October Monitoring**

The Minister of Finance and Personnel, Mr Mark Durkan, made a statement to the Assembly on the October Monitoring round, following which he replied to questions.

3.2 **Statement – North-South Ministerial Council –
Trade and Business Development**

The Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, Sir Reg Empey, made a statement to the Assembly on the meeting of the North-South Ministerial Council in Trade and Business Sectoral Format held on 27 October 2000, following which he replied to questions.

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

3.3 **Statement – North-South Ministerial Council – Tourism**

The Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, Sir Reg Empey, made a statement to the Assembly on the meeting of the North-South Ministerial Council in Tourism Sectoral Format held on 27 October 2000, following which he replied to questions.

3.4 **First Stage - Adoption (Intercountry Aspects) Bill (NIA Bill 8/00)**

Ms Bairbre de Brún, the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, introduced a Bill to make provision for giving effect to the Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in respect of Intercountry Adoption concluded at the Hague on 29th May 1993; to make further provision in relation to adoptions with an international element; and for connected purposes.

Bill passed First Stage and ordered to be printed. (NIA Bill 8/00)

3.5 **Further Consideration Stage**
Weights and Measures (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 8/99)

The Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment moved that the Weights and Measures (Amendment) Bill be given a Further Consideration Stage.

Question put: That Clauses 1-5, stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Question put: That the Schedule stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Question put: That the Long Title stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Bill (NIA Bill 8/99) passed Further Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker for his consideration in accordance with Section 10 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 12.59 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

The Speaker in the Chair.

4. **Question Time**

4.1 **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.

4.2 **Minister for Regional Development**

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

Questions were put to and answered by the Minister, Mr Gregory Campbell.

4.3 **Minister of the Environment**

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

The Speaker in the Chair.

5. **Statutory Committee Business**

5.1 **Motion – Extension of Committee Stage -
Health and Personal Social Services Bill (NIA Bill 3/00)**

Proposed: That in accordance with Standing Order 31(4) the period referred to in Standing Order 31(2) be extended to Friday 23 February 2001 in relation to the Committee Stage of the Health and Personal Social Services Bill (NIA 3/00).

[Chairperson, Committee for Health,
Social Services and Public Safety]

Debate ensued.

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

5.2 **Motion – Extension of Committee Stage –
Defective Premises (Landlord’s Liability) Bill (NIA Bill 5/00)**

Proposed: That in accordance with Standing Order 31(4) the period referred to in Standing Order 31(2) be extended to Friday 27 April 2001 in relation to the Committee Stage of the Defective Premises (Landlord’s Liability) Bill (NIA Bill 5/00).

[Chairperson, Committee for Finance and Personnel]

Debate ensued.

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

5.3 **Motion – Extension of Committee Stage –
Government Resources and Accounts Bill (NIA Bill 6/00)**

Proposed: That in accordance with Standing Order 31(4) the period referred to in Standing Order 31(2) be extended to Friday 2 March 2001 in relation to the Committee Stage of the Government Resources and Accounts Bill (NIA Bill 6/00).

[Chairperson, Committee for Finance and Personnel]

5.4 **Amendment**

Proposed: In line 2 after ‘Friday’ delete ‘2 March’ and insert ‘26 January’.

[Minister of Finance and Personnel]

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

After debate, the Amendment being put, the Amendment was **made** without division.

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

6. **Private Notice Question**

Fermanagh Creameries

Sir Reg Empey, the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, replied to a Private Notice Question tabled by Mr Gerry McHugh.

7. **Adjournment**

Mr David Ford spoke on Waste Management in the Eastern Region.

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 5.57 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
20 November 2000

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY FROM

15 November 2000 to 20 November 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

Climate Change: The UK Programme (NIA 19/00)

5. Assembly Reports

6. Statutory Rules

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

Courses for Drink-Drive Offenders (Experimental Period) (Extension) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No. 296 Education (Student Support) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DHFETE)

SR No. 328 Public Service Vehicles (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No. 330 Route U1071 Steeple Road, Antrim (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No. 331 Motor Vehicles (Compulsory Insurance) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No. 337 Torrens Gardens, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No. 341 Optical Charges and Payments (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DHSSPS)

SR No. 343 Parking Places on Roads (Amendment No. 4) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No. 345 Bus Lane (Queen's Quay, Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

7. Consultation Documents

8. Departmental Publications

9. Agency Publications

10. Westminster Publications

Police (Northern Ireland) Bill (HL Bill 127)

11. Miscellaneous Publications

12. Assembly Research Papers

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 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. **Royal Assent**

2.1 The Speaker informed Members that Royal Assent to the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 had been signified. The Act became law on 20 November 2000.

3. **Statutory Committee Business**

3.1 **Motion – Student Finance**

Proposed: That this Assembly approves the First Report of the Committee for Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment on Student Finance, and calls on the Minister of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment to implement the Committee's recommendations at the earliest feasible opportunity.

[Chairperson, Committee for Higher and Further Education,
Training and Employment]

Debate ensued.

3.2 **Amendment**

Proposed: Delete all after 'Assembly' and insert:

“notes the First Report of the Committee for Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment on Student Finance, and calls on the Minister of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment to consider the Committee's recommendations as he moves towards a conclusion of the Review of Student Support.”

[Minister of Higher and Further Education,
Training and Employment]

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

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

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 1.11 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

4. **Private Members' Business**

4.1 **Motion – Trust Port Status**

Proposed: That this Assembly notes the intention of the Minister for Regional Development to provide legislation regarding Trust Port Status and calls upon the Minister to safeguard the future of Northern Ireland Trust Ports including Londonderry and especially the smaller ports which will be affected by the announcement concerning the Port of Belfast.

[Mr W Hay]

[Mr J Wells]

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

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

4.2 **Motion – Compensation Payments**

Proposed: That this Assembly welcomes the announcement by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland on 7 November 2000, of payments to RUC widows, and the fund for injured police officers, retired officers and their families; and calls on the Secretary of State to provide the same level of assistance to Army/UDR/RIR widows, injured Army/UDR/RIR personnel, retired Army/UDR/RIR personnel and their families.

[Mr D Kennedy]

4.3 **Amendment No.1**

Proposed: In line 6 after 'personnel' insert:

“injured Prison Service personnel, retired Prison Service personnel and widows of Prison Service personnel.”

[Mr I Paisley Jnr]

4.4 **Amendment No.2**

Proposed: Delete all after ‘Assembly’ and insert:

“notes the statement of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland on 7 November 2000 regarding compensation payments and calls on him to provide the same level of assistance to all the victims, survivors and their families directly affected by the conflict here.”

[Mrs M Nelis]

Debate ensued.

After debate, Amendment No.1 being put, the Amendment was **carried** without division.

Amendment No.2 then being put, the Amendment **fell**.

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

5. **Adjournment**

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 5.50 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
21 November 2000

THE NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

21 NOVEMBER 2000

DIVISIONS

Division No 1

Proposed: Delete all after ‘Assembly’ and insert:

“notes the First Report of the Committee for Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment on Student Finance, and calls on the Minister of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment to consider the Committee’s recommendations as he moves towards a conclusion of the Review of Student Support.”

[Minister of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment]

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 33

Noes : 35

Ayes

Billy Bell, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, Joan Carson, Robert Coulter, John Dallat, Ivan Davis, Arthur Doherty, Mark Durkan, Séan Farren, John Fee, Tommy Gallagher, John Gorman, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, David McClarty, Donovan McClelland, Alasdair McDonnell, Alan McFarland, Michael McGimpsey, Eugene McMenamin, Danny O'Connor, Eamonn O'Neill, Ken Robinson, Bríd Rodgers, George Savage, John Tierney, Jim Wilson.

Noes

Eileen Bell, Paul Berry, Gregory Campbell, Mervyn Carrick, Wilson Clyde, Nigel Dodds, David Ford, Oliver Gibson, Michelle Gildernew, William Hay, David Hilditch, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, John Kelly, Alex Maskey, Kieran McCarthy, Barry McElduff, Gerry McHugh, Mitchel McLaughlin, Monica McWilliams, Francie Molloy, Maurice Morrow, Mick Murphy, Séan Neeson, Mary Nelis, Dara O'Hagan, Ian Paisley Jnr, Edwin Poots, Sue Ramsey, Mark Robinson, Jim Shannon, Denis Watson, Peter Weir, Jim Wells, Sammy Wilson.

The Amendment was **negatived**.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

ON 21 NOVEMBER 2000

- 1. Acts of the Northern Ireland Assembly**
- 2. Bills of the Northern Ireland Assembly**
Adoption (Intercountry Aspects) Bill (NIA Bill 08/00)
- 3. Orders in Council**
- 4. Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly**
- 5. Assembly Reports**
Public Accounts Committee: First Report: Report on the Administration of Income Support Benefit (01/00/R)
- 6. Statutory Rules**
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NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2000

*The Assembly met at 10.30 am
Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair*

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

1.1 Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **Executive Committee Business**

2.1 **Statement – North-South Ministerial Council –
Special EU Programmes**

The Minister of Finance and Personnel, Mr Mark Durkan, made a statement to the Assembly on the meeting of the North-South Ministerial Council – Special EU Programmes held on 15 November 2000, following which he replied to questions.

2.2 **Statement – North-South Ministerial Council –
Foyle, Carlingford and Irish Lights Commission**

The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Mrs Bríd Rodgers, made a statement to the Assembly on the meeting of the North-South Ministerial Council – Foyle, Carlingford and Irish Lights Commission held on 10 November 2000, following which she replied to questions.

2.3 **Statement – BSE**

The Speaker in the Chair.

The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Mrs Bríd Rodgers, made a statement to the Assembly on BSE, following which she replied to questions.

2.4 **Statement – Award to Fire Service**

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

2.5 **Motion – Social Security and Child Support Regulations**

Proposed: That this Assembly approves the Social Security and Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000.

[Minister for Social Development]

Debate ensued.

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

2.6 **Motion – Social Security (Students Amendment) Regulations**

Proposed: That this Assembly approves the Social Security (Students Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000.

[Minister for Social Development]

Debate ensued.

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

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 12.25 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

3. **Question Time**

3.1 **Minister of Education**

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

3.2 **Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety**

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

3.3 **Minister of Finance and Personnel**

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

4. **Private Members' Business**

4.1 **Motion – Fire Service**

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

Proposed: That this Assembly calls on the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety to make representations to the Secretary of State for a state award that will recognise the great sacrifice and commitment to duty of members of the Fire Service in Northern Ireland.

[Mr J Shannon]

[Mr W Hay]

4.2 **Amendment**

Proposed: In line 1 delete all after 'Assembly' and insert

'will institute an Assembly Award that recognises the great sacrifice and commitment to duty of members of the Fire Service in Northern Ireland and liaise with the Fire Service unions/representatives to examine any further awards.'

[Mr D O'Connor]

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

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

5. **Adjournment**

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 5.58 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
27 November 2000

THE NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

27 NOVEMBER 2000

DIVISIONS

Division No 1

Proposed: In line 2 delete all after 'Assembly' and insert

'will institute an Assembly Award that recognises the great sacrifice and commitment to duty of members of the Fire Service in Northern Ireland and liaise with the Fire Service unions/representatives to examine any further awards.'

[Mr D O'Connor]

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 43

Noes : 22

Ayes

Alex Attwood, Roy Beggs, Billy Bell, Eileen Bell, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, Robert Coulter, John Dallat, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, Baírbre De Brún, Arthur Doherty, Mark Durkan, Reg Empey, Séan Farren, John Fee, David Ford, Sam Foster, Tommy Gallagher, Michelle Gildernew, Carmel Hanna, Joe Hendron, John Hume, Derek Hussey, John Kelly, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Kieran McCarthy, Alasdair McDonnell, Alan McFarland, Michael McGimpsey, Eddie McGrady, Gerry McHugh, Pat McNamee, Francie Molloy, Séan Neeson, Danny O'Connor, Dara O'Hagan, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, Ken Robinson, John Tierney, David Trimble.

Noes

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

The Amendment was **agreed**.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

FROM 22 NOVEMBER 2000 TO 27 NOVEMBER 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

Development of Services for People with a Learning Disability or Mental Illness (NIA 2/00)

Separation of Younger From Older Patients in Hospital (NIA 3/00)

Residential Care of Handicapped Persons Under the Age of 65 (NIA 4/00)

5. Assembly Reports

Report by the Examiner of Statutory Rules on SR No 298 Marketing of Potatoes (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000, SR No 299 Seed Potatoes (Tuber and Label Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 and SR No 312 Compulsory Registry of Title Order (Northern Ireland) 2000

Committee for Finance and Personnel: First Report: Report on Ground Rents Bill (NIA Bill 06/99): Volume 1 – Report of the Committee (01/00/R)

Committee for Finance and Personnel: First Report: Report on Ground Rents Bill (NIA Bill 06/99): Volume 2 – Proceedings and Evidence (01/00/R)

6. Statutory Rules

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

SR No 327 Bus Permits (Designated Bodies) (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2000 (DOE)

SR No 333 Rates Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DFP)

SR No 338 One-Way Traffic (Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD) (Reissue)

SR No 349 The Personal Pensions Schemes (Payments by Employers) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 351 Cycle Routes (Coleraine to Portstewart) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 352 Bus Lane (East Bridge Street, Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 353 Control of Traffic (Belfast) (No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 359 Bus Lanes (Cregagh Road and Woodstock Road, Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

7. Consultation Documents

The Department of the Environment's Proposal to Implement its Powers and Functions in the Water (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (DOE)

Proposals to Introduce a Cost Recovery Scheme Covering Application Fees and Annual Charges for Discharges to Waterways and Underground Strata (DOE)

8. Departmental Publications

Economic Appraisal of the Options on the Future of the Port of Belfast (DRD)

9. Agency Publications

IDB Annual Report and Accounts 1999/2000

The Local Government Staff Commission for Northern Ireland Annual Report 1 April 1999 – 31 March 2000

Registrar General Northern Ireland Annual Report 1999

10. Westminster Publications

11. Miscellaneous Publications

12. Assembly Research Papers

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 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. **Private Members' Business**

2.1 **Motion – Economic Performance**

Proposed: That this Assembly welcomes the recent announcement of a continuing decline in the rate of unemployment; and calls on the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment and all Ministers whose departments have an impact on economic performance to continue to develop policies which promote a competitive, dynamic and sustainable economy.

[Dr E Birnie]

[Mr J Leslie]

2.2 **Amendment**

Proposed: In line 5 after 'economy' add

‘, taking account of the wider European economy.’

[Mr T Gallagher]

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

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

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 12.52 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.00 pm.

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

2.3 **Motion – On-Course Gambling**

Proposed: That this Assembly supports changes to the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 and any other relevant statutory provisions to legalise Sunday on-course track betting in Northern Ireland and calls upon the Minister for Social Development to bring forward proposals to this effect.

[Mr P J Bradley]

2.4 **Amendment No.2**

Proposed: Delete all after ‘supports’ and insert

‘the decision of the Minister for Social Development not to give further consideration to a change in the law to allow on-course Sunday betting until he has considered the implications for Northern Ireland of the outcome of the current gambling review in Great Britain.’

[Mr S Wilson]

Debate ensued.

2.5 **Amendment No.3**

Proposed: In line 4, after ‘Northern Ireland’ insert

‘and to provide for gaming machine permits to be made available to Turf Accountants,’

[Mr B Hutchinson]

After debate, Amendment No.2 being put, the Amendment **fell** (Division 2).

Amendment No.3 being put, the Amendment **fell** without division.

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

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

2.6 **Motion – Retainer Payment**

Proposed: That this Assembly supports the call for retainer payment to be made for term time only workers and commends the proposal of the Education Committee for the provision of funds from the Education budget to pay the salary cost incurred.

[Mr S Wilson]

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

3. **Adjournment**

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

Mr Ian Paisley Jnr spoke on Special Education Needs in Ballymena.

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 6.33 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
28 November 2000

THE NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

28 NOVEMBER 2000

DIVISIONS

Division No 1

Proposed: In line 5 after 'economy' add

' , taking account of the wider European economy.'

[Mr T Gallagher]

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 41

Noes : 35

Ayes

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

Noes

Billy Armstrong, Roy Beggs, Billy Bell, Paul Berry, Esmond Birnie, Gregory Campbell, Mervyn Carrick, Wilson Clyde, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, Boyd Douglas, Reg Empey, Sam Foster, Oliver Gibson, John Gorman, William Hay, David Hilditch, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, Robert McCartney, David McClarty, William McCrea, Alan McFarland, Maurice Morrow, Ian Paisley Jnr, Edwin Poots, Mark Robinson, George Savage, Jim Shannon, Denis Watson, Jim Wells, Jim Wilson, Sammy Wilson.

The Amendment was **agreed**.

THE NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

28 NOVEMBER 2000

DIVISIONS

Division No 2

Proposed: Delete all after 'supports' and insert

'the decision of the Minister for Social Development not to give further consideration to a change in the law to allow on-course Sunday betting until he has considered the implications for Northern Ireland of the outcome of the current gambling review in Great Britain.'

[Mr S Wilson]

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 27

Noes : 49

Ayes

Fraser Agnew, Billy Armstrong, Roy Beggs, Paul Berry, Esmond Birnie, Norman Boyd, Mervyn Carrick, Wilson Clyde, Robert Coulter, Boyd Douglas, Oliver Gibson, William Hay, David Hilditch, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, Danny Kennedy, William McCrea, Maurice Morrow, Ian Paisley Jnr, Edwin Poots, Peter Robinson, Patrick Roche, Jim Shannon, Denis Watson, Jim Wells, Cedric Wilson, Sammy Wilson.

Noes

Alex Attwood, Eileen Bell, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, Séamus Close, John Dallat, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, Arthur Doherty, Pat Doherty, David Ervine, John Fee, Tommy Gallagher, Michelle Gildernew, John Gorman, Carmel Hanna, Joe Hendron, Billy Hutchinson, John Kelly, James Leslie, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Séamus Mallon, Alex Maskey, Kieran McCarthy, Robert McCartney, David McClarty, Donovan McClelland, Alasdair McDonnell, Barry McElduff, Alan McFarland, Eddie McGrady, Martin McGuinness, Gerry McHugh, Mitchel McLaughlin, Eugene McMenamin, Pat McNamee, Monica McWilliams, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Séan Neeson, Mary Nelis, Danny O'Connor, Dara O'Hagan, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, George Savage, John Tierney, Jim Wilson.

The Amendment was **negatived**.

THE NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

28 NOVEMBER 2000

DIVISIONS

Division No 3

Proposed: That this Assembly supports changes to the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 and any other relevant statutory provisions to legalise Sunday on-course track betting in Northern Ireland and calls upon the Minister for Social Development to bring forward proposals to this effect.

[Mr P J Bradley]

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 48

Noes : 28

Ayes

Alex Attwood, Eileen Bell, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, Séamus Close, John Dallat, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, Arthur Doherty, Pat Doherty, David Ervine, John Fee, Tommy Gallagher, Michelle Gildernew, John Gorman, Carmel Hanna, Joe Hendron, Billy Hutchinson, John Kelly, James Leslie, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Séamus Mallon, Alex Maskey, Kieran McCarthy, Robert McCartney, Donovan McClelland, Alasdair McDonnell, Barry McElduff, Alan McFarland, Eddie McGrady, Martin McGuinness, Gerry McHugh, Mitchel McLaughlin, Eugene McMenamin, Pat McNamee, Monica McWilliams, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Séan Neeson, Mary Nelis, Danny O'Connor, Dara O'Hagan, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, George Savage, John Tierney, Jim Wilson.

Noes

Fraser Agnew, Billy Armstrong, Roy Beggs, Paul Berry, Esmond Birnie, Norman Boyd, Mervyn Carrick, Wilson Clyde, Robert Coulter, Boyd Douglas, Oliver Gibson, William Hay, David Hilditch, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, Danny Kennedy, David McClarty, William McCrea, Maurice Morrow, Ian Paisley Jnr, Edwin Poots, Peter Robinson, Patrick Roche, Jim Shannon, Denis Watson, Jim Wells, Cedric Wilson, Sammy Wilson.

The Motion was **carried**.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

ON 28 NOVEMBER 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**
- 5. Assembly Reports**
- 6. Statutory Rules**
(The department identified after each rule is for reference purposes only.)

SR No 361 The Child Benefit (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)
- 7. Consultation Documents**
- 8. Departmental Publications**
- 9. Agency Publications**
- 10. Westminster Publications**
- 11. Miscellaneous Publications**
- 12. Assembly Research Papers**

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 4 DECEMBER 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. **The Speaker's Business**

2.1 The Speaker informed Members that he had received a letter from Mr John Hume MP MEP, the Member for Foyle, resigning his seat in the Northern Ireland Assembly.

The Speaker ruled that subordinate legislation which did not require Assembly procedure should not be included in subordinate legislation which required an Assembly procedure on confirmatory and negative resolution procedures.

3. **Executive Committee Business**

3.1 **Statement – North-South Ministerial Council**

The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Mrs Bríd Rodgers, made a statement to the Assembly on the meeting of the North-South Ministerial Council agricultural sectoral meeting held on 17 November 2000, following which she replied to questions.

3.2 **Statement – Transport**

The Minister for Regional Development, Mr Gregory Campbell, made a statement to the Assembly on his recent meeting with his Scottish counterpart on transport following which he replied to questions.

3.3 **Adoption (Intercountry Aspects) Bill (NIA Bill 8/00)**

Second Stage

Ms Baírbre de Brún, the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, moved that the Second Stage of the Adoption (Intercountry Aspects) Bill be agreed.

Debate ensued.

NIA Bill 8/00 passed Second Stage.

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

Final Stage

Sir Reg Empey, the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, moved that the Final Stage of the Weights and Measures (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 8/99) be agreed.

Debate ensued.

NIA Bill 8/99 passed Final Stage.

4. **Statutory Committee Business**

4.1 **Motion –
Extension of Committee Stage – Family Law Bill (NIA Bill 4/00)**

Proposed: That in accordance with Standing Order 31(4) the period referred to in Standing Order 31(2) be extended to Friday, 27 April 2001 in relation to the Committee Stage of the Family Law Bill (NIA Bill 4/00).

[Deputy Chairperson, Committee for Finance and Personnel]

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

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 12.52 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

5. **Question Time**

5.1 **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.

5.2 **Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure**

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

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

5.3 **Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development**

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

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

6. **Private Members' Business**

6.1 **Motion – Bonded Labour**

Proposed: That this Assembly is appalled by the United Nations' estimate that some 20 million people are living in slavery around the world under the bonded labour system; expresses its concern over the repeated failures of Governments like Pakistan, India and Nepal to take adequate measures to eradicate the use of bonded labour in their countries; calls on the British and Irish Governments to work with their European Union partners to sponsor a resolution at the next United Nations Commission on Human Rights condemning this practice; and urges the International Labour Organisation to ensure at its Conference in June 2001 that independent and comprehensive surveys into the extent of bonded labour are carried out in countries where it persists.

[Mr E McGrady MP]

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

7. **Adjournment**

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 5.16 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
4 December 2000

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

FROM 29 NOVEMBER 2000 TO 4 DECEMBER 2000

1. Acts of the Northern Ireland Assembly

Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 (Chapter 4)

2. Bills of the Northern Ireland Assembly

3. Orders in Council

4. Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly

Department of Finance and Personnel Memorandum on the 1st Report from the Public Accounts Committee Session 1999–00 (NIA 22/00)

Mental Health Commission for Northern Ireland Annual Report and Accounts 1999/2000 (NIA 23/00)

5. Assembly Reports

Committee for the Environment: First Report: Report on the Planning (Compensation, etc.) Bill (NIA Bill 7/00) (01/00/R)

Committee for Finance and Personnel: Second Report: Report on the Draft Budget 2000/02 (02/00/R)

Committee for Health, Social Services and Public Safety: First Report: Inquiry into Residential and Secure Accommodation for Children in Northern Ireland: Vol. 1 – Report and Proceedings of the Committee (01/00/R)

Committee for Health, Social Services and Public Safety: First Report: Inquiry into Residential and Secure Accommodation for Children in Northern Ireland: Volume 2 – Minutes of Evidence (01/00/R)

6. Statutory Rules

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

SR No 329 The Family Proceedings (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2000 (Lord Chancellor)

SR No 346 The Common Agricultural Policy Support Schemes (Modulation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DARD)

SR No 354 Route U2216 Muldonagh Road, Limavady (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 355 Route C311 Garvaghy Church Road, Dromore (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 356 Cashel Drive, Newtownabbey (Stopping-up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 357 Queen's Park, Coleraine (Stopping-up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 358 The Child Support, Pensions and Social Security 2000 (Act) (Commencement No. 1) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DHSSPS)

SR No 360 The Social Security (Contracting-out and Qualifying Earnings Factor and Revision of Relevant Pensions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 362 The Sharing of State Scheme Rights (Provision of Information and Valuation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 364 Fisheries (Amendment No. 3) Byelaws (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DCAL)

SR No 365 The Social Security (Joint Claims: Consequential Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 366 The Social Security (Capital Limits and Earnings Disregards Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 367 The Social Security (Enhanced Disability Premium Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 368 The Occupational Pensions (Revaluation) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 370 Prohibition of Traffic (Johnston Park, Omagh) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

7. Consultation Documents

8. Departmental Publications

9. Agency Publications

Historic Buildings Council for Northern Ireland 1997 – 2000: 14th Report

- 10. Westminster Publications**
- 11. Miscellaneous Publications**
- 12. Assembly Research Papers**

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2000

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

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

1.1 Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **Private Members' Business**

2.1 **Motion – Agricultural Industry**

Proposed: That this Assembly recognises the difficulties facing the agricultural industry and the importance of the agricultural sector to the Northern Ireland economy and asks that the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development take a more proactive role in furthering the interests of the agricultural industry.

[Mr G Savage]

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 12.33 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.00 pm.

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

3 **Private Members' Business (Cont'd)**

3.1 *The debate, suspended at 12.33 pm, was resumed on the Motion – Agricultural Industry.*

That this Assembly recognises the difficulties facing the agricultural industry and the importance of the agricultural sector to the Northern Ireland economy and asks that the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development take a more proactive role in furthering the interests of the agricultural industry.

Mr Speaker in the Chair.

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

4. **Adjournment**

4.1 Mr Alban Maginness spoke on the reinstatement of Guardsmen Fisher and Wright.

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 3.55 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
5 December 2000

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

ON 5 DECEMBER 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

5. Assembly Reports

Examiner of Statutory Rules Eight Report (First Report for the Session 2000–2001)

Examiner of Statutory Rules Report on SR No 225 Anthrax (Vaccination) Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 2000, SR No. 248 Foyle Area (Rivers Finn and Foyle Angling Permits) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000, SR No 253 Animals and Animal Products (Import and Exports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000

6. Statutory Rules

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

7. Consultation Documents

Proposals for Best Value Legislation for Local Government in Northern Ireland: Consultation Paper (DOE)

8. Departmental Publications

9. Agency Publications

10. Westminster Publications

11. Miscellaneous Publications

12. Assembly Research Papers

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 11 DECEMBER 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. **The Speaker's Business**

2.1 The Speaker informed Members that he had been advised by the Chief Electoral Officer that Mrs Annie Courtney would be replacing Mr John Hume MP MEP as a Member of the Northern Ireland Assembly for the Foyle Constituency.

Mrs Courtney signed the Roll of Members. The Speaker confirmed that Mrs Courtney had taken her seat and confirmed her designation as provided for in Standing Order 3.

3. **Executive Committee Business**

3.1 **Electronic Communications Bill**
First Stage

Mr Denis Haughey, a Junior Minister in the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister, introduced a Bill to make provision to facilitate the use of electronic communications and electronic data storage.

Bill passed First Stage and ordered to be printed. (NIA Bill 9/00)

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

Further Consideration Stage

The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development moved the Further Consideration Stage of the Dogs (Amendment) Bill.

After debate, Amendment 1 was **made** without division.

Question put: That Clause 1 as amended stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Question put: That Clauses 2-6 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Question put: That the Long Title stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Annotated Marshalled List - Annex

Bill (NIA 7/99) passed Further Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker for his consideration in accordance with Section 10 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

3.3 **Motion – Part-time Workers Regulations**

Proposed: That the Part-time Workers (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 be approved.

[Minister of Higher and Further Education,
Training and Employment]

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

3.4 **Motion – Drink-Drive Offenders**

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

Proposed: That this Assembly approves the Courses for Drink-Drive Offenders (Experimental Period) (Extension) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000.

[Minister of the Environment]

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

4. **Statutory Committee Business**

4.1 **Motion – Ad Hoc Committee – Financial Investigations (NI) Order**

Proposed: That this Assembly appoints an Ad Hoc Committee to consider the draft Financial Investigations (Northern Ireland) Order laid by the Secretary of State in accordance with Section 85(4)(b) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 and to submit a report to the Assembly by 5 February 2001.

Composition:	UUP	2
	SDLP	2
	DUP	2
	SF	2
	Other Parties	3

Quorum: The quorum shall be five.

Procedure: The procedures of the Committee shall be such as the Committee shall determine.

[Mr B Hutchinson]

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

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 12.03 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

5. **Question Time**

5.1 **Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment**

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

5.2 **Minister of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment**

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

5.3 **Minister for Social Development**

Questions were put to and answered by the Minister, Mr Maurice Morrow.

6. **Private Notice Question – Coats Barbour**

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

Sir Reg Empey, Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, replied to a Private Notice Question tabled by Mr Ivan Davis.

7. **Adjournment**

7.1 Mr John Kelly spoke on The Toome By-Pass.

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 5.20 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
11 December 2000

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

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FROM 6 DECEMBER 2000 TO 11 DECEMBER 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

Northern Ireland Audit Office Reports on Loughry Food Business Incubation Centre and Management of On-Street Parking (NIA 24/00)

Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company Group Annual Report and Accounts (NIA 30/00)

5. Assembly Reports

6. Statutory Rules

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

SR No 372 Back Street at Cameron Street, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 374 The Child Support, Pensions and Social Security (2000 Act) (Commencement No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 375 Ionising Radiations Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DETI)

SR No 378 Loading Bays on Roads Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 379 The Individual Learning Accounts Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DHFETE)

SR No 380 The Social Security (Disclosure of State Pension Information) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

7. Consultation Documents

8. Departmental Publications

9. Agency Publications

10. Westminster Publications

Trustee Act 2000 (Chapter 29)

Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000 (Chapter 32)

Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000 (Chapter 43)

11. Miscellaneous Publications

12. Assembly Research Papers

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER 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**

2.1 **Statement – Introduction of Revised Budget**

The Minister of Finance and Personnel, Mr Mark Durkan, made a statement to the Assembly on the Introduction of the Revised Budget for 2001/02, following which he replied to questions.

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

3. **Statutory Committee Business**

3.1 **Motion – Report: Residential and Secure Accommodation**

Proposed: That this Assembly approves the first report of the Committee for Health, Social Services and Public Safety on residential and secure accommodation for children in Northern Ireland and calls on the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety to implement the Committee's recommendations at the earliest opportunity.

[Chairperson, Committee for Health, Social Services,
and Public Safety]

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 12.31 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.00 pm.

The debate, suspended at 12.31 pm, was resumed on the Motion -

That this Assembly approves the first report of the Committee for Health, Social Services and Public Safety on residential and secure accommodation for children in Northern Ireland and calls on the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety to implement the Committee's recommendations at the earliest opportunity.

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

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

4. **Private Members' Business**

4.1 **Motion – Aggregates Tax**

Proposed: That this Assembly notes the serious economic and environmental implications the aggregates tax will have for the quarry and construction industry in Northern Ireland and calls upon the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment and the Minister of Finance and Personnel to make representations to the UK Treasury on behalf of the Quarry Producers Association to prevent the introduction of this tax in this region.

[Mr J Byrne]
[Mr D Hussey]

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

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

5. **Adjournment**

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 4.47 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
12 December 2000

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

ON 12 DECEMBER 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**
Northern Ireland Assembly Members' Allowances Determination (NIA 26/00)
Northern Ireland Assembly Members' Salaries Determination (NIA 27/00)
- 5. Assembly Reports**
- 6. Statutory Rules**
(The department identified after each rule is for reference purposes only.)
Fair Employment (Specification of Public Authorities) (No.2) Order
(Northern Ireland) 2000
- 7. Consultation Documents**
- 8. Departmental Publications**
- 9. Agency Publications**
- 10. Westminster Publications**
- 11. Miscellaneous Publications**
- 12. Assembly Research Papers**

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 18 DECEMBER 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. **The Speaker's Business**

2.1 The Speaker outlined guidance relating to rulings on parliamentary language and personal statements.

3. **Executive Committee Business**

3.1 **Motion – Suspend Standing Orders**

Proposed: That this Assembly suspends Standing Order 10(2) and Standing Order 10(6) for Monday 18 December 2000.

[Minister of Finance and Personnel]

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

3.2 **Motion – Budget**

Proposed: That this Assembly approves the programme of expenditure proposals for 2001/02 as set out in the Budget laid before the Assembly on 12 December 2000.

[Minister of Finance and Personnel]

3.3 **Amendment No.1**

Proposed: At the end add:

“subject to a reduction of expenditure, as necessary, on the following Spending Areas:

North/South Body: Foyle, Carlingford and Irish Lights
North/South Body: Languages
North/South Body: Waterways Ireland
North/South Body: Trade and Business Development
North/South Body: Special EU Programmes
North/South Body: Food Safety Promotion
Tourism Company
North/South Ministerial Council Secretariat
Civic Forum

in order to reduce the increase in the Regional Rate from 8% to the current level of inflation.”

[Mr N Dodds]
[Mr P Robinson MP]

3.4 **Amendment No.2**

Proposed: At the end add:

“subject to a reduction of expenditure, as necessary, in the Executive Programme Funds to reduce the increase in the Regional Rate from 8% to the current level of inflation.”

[Mr A Maskey]

Debate ensued.

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 1.31 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

The Speaker in the Chair.

4. **Question Time**

4.1 **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.

4.2 **Minister for Regional Development**

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

Questions were put to, and answered by, the Minister, Mr Gregory Campbell.

4.3 **Minister of the Environment**

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

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

5.1 *The debate, suspended at 1.31 pm, was resumed on the Amendments to the Budget proposal -*

That this Assembly approves the programme of expenditure proposals for 2001/02 as set out in the Budget laid before the Assembly on 12 December 2000.

Amendments

After debate, Amendment No.2 being put, the Amendment **fell** without division.

Amendment No.1 being put, the Amendment **fell** (Division 1).

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

6. **Adjournment**

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 10.10 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
18 December 2000

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

18 DECEMBER 2000

DIVISIONS

Division No.1

Proposed: At the end add:

“subject to a reduction of expenditure, as necessary, on the following Spending Areas:

North/South Body: Foyle, Carlingford and Irish Lights
North/South Body: Languages
North/South Body: Waterways Ireland
North/South Body: Trade and Business Development
North/South Body: Special EU Programmes
North/South Body: Food Safety Promotion
Tourism Company
North/South Ministerial Council Secretariat
Civic Forum

in order to reduce the increase in the Regional Rate from 8% to the current level of inflation.”

[Mr N Dodds]

[Mr P Robinson MP]

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

Ayes : 23

Noes : 63

Ayes

Unionist: Paul Berry, Gregory Campbell, Mervyn 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, Peter Weir, Jim Wells, Sammy Wilson.

Noes

Nationalist: Alex Attwood, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, Annie Courtney, John Dallat, Baírbre de Brún, Arthur Doherty, Mark Durkan, Séan Farren, John Fee, Tommy Gallagher, Michelle Gildernew, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, John Kelly, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Séamus Mallon, Alex Maskey, Donovan McClelland, Alasdair McDonnell, Barry McElduff, Eddie McGrady, Martin McGuinness, Gerry McHugh, Mitchel McLaughlin, 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.

Unionist: Ian Adamson, Billy Armstrong, Roy Beggs, Billy Bell, Esmond Birnie, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, Ivan Davis, Reg Empey, David Ervine, 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: Jane Morrice.

Total Votes	86	Total Ayes	23 (26.7%)
Nationalist Votes	39	Nationalist Ayes	0 (0.0%)
Unionist Votes	46	Unionist Ayes	23 (50.0%)

The Amendment **fell**.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

18 DECEMBER 2000

DIVISIONS

Division No.2

Proposed: That this Assembly approves the programme of expenditure proposals for 2001/02 as set out in the Budget laid before the Assembly on 12 December 2000.

[Minister of Finance and Personnel]

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

Ayes : 62

Noes : 26

Ayes

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

Unionist: Ian Adamson, Billy Armstrong, Roy Beggs, Billy Bell, Esmond Birnie, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, Ivan Davis, Reg Empey, David Ervine, Sam Foster, John Gorman, Derek Hussey, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, David McClarty, Alan McFarland, Michael McGimpsey, Dermot Nesbitt, Ken Robinson, George Savage, David Trimble, Peter Weir, Jim Wilson.

Other: Jane Morrice.

Noes

Unionist: Paul Berry, Gregory Campbell, Mervyn 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, Sammy Wilson.

Other: Séamus Close, David Ford, Kieran McCarthy, Sean Neeson.

Total Votes	88	Total Ayes	62 (70.5%)
Nationalist Votes	37	Nationalist Ayes	37 (100.0%)
Unionist Votes	46	Unionist Ayes	24 (52.2%)

The Motion was **carried**.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

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1. Acts of the Northern Ireland Assembly

2. Bills of the Northern Ireland Assembly

Dogs (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 7/99)
(as amended at Further Consideration Stage)

3. Orders in Council

4. Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly

NILGOSC (Northern Ireland Local Government Officers' Superannuation Committee) Annual Report 1999/2000 (NIA 11/00)

5. Assembly Reports

Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development: Second Report: Restoring Profit to the Beef Producer: Vol. 1 – Report (02/00/R)

Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development: Second Report: Restoring Profit to the Beef Producer: Vol. 2 – Appendices (02/00/R)

Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure: First Report: Report on the Fisheries (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 9/99): Report together with the Minutes of Proceedings and the Minutes of Evidence for the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure and the Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development relating to the Report (01/00/R)

6. Statutory Rules

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

SR No. 369 The Social Security (New Deal Pilot) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 382 The Occupational Pension Schemes (Republic of Ireland Schemes Exemption) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 389 The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DFP)

7. Consultation Documents

8. Departmental Publications

9. Agency Publications

Northern Ireland Annual Abstract of Statistics 2000 (NISRA)

10. Westminster Publications

Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (Chapter 41)

Disqualifications Act 2000 (Chapter 42)

11. Miscellaneous Publications

Towards 2000 and Beyond: EHSSB Annual Report

12. Assembly Research Papers

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER 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**

2.1 **Statement – North/South Ministerial Council**

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

The Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure, Mr Michael McGimpsey, made a statement to the Assembly on the meeting of the North-South Ministerial Council – Languages held on 5 December 2000, following which he replied to questions.

2.2 **Statement**

The Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, Sir Reg Empey, made a statement to the Assembly on Restructuring of the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment agencies, following which he replied to questions.

The Speaker in the Chair.

2.3 **Electronic Communications Bill (NIA Bill 9/00)**
Second Stage

The Second Stage of the Electronic Communications Bill was **not moved**.

2.4 **Dogs (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 7/99)**
Final Stage

Mrs Bríd Rodgers, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, moved that the Final Stage of the Dogs (Amendment) Bill (NIA 7/99) be agreed.

After debate NIA Bill 7/99 passed Final Stage.

3. **Statutory Committee Business**

3.1 **Motion – Salary – Comptroller and Auditor General**

Proposed: That the annual salary of the Comptroller and Auditor General shall be increased to £100,028 with effect from 20 December 2000.

[Chairperson, Audit Committee]

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

3.2 **Motion – Determination of Allowances to Assembly Members**

Proposed: That the Northern Ireland Assembly (Members' Allowances) Determination 2000 (NIA 26/00) be approved.

[Reverend R Coulter]

3.3 **Amendment No.1**

Proposed: at end add “subject to the date in paragraph 1(5) being amended to 31st March 2001”.

[Mr C Murphy]

Debate ensued.

After debate, Amendment No.1 being put, the Amendment **fell** (Division 1).

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

3.4 **Motion - Determination of Salaries to Assembly Members**

Proposed: That the Northern Ireland Assembly (Members' Salaries) Determination 2000 (NIA 27/00) be approved.

[Reverend R Coulter]

3.5 **Amendment No.3**

Proposed: at end add “subject to the date in paragraph 1(4) being amended to 19th December 2000.”

[Mr D Ford]

[Mr S Close]

Debate ensued.

Amendment No.1 consequently **fell**.

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

3.6 **Amendment No.2**

Amendment No.2 tabled in the names of Mr D Hussey and Mr R Beggs was **not moved**.

3.7 **Amendment No.1**

Proposed: at end add “subject to the date in paragraph 1(4) being amended to 31st March 2001”.

[Mr C Murphy]

Debate ensued.

After debate, Amendment No.3 being put, the Amendment was **made** without division.

4. **Adjournment**

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 1.55 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
19 December 2000

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

19 DECEMBER 2000

DIVISIONS

Division No.1

Proposed: at end add “subject to the date in paragraph 1(5) being amended to 31st March 2001”.

[Mr C Murphy]

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 15

Noes : 52

Ayes

Báirbre de Brún, Pat Doherty, Michelle Gildernew, John Kelly, Alex Maskey, Barry McElduff, Gerry McHugh, Mitchel McLaughlin, Pat McNamee, Francie Molloy, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Mary Nelis, Dara O'Hagan, Sue Ramsey.

Noes

Ian Adamson, Alex Attwood, Roy Beggs, Billy Bell, Paul Berry, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, Mervyn Carrick, Séamus Close, Wilson Clyde, Robert Coulter, Annie Courtney, John Dallat, Nigel Dodds, Reg Empey, David Ervine, John Fee, David Ford, Tommy Gallagher, Oliver Gibson, John Gorman, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, David Hilditch, Derek Hussey, Gardiner Kane, Danny Kennedy, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Kieran McCarthy, David McClarty, Donovan McClelland, William McCrea, Alasdair McDonnell, Alan McFarland, Eugene McMenemy, Monica McWilliams, Jane Morrice, Sean Neeson, Danny O'Connor, Eamonn O'Neill, Edwin Poots, Ken Robinson, Mark Robinson, Peter Robinson, Bríd Rodgers, George Savage, Jim Shannon, John Tierney, Jim Wells, Jim Wilson.

The Amendment **fell**.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

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2. Bills of the Northern Ireland Assembly

3. Orders in Council

4. Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly

5. Assembly Reports

Public Accounts Committee: Second Report: Report on Rural Development Programme: Report together with the Proceedings of the Committee Relating to the Report and the Minutes of Evidence (02/00/R)

6. Statutory Rules

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

SR No 376 The Fire Services (Amendment) (1998 Order) (Commencement) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DHSSPS)

SR No 381 Route B2 Seagoe Road, Portadown (Stopping-up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 388 Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DETI)

7. Consultation Documents

8. Departmental Publications

9. Agency Publications

10. Westminster Publications

11. Miscellaneous Publications

Northern Ireland Community Support Framework 2000 – 2006: Creating a more peaceful and stable society (European Commission)

12. Assembly Research Papers

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 15 JANUARY 2001

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. **The Speaker's Business**

2.1 The Speaker announced the death of Mr Tom Benson MLA, a Member for the Strangford Constituency.

The Leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, the Rt Hon David Trimble MP, paid tribute to Mr Benson.

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 10.35 am as a mark of respect to the late Mr Tom Benson.

The Sitting resumed at 11.00 am.

3. **Executive Committee Business**

3.1 **Statement – Severe Weather Conditions**

The Minister for Regional Development, Mr Gregory Campbell, made a statement to the Assembly on the response of the Roads Service to the severe weather conditions over the Christmas period, following which he replied to questions.

3.2 **Electronic Communications Bill (NIA Bill 9/00)**
Second Stage

Junior Minister, Mr Denis Haughey, moved that the Second Stage of the Electronic Communications Bill be agreed.

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

Debate ensued.

NIA Bill 9/00 passed Second Stage.

3.3 **Planning (Compensation, etc) Bill (NIA Bill 7/00)**
Consideration Stage

The Minister of the Environment, Mr Sam Foster, moved that the Planning (Compensation, etc) Bill be given a Consideration Stage.

Question put: That Clauses 1-7, stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Question put: That Schedules 1-3, stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division

Question put: That the Long Title stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Bill (NIA Bill 7/00) passed Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker.

3.4 **Motion – Referral of Electronic Communications Bill to Committee of the Centre**

Proposed: In pursuance of Standing Order 31(1), this Assembly orders that the Electronic Communications Bill shall stand referred to the Committee of the Centre and, for that purpose, paragraphs (2) to (5) of that Standing Order and Standing Order 33 shall apply in relation to the Committee of the Centre as they apply in relation to a Statutory Committee.

[First Minister]

[Deputy First Minister]

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

The Sitting was suspended at 12.55 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

4. **Question Time**

4.1 **Minister of Education**

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

4.2 **Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety**

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

4.3 **Minister of Finance and Personnel**

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

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

5. **Statutory Committee Business**

5.1 **Motion – Committee Membership**

The following Motion stood on the Order Paper in the name of Mr Eddie McGrady MP:

That Mrs Annie Courtney shall replace Mr John Fee on the Committee for Education.

The Motion was **not moved**.

5.2 **Motion – Committee Membership**

Proposed: That Mrs Annie Courtney shall replace Mr P J Bradley on the Committee of the Centre.

[Mr E McGrady MP]

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

5.3 **Motion – Committee Membership**

The following Motion stood on the Order Paper in the name of Mr Eddie McGrady MP:

That Mr John Fee shall replace Mrs Patricia Lewsley on the Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment.

The Motion was **not moved**.

5.4 **Motion – Committee Membership**

Proposed: That Mrs Patricia Lewsley shall replace Mr Donovan McClelland on the Committee for Finance and Personnel.

[Mr E McGrady MP]

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

5.5 **Motion – Committee Membership**

Proposed: That Mr George Savage shall replace the Rt Hon John Taylor MP on the Committee for Regional Development.

[Mr J Wilson]

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

5.6 **Motion – Extension of Committee Stage –
Adoption (Intercountry Aspects) Bill (NIA Bill 8/00)**

Proposed: That in accordance with Standing Order 31(4) the period referred to in Standing Order 31(2) be extended to 6 April 2001 in relation to the Committee Stage of the Adoption (Intercountry Aspects) Bill (NIA Bill 8/00).

[Chairperson, Committee for Health, Social Services
and Public Safety]

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

6. **Royal Assent**

The Deputy Speaker informed Members that Royal Assent to the Weights and Measures (Amendment) Act had been signified. The Act became law on 20 December 2000.

7. **Adjournment**

Mr Ian Paisley Jnr spoke on Payments to victims of the troubles in North Antrim and official assistance to victims' groups there.

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 5.03 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
15 January 2001

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY FROM

20 December 2000 to 15 January 2001

1. Acts of the Northern Ireland Assembly

Weights and Measures (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 (Chapter 5)

2. Bills of the Northern Ireland Assembly

3. Orders in Council

Life Sentences (Northern Ireland) Order 2000 (Draft)

4. Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly

Minerals and Petroleum Exploration and Development in Northern Ireland 1997 – 2000 (NIA 28/00) (DETI)

National Agriculture Support: Fraud (NIA 29/00) (NIAO)

5. Assembly Reports

Committee for Health, Social Services and Public Safety: Second Report: Report on the Health and Personal Social Services Bill (NIA Bill 3/00) (02/00/R)

Committee for the Environment: First Report: Report on Planning (Compensation, etc.) Bill (NIA Bill 7/00): Volume 2 (01/00/R)

The Examiner of Statutory Rules: Report on SR No 333 Rates Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000, The New Valuation List Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 and SR No 342 The New Valuation List (Time and Class of Hereditaments) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (ESR 121/00, ESR 124/00 and ESR 125/00)

6. Statutory Rules

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

SR No 379 The Individual Learning Accounts Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DHFETE)

SR No 385 Education (Listed Bodies) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DHFETE)

SR No 387 The Criminal Appeal (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Rules 2000 (Lord Chancellor)

SR No 390 The Courses for Drink – Drive Offenders (Designation of Districts) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 391 Superannuation (Equality Commission for Northern Ireland) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DFP)

SR No 392 Superannuation (Northern Ireland Assembly Commission) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DFP)

SR No 393 The Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Amendment No. 3) 2000 (Lord Chancellor)

SR No 395 Courses for Drink–Drive Offenders (Experimental Period) (Extension) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DOE)

SR No 396 Brantwood Gardens, Antrim (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 397 Route B0007 Upper Dromore Road, Warrenpoint (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 398 Route U145 Brockagh Road, Londonderry (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 400 Trunk Road T3 (Newtownstewart Bypass) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 401 Bayhead Road, Portballintrae (Footway) (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 402 Plastic Materials and Articles in Contact with Food (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DHSSPS)

SR No 403 Trunk Road T8 (Toome Bypass) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DRD)

SR No 404 The Social Security (Incapacity Benefit) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 405 Petshops Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DARD)

SR No 406 The Child Support, Pensions and Social Security (2000 Act) (Commencement No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (DSD)

SR No 1 Specified Risk Material (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DARD)

SR No 2 General Dental Services (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DHSSPS)

7. Consultation Documents

Consultation on the Final Report of the PSI Working Group on Travellers (New TSN)

Consultation Equal Pay – Proposals to Simplify and Speed Up Industrial Tribunal Cases and Burden of Proof Directive – Implementation (OFMDFM)

Investing for Health: A Consultation Paper (DHSSPS)

8. Publications

Public Bodies 2000 (Cabinet Office)

Northern Ireland Drinking Water Quality 1999 (DOE)

Equal Opportunities on the Northern Ireland Civil Service: Seventh Report of the Equal Opportunities Unit: Supplement (DFP)

Health and Personal Social Services Performance Tables for 1999 – 2000 (DHSSPS)

9. Agency Publications

Ireland North and South: A Statistical Profile 2000 Edition (NISRA & CSO)

10. Westminster Publications

Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (Chapter 37)

Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Act 2000 (Chapter 45)

SI No 3233 The Reporting of Suspicious Marriages (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2000

11. Miscellaneous Publications

Law Reform Advisory Committee for Northern Ireland: Marriage Law (LRAC No. 9, 2000)

12. Assembly Research Papers

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY 16 JANUARY 2001

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. **Private Members' Business**

2.1 **Motion – Skill Shortage**

Proposed: That this Assembly calls on the Minister of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment to take immediate steps to address the problem of skill shortage within Northern Ireland, particularly in the field of Health and Social Services.

[Mr D O'Connor]

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

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

The Sitting was suspended at 12.47 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.00 pm.

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 2.05 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.18 pm.

2.2 Motion – Capital Spending

Proposed: That this Assembly calls upon the Minister of Education to ensure a fair and equitable distribution of the capital spending budget between the various school systems in Northern Ireland.

[Mr S Wilson]

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

2.3 Motion – Student Debt

Proposed: That this Assembly calls on the Minister of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment to address urgently the critical state of student debt.

[Mr J Kelly]

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

The Speaker in the Chair.

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

2.4 Motion – Homeless

Proposed: That this Assembly calls on the Minister for Social Development to make greater provision for people presenting themselves as homeless during this time of the year and to outline his plans to deal with the increasing numbers of homeless people throughout the year.

[Mr E O'Neill]

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

3. Adjournment

Mr Alex Maskey spoke on Job Losses in the Community Sector in West Belfast.

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 7.59 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
16 January 2001

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- 5. Assembly Reports**

The Examiner of Statutory Rules: Report on SR No 346 The Common Agriculture Policy Support Schemes (Modulation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (ESR 127/00)

Committee for Social Development: First Report: Report on the Street Trading Bill (NIA Bill 2/00) (001/00/R)
- 6. Statutory Rules**
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Annual Report of the Social Fund Commissioner for Northern Ireland 1999–2000 (DSD)
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10. Westminster Publications

SI No 3133 The Tax Credits (New Deal Pilot Consequential Amendments) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2000

11. Miscellaneous Publications

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NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 22 JANUARY 2001

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. **The Speaker's Business**

2.1 The Speaker informed Members that he had been advised by the Chief Electoral Officer that Mr Tom Hamilton would be returned as a Member of the Assembly for the Strangford Constituency to fill the vacancy resulting from the death of Mr Tom Benson.

3. **Executive Committee Business**

3.1 **Statement – North-South Ministerial Council/British-Irish Council - Transport Sectoral Meetings**

The First Minister, the Rt Hon David Trimble MP and Deputy First Minister, Mr Séamus Mallon MP made a joint statement to the Assembly on the North-South Ministerial Council/British-Irish Council Transport Sectoral Meetings held on 19 December 2000, following which they replied to questions.

3.2 **Statement – December Monitoring**

The Minister of Finance and Personnel, Mr Mark Durkan, made a statement to the Assembly on the Executive's decisions on the December monitoring round, following which he replied to questions.

3.3 **Fisheries (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 9/99)** **Consideration Stage**

The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development moved that the Consideration Stage of the Fisheries (Amendment) Bill be agreed to.

Six amendments were tabled to the Bill.

After debate, Amendments 1 and 2 to Clause 1 were **made** without division.

Question put: That Clause 1 as amended stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

After debate, Amendments 3 and 4 to Clause 2 were **made** without division.

Question put: That Clause 2 as amended stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

After debate, Amendment 5 to Clause 3 was **made** without division.

Question put: That Clause 3 as amended stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Question put: That Clauses 4-8 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

After debate, Amendment 6 to Clause 9 was **made** without division.

Question put: That Clause 9 as amended stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Question put: That the Long Title stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Annotated Marshalled List - Annex

Bill (NIA 9/99) passed Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker for consideration in accordance with Section 10 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

The Sitting was suspended at 1.10 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

4. **Question Time**

4.1 **Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure**

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

4.2 Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development

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

The Speaker in the Chair.

4.3 Assembly Commission

Questions were put to, and answered by Dr Dara O'Hagan on behalf of the Assembly Commission.

5. Executive Committee Business (Cont'd)

5.1 Health and Personal Social Services Bill (NIA Bill 3/00) Consideration Stage

The Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety moved that the Consideration Stage of the Health and Social Services Bill be agreed to.

Six amendments were tabled to the Bill.

Question put: That Clauses 1-20 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

After debate, Amendment 1 to Clause 21 was **withdrawn** by leave of the Assembly.

Question put: That Clause 21 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Amendment 2 to Clause 22 was **not moved**.

Question put: That Clause 22 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Question put: That Clauses 23-38 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Question put: That Clauses 39-43 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

After debate, Amendment 3 to Clause 44 was **made** without division.

Question put: That Clause 44 as amended stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Question put: That Clauses 45- 49 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

After debate, Amendment 4 to Clause 50 was **made** without division.

Question put: That Clause 50 as amended stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Question put: That Clauses 51-53 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

After debate, Amendment 5 to Clause 54 was **made** without division.

Question put: That Clause 54 as amended stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Question put: That Clause 55-61 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Schedules

Question put: That Schedules 1-4 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

After debate, Amendment 6 to Schedule 5 was **made** without division.

Question put: That Schedule 5 as amended stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Question put: That the Long Title stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Annotated Marshalled List - Annex.

Bill (NIA3/00) passed Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker for consideration in accordance with Section 10 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

5.2 Motion – New Valuation List Order

Proposed: That this Assembly approves The New Valuation List Order (Northern Ireland) 2000.

[Minister of Finance and Personnel]

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

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

6. Committee Business

6.1 Motion – Ad Hoc Committee – Life Sentences (Northern Ireland) Order 2001

Proposed: That this Assembly appoints an Ad Hoc Committee to consider the draft Life Sentences (Northern Ireland) Order 2001 laid by the Secretary of State in accordance with Section 85(4)(b) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 and to submit a report to the Assembly by 12 March 2001.

Composition:	UUP	2
	SDLP	2
	DUP	2
	SF	2
	Other Parties	3

Quorum: The quorum shall be five.

Procedure: The procedures of the Committee shall be such as the Committee shall determine.

[Mr N Dodds]

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

7. **Adjournment**

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 5.01 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
22 January 2001



Northern Ireland
Assembly

**MARSHALLED LIST OF AMENDMENTS
TO BE MOVED AT CONSIDERATION STAGE
ON MONDAY 22 JANUARY 2001**

Amendments given up to and including Thursday 18 January 2001

The Bill will be considered in the following order-

Clauses and Long Title

Amendment 1 [Made]

Clause 1, Page 1, Line 4

leave out 'or on the foreshore' and insert 'Northern Ireland inshore waters'

*Ms Brid Rodgers, Minister,
Department of Agriculture and Rural Development*

Amendment 2 [Made]

Clause 1, Page 2, Line 2

after 'offence.' insert—

(5) For the purposes of this section—

- (a) "Northern Ireland inshore waters" means the area adjacent to the coast of Northern Ireland and to the landward of a limit of 6 miles from the baseline from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured, up to the mean high-water mark of ordinary spring tides; and
- (b) "sea-fisheries" includes any fishery within that area.'

*Ms Brid Rodgers, Minister,
Department of Agriculture and Rural Development*

Amendment 3 [Made]

Clause 2, Page 2, Line 13

after ‘on’ insert ‘or using’

*Ms Brid Rodgers, Minister,
Department of Agriculture and Rural Development*

Amendment 4 [Made]

Clause 2, Page 3, Line 3

leave out subsection (5)

*Ms Brid Rodgers, Minister,
Department of Agriculture and Rural Development*

Amendment 5 [Made]

Clause 3, Page 3, Line 36

at end insert—

‘(2) For section 208 of the principal Act (saving for right of owner to take materials from streams) substitute—

“208. Nothing in this Act other than section 48 shall prejudice the right of any owner to take materials from any stream.”.’

Chair, Statutory Committee of Culture, Arts and Leisure

Amendment 6 [Made]

Clause 9, Page 4, Line 31

leave out subsections (2) and (3)

*Ms Brid Rodgers, Minister,
Department of Agriculture and Rural Development*



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**MARSHALLED LIST OF AMENDMENTS
TO BE MOVED AT CONSIDERATION STAGE
ON MONDAY 22 JANUARY 2001**

Amendments given up to and including Thursday, 18 January 2001

The Bill will be considered in the following order-

Clauses, Schedules and Long Title

Amendment 1 [*Withdrawn by leave*]

Clause 21, Page 11, Line 3

leave out subsection (3)

Chair, Statutory Committee of Health, Social Services and Public Safety

Amendment 2 [*Not moved*]

Clause 22, Page 11, Line 15

leave out '18' and insert '17'

Chair, Statutory Committee of Health, Social Services and Public Safety

Amendment 3 [Made]

Clause 44, Page 30, Line 21

at end insert—

‘(3) Paragraph 16 of that Schedule (general powers of HSS trusts) shall be renumbered as sub-paragraph (1) of that paragraph, and

(a) in that sub-paragraph head (d) (general power to employ staff) shall cease to have effect; and

(b) after that sub-paragraph there shall be added —

“(2) An HSS trust may employ such staff at it thinks fit.

(3) Subject to any directions given by the Department under paragraph 6, an HSS trust may—

(a) pay its staff such remuneration and allowances; and

(b) employ them on such other terms and conditions, as it thinks fit.”.’

*Ms Bairbre De Brún, Minister,
Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety*

Amendment 4 [Made]

Clause 50, Page 35

leave out lines 19 to 31 and insert—

“(1B) Where information is to the effect that any person (“the subject”) is likely to constitute a threat to the health or safety of any other person (“the person at risk”), the Commissioner may disclose that information to any person to whom the Commissioner thinks it should be disclosed in the interests of the health or safety of the person at risk.

(1C) If the Commissioner discloses information as permitted by paragraph (1B) he shall—

(a) where he knows the identity of the subject, inform the subject—

(i) that he has disclosed the information; and

(ii) of the identity of any person to whom he has disclosed it; and

(b) inform the person from whom the information was obtained that he has disclosed it.”.’

*Ms Bairbre De Brún, Minister,
Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety*

Amendment 5 [Made]

Clause 54, Page 36, Line 37

after ‘trust;’ insert—

‘() a Health and Social Services Council:’

*Ms Bairbre De Brún, Minister,
Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety*

Amendment 6 [Made]

Schedule 5, Page 59, Line 34, Column 2

at end insert—

‘In Schedule 3, paragraph 16(d).’

*Ms Bairbre De Brún, Minister,
Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety*

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SR No 4 The Social Security (Capital Disregards Amendment) Regulations
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NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY 23 JANUARY 2001

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**

2.1 **Further Consideration Stage -
Planning (Compensation, etc) Bill (NIA Bill 7/00)**

The Minister of Environment moved that the Further Consideration Stage of the Planning (Compensation, etc) Bill be agreed to.

No amendments were tabled.

Question put: That Clauses 1-7, stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Question put: That Schedules 1-3 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Question put: That the Long Title stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Bill NIA 7/00 passed Further Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker for consideration in accordance with Section 10 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

3. **Private Members' Business**

3.1 **Motion – Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000**

Proposed: That this Assembly calls on the Minister of the Environment to note the enactment of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 and calls for the equivalent protection to be extended to Areas of Special Scientific Interest in Northern Ireland.

[Ms J Morrice]

[Ms M McWilliams]

Debate ensued.

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

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

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 12.27 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.00 pm.

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

3.2 **Motion – Report on Punishment Beatings**

Proposed: This Assembly notes with grave concern the contents of the “Informal Criminal Justice Systems in Northern Ireland” report on punishment beatings by paramilitary organisations; deplores and condemns the Government’s inadequate response to the report; calls on the Government to bring forward measures to ensure those responsible are made amenable to the law.

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

3.3 **Amendment**

Proposed: Delete all after ‘organisations;’ and insert

‘and calls on the Government to address this issue through the creation of an accountable policing service that has the support of all communities.’

[Ms M Gildernew]

After debate, the Amendment being put, the Amendment **fell**.

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** (Division 1).

3.4 **Motion – Employment Protection**

Proposed: That this Assembly calls upon the Minister of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment to bring forward legislative proposals to provide employment protection rights for those, directly or indirectly, employed in respect of on-course track betting.

[Mr P J Bradley]

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

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

4. **Adjournment**

Mr Séan Neeson spoke on Sectarian Attacks in Larne.

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 5.19 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
23 January 2001

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

23 JANUARY 2001

DIVISIONS

Division No.1

Proposed: This Assembly notes with grave concern the contents of the “Informal Criminal Justice Systems in Northern Ireland” report on punishment beatings by paramilitary organisations; deplors and condemns the Government’s inadequate response to the report; calls on the Government to bring forward measures to ensure those responsible are made amenable to the law.

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

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 48
Noes : 14

Ayes

Ian Adamson, Fraser Agnew, Roy Beggs, Billy Bell, Eileen Bell, Paul Berry, Esmond Birnie, Norman Boyd, Gregory Campbell, Mervyn Carrick, Joan Carson, Séamus Close, Wilson Clyde, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, Ivan Davis, Nigel Dodds, Boyd Douglas, David Ervine, David Ford, Sam Foster, Oliver Gibson, John Gorman, David Hilditch, Derek Hussey, Billy Hutchinson, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, Danny Kennedy, Robert McCartney, David McClarty, William McCrea, Alan McFarland, Maurice Morrow, Séan Neeson, 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, Sammy Wilson.

Noes

Baírbre de Brún, Pat Doherty, David Ervine, Michelle Gildernew, Billy Hutchinson, John Kelly, Alex Maskey, Gerry McHugh, Mitchel McLaughlin, Monica McWilliams, Francie Molloy, Jane Morrice, Dara O'Hagan, Sue Ramsey.

The Motion was **carried**.

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NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 29 JANUARY 2001

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. **The Speaker's Business**

2.1 The Speaker informed Members that a Memorial Service for the late Mr Tom Benson would be held in the Senate Chamber on Monday 12 February 2001 at 1.00 pm.

2.2 The Speaker informed Members that Mr Tom Hamilton had been returned as a Member of the Assembly for the Strangford Constituency to fill the vacancy resulting from the death of Mr Tom Benson.

Mr Hamilton signed the Roll of Members. The Speaker confirmed that Mr Hamilton had taken his seat and confirmed his designation as provided in Standing Order 3.

2.3 The Speaker informed Members that Mr Arthur Moir had been appointed as Clerk to the Northern Ireland Assembly and would take up his post on 2 April 2001.

3. **Executive Committee Business**

3.1 **Ground Rents Bill (NIA Bill 6/99)**
Consideration Stage

The Minister of Finance and Personnel moved that the Consideration Stage of the Ground Rents Bill be agreed to.

Seventeen amendments were tabled to the Bill.

Clauses

Question put: That Clauses 1-2 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

After debate, Amendment 1 to Clause 3 was **made** without division.

Question put: That Clause 3 as amended stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Question put: That Clauses 4-5 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

After debate, Amendment 2 to Clause 6 was **made** without division.

Question put: That Clause 6 as amended stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Question put: That Clauses 7-14 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

After debate, Amendment 3 to Clause 15 was **made** without division.

After debate, Amendment 4 to Clause 15 was **made** without division.

Question put: That Clause 15 as amended stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

After debate, Amendment 5 to Clause 16 was **made** without division.

After debate, Amendment 6 to Clause 16 was **made** without division.

After debate, Amendment 7 to Clause 16 was **made** without division.

Question put: That Clause 16 as amended stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

After debate, Amendment 8 to Clause 17 was **made** without division.

After debate, Amendment 9 to Clause 17 was **made** without division.

After debate, Amendment 10 to Clause 17 was **made** without division.

Question put: That Clause 17 as amended stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Question put: That Clauses 18-33 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Schedules

After debate, Amendment 11 to Schedule 1 was **made** without division.

After debate, Amendment 12 to Schedule 1 was **made** without division.

Question put: That Schedule 1 as amended stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

After debate, Amendment 13 to Schedule 2 was **made** without division.

After debate, Amendment 14 to Schedule 2 was **made** without division.

After debate, Amendment 15 to Schedule 2 was **made** without division.

Question put: That Schedule 2 as amended stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

After debate, Amendment 16 to Schedule 3 was **made** without division.

After debate, Amendment 17 to Schedule 3 was **made** without division.

Question put: That Schedule 3 as amended stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Question put: That the Long Title stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Annotated Marshalled List - Annex

Bill (NIA 6/99) passed Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker for consideration in accordance with Section 10 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

4. **Committee Business**

4.1 **Motion – Amend Standing Orders**

Proposed: In Standing Order 40(4) delete “may by leave of the Assembly” and insert “shall”, and;

after Standing Order 40(4) add: “(5) A Bill shall not be carried forth if the Assembly stands dissolved”.

[Chairperson of Committee on Procedures]

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

4.2 **Motion – Amend Standing Orders**

Proposed: After Standing Order 31(1) add:

“(1A) Where the First Minister and Deputy First Minister acting jointly are in charge of a Bill, the Bill shall stand referred to the Committee of the Centre unless the Assembly shall order otherwise; and the provisions of this Standing Order and Standing Orders 33 and 48 shall apply in relation to the Committee of the Centre acting by virtue of this paragraph as they apply in relation to a Statutory Committee”.

[Chairperson of Committee on Procedures]

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

4.3 **Motion – Amend Standing Orders**

Proposed: In Standing Order 31(1) at the beginning of paragraph (1) insert:
“Subject to paragraph (1A),”.

[Chairperson of Committee on Procedures]

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

4.4 **Motion – Amend Standing Orders**

Proposed: In Standing Order 41(1) line 6 delete “Statutory”.

[Chairperson of Committee on Procedures]

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

4.5 **Motion – Amend Standing Orders**

Proposed: After Standing Order 41(1) add:

“(1A) In this Standing Order “Committee” means:

(a) a Statutory Committee; and

(b) in the case of a Statutory Rule or draft Statutory Rule which has been made or is to be made by the First Minister and Deputy First Minister acting jointly, or by the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister, the Committee of the Centre”.

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

4.6 **Motion – Amend Standing Orders**

Proposed: In Standing Order 41(2) delete “Statutory”.

[Chairperson of Committee on Procedures]

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

4.7 **Motion – Amend Standing Orders**

Proposed: In Standing Order 41(5)(a) delete “Statutory”.

[Chairperson of Committee on Procedures]

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

4.8 **Motion – Amend Standing Orders**

Proposed: After Standing Order 59(1) add:

“(1A) This Committee shall also have the functions conferred by virtue of Standing Orders 31(1A) and 41(1A)”.

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

4.9 **Motion – Amend Standing Orders**

Proposed: In Standing Order 12(1) after “Statutory Committee Reports” insert:

“Reports of the Committee of the Centre made by virtue of Standing Order 31(1A) or 41(1A)”.

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

4.10 **Motion – Committee Membership – Enterprise, Trade and Investment**

Proposed: That Mrs Annie Courtney shall replace Mrs Patricia Lewsley on the Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment.

[Mr E McGrady MP]
[Mr J Tierney]

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

4.11 **Motion – Committee Membership – Environment**

Proposed: That Mr Tom Hamilton should serve on the Committee for the Environment.

[Mr J Wilson]

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

4.12 **Motion – Committee Membership – Education**

Proposed: That Mr Tom Hamilton should serve on the Committee for Education.

[Mr J Wilson]

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

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

5.1 **Statement – Appointment of Children’s Commissioner for Northern Ireland**

The First Minister, the Rt Hon David Trimble MP and Deputy First Minister, Mr Séamus Mallon MP made a statement to the Assembly on the appointment of a Children’s Commissioner for Northern Ireland, following which they replied to questions.

The Sitting was suspended at 12.16 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

6. **Question Time**

6.1 **Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment**

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

6.2 **Minister of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment**

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

6.3 **Minister for Social Development**

Questions were put to and answered by the Minister, Mr Maurice Morrow.

7. **Private Members’ Business**

7.1 **Motion – RVH Statement**

Proposed: That this Assembly notes with concern the announcement on 12 January 2001 by the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast that the organs of deceased children have been stored without parental consent during the past 50 years. The Assembly calls on the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety to outline the measures she will take to alleviate the distress caused to the families of the children concerned and to confirm that this practice was not carried out at other facilities in Northern Ireland.

[Mr J Shannon]

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

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

8. **Adjournment**

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 5.40 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
29 January 2001



Northern Ireland
Assembly

**MARSHALLED LIST OF AMENDMENTS
TO BE MOVED AT CONSIDERATION STAGE
ON MONDAY 29 JANUARY 2001**

Amendments given up to and including Thursday, 25 January 2001

The Bill will be considered in the following order-

Clauses, Schedules, Long Title

Amendment 1 [*Made*]

Clause 3, Page 3, Line 42

at end insert—

‘(9) Section 2 does not apply to the conveyance or transfer of a dwelling-house to—

(a) the Northern Ireland Co-ownership Housing Association; or

(b) any other housing association (within the meaning of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 (NI 15)) specified by an order made by the Department for Social Development subject to negative resolution.’

Chair, Statutory Committee of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 2 [*Made*]

Clause 6, Page 5, Line 33

leave out ‘issue out of the Consolidated Fund and’

Mr Mark Durkan, Minister, Department of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 3 [Made]

Clause 15, Page 10, Line 27

at end add ‘and any provision in the instrument providing for an estate acquired by the mortgagor to be held in trust for the mortgagee or appointing the mortgagee as the mortgagor’s attorney in relation to such estate applies to the fee simple’

Mr Mark Durkan, Minister, Department of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 4 [Made]

Clause 15, Page 10, Line 38

leave out subsection (3)

Mr Mark Durkan, Minister, Department of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 5 [Made]

Clause 16, Page 12, Line 6

leave out from ‘his’ to end of line 11 and insert ‘other participants in a relevant building scheme immediately before the redemption of the ground rent by virtue of that scheme.’

Chair, Statutory Committee of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 6 [Made]

Clause 16, Page 12, Line 11

at end insert—

- ‘(j) any covenant, not falling within any of the preceding paragraphs, which is contained in a lease granted by the Northern Ireland Housing Executive before 10th January 2000 and relates—
 - (i) to a district heating supply provided by the Executive; or
 - (ii) to the repayment to the Executive of any discount of part of the purchase price under a house sales scheme made under the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 (NI 15).’

Chair, Statutory Committee of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 7 [Made]

Clause 16, Page 12, Line 26

leave out from ‘(2)(g)’ to the end of line 28 and insert—

‘(2)(i)—

“building scheme” means a scheme (express or implied) under which land (whether freehold or leasehold) is divided into two or more parcels subject to obligations which are reciprocally enforceable (whether at law or in equity) between owners of the parcels; and

“relevant building scheme”, in relation to any land, means a building scheme which includes the land or which is taken to subsist in respect of the land by virtue of section 17(6).’

Chair, Statutory Committee of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 8 [Made]

Clause 17, Page 12, Line 40

leave out ‘or (h)’ and insert ‘, (h) or (j)’

Chair, Statutory Committee of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 9 [Made]

Clause 17, Page 13, Line 17

after ‘successors’ insert ‘in title’

Chair, Statutory Committee of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 10 [Made]

Clause 17, Page 13, Line 37

leave out ‘same meaning as in section 16(2)(i)’ and insert ‘meaning given in section 16(7)’

Chair, Statutory Committee of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 11 [Made]

Schedule 1, Page 22, Line 36

leave out ‘is more than 12 years after the application date’ and insert ‘falls after the expiration of the relevant period’

Chair, Statutory Committee of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 12 [Made]

Schedule 1, Page 23, Line 1

leave out from ‘is 12 years’ to the end of line 9 and insert ‘falls within the relevant period, the yearly amount of the ground rent shall be determined in such manner as may be specified in an order under paragraph 2.’

(4) In this paragraph “the relevant period”, in relation to a ground rent, means the period commencing on the application date and consisting of the number of years fixed by order under paragraph 2 as the number of years purchase applicable to ground rents (or, as the case may be, applicable to ground rents of the same class or description as that ground rent).’

Chair, Statutory Committee of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 13 [Made]

Schedule 2, Page 23, Line 34

after ‘35(8)’ insert ‘or 35A(7)’

Mr Mark Durkan, Minister, Department of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 14 [Made]

Schedule 2, Page 24, Line 12

leave out ‘(7) to (10)’ and insert ‘(7), (8) and (10)’

Mr Mark Durkan, Minister, Department of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 15 [Made]

Schedule 2, Page 24, Line 18

at end insert—

‘() After Article 35 insert—

“Redemption of nominal ground rent

35A.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), this Article applies where the rent payable under a fee farm grant is a nominal rent.

(2) This Article does not apply at a time when—

- (a) the land is used wholly for business purposes; or
- (b) the rent-payer is prohibited by any term of his title from using the land otherwise than wholly for business purposes;

but land is not prevented from being used wholly for business purposes by reason only of the fact that part of it is occupied as a dwelling by a person who is required or permitted to reside there in consequence of his employment or of holding an office.

(3) The rent-payer may by deed (“the deed of declaration”) declare to the effect that the ground rent is discharged and may, in accordance with rules, make application to the Registrar for the purpose mentioned in paragraph (4)(a) or (b).

(4) On an application under paragraph (3)—

(a) if the land is registered land, the deed of declaration is sufficient authority for the Registrar (subject to compliance with rules)—

(i) to discharge any burden such as is mentioned in paragraph 2 of Part I of Schedule 6 to the Land Registration Act; and

(ii) to make such alteration in the class of title with which the land is registered as appears to him to be appropriate;

(b) if the land is not registered, the Registrar may register the rent-payer’s title with such class of title as appears to him to be appropriate (and until the rent-payer’s title to the land is so registered, the deed of declaration has no effect);

(c) in either case, the deed of declaration is sufficient authority (notwithstanding any caution or inhibition) for the Registrar to make in the register such consequential entries, changes, cancellations or notes as appear to him to be appropriate;

(5) Except where the Registrar is satisfied that the land was subject to no or nominal superior rent on the date of execution of the deed of declaration, the Registrar shall enter on the register a note to the effect that the fee simple estate is subject to a rentcharge of so much (if any) of any superior rent as would have been redeemed by virtue of section 11(1) of the Ground Rents Act (Northern Ireland) 2001 if a ground rent to which the land was subject had been redeemed under section 1 of that Act on that date; and such a note may be discharged in accordance with rules, and it is sufficient to satisfy the Registrar as to the matter mentioned at the beginning of this paragraph that he is furnished by a solicitor with a certificate to that effect.

(6) Subject to paragraphs (4), (5) and (7), the deed of declaration operates by virtue of this paragraph to discharge the estate of the rent payer from all estates in the land of the rent-owner and any superior owners to the extent that those estates carry entitlement to ground rent or a superior rent or relate to matters connected with the rent and to that extent those estates are extinguished.

(7) Where a ground rent is discharged under this Article, section 13(8) (read with subsection (10)) and sections 15(2), 16 and 17 of the Ground Rents Act (Northern Ireland) 2001 apply in relation to the land as if the ground rent had been redeemed under that Act; and, accordingly, for the purposes of this Article those sections shall be read with the necessary modifications.

(8) For the purposes of paragraph (6) matters are connected with rent if they are concerned with the amount of the rent or its payment or recovery or are otherwise concerned (directly or indirectly) with the rent.

(9) In this Article “nominal rent” has the same meaning as in Article 35.’

Deputy Chair, Statutory Committee of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 16 [Made]

Schedule 3, Page 24, Line 29, Column 2

at end insert ‘and in the definitions of “rent-owner” and “rent-payer” the words “, without prejudice to Article 32,”’

Mr Mark Durkan, Minister, Department of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 17 [Made]

Schedule 3, Page 24, Line 32, Column 2

at end insert ‘Article 3(2)(a).’

Mr Mark Durkan, Minister, Department of Finance and Personnel

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

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The Examiner of Statutory Rules: Report on SR No 301 The Sheep Annual Premium (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000, SR No 389 The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000, SR No 391 Superannuation (Equality Commission for Northern Ireland) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 and SR No 392 Superannuation (Northern Ireland Assembly Commission) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (ESR 110/00, ESR 1146/00, ESR 154/00, ESR 155/00)

Committee for Finance and Personnel: Second Report: Report on the Government Resources and Accounts Bill (NIA Bill 6/00) (02/00/R)

6. Statutory Rules

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

SR No 3 Road Traffic (Fixed Penalty) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DOE)

SR No 8 Control of Traffic (Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

SR No 11 Strone Park, Dundonald (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

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NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY 30 JANUARY 2001

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. **Royal Assent**

2.1 The Speaker informed Members that Royal Assent to the Dogs (Amendment) Act had been signified on 29 January 2001.

3. **Executive Committee Business**

3.1 **Health and Personal Social Services Bill (NIA Bill 3/00)**
Further Consideration Stage

The Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety moved that the Further Consideration Stage of the Health and Social Services Bill be agreed.

One Amendment was tabled to the Bill.

Clauses

Question put: That Clauses 1-60 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

After debate, Amendment 1 to Clause 61 was **made** (Division 1).

Question put: That Clause 61 as amended stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Schedules

Question put: That Schedules 1-5 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Question put: That the Long Title stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Annotated Marshalled List - Annex

Bill (NIA3/00) passed Further Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker for consideration in accordance with Section 10 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

The Sitting was suspended at 12.39 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.00 pm.

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

4. **Private Members' Business**

4.1 **Motion – Maternity Services**

Proposed: That this Assembly calls on the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety to give due weight to the determination of both the Health, Social Services and Public Safety Committee and the Northern Ireland Assembly on maternity service provision in Belfast in light of the decision of 29 November 2000 of the High Court.

[Mr P Berry]

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

4.2 **Motion – Public Inquiry**

Proposed: That this Assembly calls on the Secretary of State to make representations to the Government of the Republic of Ireland to conduct a public inquiry into suspected collusion between members of the Garda Síochána and the Irish Republican Army in the planning and execution of acts of terrorism.

[Mr D Kennedy]

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

4.3 **Amendment**

Proposed: Delete all after 'Assembly' and add:

'notes the current investigation into allegations made against certain Garda Síochána Officers and that a report arising from the investigation is to be submitted to the Irish Government in the near future.'

[Mr A Maginness]

[Mr A Attwood]

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

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

4.4 **Motion – Children’s Commissioner**

Proposed: This Assembly calls upon the Executive to appoint a Children’s Commissioner for Northern Ireland to highlight the interests of children in all aspects of Executive policy.

[Mr D Ford]
[Mrs E Bell]

4.5 **Amendment**

Proposed: Delete all after ‘Assembly’ and add:

‘welcomes the intention of the Executive to bring forward legislation and to establish an independent Commissioner for Children for Northern Ireland, and believes that the responsibilities of such a Commissioner should include responding to individual complaints, the formulation of policy to promote the welfare of children and carrying out child impact studies on all proposed legislation.’

[Mrs E Bell]
[Mr D Ford]

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

After debate, the Amendment being put, the Amendment was **made** without division.

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

5. **Adjournment**

Mr Jim Wells spoke on Traffic Congestion in Ballynahinch.

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 7.12 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
30 January 2001



Northern Ireland
Assembly

**MARSHALLED LIST OF AMENDMENTS
TO BE MOVED AT FURTHER CONSIDERATION STAGE
ON TUESDAY 30 JANUARY 2001**

Amendments given up to and including Thursday, 25 January 2001

The Bill will be considered in the following order-

Clauses, Schedules and Long Title

Amendment 1 [*Made on division*]

Clause 61, Page 39, Line 5

at end insert—

‘; but section 39 shall not be brought into operation by such an order before
1 April 2002.’

Chair, Statutory Committee of Health, Social Services and Public Safety

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

30 JANUARY 2001

DIVISIONS

Division No.1

Proposed: Clause 61, page 39, line 5

at end insert –

‘; but section 39 shall not be brought into operation by such an order before 1 April 2002.’

[Chair, Statutory Committee of Health, Social Services and Public Safety]

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 52

Noes : 32

Ayes

Ian Adamson, Billy Armstrong, Roy Beggs, Billy Bell, Eileen Bell, Paul Berry, Esmond Birnie, Gregory Campbell, Mervyn Carrick, Joan Carson, Séamus Close, Wilson Clyde, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, Nigel Dodds, David Ervine, David Ford, Sam Foster, John Gorman, Tom Hamilton, Carmel Hanna, Joe Hendron, Derek Hussey, Billy Hutchinson, Roger Hutchinson, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, Kieran McCarthy, David McClarty, William McCrea, Alan McFarland, Michael McGimpsey, Maurice Morrow, Séan Neeson, Dermot Nesbitt, Ian Paisley Jnr, Edwin Poots, Iris Robinson, Ken Robinson, Mark Robinson, Peter Robinson, George Savage, Jim Shannon, John Taylor, David Trimble, Denis Watson, Peter Weir, Jim Wells, Jim Wilson, Sammy Wilson.

Noes

Alex Attwood, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, John Dallat, Bairbre de Brún, Arthur Doherty, Mark Durkan, Séan Farren, John Fee, Tommy Gallagher, Michelle Gildernew, John Kelly, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Alex Maskey, Donovan McClelland, Alasdair McDonnell, Barry McElduff, Eddie McGrady, Martin McGuinness, Gerry McHugh, Mitchel McLaughlin, Eugene McMenamin, Pat McNamee, Monica McWilliams, Jane Morrice, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Dara O'Hagan, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, John Tierney.

The Amendment was **agreed**.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

30 JANUARY 2001

DIVISIONS

Division No.2

Proposed: Delete all after 'Assembly' and insert:

'notes the current investigation into allegations made against certain Garda Síochána Officers and that a report arising from the investigation is to be submitted to the Irish Government in the near future.'

[Mr A Maginness]

[Mr A Attwood]

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 36

Noes : 46

Ayes

Alex Attwood, Eileen Bell, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, Séamus Close, Annie Courtney, John Dallat, Arthur Doherty, Mark Durkan, Séan Farren, John Fee, David Ford, Tommy Gallagher, Michelle Gildernew, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, 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, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Séan Neeson, Dara O'Hagan, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, John Tierney.

Noes

Ian Adamson, Fraser Agnew, Billy Armstrong, Roy Beggs, Billy Bell, 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, David Ervine, John Gorman, Tom Hamilton, William Hay, Derek Hussey, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, 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.

The Amendment **fell**.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

30 JANUARY 2001

DIVISIONS

Division No.3

Proposed: That this Assembly calls on the Secretary of State to make representations to the Government of the Republic of Ireland to conduct a public inquiry into suspected collusion between members of the Garda Síochána and the Irish Republican Army in the planning and execution of acts of terrorism.

[Mr D Kennedy]

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 46

Noes : 32

Ayes

Ian Adamson, Fraser Agnew, Billy Armstrong, Roy Beggs, Billy Bell, 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, David Ervine, John Gorman, Tom Hamilton, William Hay, Derek Hussey, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, 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, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, Annie Courtney, John Dallat, Arthur Doherty, Mark Durkan, Séan Farren, John Fee, Tommy Gallagher, Michelle Gildernew, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, 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, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Dara O'Hagan, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, John Tierney.

The Motion was **carried**.

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NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2001

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

2.1 Street Trading Bill (NIA Bill 2/00)
Consideration Stage

The Minister for Social Development moved that the Consideration Stage of the Street Trading Bill be agreed.

Nine amendments were tabled to the Bill.

Clauses

Question put: That Clauses 1-8 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

After debate: Amendment 1 to Clause 9 was **made** without division.

Amendment 3 (amending Amendment 2) to Clause 9 was **made** without division.

Amendment 2 (as amended by Amendment 3) to Clause 9 was **made** without division.

Amendment 4 to Clause 9 was **made** without division.

Question put: That Clause 9 as amended stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

After debate, Amendments 5, 6 and 7 to Clause 10 were **made** without division.

Question put: That Clause 10 as amended stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Question put: That Clauses 11 to 16 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

After debate, Amendment 8 to Clause 17 was **made** without division.

Question put: That Clause 17 as amended stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Question put: That Clauses 18 to 20 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

After debate, Amendment 9 to Clause 21 was **made** without division.

Question put: That Clause 21 as amended stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Question put: That Clauses 22 to 30 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Schedules

Question put: That Schedules 1 to 3 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Long Title

Question put: That the Long Title stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

(Annotated Marshalled List - Annex)

Bill (NIA 2/00) passed Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker for consideration in accordance with Section 10 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

2.2 **Planning (Compensation, etc) Bill (NIA Bill 7/00)** **Final Stage**

Mr Sam Foster, Minister of the Environment, moved that the Final Stage of the Planning (Compensation, etc) Bill (NIA 7/00) be agreed.

After debate NIA Bill 7/00 passed Final Stage.

The Sitting was suspended at 11.29 am.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

The Speaker in the Chair.

3. **Question Time**

3.1 **Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister**

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

3.2 **Minister for Regional Development**

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

Questions were put to, and answered by, the Minister, Mr Gregory Campbell.

3.3 **Minister of the Environment**

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

4. **Committee Business**

Motion – The Building Regulations (NI) 2000 (S.R. 389/2000)

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

Proposed: That this Assembly annuls the Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (S.R. 389/2000).

[Chairperson, Committee for Finance and Personnel]

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

5. **Adjournment**

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 5.45 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
5 February 2001

STREET TRADING BILL



Northern Ireland
Assembly

MARSHALLED LIST OF AMENDMENTS TO BE MOVED AT CONSIDERATION STAGE ON MONDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2001

Amendments given up to and including Thursday, 01 February 2001

The Bill will be considered in the following order-

Clauses, Schedules and Long Title

Amendment 1 [Made]

Clause 9, Page 6, Line 36
leave out 'or'

Chair, Statutory Committee for Social Development

Amendment 2 [Made]

Clause 9, Page 6, Line 40
at end insert—

'or

(iv) there are sufficient traders trading in the street from shops or otherwise in the articles, things or services in which the applicant desires to trade;

Chair, Statutory Committee for Social Development

Amendment 3 [Made]

Clause 9, Page 6, Line 40
As an amendment to Amendment 2,

leave out from 'street' to the end and insert 'street, or at premises adjoining it, in the articles, things or services in which the applicant wishes to trade;'

Minister, Department for Social Development

Amendment 4 [Made]

Clause 9, Page 6, Line 40

at end insert—

‘() it is believed that the preparation or sale of a specified type of article or thing would adversely affect the general amenity of the area;’

Mr Sammy Wilson

Amendment 5 [Made]

Clause 10, Page 7, Line 32

leave out ‘applicant’ and insert ‘licence holder’

Minister, Department for Social Development

Amendment 6 [Made]

Clause 10, Page 7, Line 33

leave out ‘applicant’ and insert ‘licence holder’

Minister, Department for Social Development

Amendment 7 [Made]

Clause 10, Page 7, Line 40

leave out ‘applicant’ and insert ‘licence holder’

Minister, Department for Social Development

Amendment 8 [Made]

Clause 17, Page 13, Line 8

after ‘district’ insert—

‘() is the holder of a street trading licence and contravenes a condition of a kind specified in paragraph (a) or (c) of section 7(1);’

Minister, Department for Social Development

Amendment 9 [Made]

Clause 21, Page 16, Line 11

leave out ‘(a) to (g)’ and insert ‘(b), (d), (e), (f) or (g)’

Minister, Department for Social Development

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY
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NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2001

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**

2.1 **Ground Rents Bill (NIA Bill 6/99)**
Further Consideration Stage

The Minister of Finance and Personnel moved that the Ground Rents Bill be agreed.

No amendments were tabled to the Bill.

Question put: That Clauses 1-33 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Question put: That Schedules 1-3 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Question put: That the Long Title of the Bill be agreed. The Long Title was **agreed**.

Bill (NIA 6/99) passed Further Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker for his consideration in accordance with Section 10 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

2.2 **Fisheries (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 9/99)**
Further Consideration Stage

The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development moved that the Fisheries (Amendment) Bill be agreed.

No amendments were tabled to the Bill.

Question put: That Clauses 1-9 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Question put: That the Long Title be agreed. The Long Title was **agreed**.

Bill (NIA 9/99) passed Further Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker for his consideration in accordance with Section 10 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

2.3 **Motion – Civic Forum**

Proposed: That this Assembly agrees that the Civic Forum shall offer its views on such social, economic and cultural matters as are from time to time agreed between the Chairperson of the Forum and the First Minister and Deputy First Minister.

In addition, the Civic Forum shall be invited to offer its view on specific social, economic and cultural matters where the Assembly has by motion so requested.

[First Minister]
[Deputy First Minister]

Debate ensued.

2.4 **Amendment No.1**

Proposed: In line 1 delete all after ‘shall’ and insert:

‘consider and offer its views only on such social, economic and cultural matters as are from time to time determined by the First Minister and Deputy First Minister and approved by the Assembly, or, are determined by resolution of the Assembly, or, are proposed by the Civic Forum and are approved by the Assembly.’

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

Debate ensued.

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

2.5 **Amendment No.2**

Proposed: In para 2 line 2 after ‘Assembly’ insert:

‘, or any of its Committees,’

and at end add:

‘The Civic Forum may also offer its view on any social, economic and cultural matters where it so resolves.’

[Mr D Ford
[Ms J Morrice]

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 12.23 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.00 pm.

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

After debate, Amendment No.1 being put, the Amendment **fell** (Division 1).

Amendment No.2 being put, the Amendment **fell** without division.

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

3. **Statutory Committee Business**

3.1 **Motion – Report of the Ad Hoc Committee –
Financial Investigations (NI) Order 2001**

Proposed: That the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee set up to consider the draft Financial Investigations (Northern Ireland) Order 2001 referred by the Secretary of State should be submitted to the Secretary of State as a Report of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

[Chairperson, Ad Hoc Committee –
Financial Investigations (NI) Order 2001]

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

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

4. **Adjournment**

4.1 Dr Ian Adamson spoke on the future of Carraigfoyle paediatric support unit, Belfast.

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 5.57 pm.

**THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
6 February 2001**

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

6 FEBRUARY 2001

DIVISIONS

Division No.1 – Civic Forum

Proposed: In line 1 delete all after ‘shall’ and insert:

‘consider and offer its views only on such social, economic and cultural matters as are from time to time determined by the First Minister and Deputy First Minister and approved by the Assembly, or, are determined by resolution of the Assembly, or, are proposed by the Civic Forum and are approved by the Assembly.’

[Mr P Robinson MP]

[Rev Dr I R K Paisley MP MEP]

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 25

Noes : 59

Ayes

Fraser Agnew, Paul Berry, Gregory Campbell, Mervyn Carrick, Wilson Clyde, Nigel Dodds, Boyd Douglas, 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, Denis Watson, Jim Wells, Sammy Wilson.

Noes

Ian Adamson, Billy Armstrong, Alex Attwood, Roy Beggs, Billy Bell, Eileen Bell, Esmond Birnie, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, Joan Carson, Séamus Close, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, Annie Courtney, John Dallat, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, Bairbre de Brún, Arthur Doherty, Mark Durkan, David Ervine, John Fee, David Ford, Sam Foster, Tommy Gallagher, Michelle Gildernew, John Gorman, Tom Hamilton, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, Derek Hussey, Billy Hutchinson, John Kelly, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, Alban Maginness, Séamus Mallon, Alex Maskey, Kieran McCarthy, David McClarty, Alasdair McDonnell, Barry McElduff, Alan McFarland, Eugene McMenamin, Pat McNamee, Monica McWilliams, Jane Morrice, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Mary Nelis, Dermot Nesbitt, Danny O'Connor, Dara O'Hagan, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, Bríd Rodgers, John Tierney, Jim Wilson.

The Amendment **fell**.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

6 FEBRUARY 2001

DIVISIONS

Division No.2 – Civic Forum

Proposed: That this Assembly agrees that the Civic Forum shall offer its views on such social, economic and cultural matters as are from time to time agreed between the Chairperson of the Forum and the First Minister and Deputy First Minister.

In addition, the Civic Forum shall be invited to offer its view on specific social, economic and cultural matters where the Assembly has by motion so requested.

[First Minister]

[Deputy First Minister]

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 57

Noes : 28

Ayes

Ian Adamson, Billy Armstrong, Alex Attwood, Roy Beggs, Billy Bell, Eileen Bell, Esmond Birnie, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, Joan Carson, Seamus Close, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, Annie Courtney, John Dallat, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, Bairbre de Brún, Arthur Doherty, John Fee, David Ford, Sam Foster, Tommy Gallagher, Michelle Gildernew, John Gorman, Tom Hamilton, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, Derek Hussey, Billy Hutchinson, John Kelly, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, Alban Maginness, Séamus Mallon, Alex Maskey, Kieran McCarthy, David McClarty, Alasdair McDonnell, Barry McElduff, Alan McFarland, Eugene McMenamin, Pat McNamee, Monica McWilliams, Jane Morrice, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Mary Nelis, Dermot Nesbitt, Danny O'Connor, Dara O'Hagan, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, Bríd Rodgers, John Tierney, Jim Wilson.

Noes

Fraser Agnew, Paul Berry, Norman Boyd, Gregory Campbell, Mervyn Carrick, Wilson Clyde, Nigel Dodds, Boyd Douglas, 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, Patrick Roche, Jim Shannon, Denis Watson, Jim Wells, Cedric Wilson, Sammy Wilson.

The Motion was **carried**.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

ON 6 FEBRUARY 2001

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

5. Assembly Reports

Ad Hoc Committee: Report: Draft Financial Investigations (Northern Ireland) Order 2001: Report and Proceedings of the Committee (Ad Hoc 2/00/R)

6. Statutory Rules

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

SR No 30 Cycle Routes (Dungannon) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

SR No 31 Cycle Tracks (Strabane) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

SR No 33 Loading Bays on Roads (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

7. Consultation Documents

8. Departmental Publications

9. Agency Publications

10. Westminster Publications

SI No 20 The Tax Credits Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001

SI No 46 The Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001

11. Miscellaneous Publications

12. Assembly Research Papers

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2001

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. **The Speaker's Business**

2.1 The Speaker gave a ruling on matters of sub-judice.

2.2 The Speaker undertook to give a ruling, once papers were supplied to him by the Members concerned, on an issue arising out of the debate on the Civic Forum held on Tuesday 6 February.

3. **Executive Committee Business**

3.1 **Statement – BSE Tests**

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Mrs Bríd Rodgers, made a statement to the Assembly in respect of results of Bovine Spongiform Encephelopathy tests carried out by her Department, following which she replied to questions.

3.2 **Statement – Follow-up to December Monitoring**

The Minister of Finance and Personnel, Mr Mark Durkan, made a statement to the Assembly on the follow-up to the December monitoring round, following which he replied to questions.

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 12.52 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

4. **Question Time**

4.1 **Minister of Education**

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

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

4.2 **Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety**

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

4.3 **Minister of Finance and Personnel**

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

The Speaker in the Chair.

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

5.1 **Government Resources and Accounts Bill (NIA Bill 6/00)**
Consideration Stage

The Minister of Finance and Personnel moved that the Consideration Stage of the Government Resources and Accounts Bill be agreed.

Nine amendments were tabled to the Bill.

Clauses

Question put: That Clauses 1- 6 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

After debate, Amendment 1 to Clause 7 was **withdrawn** by leave of the Assembly.

After debate, Amendment 2 to Clause 7 was **made** without division.

Question put: That Clause 7 as amended stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Question put: That Clauses 8-9 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

After debate, Amendment 3 to Clause 10 was **made** without division.

Question put: That Clause 10 as amended stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Question put: That Clauses 11-17 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

After debate, Amendment 4, new Clause, inserted after Clause 17 was **negatived** on division (Division 1).

After debate, Amendment 5, new Clause, inserted after Clause 17 was **made** on division (Division 2).

After debate, Amendment 6 to Clause 18 was **made** without division.

After debate, Amendment 7 to Clause 18 was **not moved**.

Question put: That Clause 18 as amended stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

After debate, Amendment 8, new Clause, inserted after Clause 18 was **made** without division.

After debate, Amendment 9, new Clause, inserted after Clause 18 **was** made without division.

Question put: That Clauses 19-24 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Schedules

Question put: That the Schedules 1-2 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Long Title

Question put: That the Long Title of the Bill **be agreed**. The Long Title was **agreed**.

(Annotated Marshalled List - Annex)

Bill (NIA 6/00) passed Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker for his consideration under Section 10 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

5.2 **Health and Personal Social Services Bill (NIA Bill 3/00)**

Final Stage

Ms Baírbre de Brún, Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, moved that the Final Stage of the Health and Personal Social Services Bill (NIA Bill 3/00) be agreed.

NIA Bill 3/00 passed Final Stage.

6. **Statutory Committee Business**

6.1 **Motion - Amend Standing Orders**

Proposed: After Standing Order 40(1) add

‘(1A) Where on or before the Second Stage of a Budget Bill the Chairperson of the Committee for Finance and Personnel (or another member of that Committee acting on his/her behalf) confirms to the Assembly that that Committee is satisfied that there has been appropriate consultation with it on the public expenditure proposals contained in the Bill, the Bill shall proceed under the accelerated passage procedure which shall exclude any Committee Stage.’

[Chairperson, Committee on Procedures]

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** with cross-community support.

6.2 **Motion - Amend Standing Orders**

Proposed: “In Standing Order 40(1) delete ‘that may require an accelerated passage’

and insert:

‘proceeding under the accelerated passage procedure in accordance with paragraph (1A) or (2)’.

[Chairperson, Committee on Procedures]

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** with cross-community support.

6.3 **Motion - Amend Standing Orders**

Proposed: “In Standing Order 40(2) line 1 after ‘Bill’ insert:

‘(other than a Budget Bill)’.

[Chairperson, Committee on Procedures]

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** with cross-community support.

7. **Adjournment**

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 6.00 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
12 February 2001



Northern Ireland
Assembly

**MARSHALLED LIST OF AMENDMENTS
TO BE MOVED AT CONSIDERATION STAGE
ON 12 FEBRUARY 2001**

Amendments given up to and including Thursday, 08 February 2001

The Bill will be considered in the following order-

Clauses, Schedules and Long Title

Amendment 1 [*Withdrawn by leave*]

Clause 7, Page 4, Line 25

after 'practice' insert 'as agreed with the Public Accounts Committee'

Mr James Leslie

Amendment 2 [*Made*]

Clause 7, Page 5, Line 3

leave out 'Department' and insert 'department'

Chair, Statutory Committee of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 3 [*Made*]

Clause 10, Page 6, Line 36

leave out 'at all reasonable times'

Chair, Statutory Committee of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 4 [Negatived on division]

New Clause

After clause 17 insert—

‘Advisory group

*—(1) Before—

- (a) issuing directions under section 7(2), or
- (b) determining the form and content of accounts under section 12,

the Department shall consult the group of persons for the time being selected by the Treasury for the purposes of section 24(1) of the Government Accounts and Resources Act 2000 (c.20).

(2) Where a group is consulted under subsection (1) in a particular year, the Department shall arrange for the group to prepare a report for that year—

- (a) summarising the activities of the group for the purpose of the consultation, and
- (b) dealing with such other matters as the group considers appropriate.

(3) Where a report is prepared under subsection (2), the Department shall arrange for it to be laid before the Assembly.’

Minister, Department of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 5 [Made on division]

New Clause

After clause 17 insert—

‘Advisory group

*—(1) Before—

- (a) issuing directions under section 7(2), or
- (b) determining the form and content of accounts under section 12,

the Department shall take full account of all recommendations made by the group of persons for the time being selected by the Treasury for the purposes of section 24(1) of the Government Accounts and Resources Act 2000 (c.20).

(2) Where a group is consulted under subsection (1) in a particular year, the Department shall arrange for the group to prepare a report for that year—

- (a) summarising the activities of the group for the purpose of the consultation, and
- (b) dealing with such other matters as the group considers appropriate.

(3) Where a report is prepared under subsection (2), the Department shall arrange for it to be laid before the Assembly.’

Mr James Leslie

Amendment 6 [Made]

Clause 18, Page 10, Line 14

at end insert—

‘() In determining whether and, if so, how to exercise its powers under subsection (6) or (8), the Department shall have regard to any views expressed by the Public Accounts Committee of the Assembly.’

Minister, Department of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 7 [Not moved]

Clause 18, Page 10, Line 19

at end insert—

‘() The accounts and all documents relating to the accounts of an authority or body which are not otherwise required to be examined and certified by the Comptroller and Auditor General should be open to his inspection if it appears to him that the body exercises functions of a public nature, has received significant public funds or is entirely or substantively funded from public money.’

Chair, Statutory Committee of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 8 [Made]

New Clause

After clause 18 insert—

‘Inspections by Comptroller and Auditor General

*—(1) The Comptroller and Auditor General may at any reasonable time inspect—

(a) the accounts of any body to which this section applies, and

(b) any documents relating to those accounts which are held or controlled —

(i) by the body ; or

(ii) in pursuance of arrangements made by the body for the compiling or handling of any of its financial records.

(2) The Comptroller and Auditor General shall not exercise his powers under subsection (1) in relation to a body unless it appears to him that—

(a) it is appropriate to do so in view of public concern about any matter relating to the finances of the body or its financial transactions, or

(b) it is otherwise appropriate to do so in the public interest.

(3) Subject to subsection (4), this section applies to a body if it appears to the Comptroller and Auditor General that—

(a) the accounts of the body are not required to be examined by, and are not otherwise open to the inspection of, the Comptroller and Auditor General by virtue of—

- (i) any statutory provision,
- (ii) any agreement made between that body and a Northern Ireland department, or
- (iii) any conditions imposed by a Northern Ireland department in pursuance of any statutory power, whether in connection with the provision of financial assistance or otherwise, and

(b) the body exercises functions of a public nature or is entirely or substantially funded from public money.

(4) This section does not apply to a district council.

(5) Any person who holds or has control of any accounts or other documents mentioned in subsection (1) shall give the Comptroller and Auditor General any assistance, information or explanation which he requires in relation to any of those documents.

(6) The Comptroller and Auditor General may report to the Assembly the results of any inspection carried out by him under this section.’

Minister, Department of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 9 [*Made*]

New Clause

After clause 18 insert—

‘Economy, efficiency and effectiveness examinations by Comptroller and Auditor General

*—(1) Part III of the Audit (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 (NI 5) (economy, efficiency and effectiveness examinations) shall be amended as follows.

(2) In Article 8(3) (public bodies subject to examination under that Article) —

(a) after sub-paragraph (b) there shall be inserted—

“(bb) any body—

(i) whose accounts are open to the inspection of the Comptroller and Auditor General by virtue of section (*Inspections by Comptroller and Auditor General*) of the Government Accounts and Resources Act (Northern Ireland) 2001; and

(ii) which is a public sector body within the meaning of paragraph (7).”;

(b) in paragraph (c) after “by virtue of any” there shall be inserted “other”.

(3) At the end of Article 8 there shall be added the following paragraph—

“(7) For the purposes of this Part an authority or body is a public sector authority or body if—

(a) in the case of a company, its directors (or a majority of them) are appointed by a Northern Ireland department or a Minister of such a department;

(b) in the case of any other body, its members (or a majority of them) are so appointed, and

(c) in the case of any authority, the authority is so appointed.”.

(4) In Article 9 (other bodies subject to examination) for paragraph (4) (bodies to which that Article applies) there shall be substituted—

“(4) This Article applies to any public sector authority or body within the meaning of Article 8(7).”

Minister, Department of Finance and Personnel

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

12 FEBRUARY 2001

DIVISIONS

Division No.1

Government Resources and Accounts Bill Consideration Stage – Amendment 4

Proposed:

After clause 17 insert—

‘Advisory group

*—(1) Before—

- (a) issuing directions under section 7(2), or
- (b) determining the form and content of accounts under section 12,

the Department shall consult the group of persons for the time being selected by the Treasury for the purposes of section 24(1) of the Government Accounts and Resources Act 2000 (c.20).

(2) Where a group is consulted under subsection (1) in a particular year, the Department shall arrange for the group to prepare a report for that year—

- (a) summarising the activities of the group for the purpose of the consultation, and
- (b) dealing with such other matters as the group considers appropriate.

(3) Where a report is prepared under subsection (2), the Department shall arrange for it to be laid before the Assembly.’

Minister, Department of Finance and Personnel

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 25

Noes : 40

Ayes

P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, Annie Courtney, John Dallat, Mark Durkan, Séan Farren, John Fee, Tommy Gallagher, Michelle Gildernew, Joe Hendron, Alex Maskey, Alasdair McDonnell, Barry McElduff, Eddie McGrady, Martin McGuinness, Gerry McHugh, Eugene McMenamin, Pat McNamee, Francie Molloy, Conor Murphy, Mary Nelis, Danny O'Connor, Dara O'Hagan, Sue Ramsey, John Tierney.

Noes

Ian Adamson, Billy Armstrong, Roy Beggs, Billy Bell, Eileen Bell, Paul Berry, Esmond Birnie, Gregory Campbell, Mervyn Carrick, Wilson Clyde, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, Ivan Davis, Nigel Dodds, David Ford, Sam Foster, Oliver Gibson, John Gorman, Tom Hamilton, William Hay, Derek Hussey, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, James Leslie, Kieran McCarthy, Robert McCartney, Alan McFarland, Michael McGimpsey, Séan Neeson, Ian Paisley Jnr, Edwin Poots, Iris Robinson, Mark Robinson, Peter Robinson, Jim Shannon, Denis Watson, Peter Weir, Jim Wells, Jim Wilson, Sammy Wilson.

The Motion was **negatived**.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

12 FEBRUARY 2001

DIVISIONS

Division No.2
Government Resources and Accounts Bill
Consideration Stage – Amendment 5

Proposed:

After clause 17 insert—

‘Advisory group

*—(1) Before—

- (a) issuing directions under section 7(2), or
- (b) determining the form and content of accounts under section 12,

the Department shall take full account of all recommendations made by the group of persons for the time being selected by the Treasury for the purposes of section 24(1) of the Government Accounts and Resources Act 2000 (c.20).

(2) Where a group is consulted under subsection (1) in a particular year, the Department shall arrange for the group to prepare a report for that year—

- (a) summarising the activities of the group for the purpose of the consultation, and
- (b) dealing with such other matters as the group considers appropriate.

(3) Where a report is prepared under subsection (2), the Department shall arrange for it to be laid before the Assembly.’

Mr James Leslie

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 41

Noes : 25

Ayes

Ian Adamson, Billy Armstrong, Roy Beggs, Billy Bell, Eileen Bell, Paul Berry, Esmond Birnie, Gregory Campbell, Mervyn Carrick, Wilson Clyde, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, Ivan Davis, Nigel Dodds, David Ford, Sam Foster, Oliver Gibson, John Gorman, Tom Hamilton, William Hay, Derek Hussey, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, James Leslie, Kieran McCarthy, Robert McCartney, Alan McFarland, Monica McWilliams, Jane Morrice, Séan Neeson, Ian Paisley Jnr, Edwin Poots, Iris Robinson, Mark Robinson, Peter Robinson, Jim Shannon, Denis Watson, Peter Weir, Jim Wells, Jim Wilson, Sammy Wilson.

Noes

P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, Annie Courtney, John Dallat, Bairbre de Brún, Mark Durkan, Séan Farren, John Fee, Tommy Gallagher, Michelle Gildernew, Joe Hendron, Alex Maskey, Alasdair McDonnell, Barry McElduff, Eddie McGrady, Gerry McHugh, Eugene McMenamin, Pat McNamee, Francie Molloy, Conor Murphy, Mary Nelis, Danny O'Connor, Dara O'Hagan, Sue Ramsey, John Tierney.

The Amendment was **agreed**.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY
PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY
FROM 7 FEBRUARY TO 12 FEBRUARY 2001

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

Home Energy Conservation Report 2000 (NIA 17/00)

Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 1999 (NIA 018/00)

Arts Council of Northern Ireland Annual Report 1998/1999 (NIA 20/00)

A Review of Pathology Laboratories in Northern Ireland (NIAO) (NIA 31/00)

Report on Draft Financial Investigations (Northern Ireland) Order 2001 (NIA 38/00)

5. Assembly Reports

6. Statutory Rules

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

7. Consultation Documents

8. Departmental Publications

9. Agency Publications

10. Westminster Publications

The Way Ahead: Legal Aid Reform in Northern Ireland (Cm 4849)

Work and Parents: Competitiveness and Choice: Green Paper Cm 5005

Northern Ireland Affairs Committee: First Special Report: Annual Report for Session 1999–2000 (HC 148)

11. Miscellaneous Publications

12. Assembly Research Papers

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2001

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**

2.1 **Statement – European Marketing Campaign**

The Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, Sir Reg Empey, made a statement to the Assembly on the European Marketing Campaign, following which he replied to questions.

2.2 **Statement – Retention of Human Organs**

The Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, Ms Bairbre de Brún, made a statement to the Assembly on the Retention of Human Organs, following which she replied to questions.

2.3 **Statement – North/South Ministerial Council Meeting – Waterways**

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

The Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure, Mr Michael McGimpsey, made a statement to the Assembly on the North/South Ministerial Council sectoral meeting concerning Waterways, held on 29 January 2001, following which he replied to questions.

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 12.54 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.00 pm.

The Speaker in the Chair.

2.4 **Street Trading Bill (NIA Bill 2/00)**
Further Consideration Stage

The Minister for Social Development, Mr Maurice Morrow, moved that the Further Consideration Stage of the Street Trading Bill be agreed.

One amendment was tabled to the Bill.

Clauses

Question put: That Clauses 1-8 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

After debate: Amendment 1 to Clause 9 was **made** without division.

Question put: That Clause 9 as amended stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Question put: That Clauses 10 to 30 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Schedules

Question put: That Schedules 1 to 3 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Long Title

Question put: That the Long Title be agreed. The Long Title was **agreed**.

(Annotated Marshalled List - Annex)

Bill (NIA 2/00) passed Further Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker for consideration in accordance with Section 10 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

3. **Private Members' Business**

3.1 **Motion – Silent Valley Sheep**

Proposed: That this Assembly calls on those Ministers responsible to make compensation available for farmers who are suffering financially as a result of the Silent Valley Sheep ban in the Mourne.

[Mr E O'Neill]

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

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

3.2 Motion – Electoral Fraud

The following Motion stood on the Order Paper in the name of Mr Derek Hussey.

That this Assembly calls on the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland to report on his plans to counter electoral fraud.

The Motion was **not moved**.

3.3 Motion – Education Information

Proposed: That this Assembly calls on the Minister of Education to publish information which enables the performance of schools in Northern Ireland to be adequately measured and compared.

[Mr S Wilson]

Debate ensued.

Amendment

Proposed: delete all after “Assembly” and insert:

“welcomes the decision of the Minister not to continue the current publication of school performance tables and calls on the Minister of Education to ensure that information supplied to parents about schools, is wide-ranging and detailed, and includes social and economic background data, extra-curricular and non-academic classes offered and other ‘value-added’ information.”

[Ms P Lewsley]

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

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

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

3.4 Motion – Asylum Seekers

Proposed: That this Assembly notes with concern the report by The Law Centre ‘Sanctuary in a Cell’ on the detention of asylum seekers and calls upon the Government to develop an alternative to detaining asylum seekers and to devise methods of expediting the application process.

[Mr C Murphy]

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

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

4. **Adjournment**

4.1 Mr Joe Byrne spoke on Acute Hospital Services in Strabane and Omagh.

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 7.05 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
13 February 2001

STREET TRADING BILL



Northern Ireland
Assembly

**MARSHALLED LIST OF AMENDMENTS
TO BE MOVED AT FURTHER CONSIDERATION STAGE
ON TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2001**

Amendments given up to and including Thursday, 08 February 2001

The Bill will be considered in the following order-

Clauses, Schedules and Long Title

Amendment 1 [*Made*]

Clause 9, Page 7, Line 1

leave out sub-paragraph (v) and insert—

‘(v) the nature of the articles, things or services in which the applicant wishes to trade is such that their sale or supply, or their preparation for sale or supply, would adversely affect the general amenity of the area in which the applicant wishes to trade;’

Minister, Department for Social Development

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

13 FEBRUARY 2001

DIVISIONS

Division No.1

Proposed: Delete all after “Assembly” and insert:

“welcomes the decision of the Minister not to continue the current publication of school performance tables and calls on the Minister of Education to ensure that information supplied to parents about schools, is wide-ranging and detailed, and includes social and economic background data, extra-curricular and non-academic classes offered and other ‘value-added’ information.”

[Ms P Lewsley]

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 25

Noes : 36

Ayes

Eileen Bell, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, Annie Courtney, John Dallat, Bairbre de Brún, Mark Durkan, Séan Farren, John Fee, David Ford, Tommy Gallagher, Joe Hendron, Patricia Lewsley, Kieran McCarthy, Alasdair McDonnell, Martin McGuinness, Gerry McHugh, Pat McNamee, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Mary Nelis, Dara O'Hagan, Sue Ramsey, Bríd Rodgers, John Tierney.

Noes

Ian Adamson, Fraser Agnew, Billy Armstrong, Roy Beggs, Billy Bell, Paul Berry, Esmond Birnie, Gregory Campbell, Mervyn Carrick, Joan Carson, Wilson Clyde, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, Ivan Davis, Nigel Dodds, Oliver Gibson, Tom Hamilton, William Hay, David Hilditch, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, Danny Kennedy, Alan McFarland, Maurice Morrow, Ian Paisley Jnr, Edwin Poots, Iris Robinson, Ken Robinson, Mark Robinson, Jim Shannon, David Trimble, Denis Watson, Peter Weir, Jim Wells, Jim Wilson, Sammy Wilson.

The Amendment **fell**.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

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1. Acts of the Northern Ireland Assembly

2. Bills of the Northern Ireland Assembly

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4. Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly

5. Assembly Reports

Committee of the Centre: First Report: Report on the Electronic Communications Bill (NIA Bill 9/00) (01/00/R)

6. Statutory Rules

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

SR No 246 The Social Security (Contributions) (Republic of Korea) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (NIO)

SR No 37 The Industrial Tribunals (1996 Order) (Application of Conciliation Provisions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DHFETE)

SR No 38 Recognition and Deregulation Ballots (Qualified Persons) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DHFETE)

SR No 39 Trade Union Recognition (Method of Collective Bargaining) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DHFETE)

7. Consultation Documents

8. Departmental Publications

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NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2001

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**

2.1 **Budget Bill - First Stage**

Mr Mark Durkan, Minister of Finance and Personnel, introduced a Bill to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of certain sums for the service of the years ending 31st March 2001 and 2002; to appropriate those sums for specified purposes and amend certain appropriations in aid for the year ending 31st March 2001; to authorise the Department of Finance and Personnel to borrow on the credit of the appropriated sums; and to authorise the use for the public service of certain resources for the year ending 31st March 2002.

Bill passed First Stage and ordered to be printed. (NIA Bill 10/00)

2.2 **Fisheries (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 9/99)**
Final Stage

Mrs Bríd Rodgers, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, moved that the Final Stage of the Fisheries (Amendment) Bill (NIA 9/99) be agreed.

After debate NIA Bill 9/99 passed Final Stage.

2.3 **Ground Rents Bill (NIA Bill 6/99)**
Final Stage

Mr Mark Durkan, Minister of Finance and Personnel, moved that the Final Stage of the Ground Rents Bill (NIA 6/99) be agreed.

After debate NIA Bill 6/99 passed Final Stage.

2.4 **Motion – Supply Resolution for 2000/1 Spring Supplementary Estimates**

Proposed: That the Assembly approves that a further sum not exceeding £195,599,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund to complete or defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 2001 for expenditure by Northern Ireland Departments, the Northern Ireland Assembly, the Northern Ireland Audit Office, the Assembly Ombudsman for Northern Ireland and the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Complaints and the Office for the Regulation of Electricity and Gas.

[Minister of Finance and Personnel]

The following Motion stood in the Order Paper -

2.5 **Motion – Supply Resolution for 2001/2 Vote on Account**

Proposed: That the Assembly approves that a sum not exceeding £3,806,414,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund, on account, for or towards defraying the charges for Northern Ireland Departments, the Northern Ireland Assembly, the Northern Ireland Audit Office, the Assembly Ombudsman for Northern Ireland and the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Complaints and the Office for the Regulation of Electricity and Gas for the year ending 31st March 2002 and that resources, not exceeding £4,305,870,000 be authorised, on account, for use by Northern Ireland Departments, the Northern Ireland Assembly, the Northern Ireland Audit Office, the Assembly Ombudsman for Northern Ireland and the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Complaints and the Office for the Regulation of Electricity and Gas for the year ending 31st March 2002.

[Minister of Finance and Personnel]

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 2.02 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

The Speaker in the Chair.

3. **Question Time**

3.1 **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.

3.2 Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure

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

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

3.3 Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development

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

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

4. Executive Committee Business (Cont'd) - Supply Resolution for 2000/1 Spring Supplementary Estimates

4.1 *The debate, suspended at 2.02 pm, was resumed on the Motion – Supply Resolution for 2000/1 Spring Supplementary Estimates -*

That the Assembly approves that a further sum not exceeding £195,599,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund to complete or defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 2001 for expenditure by Northern Ireland Departments, the Northern Ireland Assembly, the Northern Ireland Audit Office, the Assembly Ombudsman for Northern Ireland and the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Complaints and the Office for the Regulation of Electricity and Gas.

[Minister of Finance and Personnel]

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** with cross-community support.

4.2 Motion – Supply Resolution for 2001/2 Vote on Account

Proposed: That the Assembly approves that a sum not exceeding £3,806,414,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund, on account, for or towards defraying the charges for Northern Ireland Departments, the Northern Ireland Assembly, the Northern Ireland Audit Office, the Assembly Ombudsman for Northern Ireland and the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Complaints and the Office for the Regulation of Electricity and Gas for the year ending 31st March 2002 and that resources, not exceeding £4,305,870,000 be authorised, on account, for use by Northern Ireland Departments, the Northern Ireland Assembly, the Northern Ireland Audit Office, the Assembly Ombudsman for Northern Ireland and the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Complaints and the Office for the Regulation of Electricity and Gas for the year ending 31st March 2002.

[Minister of Finance and Personnel]

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** with cross-community support.

5. **Committee Business**

5.1 **Motion – Committee Membership**

Proposed: That Mr Ivan Davis should serve on the Committee on Procedures.

[Mr J Wilson]

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

6. **Adjournment**

Mr Barry McElduff spoke on Water and Sewerage Services in West Tyrone.

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 5.32 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
19 February 2001

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

FROM 14 FEBRUARY TO 19 FEBRUARY 2001

1. Acts of the Northern Ireland Assembly

2. Bills of the Northern Ireland Assembly

Street Trading Bill (as amended at Further Consideration Stage) (NIA Bill 2/00)

Government Resources and Accounts Bill (as amended at Consideration Stage)
(NIA Bill 6/00)

Budget Bill (NIA Bill 10/00)

3. Orders in Council

4. Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly

Department of Finance and Personnel Memorandum on the 2nd Report from the Public
Accounts Committee Session 2000 – 01 (NIA 37/00)

Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland Annual Report and Accounts
1 April 1999 to 31 March 2000 (NIA 39/00)

5. Assembly Reports

Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development: Third Report: Restoring Profit to
the Pig Producer (03/00/R)

6. Statutory Rules

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

Companies (1986 Order) (Audit Exemption) (Amendment) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 2001 (DETI)

SR No 40 The Waste and Contaminated Land (1997 Order) (Commencement No. 5)
Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DOE)

SR No 41 The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2001
(DSD)

SR No 43 Countryside Management Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DARD)

SR No 44 Control of Traffic (Belfast) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

SR No 45 Coffee Extracts and Chicory Extracts Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DARD)

SR No 46 Miscellaneous Food Additives (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DARD)

SR No 48 Specified Risk Material (Amendment Regulations) (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DHSSPS)

SR No 49 The Additional Pension (First Appointed Year) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

SR No 50 One-Way Traffic (Belfast) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

SR No 51 One-Way Traffic (Dungiven) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

SR No 54 Employment Rights (Increase of Limits) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DHFETE)

SR No 59 Prohibition of Waiting Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

7. Consultation Documents

Equality Impact Consultation on Review of the Rate Collection Agency (DFP)

8. Departmental Publications

Northern Ireland Spring Supplementary Estimates 2000 – 2001 for services under the Government of Ireland for the year ending 31 March 2001 (DFP)

Northern Ireland Estimates 2000 – 2001: Vote on Account (DFP)

9. Agency Publications

10. Westminster Publications

11. Miscellaneous Publications

12. Assembly Research Papers

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2001

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. **The Speaker's Business**

2.1 The Speaker gave a ruling on a point of order arising out of the Civic Forum debate held on 6 February 2001.

3. **Executive Committee Business**

3.1 **Budget Bill (NIA Bill 10/00)**
Second Stage

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

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

Debate ensued.

NIA Bill 10/00 passed Second Stage.

The Sitting was , by leave, suspended at 1.09 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.00 pm.

The Speaker in the Chair.

3.2 **Government Resources and Accounts Bill (NIA Bill 6/00)**
Further Consideration Stage

The Minister of Finance and Personnel, Mr Mark Durkan, moved that the Further Consideration Stage of the Government Resources and Accounts Bill be agreed.

Eighteen amendments were tabled to the Bill.

Clauses

Question put: That Clause 1 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

After debate: Amendment 1 to Clause 2 was **made** without division..

Question put: That Clause 2 as amended stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

After debate: Amendment 2 to Clause 3 was **made** without division.

Question put: That Clause 3 as amended stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

After debate: Amendment 3 to Clause 4 was **made** without division.

After debate: Amendment 4 to Clause 4 was **made** without division.

After debate: Amendment 5 to Clause 4 was **made** without division.

Question put: That Clause 4 as amended stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

After debate: Amendment 6 to Clause 5 was **made** without division.

Question put: That Clause 5 as amended stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

After debate: Amendment 7 (new clause) was **made** without division.

After debate: Amendment 8 (new clause) was **made** without division.

After debate: Amendment 9 to Clause 6 was **made** without division.

After debate: Amendment 10 to Clause 6 was **made** without division.

After debate: Amendment 11 to Clause 6 was **made** without division.

After debate: Amendment 12 to Clause 6 was **made** without division.

After debate: Amendment 13 to Clause 6 was **made** without division.

After debate: Amendment 14 to Clause 6 was **made** without division.

Question put: That Clause 6 as amended stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Question put: That Clauses 7 to 17 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

After debate: Amendment 15 to Clause 18 was **made** without division.

Question put: That Clause 18 as amended stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Question put: That Clause 19 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

After debate: Amendment 16 to Clause 20 was **made** without division.

After debate: Amendment 17 to Clause 20 was **negatived** (Division 1).

Question put: That Clause 20 as amended stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Question put: That Clauses 21 to 27 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Schedules

After debate: Amendment 18 to Schedule 1 was **made** without division.

Question put: That Schedule 1 as amended stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Question put: That Schedule 2 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Long Title

Question put: That the Long Title be agreed. The Long Title was **agreed**.

(Annotated Marshalled List - Annex)

Bill (NIA 6/00) passed Further Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker for consideration in accordance with Section 10 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

4. Private Members' Business

- 4.1 Proposed: That this Assembly calls on the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland to report on his plans to counter electoral fraud.

[Mr D Hussey]

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

Amendment

Proposed: After "report" insert:

'on the efficiency of the registration process, the balloting process and'.

[Mr P McNamee]

After debate, the Amendment being put, the Amendment **fell**.

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

5. **Adjournment**

- 5.1 Mr Peter Robinson MP spoke on Valuation of Commercial Premises in Redevelopment Areas of East Belfast.

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 6.15 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
20 February 2001



**MARSHALLED LIST OF AMENDMENTS
TO BE MOVED AT FURTHER CONSIDERATION STAGE
ON TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2001**

Amendments given up to and including Thursday, 15 February 2001

The Bill will be considered in the following order-

Clauses 1-5, New Clauses, Clauses 6-27, Schedules and Long Title

Amendment 1 [Made]

Clause 2, Page 2, Line 8

leave out subsection (4)

Minister, Department of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 2 [Made]

Clause 3, Page 2, Line 28

leave out 'subsection' and insert 'section'

Minister, Department of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 3 [Made]

Clause 4, Page 3, Line 4

leave out subsection (4)

Minister, Department of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 4 [Made]

Clause 4, Page 3, Line 10

leave out ‘service on account of which’ and insert ‘Northern Ireland department or other body to which or person to whom’

Minister, Department of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 5 [Made]

Clause 4, Page 3, Line 12

leave out ‘subsection’ and insert ‘section’

Minister, Department of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 6 [Made]

Clause 5, Page 3, Line 22

leave out ‘an Appropriation’ and insert ‘a Budget’

Minister, Department of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 7 [Made]

New Clause

After clause 5 insert—

‘Use of resources

- .—(1) The use of resources by—
- (a) a Northern Ireland department, and
 - (b) any relevant body or person,

for any purpose in any financial year must be authorised for that year by Budget Act or under section 6 and must not exceed any amount so authorised in relation to that purpose.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to the use of resources for services which are under any statutory provision payable out of—

- (a) the Consolidated Fund;
- (b) the Northern Ireland National Insurance Fund; or
- (c) any other fund established under a statutory provision.

(3) Subsection (1) is subject to section (*Use of resources without Budget Act*)

(4) A body or person is a relevant body or person for the purposes of this section and section 6 if an estimate is approved by the Assembly for that body or person in respect of each financial year.’

Minister, Department of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 8 [Made]

New Clause

After clause 5 insert—

‘Use of resources without Budget Act

—(1) If a Budget Act is not passed at least three working days before the end of a financial year (“year 1”) authorising the use of resources mentioned in section (*Use of resources*) (1) for the service of the next financial year (“year 2”), the authorised officer of the Department may, subject to any Budget Act subsequently passed, authorise the use of resources for the service of year 2 for such purposes and up to such amounts as he may direct.

(2) The aggregate of the amounts authorised under subsection (1) for the service of year 2 shall not exceed 75 per cent of the total amount of resources authorised by Budget Act for the service of year 1.

(3) If a Budget Act is not passed before the end of July in any financial year authorising the use of resources mentioned in section (*Use of resources*) (1) for the service of the year, the authorised officer of the Department may, subject to any Budget Act subsequently passed, authorise the use of resources for the service of the year for such purposes and up to such amounts as he may direct.

(4) The aggregate of the amounts authorised under subsection (3) and (where applicable) the amounts authorised under subsection (1) for the service of any financial year shall not exceed 95 per cent of the total amount of resources authorised by Budget Act for the service of the preceding financial year.

(5) In this section “authorised officer”, in relation to the Department, means the Permanent Secretary or such other officer as may be nominated by him for the purpose.’

Minister, Department of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 9 [Made]

Clause 6, Page 3, Line 30

leave out from ‘an Appropriation’ to end of line 33 and insert ‘a Budget Act, direct that resources accruing to a department or a relevant body or person (“accruing resources”) may be used for any purpose in any financial year in addition to resources authorised by Budget Act to be used for that purpose in that year.’

Minister, Department of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 10 [Made]

Clause 6, Page 3, Line 38

leave out ‘appropriation in aid’ and insert ‘a use of accruing resources’

Minister, Department of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 11 [Made]

Clause 6, Page 3, Line 41

leave out ‘appropriation in aid’ and insert ‘use of accruing resources’

Minister, Department of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 12 [Made]

Clause 6, Page 4, Line 1

leave out paragraphs (a) and (b) and insert—

‘(a) the money may be used in accordance with the Department’s direction, and

(b) in so far as not so used, it shall be paid into the Consolidated Fund.’

Minister, Department of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 13 [Made]

Clause 6, Page 4, Line 6

leave out ‘appropriation in aid’ and insert ‘use of accruing resources’

Minister, Department of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 14 [Made]

Clause 6, Page 4, Line 7

leave out ‘Appropriation’ and insert ‘Budget’

Minister, Department of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 15 [Made]

Clause 18, Page 9, Line 27

leave out ‘take full’ and insert ‘consult with and take’

Mr James Leslie

Amendment 16 [Made]

Clause 20, Page 11, Line 2

leave out ‘at any reasonable time’

Chair, Statutory Committee of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 17 [Negatived on division]

Clause 20, Page 11, Line 25

after ‘nature’ insert ‘, has received significant public funds,’

Mr Nigel Dodds

Amendment 18 [Made]

Schedule 1, Page 15, Line 2

leave out ‘an Appropriation’ and insert ‘a Budget’

Minister, Department of Finance and Personnel

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

20 FEBRUARY 2001

DIVISIONS

Division No.1

Government Resources and Accounts Bill

Further Consideration Stage – Amendment 17

Proposed: Clause 20, Page 11, Line 25

after 'nature' insert ' , has received significant public funds,'

[Mr Nigel Dodds]

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 32

Noes : 52

Ayes

Eileen Bell, Paul Berry, Gregory Campbell, Mervyn Carrick, Séamus Close, Wilson Clyde, Nigel Dodds, Boyd Douglas, David Ervine, David Ford, Oliver Gibson, William Hay, David Hilditch, Billy Hutchinson, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, Kieran McCarthy, William McCrea, Monica McWilliams, Maurice Morrow, Séan Neeson, Ian Paisley Jnr, Ian R K Paisley, Edwin Poots, Iris Robinson, Mark Robinson, Peter Robinson, Jim Shannon, Denis Watson, Peter Weir, Jim Wells, Sammy Wilson.

Noes

Ian Adamson, Billy Armstrong, Alex Attwood, Roy Beggs, Billy Bell, Esmond Birnie, P J Bradley, Joan Carson, Fred Cobain, Annie Courtney, John Dallat, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, Arthur Doherty, Mark Durkan, Séan Farren, John Fee, Sam Foster, Michelle Gildernew, John Gorman, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, John Kelly, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Séamus Mallon, Alex Maskey, David McClarty, Alasdair McDonnell, Barry McElduff, Alan McFarland, Gerry McHugh, Mitchel McLaughlin, Eugene McMenemy, Pat McNamee, Francie Molloy, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Mary Nelis, Dermot Nesbitt, Danny O'Connor, Dara O'Hagan, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, Ken Robinson, George Savage, John Tierney, David Trimble, Jim Wilson.

The Amendment **fell**.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

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- 5. Assembly Reports**
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(The department identified after each rule is for reference purposes only.)

SR No 52 The Social Fund (Recovery by Deductions from Benefits) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

SR No 56 The Jobseeker's Allowance (Joint Claims: Consequential Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)
- 7. Consultation Documents**
Regional Evidence-Based Strategy for Stroke Services
- 8. Departmental Publications**
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NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2001

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**

2.1 **Statement – North/South Ministerial Council – Trade and Business Development**

The Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, Sir Reg Empey, made a statement to the Assembly on the Fourth Meeting of the North-South Ministerial Council in its Trade and Business Development Sectoral Format held on Friday 16 February 2001, following which he replied to questions.

2.2 **Budget Bill (NIA Bill 10/00)**
Consideration Stage

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

No amendments were tabled to the Bill.

Clauses

Question put: That Clauses 1-5 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Schedules

Question put: That Schedules 1-3 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Long Title

Question put: That the Long Title of the Bill be **agreed**. The Long Title was **agreed**.

Bill (NIA10/00) passed Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker for consideration in accordance with Section 10 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

2.3 **Electronic Communications Bill (NIA Bill 9/00)**
Consideration Stage

The First Minister and Deputy First Minister moved that the Electronic Communications Bill be agreed.

No amendments were tabled to the Bill.

Clauses

Question put: That Clauses 1-5 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Long Title

Question put: That the Long Title of the Bill be **agreed**. The Long Title was **agreed**.

Bill (NIA9/00) passed Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker for consideration in accordance with Section 10 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

3. **Committee Business**

3.1 **Motion – Committee Membership**

Proposed: That Mr David McClarty should replace Mr Tom Hamilton on the Committee for the Environment.

[Mr J Wilson]

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

3.2 **Motion – Committee Membership**

Proposed: That Mr Tom Hamilton should replace Mr David McClarty on the Committee for Social Development.

[Mr J Wilson]

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

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 11.24 am.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

4. **Question Time**

4.1 **Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment**

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

4.2 **Minister of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment**

The Speaker in the Chair.

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

4.3 **Minister for Social Development**

Questions were put to and answered by the Minister, Mr Maurice Morrow.

5. **Adjournment**

5.1 Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 4.03 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
26 February 2001

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

FROM 21 FEBRUARY TO 26 FEBRUARY 2001

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- 2. Bills of the Northern Ireland Assembly**
Government Resources and Accounts Bill (as amended at Further Consideration Stage) (NIA Bill 6/00)
- 3. Orders in Council**
- 4. Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly**
Road Openings by Utilities (NIAO) (NIA 35/00)
- 5. Assembly Reports**
- 6. Statutory Rules**
(The department identified after each rule is for reference purposes only.)
SR No 408 The New Valuation List Order (Northern Ireland) 2000
SR No 53 Route B7 Chapel Hill Road, Mayobridge (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)
SR No 58 John Street, Belfast (Stopping-up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)
SR No 70 Control of Traffic (Londonderry) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)
- 7. Consultation Documents**
Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 – Consultation on Subordinate Legislation (OFMDFM)
- 8. Departmental Publications**
Programme for Government (OFMDFM)

9. Agency Publications

10. Westminster Publications

SI No 314 The Social Security (Contributions) Amendment No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001

SI No 400 The Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001

SI No 401 The Terrorism Act 2000 (Code of Practice on the Exercise of Police Powers) (Northern Ireland) Order 2001

SI No 402 The Terrorism Act 2000 (Code of Practice on Video Recording of Interviews) (Northern Ireland) Order 2001

SI No 417 The Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2001

SI No 446 The Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (Disapplication of Part IV for Northern Ireland Parties, etc.) Order 2001

11. Miscellaneous Publications

12. Assembly Research Papers

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2001

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. **Private Members' Business**

2.1 **Motion – Royal Commission Report on Long-Term Care**

Proposed: That this Assembly calls on the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety to implement in full in Northern Ireland the recommendations contained in the Report by the Royal Commission on Long-Term Care published in March 1999.

[Mr K McCarthy]

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

2.2 **Motion – Care for the Elderly**

Proposed: That this Assembly notes the decision of the Scottish Parliament to provide the elderly with free nursing and personal care and calls on the Executive Committee to make similar provision for the elderly in Northern Ireland and to promote the greater well-being of the elderly in this part of the United Kingdom.

[Mr N Dodds]

[Mr I Paisley Jnr]

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

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 12.16 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.00 pm.

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

3. **Private Notice Question – Failure of Electricity Supply**

Sir Reg Empey, Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, replied to a Private Notice Question tabled by Mr John Kelly.

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

4.1 **Motion – Security Force Collusion**

Proposed: That this Assembly calls on the Secretary of State to initiate an independent public inquiry into allegations of collusion between the Royal Ulster Constabulary Special Branch, British Military Intelligence and Loyalist paramilitaries in the planning and murder of Catholics.

[Mrs M Nelis]

4.2 **Amendment**

Proposed: Delete all after “Assembly” and insert:

“rejects allegations of collusion between the RUC Special Branch, British Military Intelligence and Loyalist Paramilitaries and congratulates the security forces who have striven to uphold law and order in Northern Ireland in the face of a sectarian campaign of murder directed by IRA/Sinn Féin in collusion with others.”

[Mr S Wilson]

[Rev Dr W McCrea MP]

After debate, the Amendment being put, the Amendment was **made** without division.

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

5. **Private Notice Question – Adverse Weather Conditions**

Mr Gregory Campbell, Minister for Regional Development, replied to a Private Notice Question tabled by Mr John Fee.

6. **Adjournment**

6.1 Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 4.30 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
27 February 2001

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

ON 27 FEBRUARY 2001

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

5. Assembly Reports

Public Accounts Committee: Third Report: Report on the Control of River Pollution in Northern Ireland (03/00/R)

6. Statutory Rules

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

SR No 60 Route A26 Larne Road Link, Ballymena (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

SR No 61 Local Government Pension Scheme (Pension Sharing on Divorce) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DOE)

SR No 62 Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DOE)

SR No 63 Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DOE)

SR No 64 Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DOE)

7. Consultation Documents

8. Departmental Publications

- 9. Agency Publications**
- 10. Westminster Publications**
- 11. Miscellaneous Publications**
- 12. Assembly Research Papers**

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 5 MARCH 2001

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**

2.1 **Statement – Foot and Mouth Disease**

The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Mrs Bríd Rodgers, made a statement to the Assembly on the outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease, following which she replied to questions.

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

2.2 **Statement – Energy Issues**

The Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, Sir Reg Empey, made a statement to the Assembly on Energy Issues, following which he replied to questions.

The Speaker in the Chair.

2.3 **Budget Bill (NIA Bill10/00)**
Further Consideration Stage

The Minister of Finance and Personnel moved that the Further Consideration Stage of the Budget Bill be agreed.

Twelve amendments were tabled to the Bill but were not selected for debate.

Clauses

Question put: That Clauses 1-5 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Schedules

Question put: That Schedules 1-3 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Long Title

Question put: That the Long Title of the Bill be **agreed**. The Long Title was **agreed**.

Bill (NIA10/00) passed Further Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker under Section 10 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

2.4 **Government Resources and Accounts Bill (NIA Bill 6/00)** **Final Stage**

Mr Mark Durkan, Minister of Finance and Personnel, moved that the Final Stage of the Government Resources and Accounts Bill (NIA 6/00) be agreed.

After debate NIA Bill 6/00 passed Final Stage.

2.5 **Street Trading Bill (NIA Bill 2/00)** **Final Stage**

Mr Maurice Morrow, Minister for Social Development, moved that the Final Stage of the Street Trading Bill (NIA 2/00) be agreed.

After debate NIA Bill 2/00 passed Final Stage.

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 1.26 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

The Speaker in the Chair.

3. **Question Time**

3.1 **Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister**

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

3.2 **Minister for Regional Development**

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

Questions were put to, and answered by, the Minister, Mr Gregory Campbell.

3.3 **Minister of the Environment**

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

The Speaker in the Chair.

4. **Executive Committee Business (Cont'd)**
Motion - Programme for Government

- 4.1 Proposed: That this Assembly endorses the Programme for Government agreed by the Executive.

[First Minister]
[Deputy First Minister]

4.2 **Amendment**

Proposed: Delete all after “Assembly” and insert:

“declines to approve the Northern Ireland Executive Programme for Government because it does not properly address the deep divisions and inequalities in this society and therefore does not deliver the new beginning envisioned by the Good Friday Agreement.”

[Mr S Neeson]
[Mr D Ford]

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

5. **Adjournment**

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 5.57 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
5 March 2001

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

FROM 28 FEBRUARY TO 5 MARCH 2001

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 Council for Catholic Maintained Schools Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2000 (NIA 42/00)

5. Assembly Reports

6. Statutory Rules

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

SR No 47 Feeding Stuffs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DHSSPS)

SR No 66 Welfare of Animals (Slaughter and Killing) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DARD)

SR No 68 One-Way Traffic (Holywood) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

SR No 71 Less Favoured Area Compensatory Allowances Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DARD)

SR No 74 Bus Lanes Orders (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

SR No 75 Control of Traffic (Belfast) (No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

SR No 78 The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

SR No 79 The Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

SR No 84 Rates (Regional Rates) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DFP)

7. Consultation Documents

8. Departmental Publications

Concordat between The Department of Social Security and The Department of Social Development (Northern Ireland)

9. Agency Publications

10. Westminster Publications

The Compensation Agency Annual Report and Accounts 1999 – 2000
(HC 179)

Northern Ireland Affairs Committee: First Report: The Northern Ireland Prison Service (HC 263)

11. Miscellaneous Publications

12. Assembly Research Papers

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY 6 MARCH 2001

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. **The Speaker's Business**

2.1 The Speaker informed Members that he would be absent from the Assembly with Members of the Business Committee on Monday 12 and Tuesday 13 March 2001.

3. **Executive Committee Business**

3.1 **Motion - Programme for Government (Second Day)**

Debate was resumed on the Motion -

That this Assembly endorses the Programme for Government agreed by the Executive.

[First Minister]
[Deputy First Minister]

and the Amendment

Delete all after "Assembly" and add:

"declines to approve the Northern Ireland Executive Programme for Government because it does not properly address the deep divisions and inequalities in this society and therefore does not deliver the new beginning envisioned by the Good Friday Agreement."

[Mr S Neeson]
[Mr D Ford]

Debate ensued.

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

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

The Sitting resumed at 2.00 pm. Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

Debate ensued.

The Speaker in the Chair.

Debate ensued.

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

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

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

3.2 **Electronic Communications Bill (NIA Bill 9/00)** **Further Consideration Stage**

The First Minister and Deputy First Minister moved that the Further Consideration Stage of the Electronic Communications Bill be agreed.

No amendments were tabled to the Bill.

Clauses

Question put: That Clauses 1-5 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Long Title

Question put: That the Long Title of the Bill be **agreed**. The Long Title was **agreed**.

Bill (NIA9/00) passed Further Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker in accordance with Section 10 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

3.3 **Budget Bill (NIA Bill 10/00)** **Final Stage**

Mr Mark Durkan, Minister of Finance and Personnel, moved that the Final Stage of the Budget Bill (NIA 10/00) be agreed.

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** with cross-community support (Division 3).

NIA Bill 10/00 passed Final Stage.

4. **Adjournment**

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 7.37 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
6 March 2001

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

6 MARCH 2001

DIVISIONS

Division No.1

Programme for Government: Amendment

Proposed: Delete all after “Assembly” and add:

“declines to approve the Northern Ireland Executive Programme for Government because it does not properly address the deep divisions and inequalities in this society and therefore does not deliver the new beginning envisioned by the Good Friday Agreement.”

[Mr S Neeson]

[Mr D Ford]

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 5

Noes : 46

Ayes

Eileen Bell, Séamus Close, David Ford, Kieran McCarthy, Séan Neeson.

Noes

Ian Adamson, Alex Attwood, Roy Beggs, Billy Bell, Esmond Birnie, P J Bradley, Joan Carson, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, Annie Courtney, John Dallat, Ivan Davis, Baírbre de Brun, Arthur Doherty, Mark Durkan, Reg Empey, Séan Farren, John Fee, Tommy Gallagher, Tom Hamilton, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, Derek Hussey, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, Alban Maginness, Séamus Mallon, David McClarty, Alasdair McDonnell, Alan McFarland, Michael McGimpsey, Eddie McGrady, Gerry McHugh, Eugene McMenemy, Monica McWilliams, Francie Molloy, Mick Murphy, Dermot Nesbitt, Danny O'Connor, Dara O'Hagan, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, Ken Robinson, George Savage, John Tierney.

The Amendment **fell**.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

6 MARCH 2001

DIVISIONS

Division No.2

Programme for Government

Proposed: That this Assembly endorses the Programme for Government agreed by the Executive.

[First Minister]

[Deputy First Minister]

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 47

Noes : 27

Ayes

Ian Adamson, Alex Attwood, Roy Beggs, Billy Bell, Esmond Birnie, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, Joan Carson, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, Annie Courtney, John Dallat, Ivan Davis, Baírbre de Brún, Arthur Doherty, Mark Durkan, Reg Empey, Séan Farren, John Fee, Tommy Gallagher, Tom Hamilton, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, Derek Hussey, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, Alban Maginness, Séamus Mallon, David McClarty, Alasdair McDonnell, Alan McFarland, Michael McGimpsey, Eddie McGrady, Gerry McHugh, Eugene McMenamin, Monica McWilliams, Francie Molloy, Mick Murphy, Dermot Nesbitt, Danny O'Connor, Dara O'Hagan, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, Ken Robinson, George Savage, John Tierney.

Noes

Eileen Bell, Paul Berry, Gregory Campbell, Mervyn Carrick, Séamus Close, Wilson Clyde, Nigel Dodds, David Ford, Oliver Gibson, William Hay, David Hilditch, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, Kieran McCarthy, Robert McCartney, William McCrea, Maurice Morrow, Séan Neeson, Ian Paisley Jnr, Ian R K Paisley, Edwin Poots, Iris Robinson, Mark Robinson, Jim Shannon, Denis Watson, Jim Wells, Sammy Wilson.

The Motion was **carried**.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

6 MARCH 2001

DIVISIONS

Division No.3

Final Stage: Budget Bill

Proposed: That the Budget Bill (NIA Bill 10/00) do now pass.

[Minister of Finance and Personnel]

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

Ayes : 48

Noes : 20

Ayes

Nationalist: Alex Attwood, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, Annie Courtney, John Dallat, Arthur Doherty, Mark Durkan, Séan Farren, John Fee, Tommy Gallagher, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, Alban Maginness, Séamus Mallon, Alasdair McDonnell, Eddie McGrady, Gerry McHugh, Eugene McMenamin, Francie Molloy, Mick Murphy, Danny O'Connor, Dara O'Hagan, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, John Tierney.

Unionist: Ian Adamson, Roy Beggs, Billy Bell, Esmond Birnie, Joan Carson, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, Ivan Davis, Reg Empey, Tom Hamilton, Derek Hussey, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, David McClarty, Alan McFarland, Michael McGimpsey, Dermot Nesbitt, Ken Robinson, George Savage.

Other: Eileen Bell, David Ford, Monica McWilliams.

Noes

Unionist: Paul Berry, 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, Iris Robinson, Mark Robinson, Jim Shannon, Jim Wells, Sammy Wilson.

Total Votes	68	Total Ayes	48 (70.6%)
Nationalist Votes	26	Nationalist Ayes	26 (100.0%)
Unionist Votes	39	Unionist Ayes	19 (48.7%)

The Motion was **carried**.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

ON 6 MARCH 2001

- 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**
- 5. Assembly Reports**

Examiner of Statutory Rules Report on SR No 27 Dairy Produce Quotas (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001, SR No 32 The Potatoes Originating in Egypt (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 and SR No 84 Rates (Regional Rates) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (ESR 031/01)

- 6. Statutory Rules**
(The department identified after each rule is for reference purposes only.)

SR No 69 Superannuation (Chief Executive to the Mental Health Commission) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DFP)

- 7. Consultation Documents**

Proceeds of Crime: Consultation on Draft Legislation (Cm 5066)

- 8. Departmental Publications**

- 9. Agency Publications**

Northern Ireland Prison Service Framework Document 2000–2005

- 10. Westminster Publications**

- 11. Miscellaneous Publications**

- 12. Assembly Research Papers**

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 12 MARCH 2001

*The Assembly met at 10.30 am
Deputy Speaker, Ms Jane Morrice, in the Chair*

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

1.1 Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **Executive Committee Business**

2.1 **Statement – Foot and Mouth Disease**

The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Mrs Bríd Rodgers, made a statement to the Assembly on the outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease, following which she replied to questions.

2.2 **Statement – North/South Ministerial Council - Environment**

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

The Minister of the Environment, Mr Sam Foster, made a statement to the Assembly on the third Environment sectoral meeting of the North/South Ministerial Council held on 23 February 2001, following which he replied to questions.

2.3 **First Stage – Trustee Bill (NIA Bill 11/00)**

Mr Mark Durkan, the Minister of Finance and Personnel, introduced a Bill to amend the law relating to trustees and persons having the investment powers of trustees; and for connected purposes.

Bill passed First Stage and ordered to be printed. (NIA Bill 11/00)

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 12.31 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

3. **Question Time**

3.1 **Minister of Education**

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

3.2 **Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety**

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

3.3 **Minister of Finance and Personnel**

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

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

4. **Committee Business**

4.1 **Motion – Report of the Ad Hoc Committee – Life Sentences (NI) Order 2001**

Proposed: That the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee set up to consider the draft Life Sentences (Northern Ireland) Order 2001 referred by the Secretary of State should be submitted to the Secretary of State as a Report of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

[Chairperson, Ad Hoc Committee – Life Sentences (NI) Order 2001]

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

5. **Adjournment**

5.1 Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 5.13 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
March 2001

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

FROM 7 MARCH 2001 TO 12 MARCH 2001

- 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**
- 5. Assembly Reports**

Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure: Second Report: Inquiry into Inland Fisheries in Northern Ireland: Volume 1 – Report and Proceedings for the Committee (02/00/R)

Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure: Second Report: Inquiry into Inland Fisheries in Northern Ireland: Volume 2 – Minutes of Evidence Relating to the Report (02/00/R)

Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure: Second Report: Inquiry into Inland Fisheries in Northern Ireland: Volume 3 – Minutes of Evidence Relating to the Report (02/00/R)

Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure: Second Report: Inquiry into Inland Fisheries in Northern Ireland: Volume 4 – Annexes to the Minutes of Evidence (02/00/R)

Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure: Second Report: Inquiry into Inland Fisheries in Northern Ireland: Volume 5 – Annexes to the Minutes of Evidence (02/00/R)

Ad Hoc Committee on Draft Life Sentences (Northern Ireland) Order 2001: Report and Proceedings of the Committee (Ad Hoc 03/00/R)

Examiner of Statutory Rules: Report on SR No 43 Countryside Management Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (ESR 37/01)

6. Statutory Rules

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

SR No 77 Education (Student Support) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DHFETE)

SR No 81 Manse Road and Ballygowan Road, Castlereagh (Stopping-Up) (Northern Ireland) Order 2001 (DRD)

SR No 82 Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DARD)

SR No 83 Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Infected Area) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DARD)

SR No 85 Food Safety (General Food Hygiene) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DHSSPS)

SR No 88 The Social Security (Credits and Incapacity Benefit) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

SR No 89 General Dental Services (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DHSSPS & DFP)

SR No 90 The Pig Industry Restructuring (Capital Grant) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DARD)

SR No 91 The Pig Industry Restructuring (Non-Capital Grant) Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DARD)

SR No 95 Roads (Speed Limit) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

7. Consultation Documents

Partners in Protection: A Review of the Procedures for Notifying, Protecting and Managing Areas of Special Scientific Interest in Northern Ireland (DOE)

8. Departmental Publications

9. Agency Publications

10. Westminster Publications

11. Miscellaneous Publications

12. Assembly Research Papers

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY 20 MARCH 2001

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. **The Speaker's Business**

2.1 The Speaker clarified procedures on Assembly voting.

2.2 The Speaker delivered a ruling on unparliamentary language.

3. **Executive Committee Business**

3.1 **Motion – Regional Rates Order**

Proposed: That the Rates (Regional Rates) (No.2) Order (NI) 2001 be approved.

[Minister of Finance and Personnel]

Following debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** (Division 1).

3.2 **Electronic Communications Bill (NIA Bill 9/00)**
Final Stage

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

Mr Denis Haughey, Junior Minister, moved that the Final Stage of the Electronic Communications Bill (NIA 9/00) be agreed.

After debate NIA Bill 9/00 passed Final Stage.

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 12.47 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

4. **Question Time**

4.1 **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.

4.2 **Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure**

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

4.3 **Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development**

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

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

5. **Committee Business**

5.1 **Motion – Report of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure –
Inland Fisheries in Northern Ireland**

Proposed: That this Assembly approves the Report of the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure on Inland Fisheries in Northern Ireland and calls on the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure to implement the Committee's recommendations at the earliest opportunity.

[Chairperson, Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure]

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

6. **Adjournment**

6.1 Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 5.59 pm.

**THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
20 March 2001**

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

20 MARCH 2001

DIVISIONS

Division No.1

Regional Rates Order

Proposed: That the Rates (Regional Rates) (No.2) Order (NI) 2001 be approved.

[Minister of Finance and Personnel]

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 54

Noes : 29

Ayes

Ian Adamson, Billy Armstrong, Alex Attwood, Roy Beggs, Billy Bell, Esmond Birnie, Joe Byrne, Joan Carson, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, Annie Courtney, John Dallat, Ivan Davis, Baírbre De Brun, Mark Durkan, David Ervine, Séan Farren, John Fee, Sam Foster, Tommy Gallagher, John Gorman, Tom Hamilton, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, Derek Hussey, Billy Hutchinson, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Séamus Mallon, Alex Maskey, David McClarty, Donovan McClelland, Alasdair McDonnell, Barry McElduff, Alan McFarland, Michael McGimpsey, Eddie McGrady, Gerry McHugh, Mitchel McLaughlin, Eugene McMenemy, Francie Molloy, Jane Morrice, Mick Murphy, Mary Nelis, Dara O'Hagan, Eamonn O'Neill, Ken Robinson, George Savage, John Tierney, David Trimble, Jim Wilson.

Noes

Eileen Bell, Paul Berry, Norman Boyd, Gregory Campbell, Mervyn Carrick, Séamus Close, Wilson Clyde, Nigel Dodds, David Ford, Oliver Gibson, William Hay, David Hilditch, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, Kieran McCarthy, 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, Jim Wells, Cedric Wilson, Sammy Wilson.

The Motion was **carried**.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

FROM 14 MARCH 2001 TO 20 MARCH 2001

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

5. Assembly Reports

Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development: Minutes of Evidence: Update on Foot-and-Mouth Disease Outbreak (01/00/E)

6. Statutory Rules

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

SR No 87 Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Controlled Area) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DARD)

SR No 93 Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Controlled Area) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DARD)

SR No 94 Pensions Increase (Review) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DFP)

SR No 102 The Social Security (Crediting and Treatment of Contributions, and National Insurance Numbers) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

SR No 106 The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

SR No 107 The Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Dependency) (Permitted Earnings Limits) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

SR No 108 The Social Security (Benefits for Widows and Widowers) (Consequential Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

7. Consultation Documents

European Directive on Fixed Term Work – Implementation in Northern Ireland: Public Consultation (DHFETE)

Proposals for a Carer’s and Disabled Children’s Bill: Consultation Document (DHSSPS)

Rail Vehicle Accessibility Regulations: Statutory Consultation (DRD)

8. Departmental Publications

Creating a Soccer Strategy for Northern Ireland (DCAL)

Department for Regional Development Equality Scheme

9. Agency Publications

10. Westminster Publications

Combating Electoral Fraud in Northern Ireland (Cm 5080)

SI No 366 The Tax Credits Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001

Draft Statutory Instrument: Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Designation of Public Authorities) Order 2001

11. Miscellaneous Publications

12. Assembly Research Papers

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 26 MARCH 2001

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. **Royal Assent**

2.1 Royal Assent had been signified on 20 March 2001 to:

- Planning (Compensation, etc.) Act 2001;
- Health and Personal Social Services Act 2001;
- Fisheries (Amendment) Act 2001.

Royal Assent had been signified on 22 March 2001 to:

- Government Resources and Accounts Act 2001;
- Budget Act 2001.

3. **Executive Committee Business**

3.1 **Statement – Foot and Mouth Disease**

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Mrs Bríd Rodgers, made a statement to the Assembly on the current position in relation to Foot and Mouth Disease, following which she replied to questions.

3.2 **Statement – Student Support Proposals**

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

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

3.3 **First Stage - Department for Learning and Employment Bill (NIA Bill 12/00)**

Dr Séan Farren, the Minister of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment, introduced a Bill to rename the Department of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment as the Department for Learning and Employment.

Bill passed First Stage and ordered to be printed. (NIA Bill 12/00)

3.4 **Trustee Bill (NIA Bill 11/00)**
Second Stage

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

Debate ensued.

NIA Bill 11/00 passed Second Stage.

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 1.31 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

The Speaker in the Chair.

4. **Question Time**

4.1 **Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment**

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

4.2 **Minister of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment**

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

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

4.3 **Minister for Social Development**

Questions were put to and answered by the Minister, Mr Maurice Morrow.

5. **Committee Business**

The Speaker in the Chair.

5.1 **Motion – Ad Hoc Committee**

Proposed: That this Assembly appoints an Ad Hoc Committee to consider the draft clauses for a Proceeds of Crime Bill referred by the Secretary of State and to submit a report to the Assembly by 28 May 2001.

Composition:	UUP	2
	SDLP	2
	DUP	2
	SF	2
	Other Parties	3

Quorum: The quorum shall be five.

Procedure: The procedures of the Committee shall be such as the Committee shall determine.

[Mr E McGrady MP]

[Dr A McDonnell]

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

6. **Adjournment**

Mr Jim Wells spoke on Helicopter Rescue Services in South Down.

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 4.50 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
26 March 2001

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

FROM 21 MARCH 2001 TO 26 MARCH 2001

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

Accounts of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive for the year ended 31 March 2000 (NIA 43/00)

Response of the Regional Development Committee to the Minister for Regional Development on the Future of the Port of Belfast

5. Assembly Reports

Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development: Minutes of Evidence: Update on Foot-and-Mouth Disease Outbreak (02/00/E)

6. Statutory Rules

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

SR No 80 Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve (Full-time) (Appointment and Conditions of Service) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (NIO)

SR No 101 The Historic Monuments (Class Consents) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DOE)

SR No 14 The Welfare Reform and Pensions (1999 Order) (Commencement No. 7 and Transitional Provisions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

SR No 115 The Social Security (Hospital In-Patients) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

SR No 116 The Workmen's Compensation (Supplementation) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

SR No 117 The Social Security (Invalid Care Allowance) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

SR No 118 The Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Perpetuities and Contracting-out) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001(DSD)

SR No 119 The Stakeholder Pension Schemes (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

SR No 121 Parking Places on Roads (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

SR No 122 Cycle Tracks (Limavady) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

SR No 123 Charges for Drugs and Appliances (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DHSSPS)

SR No 124 Dental Charges (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DHSSPS)

SR No 125 The Road Traffic (Health Services Charges) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

7. Consultation Documents

8. Departmental Publications

New TSN: Making it Work: The New TSN Action Plans (OFMDFM)

Department of the Environment Equality Scheme (DOE)

2001 Census of Population: Report on the Reviews on Security and Confidentiality and Statement by the Registrars General for England and Wales Scotland, and Northern Ireland (DFP)

9. Agency Publications

Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission Strategic Plan 2000 – 2002

A Profile of Protestants and Roman Catholics in the Northern Ireland Labour Force: Source Book: First Edition (NISRA Monitor 2/01)

10. Westminster Publications

SI No 568 The Tax Credits (Claims and Payments) (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2001

SI No 660 The European Communities (Matrimonial Jurisdiction and Judgements) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001

SI No 851 The Public Processions (Northern Ireland) Act 1998 (Accounts and Audit) Order 2001

SI No 958 The Maximum Number of Judges (Northern Ireland) Order 2001

11. Miscellaneous Publications

12. Assembly Research Papers

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY 27 MARCH 2001

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**

2.1 **Statement – Structural Funds**

The Minister of Finance and Personnel, Mr Mark Durkan, made a statement to the Assembly on current issues relating to European Union Structural Funds, following which he replied to questions.

3. **Committee Business**

3.1 **Motion – Reports by Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development**

Proposed: That this Assembly accepts and endorses the findings and recommendations contained in the two reports published by the Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development: 'Restoring Profit for the Beef Producer' (2/00/R) and 'Restoring Profit for the Pig Producer' (3/00/R) and urges the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development (and others involved in the beef and pig sectors) to take all necessary steps to implement the recommendations.

[Chairperson, Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development]

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 12.28 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.00 pm. Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

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

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

3.2 **Motion – Port of Belfast**

The following Motion stood on the Order Paper in the name of the Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development.

Proposed: That this Assembly takes note of the response of the Committee for Regional Development to the Minister for Regional Development on the economic appraisal setting out the options for the future of the Port of Belfast.

The Motion was **not moved**.

4. **Private Members' Business**

4.1 **Motion – Financial Assistance for the Fishing Industry**

Proposed: That this Assembly calls upon the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development to provide short-term financial assistance for the fishing industry due to the restriction coming from the Cod Recovery Programme.

[Mr J Shannon]
[Mrs I Robinson]

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

5. **Adjournment**

5.1 Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 5.24 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
27 March 2001

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

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ON 27 MARCH 2001

- 1. Acts of the Northern Ireland Assembly**
- 2. Bills of the Northern Ireland Assembly**
Department for Learning and Employment Bill (NIA Bill 12/00)
- 3. Orders in Council**
- 4. Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly**
- 5. Assembly Reports**
- 6. Statutory Rules**
(The department identified after each rule is for reference purposes only.)

SR No 103 The Community Drivers' Hours (Foot-and Mouth Disease) (Temporary Exception) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DOE)

SR No 127 Extensification Payment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DARD)
- 7. Consultation Documents**
- 8. Departmental Publications**

Confronting the Threat to Northern Ireland Society from Serious and Organised Crime (NIO)
- 9. Agency Publications**

The Northern Ireland Higher Education Council: Annual Report 1999/2000
- 10. Westminster Publications**

Review Body on Senior Salaries: Report No. 47: Review of the Parliamentary Pension Scheme (Cm 4996)

Review Body on Senior Salaries: Report No. 48: Review of the Parliamentary Pay and Allowances: Vol. 1: Report (Cm 4997-I)

Review Body on Senior Salaries: Report No. 48: Review of the Parliamentary Pay and Allowances: Vol. 2: Independent Study on Pay and Allowances (Cm 4997-II)

SI No 852 The Public Processions (Northern Ireland) Act 1998 (Accounts and Audit) Order 2001

11. Miscellaneous Publications

12. Assembly Research Papers

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 2 APRIL 2001

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. **The Speaker's Business**

2.1 The Speaker reported that the new Clerk to the Northern Ireland Assembly, Mr Arthur Moir, had taken up his post.

3. **Executive Committee Business**

3.1 **Statement – Foot-and-Mouth Disease**

The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Mrs Bríd Rodgers, made a statement to the Assembly on the current position in relation to foot-and-mouth disease and the implications for Northern Ireland, following which she replied to questions.

3.2 **Motion – Pig Industry Restructuring (Capital Grant) Scheme**

Proposed: That the Pig Industry Restructuring (Capital Grant) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 2001, Statutory Rule 2001 No.90 be approved.

[Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development]

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

3.3 **Motion – Companies (1986 Order) (Audit Exemption) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001**

Proposed: That the draft Companies (1986 Order) (Audit Exemption) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 be approved.

[Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment]

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

4. **Committee Business**

4.1 **Motion – First Report of the Committee on Standards and Privileges**

Proposed: That this Assembly approves the findings and conclusions contained in the First Report of the Committee on Standards and Privileges: ‘Inquiry into the Possible Appointment of an Assembly Commissioner for Standards’ (O1/00/R) and calls for all appropriate arrangements to be put in place by the Assembly Commission, the Speaker’s Office and other relevant Assembly Committees to ensure implementation of the recommendations.

[Chairperson, Committee on Standards and Privileges]

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

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 12.56 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

5. **Question Time**

5.1 **Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister**

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

5.2 **Minister for Regional Development**

Questions were put to, and answered by, the Minister, Mr Gregory Campbell.

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

5.3 **Minister of the Environment**

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

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

6. **Executive Committee Business (Cont’d)**

6.1 **Statement – First Allocations from Executive Programme Funds**

The Minister of Finance and Personnel, Mr Mark Durkan, made a statement to the Assembly on first allocations from Executive programme funds, following which he replied to questions.

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

7. **Private Notice Question – Road Safety**

Mr Gregory Campbell, Minister for Regional Development, replied to a Question to which he had been given private notice, tabled by Ms Jane Morrice.

8. **Adjournment**

8.1 Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 5.53 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
2 April 2001

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

FROM 28 MARCH 2001 TO 2 APRIL 2001

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

5. Assembly Reports

Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development: Minutes of Evidence: Update on Foot-and-Mouth Disease Outbreak (03/00/E)

Committee on Standards and Privileges: First Report: Inquiry into the Possible Appointment of an Assembly Commissioner for Standards: Report and Proceedings of the Committee (01/00/R)

6. Statutory Rules

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

SR No 120 The Social Security (Joint Claims Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

SR No 129 Milk and Milk Products (Pupils in Educational Establishments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DARD)

SR No 134 The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

7. Consultation Documents

Bill for Restructuring of DETI Agencies: An Equality Impact Assessment

Proposals for a Children Leaving Care Bill: Consultation Document (DHSSPS)

8. Departmental Publications

Equality Scheme for the Department of Education

9. Agency Publications

10. Westminster Publications

SI No 810 The Capital Allowances (Corresponding Northern Ireland Grants) Order 2001

SI No 998 The Jobseeker's Allowance (Member of the Forces) (Joint Claims: Consequential Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001

11. Miscellaneous Publications

12. Assembly Research Papers

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY 3 APRIL 2001

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**

2.1 **Department for Learning and Employment Bill (NIA Bill 12/00)**
Second Stage

The Minister of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment, Dr Séan Farren, moved that the Second Stage of the Department for Learning and Employment Bill be agreed.

Debate ensued.

NIA Bill 12/00 passed Second Stage.

2.2 **Motion – Measures for Victims in the European Peace II Programme**

Proposed: That this Assembly welcomes the inclusion of a specific measure for victims in the European Peace II Programme.

[First Minister]
[Deputy First Minister]

Debate ensued.

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 12.33 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.00 pm.

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

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

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

3. **Private Members' Business**

3.1 **Motion – Minimum Wage**

Proposed: That this Assembly considers the current minimum wage threshold to be too low and supports a minimum wage level of (at least) £5 per hour and calls for the youth exemption contained in the current legislation to be abolished so that the £5 per hour rate applies to all.

[Mr B Hutchinson]

[Dr D O'Hagan]

3.2 **Amendment**

Proposed: Delete all after 'low' and insert:

'and calls for an adequate research assessment of the national and local employment impact of possible alternative threshold levels.'

[Dr E Birnie]

[Mr R Beggs]

After debate, the Amendment being put, the Amendment **fell** without division.

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

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

3.3 **Motion – Adolescent Psychiatric Services**

Proposed: That this Assembly notes with concern the shortage of adolescent psychiatric services throughout Northern Ireland and urges the Minister of Health to ensure that the key staff are recruited immediately with a view to meeting the community need for this vital service within two years in all parts of Northern Ireland.

[Dr A McDonnell]

[Mr E McMenamin]

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

4. **Adjournment**

4.1 Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 6.04 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
3 April 2001

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

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ON 3 APRIL 2001

1. Acts of the Northern Ireland Assembly

2. Bills of the Northern Ireland Assembly

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5. Assembly Reports

Committee for Health, Social Services and Public Safety: Third Report: Report on Adoption (Intercountry Aspects) Bill (NIA Bill 8/00) (03/00/R)

Public Accounts Committee: Fourth Report: Report on (I) Grants Paid to Irish Sport Horse Genetic Testing Unit Ltd and (II) National Agriculture Support: Fraud (04/00/R)

6. Statutory Rules

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

7. Consultation Documents

8. Departmental Publications

9. Agency Publications

10. Westminster Publications

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12. Assembly Research Papers

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY 10 APRIL 2001

*The Assembly met at 10.30 am
Deputy Speaker, Ms Jane Morrice, in the Chair*

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

1.1 Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **Speaker's Business**

2.1 The Deputy Speaker confirmed that this Plenary Sitting had been convened following receipt of a valid notice, signed by 30 Members, in accordance with Standing Order 11 (Appendix 1).

2.2 The Deputy Speaker reported that a valid Petition of Concern had been received and that the vote on the Motion 'Display of Lilies in Parliament Buildings' would take place on a cross-community basis (Appendix 2).

3. **Private Members' Business**

3.1 **Motion – Display of Lilies in Parliament Buildings**

Proposed: This Assembly instructs the Assembly Commission to rescind its decision to display lilies in Parliament Buildings during the Easter Recess and deprecates the abuse of the voting system, which brought about the original decision.

[Mr J Wells]

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

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

4. **Adjournment**

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 12.57 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
10 April 2001

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

10 APRIL 2001

DIVISIONS

Division No.1

Display of Lilies in Parliament Buildings

Proposed: This Assembly instructs the Assembly Commission to rescind its decision to display lilies in Parliament Buildings during the Easter Recess and deprecates the abuse of the voting system, which brought about the original decision.

[Mr J Wells]

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

Ayes : 48

Noes : 38

Ayes

Unionist: Ian Adamson, Billy Armstrong, Roy Beggs, 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, Sam Foster, Oliver Gibson, Tom Hamilton, William Hay, David Hilditch, Derek Hussey, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, James Leslie, Robert McCartney, David McClarty, William McCrea, Alan McFarland, Michael McGimpsey, Maurice Morrow, Dermot Nesbitt, Ian Paisley Jnr, Ian R K Paisley, Edwin Poots, Iris 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

Nationalist: Gerry Adams, Alex Attwood, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, Annie Courtney, John Dallat, Baírbre De Brun, Arthur Doherty, Pat Doherty, Mark Durkan, Séan Farren, John Fee, Tommy Gallagher, Michelle Gildernew, Carmel Hanna, Joe Hendron, John Kelly, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Alex Maskey, Barry McElduff, Eddie McGrady, Eugene McMenamin, Pat McNamee, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Mary Nelis, Danny O'Connor, Dara O'Hagan, Eamonn O'Neill, Bríd Rodgers, John Tierney.

Unionist: David Ervine.

Other: Eileen Bell, David Ford, Kieran McCarthy, Monica McWilliams, Séan Neeson.

Total Votes	86	Total Ayes	48 (55.8%)
Nationalist Votes	32	Nationalist Ayes	0 (0.0%)
Unionist Votes	49	Unionist Ayes	48 (98.0%)

The Motion was **negatived**.

We the undersigned Members request the Speaker to call an Emergency Meeting of the Assembly at 10.30 am on Monday 9th April 2001 to debate the following Motion:

DISPLAY OF LILIES IN PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

This Assembly instructs the Assembly Commission to rescind its decision to display lilies in Parliament Buildings during the Easter Recess and deprecates the abuse of the voting system, which brought about the original decision.

**Mr J Wells
Rev Dr I R K Paisley MP MEP
Mr P Robinson
Mr G Kane
Mrs I Robinson
Mr I Paisley Jnr
Mr B Douglas
Mr R Hutchinson
Mr G Savage
Mr B Armstrong
Mr A McFarland
Mr F Cobain
Mr P Weir
Dr E Birnie
Mr S Wilson
Mr E Poots
Mr D Shipley-Dalton
Mr T Hamilton
Mr C Wilson
Mr F Agnew
Mr J Wilson
Mr D McClarty
Rev R Coulter
Mr J Shannon
Mr M Robinson
Mr D Hilditch
Mr M Morrow
Mr G Campbell
Mr W Clyde
Rt Hon J Taylor MP
Mr N Dodds
Mr P Roche**

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

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PETITION OF CONCERN

MOTION: DISPLAY OF LILIES IN PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Date to be debated: 10 APRIL 2001

The undersigned Members of the Northern Ireland Assembly present this Petition of Concern in accordance with Standing Order 27.

NAME

ALEX ATTWOOD
P J BRADLEY
JOE BYRNE
JOHN DALLAT
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NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 23 APRIL 2001

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. **Royal Assent**

2.1 Royal Assent had been signified on 5 April 2001 to:

- The Street Trading Act (Northern Ireland) 2001;
- The Electronic Communications Act (Northern Ireland) 2001.

3. **Executive Committee Business**

3.1 **Statement – Foot-and-Mouth Disease**

The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Mrs Bríd Rodgers, made a statement to the Assembly on the current position in relation to foot-and-mouth disease and the implications for Northern Ireland, following which she replied to questions.

3.2 **Statement – North-South Ministerial Council – Agriculture**

The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Mrs Bríd Rodgers, made a statement to the Assembly on the meeting of the North-South Ministerial Council in its Agriculture sectoral format held on Friday 6 April 2001, following which she replied to questions.

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

3.3 **Statement – North-South Ministerial Council –
Special European Union Programmes**

The Minister of Finance and Personnel, Mr Mark Durkan, made a statement to the Assembly on the meeting of the North-South Ministerial Council in its European Union Programmes sectoral format held on 9 April 2001, following which he replied to questions.

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 1.08 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

4. **Question Time**

4.1 **Minister of Education**

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

4.2 **Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety**

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

4.3 **Minister of Finance and Personnel**

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

5. **Committee Business**

5.1 **Motion – Suspension of Standing Orders**

Proposed: That Standing Order 10(2) line 3 be suspended until the Summer Recess.

[Chairperson, Committee on Procedures]

The Speaker in the Chair.

Following debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** with cross-community support (Division 1).

5.2 **Motion – Amend Standing Orders**

Proposed: In Standing Order 15(1) line 2 and line 3 delete “at least one hour prior to the commencement of business” and insert “not later than 9.30 am”.

[Chairperson, Committee on Procedures]

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** with cross-community support.

5.3 **Motion – Amend Standing Orders**

Proposed: In Standing Order 20(1) line 7 after “concerned,” insert “normally”.

[Chairperson, Committee on Procedures]

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** with cross-community support.

5.4 **Motion – Amend Standing Orders**

Proposed: In Standing Order 10(2)(c) line 2 after “shall” insert “normally”.

[Chairperson, Committee on Procedures]

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** with cross-community support.

6. **Adjournment**

6.1 Mr Alex Maskey spoke on Traffic Calming Measures in West Belfast.

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 5.57 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
23 April 2001

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

23 APRIL 2001

DIVISIONS

Division No.1

Suspension of Standing Orders

Proposed: That Standing Order 10(2) line 3 be suspended until the Summer Recess.

[Chairperson, Committee on Procedures]

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

Ayes : 41

Noes : 22

Ayes

Nationalist: Alex Attwood, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, Annie Courtney, John Dallat, Baírbre de Brun, Arthur Doherty, Mark Durkan, Tommy Gallagher, Carmel Hanna, Alban Maginness, Alex Maskey, Alasdair McDonnell, Barry McElduff, Eddie McGrady, Martin McGuinness, Gerry McHugh, Pat McNamee, Francie Molloy, Conor Murphy, Dara O'Hagan, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey.

Unionist: Ian Adamson, Billy Armstrong, Roy Beggs, Billy Bell, Esmond Birnie, Joan Carson, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, Derek Hussey, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, David McClarty, Alan McFarland, Ken Robinson, George Savage, Jim Wilson.

Noes

Unionist: Paul Berry, Gregory Campbell, Mervyn Carrick, Wilson Clyde, Nigel Dodds, Oliver Gibson, William Hay, David Hilditch, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, Maurice Morrow, Ian Paisley Jnr, Edwin Poots, Iris Robinson, Mark Robinson, Jim Shannon, Denis Watson, Jim Wells.

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

Total Votes	63	Total Ayes	41 (65.1%)
Nationalist Votes	23	Nationalist Ayes	23 (100.0%)
Unionist Votes	36	Unionist Ayes	18 (50.0%)

The Motion was **carried** with cross-community support.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

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1. Acts of the Northern Ireland Assembly

Health and Personal Social Services Act (Northern Ireland) 2001 Chapter 3

Government Resources and Accounts Act (Northern Ireland) 2001 Chapter 6

Budget Act (Northern Ireland) 2001 Chapter 7

Street Trading Act (Northern Ireland) 2001 Chapter 8

Electronic Communications Act (Northern Ireland) 2001 Chapter 9

2. Bills of the Northern Ireland Assembly

3. Orders in Council

4. Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly

Fire Authority for Northern Ireland Annual Report

1 April 1999 – 31 March 2000 (NIA 40/00)

Water Service: Leakage Management and Water Efficiency (NIAO)

(NIA 49/00)

5. Assembly Reports

Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development: Update on Foot-and-Mouth Disease Outbreak: Minutes of Evidence (04/00/E)

Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development: Update on Foot-and-Mouth Disease Outbreak: Minutes of Evidence (05/00/E)

Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment: Second Report: Report on Strategy 2010 Inquiry: Vol. 1 Report and Proceedings of the Committee (02/00/R)

Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment: Second Report: Report on Strategy 2010 Inquiry: Vol. 2 Minutes of Evidence relating to the Report (02/00/R)

Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment: Second Report: Report on Strategy 2010 Inquiry: Vol. 3 Minutes of Evidence relating to the Report (02/00/R)

Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment: Second Report: Report on Strategy 2010 Inquiry: Vol. 4 Written Submissions relating to the Report (02/00/R)

Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment: Second Report: Report on Strategy 2010 Inquiry: Vol. 5 Written Submissions relating to the Report (02/00/R)

Committee for Finance and Personnel: Fourth Report: Defective Premises (Landlord's Liability) Bill (NIA Bill 5/00) (04/00/R)

Committee for Health, Social Services and Public Safety: Fourth Report: Report on the Family Law Bill (NIA Bill 04/00) (04/00/R)

Audit Committee: First Report: Report on the Session 2000 – 2001 (01/00/R)

Business Committee: First Report: Report of Visit to Washington DC (01/00/R)

6. Statutory Rules

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

SR No 109 Pensions Appeals Tribunals (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Rules 2001 (Lord Chancellor)

SR No 111 Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (Lord Chancellor)

SR No 112 Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (Lord Chancellor)

SR No 113 Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (Lord Chancellor)

SR No 128 The Health and Personal Social Services (2001 Act) (Commencement No. 1) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DHSSPS)

SR No 133 Optical Charges and Payments (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DHSSPS)

SR No 135 General Medical Services (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DHSSPS)

SR No 137 The Welfare Reform and Pensions (1999 Order) (Commencement No. 8) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

SR No 139 The Welfare Foods (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DHSSPS)

SR No 141 The Child Support, Pensions and Social Security (2000 Act) (Commencement No. 5) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

SR No 142 Construction (Design and Management) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DETI)

SR No 143 The Government Resources and Accounts Act (Northern Ireland) 2001 (Commencement No. 1 and Transitional Provision) Order 2001 (DFP)

SR No 144 Lobster (Conservation of Stocks) (Revocation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DARD)

SR No 145 Assistance to Fish Farming Scheme (Revocation) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DARD)

SR No 146 Motor Cycles (Eye Protectors) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DOE)

SR No 147 Motor Cycles (Protective Headgear) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DOE)

SR No 148 The Social Security (Widow's Benefit and Retirement Pensions) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

SR No 149 The Teachers' Superannuation (Sharing of Pensions on Divorce or Annulment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DE)

SR No 150 The Social Security (Capital Disregards and Recovery of Benefits Amendment) Regulation (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

SR No 151 The Social Security (New Deal Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

SR No 152 The Social Security (Work-focused Interviews for Lone Parents) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001(DSD)

SR No 153 Companies (1986 Order) (Audit Exemption) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DETI)

SR No 154 The Community Drivers' Hours (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Temporary Exception) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DOE)

SR No 155 The Fresh Meat (Beef Controls) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DARD)

SR No 156 The Social Security (Incapacity Benefit) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

SR No 157 The Social Security (Capital Disregards Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

SR No 158 Foyle Area and Carlingford Area (Angling) Regulations 2001 (DCAL)

SR No 159 Foyle Area and Carlingford Area (Tagging and Logbook) Regulations 2001 (DCAL)

SR No 160 Foyle Area and Carlingford Area (Close Seasons for Angling) Regulations 2001 (DCAL)

SR No 161 Cycle Tracks (Armagh) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

SR No 162 The Education (Student Loans) (Repayment) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DHFETE)

SR No 164 The Street Trading (2001 Act) (Commencement) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

SR No 165 Street Trading (Fixed Penalty) (Notice and Procedure) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

SR No 166 Street Trading (Form of Licence) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

7. Consultation Documents

Fur Farming: Proposed Bill to Ban the Keeping of Animals Solely or Primarily for the Value of their Fur (DARD)

Industrial Pollution Control (Northern Ireland) Order 1997: Review of Charging Schemes: Consultation Paper (DOE)

Implementation of Directive 1999/32/EC: Sulphur Content of Certain Liquid Fuels: Consultation Paper (DOE)

A Common Funding Formula for Grant–Aided Schools (DE)

Draft Code of Practice on Access to Workers during Recognition and Derecognition Ballots (DHFETE)

Best Practice – Best Care: Consultation Paper (DHSSPS)

8. Departmental Publications

The Challenge of Universal Primary Education
(Department for International Development)

9. Agency Publications

Construction Industry Training Board Annual Report 2000

Child Support Agency Strategic and Business Plan 2001 - 2002

10. Westminster Publications

Consolidated Fund Act 2001 Chapter 1

Capital Allowances Act 2001 Chapter 2

Northern Ireland Affairs Committee: Second Report:
The Parades Commission (HC 120-I)

Northern Ireland Affairs Committee: Third Report: Relocation Following Paramilitary
Intimidation (HC 59-I)

Draft Statutory Instrument: The Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997
(Amnesty Period) Order 2001

SI No 893 The Tax Credits (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 3) (Northern Ireland)
Regulations 2001

SI No 1083 The Tax Credits (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 4) (Northern Ireland)
Regulations 2001

11. Miscellaneous Publications

12. Assembly Research Papers

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY 24 APRIL 2001

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. **The Speaker's Business**

2.1 The Speaker delivered a ruling on the right to reply of Members who have been referred to in debate.

3. **Executive Committee Business**

Statement – North/South Ministerial Council – Tourism

3.1 The Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, Sir Reg Empey, made a statement to the Assembly on the meeting of the North-South Ministerial Council in its Tourism sectoral format held on 30 March 2001, following which he replied to questions.

3.2 **Motion – Private Streets (Construction) (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 2001**

Proposed: That the Private Streets (Construction) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 be approved.

[Minister for Regional Development]

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

3.3 **Motion – Local Management of Schools (LMS) Common Funding Formula**

Proposed: That this Assembly notes the publication of the consultative document and the intention to introduce a common formula for funding schools.

[Minister of Education]

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

The Sitting resumed at 2.00 pm.

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

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

4. **Adjournment**

- 4.1 Mr Eddie McGrady MP spoke on the provision of medical and health facilities for the Mourne area.

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 5.12 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
24 April 2001

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

ON 24 APRIL 2001

- 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**
- 5. Assembly Reports**
- 6. Statutory Rules**
(The department identified after each rule is for reference purposes only.)

SR No 168 Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DETI)

SR No 175 The Social Security (Claims and Information) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

SR No 176 The Social Security (Work-focused Interviews) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)
- 7. Consultation Documents**
- 8. Departmental Publications**
- 9. Agency Publications**
- 10. Westminster Publications**
- 11. Miscellaneous Publications**
- 12. Assembly Research Papers**

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 30 APRIL 2001

The Assembly met at 12.00 noon, the Speaker in the Chair

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

1.1 Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **The Speaker's Business**

2.1 The Speaker delivered a ruling clarifying Standing Order 68 relating to sub judice.

3. **Executive Committee Business**

3.1 **Statement – North/South Ministerial Council –
Foyle, Carlingford and Irish Lights Sector**

The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Mrs Bríd Rodgers, made a statement to the Assembly on the meeting of the North-South Ministerial Council sectoral meeting for the Foyle, Carlingford and Irish Lights sector held on 6 April 2001, following which she replied to questions.

3.2 **First Stage – Product Liability (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 13/00)**

Mr Mark Durkan, the Minister of Finance and Personnel, introduced a Bill to amend Part II of the Consumer Protection (Northern Ireland) Order 1987.

Bill passed First Stage and ordered to be printed. (NIA Bill 13/00)

3.3 **Defective Premises (Landlord's Liability) Bill (NIA Bill 5/00)
Consideration Stage**

The Minister of Finance and Personnel, Mr Mark Durkan, moved that the Consideration Stage of the Defective Premises (Landlord's Liability) Bill be agreed.

No amendments were tabled to the Bill.

Clauses

Question put: That Clauses 1-2 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Debate ensued on Clause 3.

Question put: That Clause 3 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Question put: That Clauses 4-6 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Long Title

Question put: That the Long Title of the Bill be agreed. The Long Title was **agreed**.

Bill (NIA 5/00) passed Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker for consideration in accordance with Section 10 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

3.4 **Adoption (Intercountry Aspects) Bill (NIA Bill 8/00)** **Consideration Stage**

The Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, Ms Baírbre de Brún, moved that the Consideration Stage of the Adoption (Intercountry Aspects) Bill be agreed.

One amendment was tabled to the Bill.

After debate, Amendment 1 to Clause 1 was **made** without division.

Clauses

Question put: That Clause 1 as amended stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Question put: That Clauses 2-8 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Debate ensued on Clause 9.

After debate, Question put:

That Clause 9 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Question put: That Clauses 10-16 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Schedule

Question put: That the Schedules stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Long Title

Question put: That the Long Title of the Bill be agreed. The Long Title was **agreed**.

Annotated Marshalled List - Annex

Bill (NIA Bill 8/00) passed Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker for consideration in accordance with Section 10 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 1.22 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

4. **Question Time**

4.1 **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.

4.2 **Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure**

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

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

4.3 **Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development**

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

4.4 **Assembly Commission**

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

5. **Private Members' Business**

5.1 **First Stage – Children's Commissioner Bill (NIA Bill 14/00)**

Ms Jane Morrice introduced a Bill to provide for the establishment of a children's commissioner to promote the rights and interests of children in Northern Ireland; to make provision for the powers and duties of the commissioner; and for related purposes.

Bill passed First Stage and ordered to be printed. (NIA Bill 14/00)

6. **Adjournment**

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

6.1 Mr Gerry Adams MP spoke on Conservation on the Black Mountain.

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 5.04 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
30 April 2001



Northern Ireland
Assembly

**MARSHALLED LIST OF AMENDMENTS
TO BE MOVED AT CONSIDERATION STAGE
ON MONDAY 30 APRIL 2001**

Amendments given up to and including Thursday, 26 April 2001

The Bill will be considered in the following order-

Clauses, Schedule and Long Title

Amendment 1 [*Made*]

Clause 1, Page 1, Line 14

leave out 'three' and insert 'six'

[Minister, Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety]
[Mr David Ford]

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

FROM 25 APRIL 2001 to 30 APRIL 2001

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

Department of Finance and Personnel Memorandum on the 3rd Report from the Public Accounts Committee Session 2000/2001 (NIA 51/00)

5. Assembly Reports

6. Statutory Rules

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

SR No 315 Royal Ulster Constabulary (Conduct) Regulations 2000 (NIO)

SR No 316 Royal Ulster Constabulary (Unsatisfactory Performance) Regulations 2000 (NIO)

SR No 317 Royal Ulster Constabulary (Appeals) Regulations 2000 (NIO)

SR No 318 Royal Ulster Constabulary (Complaints etc.) Regulations 2000 (NIO)

SR No 319 Royal Ulster Constabulary (Complaints) (Informal Resolution) Regulations 2000 (NIO)

SR No 84 Rates (Regional Rates) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DFP)

SR No 167 The General Medical Services (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DHSSPS)

SR No 177 Road Races (Banbridge Road Race) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

SR No 180 Parking Places on Roads (Amendment No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

7. Consultation Documents

8. Departmental Publications

Leapfrog: Information Age Initiative for Northern Ireland: Northern Ireland Business in the Information Age: Information Communication Technology Benchmark Report 2000 (DETI)

9. Agency Publications

10. Westminster Publications

Vehicles (Crime) Act 2001 Chapter 3

Election Publications Act 2001 Chapter 5

Elections Act 2001 Chapter 7

Food Standards Agency: Departmental Report Spring (Cm 5140)

SI No 965 The Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (Modification of Section 10(7)) Regulations 2001

SI No 1294 The Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Designation of Public Authorities) Order 2001

11. Miscellaneous Publications

12. Assembly Research Papers

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY 1 MAY 2001

*The Assembly met at 10.30 am
Deputy Speaker Ms Jane Morrice in the Chair*

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

1.1 Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **Committee Business**

2.1 **Motion – Relief for Businesses affected by Foot-and-Mouth Disease**

Proposed: That this Assembly calls on the Minister of Finance and Personnel, the Executive and the Chancellor of the Exchequer to respond to the current crisis resulting from the outbreak of Foot-and-Mouth Disease by introducing a hardship relief package to reflect the fall in incomes being experienced, not only by farm related businesses but also by businesses in the tourist industry.

[Chairperson, Committee for Finance and Personnel]

[Chairperson, Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment]

The Speaker in the Chair.

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

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 12.32 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.00 pm.

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

2.2 **Motion – Foot-and-Mouth Disease**

Proposed: That this Assembly acknowledges the sacrifices made by, and hardship caused to, farmers, their families and the wider rural community in responding to the Executive's policies and guidance regarding Foot-and-Mouth Disease, and calls on the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development and her Executive colleagues to act to alleviate these difficulties as quickly and imaginatively as possible.

[Chairperson, Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development]

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

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

2.3 **Motion – Second Report of the Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment**

Proposed: That this Assembly approves the Second Report of the Enterprise, Trade and Investment Committee on its inquiry into the Strategy 2010 Report (2/00R) and calls on the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment to implement the recommendations of the Committee at the earliest opportunity.

[Chairperson, Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment]

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

3. **Adjournment**

3.1 Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 6.44 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
1 May 2001

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

ON 1 MAY 2001

1. Acts of the Northern Ireland Assembly

2. Bills of the Northern Ireland Assembly

Adoption (Intercountry Aspects) Bill (as Amended at Consideration Stage)
(NIA Bill 8/00)

Product Liability (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 13/00)

Children's Commissioner Bill (NIA Bill 14/00)

3. Orders in Council

4. Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly

5. Assembly Reports

6. Statutory Rules

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

SR No 181 Extinguishment of Right to Use Vehicles on Roads (Donegall Place, Castle Place and parts of Castle Street and High Street, Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

SR No 182 Prohibition of Traffic (Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

7. Consultation Documents

8. Departmental Publications

9. Agency Publications

- 10. Westminster Publications**
- 11. Miscellaneous Publications**
- 12. Assembly Research Papers**

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY 8 MAY 2001

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. **Personal Statement**

2.1 The First Minister, the Rt Hon David Trimble MP made a personal statement notifying the Assembly he had tendered a letter of resignation with effect from 1 July 2001, to the Speaker.

3. **Executive Committee Business**

3.1 **Product Liability (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 13/00)**
Second Stage

Mr Mark Durkan, the Minister of Finance and Personnel, moved that the Second Stage of the Product Liability (Amendment) Bill be agreed.

Debate ensued.

NIA Bill 13/00 passed Second Stage.

3.2 **Defective Premises (Landlord's Liability) Bill (NIA Bill 5/00)**
Further Consideration Stage

Mr Mark Durkan, the Minister of Finance and Personnel, moved that the Further Consideration Stage of the Defective Premises (Landlord's Liability) Bill be agreed.

No amendments were tabled to the Bill.

Clauses

Question put: That Clauses 1-6 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Long Title

Question put: That the Long Title be agreed. The Long title was **agreed** without division.

Bill (NIA 5/00) passed Further Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker for consideration in accordance with Section 10 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

3.3 **Adoption (Intercountry Aspects) Bill (NIA Bill 8/00)**
Further Consideration Stage

Ms Baírbre de Brún, the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety moved that the Further Consideration Stage of the Bill be agreed.

No amendments were tabled to the Bill.

Clauses

Question put: That Clauses 1-16 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Schedule

Question put: That the Schedule stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Long Title

Question put: That the Long Title of the Bill be agreed. The Long Title was **agreed**.

Bill (NIA 8/00) passed Further Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker for consideration in accordance with Section 10 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 10.55 am.

The Sitting resumed at 11.05 am.

4. **Private Members' Business**

4.1 **Motion – Fireworks**

Proposed: That this Assembly calls on the Executive to establish an Inter-Departmental Working Group in conjunction with the Northern Ireland Office to examine ways in which the nuisance caused by fireworks can be abated.

[Mr K McCarthy]

[Mrs E Bell]

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

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

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 12.01 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

5. **Question Time**

5.1 **Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment**

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

5.2 **Minister of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment**

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

5.3 **Minister for Social Development**

Questions were put to and answered by the Minister, Mr Maurice Morrow.

The Speaker in the Chair.

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

6.1 **Motion – No Confidence in Minister of Education**

The Speaker reported that a valid Petition of Concern (Standing Order 27) had been received and that the vote on the Motion 'No Confidence in the Minister of Education' would take place on a cross-community basis (Appendix 1).

Proposed: That this Assembly has no confidence in the Minister of Education, Mr Martin McGuinness MP.

[Mr P Robinson MP]

[Mr N Dodds]

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

7. **Adjournment**

7.1 Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 6.21 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
8 May 2001

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PETITION OF CONCERN

MOTION: NO CONFIDENCE IN THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, MR MARTIN McGUINNESS MP

DATE TO BE DEBATED: 8 MAY 2001

The undersigned Members of the Northern Ireland Assembly present this Petition of Concern in accordance with Standing Order 27.

NAME

JOHN KELLY
MICHELLE GILDERNEW
SUE RAMSEY
ALEX MASKEY
MICK MURPHY
PAT DOHERTY
FRANCIE MOLLOY
EDDIE McGRADY
ALEX ATTWOOD
MARK DURKAN
BRÍD RODGERS
ALASDAIR McDONNELL
CARMEL HANNA
ANNIE COURTNEY
PATRICIA LEWSLEY
JOHN FEE
ALBAN MAGINNESS
DANNY O'CONNOR
P J BRADLEY
JOE BYRNE
EUGENE McMENAMIN
JOE HENDRON
MITCHEL McLAUGHLIN
MARY NELIS
CONOR MURPHY
JOHN DALLAT
GERRY ADAMS
JOHN TIERNEY
GERRY KELLY
EAMONN ONEILL

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

8 MAY 2001

DIVISIONS

Division No.1

No Confidence in The Minister of Education, Mr Martin McGuinness MP

Proposed: That this Assembly has no confidence in the Minister of Education, Mr Martin McGuinness MP.

[Mr P Robinson MP]

[Mr N Dodds]

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

Ayes : 31

Noes : 45

Ayes

Unionist: Fraser Agnew, 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, Danny Kennedy, Robert McCartney, William McCrea, Maurice Morrow, Ian Paisley Jnr, Ian R K Paisley, Edwin Poots, Iris Robinson, Mark Robinson, Peter Robinson, George Savage, Jim Shannon, Denis Watson, Peter Weir, Jim Wells, Cedric Wilson, Sammy Wilson.

Noes

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

Other: Eileen Bell, David Ford, Kieran McCarthy, Monica McWilliams, Séan Neeson.

Total Votes	76	Total Ayes	31 (40.8%)
Nationalist Votes	40	Nationalist Ayes	0 (0.0%)
Unionist Votes	31	Unionist Ayes	31 (100.0%)

The Motion was **negatived**.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

FROM 2 MAY 2001 to 8 MAY 2001

1. Acts of the Northern Ireland Assembly

2. Bills of the Northern Ireland Assembly

3. Orders in Council

Draft Order in Council: Financial Investigations (Northern Ireland) Order 2001

4. Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly

5. Assembly Reports

Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development: Minutes of Evidence: Update on Foot-and-Mouth Disease Outbreak: (06/00/E)

The Examiner of Statutory Rules: Report on SR No 127 Extensification Payment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (ESR 92/01)

The Examiner of Statutory Rules: Report on SR No 129 Milk and Milk Products (Pupils in Educational Establishments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (ESR 94/01)

The Examiner of Statutory Rules: Report on SR No 144 Lobster (Conservation of Stocks) (Revocation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (ESR 112/01)

6. Statutory Rules

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

SR No 163 The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (Commencement No. 7) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (OFMDFM)

SR No 178 The General Grant (Specified Bodies) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DOE)

SR No. 187 Prohibition of Traffic (Market Square, Dungannon) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

SR No 188 Seed Potatoes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DARD)

SR No 189 Control of Traffic (Belfast) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

SR No 190 Bus Lane (Kingsway, Dunmurry) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

SR No 191 Loading Bays on Roads (Amendment No. 32) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

SR No 192 Parking Places on Roads (Medical Practitioners) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

SR No 193 Cycle Tracks (Bangor) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

SR No 194 Cycle Tracks (Laganbank Road, Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

7. Consultation Documents

Promoting Equality of Opportunity: A Single Equality Bill for Northern Ireland (OFMDFM)

Proposals for Carriage of Dangerous Goods (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001, Carriage of Explosives (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 and Amendments to Associated Approved Documents (DETI)

Proposals for Quarries Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001, Quarries (Explosives) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 and Approved Code of Practice (DETI)

Consultative Document: Proposals for Genetically Modified Organism (Contained Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DETI)

8. Departmental Publications

9. Agency Publications

Health and Safety Executive Northern Ireland: Operating Plan 2001/2002

10. Westminster Publications

Regulatory Reform Act 2001 Chapter 6

Northern Ireland Office Resource Accounts 1999–2000 (Cm 5058)

Northern Ireland Affairs Committee: Second Special Report: Government Response to the First Report of the Committee, Session 2000–01 (HC 263) “The Northern Ireland Prison Service” (HC 443)

Legal Aid Fund (Northern Ireland) Account 1999–2000 (HC 396)

SI No 597 The Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 3) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001

SI No 1333 The Tax Credits (New Deal Consequential Amendments) Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001

SI No 1350 The Tax Credits (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 5) Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001

11. Miscellaneous Publications

Northern Ireland Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders (NIACRO) Annual Report 1999–2000

12. Assembly Research Papers

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 14 MAY 2001

The Assembly met at 12.00 noon, the Speaker in the Chair

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

1.1 Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **The Speaker's Business**

2.1 The Speaker delivered a ruling on allegations of unparliamentary remarks made from a sedentary position.

3. **Executive Committee Business**

3.1 **Statement – Foot-and-Mouth Disease**

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Mrs Bríd Rodgers, made a statement to the Assembly on the current position in relation to foot-and-mouth disease in Northern Ireland, following which she replied to questions.

3.2 **First Stage - Game Preservation (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 15/00)**

Mr Sam Foster, the Minister of the Environment, introduced a Bill to amend the Game Preservation Act (Northern Ireland) 1928.

Bill passed First Stage and ordered to be printed. (NIA Bill 15/00)

3.3 **Consideration Stage - Family Law Bill (NIA Bill 4/00)**

Mr Mark Durkan, the Minister of Finance and Personnel, moved that the Consideration Stage of the Family Law Bill be agreed.

The Speaker in the Chair.

Five Amendments were tabled to the Bill.

Clauses

After debate: Amendment 1 to Clause 1 was **made** without division.
Amendment 2 to Clause 1 was **made** without division.
Amendment 3 to Clause 1 was **made** without division.
Amendment 4 to Clause 1 was **made** without division.
Amendment 5 to Clause 1 was **made** without division.

Question put: That Clause 1 (as amended) stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Question put: That Clauses 2 to 5 stand part of the Bill was **agreed** without division.

Long Title

Question put: That the Long Title be agreed. The Long Title was **agreed**.

Bill passed Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker for consideration in accordance with Section 10 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (NIA Bill 4/00).

3.4 Motion - Code of Practice on Access to Workers During Recognition and Derecognition Ballots

Proposed: That the Code of Practice on Access to Workers During Recognition and Derecognition Ballots, laid before the Assembly on 13 April 2001, be approved.

[Minister of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment]

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

3.5 Motion – Statutory Rule Subject to Confirmatory Resolution

Proposed: That the Social Security (New Deal Pilot) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (SR 369/2000) be approved.

[Minister for Social Development]

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

3.6 Motion – Public Health/Health Inequalities

Proposed: That this Assembly welcomes the commitment in the Programme for Government for all Departments and their statutory agencies to work resolutely and energetically together to tackle the root causes of preventable disease and disability, and to reduce inequalities in the health status of different groups in our population.

[Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety]

Debate suspended.

4. **Question Time**

4.1 **Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister**

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

4.2 **Regional Development**

Questions were put to, and answered by, the Minister, Mr Gregory Campbell.

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

4.3 **Environment**

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

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

5.1 **Motion – Public Health/Health Inequalities**

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

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

6. **Adjournment**

6.1 Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 4.58 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
14 May 2001



Northern Ireland
Assembly

**MARSHALLED LIST OF AMENDMENTS
TO BE MOVED AT CONSIDERATION STAGE
ON MONDAY 14 MAY 2001**

Amendments given up to and including Thursday, 10 May 2001

The Bill will be considered in the following order-

Clauses and Long Title

Amendment 1 [*Made*]

Clause 1, Page 2, Line 10

leave out 'section 13' and insert 'paragraph (a), (b)(i) or (c) of section 18(1)'

Minister of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 2 [*Made*]

Clause 1, Page 2, Line 23

leave out 'Accordingly' and insert 'The Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 shall be further amended as follows'

Minister of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 3 [Made]

Clause 1, Page 2, Line 23

at end insert—

‘() in Article 3(4) (circumstances in which the court must have regard in particular to matters listed in Article 3(3)), after sub-paragraph (a) there shall be inserted—

‘(aa) the court is considering whether to make an order under Article 7; or’;

Minister of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 4 [Made]

Clause 1, Page 2, Line 24

leave out ‘of the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995’

Minister of Finance and Personnel

Amendment 5 [Made]

Clause 1, Page 2, Line 30

leave out ‘of that Order’

Minister of Finance and Personnel

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PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

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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

Annual Report of the Certification Officer for Northern Ireland 2000
(NIA 41/00)

5. Assembly Reports

Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development: Update on Foot-and-Mouth
Disease Outbreak: Minutes of Evidence (07/00/E)

Committee for Finance and Personnel: Sixth Report: Report on the Trustee Bill (NIA
Bill 11/00) (06/00/R).

6. Statutory Rules

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

SR No 172 Motor Vehicles (Approval) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DOE)

SR No 186 Restriction on Pithing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DHSSPS)

SR No 197 The Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern
Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

7. Consultation Documents

New TSN: Promoting Social Inclusion: Consultation on Future Priorities (OFMDFM)

8. Departmental Publications

9. Agency Publications

10. Westminster Publications

SI No 1637 The Freedom of Information Act 2000 (Commencement No. 1) Order 2001

SI No 1659 The Parliamentary Elections (Returning Officer's Charges) (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2001

11. Miscellaneous Publications

12. Assembly Research Papers

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 21 MAY 2001

The Assembly met at 12.00 noon, the Speaker in the Chair

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

1.1 Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **Personal Statement**

2.1 Mr Cedric Wilson made a personal statement.

3. **Executive Committee Business**

3.1 **Defective Premises (Landlord's Liability) Bill (NIA Bill 5/00)**
Final Stage

Mr Mark Durkan, Minister of Finance and Personnel, moved that the Final Stage of the Defective Premises (Landlord's Liability) Bill (NIA Bill 5/00) be agreed.

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

NIA Bill 5/00 passed Final Stage.

3.2 **Adoption (Intercountry Aspects) Bill (NIA Bill 8/00)**
Final Stage

Ms Baírbre de Brún, Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, moved that the Final Stage of the Adoption (Intercountry Aspects) Bill (NIA Bill 8/00) be agreed.

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

NIA Bill 8/00 passed Final Stage.

3.3 **Motion – Statutory Rule Subject to Confirmatory Resolution**

Proposed: That the Social Security (Incapacity Benefit) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 be approved.

[Minister for Social Development]

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

3.4 **Motion – Statutory Rule Subject to Confirmatory Resolution**

Proposed: That the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 be approved.

[Minister for Social Development]

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

3.5 **Motion – Statutory Rule Subject to Confirmatory Resolution**

Proposed: That the Jobseeker’s Allowance (Joint Claims: Consequential Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 be approved.

[Minister for Social Development]

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

3.6 **Motion – Statutory Rule Subject to Confirmatory Resolution**

Proposed: That the Social Security (Work-focused Interviews for Lone Parents) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 be approved.

[Minister for Social Development]

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

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

3.7 **Motion – Soccer Strategy**

Proposed: That this Assembly notes the publication of the report “Creating a Soccer Strategy for Northern Ireland – views of the stakeholders” and notes the progress made on the development of the Strategy.

[Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure]

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

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 2.13 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

4. **Question Time**

4.1 **Minister of Education**

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

4.2 **Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety**

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

4.3 **Minister of Finance and Personnel**

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

5. **Adjournment**

5.1 Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 4.08 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
21 May 2001

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

FROM 15 MAY 2001 TO 21 MAY 2001

1. Acts of the Northern Ireland Assembly

2. Bills of the Northern Ireland Assembly

Family Law Bill (as amended at Consideration Stage) (NIA Bill 4/00)

Game Preservation (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 15/00)

3. Orders in Council

4. Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly

Director General of Electricity Supply for Northern Ireland and Director General of Gas for Northern Ireland Annual Report 1999 (NIA 44/00)

Report of the Registrar of Credit Unions for the year 1998 (DETI)
(NIA 52/00)

5. Assembly Reports

Committee for Finance and Personnel: Fifth Report: Report on Error in the Penny Product Calculation and Review of Rating Policy (05/00/R)

6. Statutory Rules

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

SR No 183 Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DARD)

SR No 188 Seed Potatoes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DARD)

SR No 195 Control of Traffic (Belfast) (No. 5) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

SR No 196 Specific Risk Material (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DARD)

SR No 197 The Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

SR No 199 Slaughter Premium Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DARD)

SR No 202 Non-automatic Weighing Instruments (Use for Trade) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DETI)

SR No 203 Road Races (Croft Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

SR No 205 The Health and Personal Social Services (Assessment of Resources) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DHSSPS)

SR No 206 Traffic Weight Restriction (Drennan's Road, Crumlin) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

7. Consultation Documents

Proposals for Revising the Approved Code of Practice on “Managing Construction for Health and Safety” (DETI)

8. Departmental Publications

9. Agency Publications

10. Westminster Publications

Northern Ireland Affairs Committee: Sixth Report: The Parades Commission – Supplementary Report (HC 521)

Draft Statutory Instrument: Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2001

11. Miscellaneous Publications

12. Assembly Research Papers

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY 29 MAY 2001

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**

2.1 **Statement – Foot-and-Mouth Disease**

The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Mrs Bríd Rodgers, made a statement to the Assembly on the current position in relation to foot-and-mouth disease in Northern Ireland, following which she replied to questions.

2.2 **Statement – Budget Timings**

The Minister of Finance and Personnel, Mr Mark Durkan, made a statement to the Assembly on budget timings, following which he replied to questions.

2.3 **Trustee Bill (NIA Bill 11/00)**
Consideration Stage

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

No amendments were tabled to the Bill.

Debate ensued on Clause 1.

The Question being put, it was **agreed** without division that Clause 1 stand part of the Bill.

The Question being put, it was **agreed** without division that Clauses 2-46 stand part of the Bill.

The Question being put, it was **agreed** without division that Schedules 1-4 stand part of the Bill.

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

NIA Bill 11/00 passed Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker for consideration in accordance with Section 10 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

2.4 **Family Law Bill (NIA Bill 4/00)**
Further Consideration Stage

Mr Mark Durkan, the Minister of Finance and Personnel, moved that the Further Consideration Stage of the Family Law Bill be agreed.

No amendments were tabled to the Bill.

The Question being put, it was **agreed** without division that Clauses 1-5 stand part of the Bill.

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

NIA Bill 4/00 passed Further Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker for consideration in accordance with Section 10 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

2.5 **Motion – Statutory Rule Subject to Confirmatory Resolution**

Proposed: That the Child Support (Collection and Enforcement and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 be approved.

[Minister for Social Development]

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

2.6 **Motion – Statutory Rule Subject to Confirmatory Resolution**

Proposed: That the Child Support (Information, Evidence and Disclosure and Maintenance Arrangements and Jurisdiction) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 be approved.

[Minister for Social Development]

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

2.7 **Motion – Statutory Rule Subject to Confirmatory Resolution**

Proposed: That the Child Support (Maintenance Calculation Procedure) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 be approved.

[Minister for Social Development]

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

2.8 **Motion – Statutory Rule Subject to Confirmatory Resolution**

Proposed: That the Child Support (Maintenance Calculations and Special Cases) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 be approved.

[Minister for Social Development]

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

2.9 **Motion – Statutory Rule Subject to Confirmatory Resolution**

Proposed: That the Child Support (Variations) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 be approved.

[Minister for Social Development]

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

3. **Committee Business**

3.1 **Motion - Report of the Ad Hoc Committee – Proceeds of Crime Bill**

Proposed: That the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee set up to consider the draft clauses of the Proceeds of Crime Bill, as set out in Command Paper 5066, be submitted to the Secretary of State as a Report of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

[Chairperson, Ad Hoc Committee – Proceeds of Crime Bill]

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

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

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 1.36 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

The Speaker in the Chair.

4. **Question Time**

4.1 **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.

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

4.2 **Culture, Arts and Leisure**

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

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 3.28 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 3.30 pm.

4.3 **Agriculture and Rural Development**

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

5. **Adjournment**

5.1 Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 4.01 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
29 May 2001

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

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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

5. Assembly Reports

Committee for Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment: Second Report: Report on the Department for Learning and Employment Bill (NIA 12/00) (02/00/R)

Ad Hoc Committee on the Draft Proceeds of Crime Bill (04/00/R)

6. Statutory Rules

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

SR No 90 The Pig Industry Restructuring (Capital Grant) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DARD)

SR No 185 Resident Magistrate, Justice of the Peace and Clerk of Petty Sessions (Costs) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (Lord Chancellor)

SR No 198 Motor Hackney Carriages (Belfast) (Amendment) By-Laws (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DOE)

SR No 200 Route U3316 Ballyhacket Lane, Castlerock (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

SR No 201 Route A26 Larne Road Link, Ballymena (Abandonment) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001(DRD)

SR No 204 Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DARD)

SR No 207 Abbey Street, Bangor (Footway) (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

SR No 208 Code of Practice (Access to Workers during Recognition and Derecognition Ballots) (Appointed Day) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DHFETE)

SR No 214 The Housing Benefit (Decisions and Appeals) (Transitional and Savings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

SR No 215 The Housing Benefit (Decisions and Appeals and Discretionary Financial Assistance) (Consequential Amendments and Revocations) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

SR No 216 The Discretionary Financial Assistance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

SR No 220 Cumberland Drive, Dundonald (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

7. Consultation Documents

8. Departmental Publications

Small Hydro-Electric Schemes – Impact on River Fisheries in Northern Ireland: Response to the Study Recommendations and Public Consultation (DETI)

9. Agency Publications

10. Westminster Publications

Appropriation Act 2001 Chapter 8

House of Commons (Removal of Clergy Disqualification) Act 2001 Chapter 13

Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 Chapter 16

International Criminal Court Act 2001 Chapter 17

Armed Forces Act 2001 Chapter 19

Social Security Contributions (Share Options) Act 2001 Chapter 20

SI No 1853 The Sex Offenders Act 1997 (Northern Ireland) Order 2001

SI No 1877 The Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2001

11. Miscellaneous Publications

12. Assembly Research Papers

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 18 JUNE 2001

The Assembly met at 12.00 noon, the Speaker in the Chair

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

1.1 Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **The Speaker's Business**

2.1 The Reverend Dr Ian R K Paisley MP MEP made a personal statement in respect of his absence from a meeting of the Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development on 25 May 2001.

3. **Executive Committee Business**

3.1 **First Stage – Social Security Fraud Bill (NIA Bill 16/00)**

Mr Maurice Morrow, the Minister for Social Development, introduced a Bill to make provision, for the purposes of the law relating to social security, about the obtaining and disclosure of information; and to make provision for restricting the payment of social security benefits in the case of persons convicted of offences relating to such benefits and about the institution of proceedings for such offences; and for connected purposes.

Bill passed First Stage and ordered to be printed (NIA Bill 16/00).

3.2 **Game Preservation (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 15/00)**
Second Stage

Mr Sam Foster, the Minister of the Environment, moved that the Second Stage of the Game Preservation (Amendment) Bill be agreed.

Debate ensued.

NIA Bill 15/00 passed Second Stage.

3.3 **Department for Learning and Employment Bill (NIA Bill 12/00)**
Consideration Stage

Dr Séan Farren, the Minister of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment, moved that the Consideration Stage of the Department for Learning and Employment Bill be agreed.

Five amendments were tabled to the Bill.

Clause

After debate: Amendment 1 to Clause 1 was **made** without division.
Amendments 2, 3 and 4 to Clause 1 were **made** without division.

The Question being put, it was **agreed** without division that Clause 1 as amended stand part of the Bill.

Long Title

After debate: Amendment 5 to the Long Title was **made** without division.

The Question being put, the Long Title as amended was **agreed** without division.

(Annotated Marshalled List - Annex)

NIA Bill 12/00 passed Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker for consideration in accordance with Section 10 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

3.4 **Product Liability (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 13/00)**
Consideration Stage

Mr Mark Durkan, the Minister of Finance and Personnel, moved that the Consideration Stage of the Product Liability (Amendment) Bill be agreed.

No amendments were tabled to the Bill.

Clauses

Debate ensued on Clause 1.

The Question being put, it was **agreed** without division that Clause 1 stand part of the Bill.

The Question being put, it was **agreed** without division that Clauses 2 and 3 stand part of the Bill.

Long Title

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

NIA Bill 13/00 passed Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker for consideration in accordance with Section 10 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

3.5 **Trustee Bill (NIA Bill 11/00)**
Further Consideration Stage

Mr Mark Durkan, the Minister of Finance and Personnel, moved that the Further Consideration Stage of the Trustee Bill be agreed.

No amendments were tabled to the Bill.

Clauses

The Question being put, it was **agreed** without division that Clauses 1- 46 stand part of the Bill.

Schedules

The Question being put, it was **agreed** without division that Schedules 1-4 stand part of the Bill.

Long Title

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

NIA Bill 11/00 passed Further Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker for consideration in accordance with Section 10 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

3.6 **Motion – Accelerated Passage**

Proposed: That in accordance with Standing Order 40(2), the Assembly grants accelerated passage to the Social Security Fraud Bill.

[Minister for Social Development]

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **negatived** (in the absence of unanimity).

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 1.40 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

4. **Question Time**

4.1 **Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment**

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

4.2 **Minister of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment**

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

4.3 **Minister for Social Development**

Questions were put to and answered by the Minister, Mr Maurice Morrow.

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

5.1 **Motion – Supply Resolution**

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

Proposed: That this Assembly approves that a sum not exceeding £4,679,167,000, be granted out of the Consolidated Fund for or towards defraying the charges for Northern Ireland Departments, the Northern Ireland Assembly, the Northern Ireland Audit Office, the Assembly Ombudsman for Northern Ireland and the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Complaints, and the Office for the Regulation of Electricity and Gas for the year ending 31 March 2002 and that resources, not exceeding £5,021,262,000, be authorised for use by Northern Ireland Departments, the Northern Ireland Assembly, the Northern Ireland Audit Office, the Assembly Ombudsman for Northern Ireland and the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Complaints, and the Office for the Regulation of Electricity and Gas for the year ending 31 March 2002 as summarised for each Department or other public body in columns 3(a) and 3(b) of Table 1.3 in the volume of the Northern Ireland Estimates 2001-02 that was laid before the Assembly on 11 June 2001.

[Minister of Finance and Personnel]

Following debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** with cross-community support (nemine contradicente).

6. **Adjournment**

6.1 Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 6.01 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
18 June 2001

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

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1. Acts of the Northern Ireland Assembly

2. Bills of the Northern Ireland Assembly

Social Security Fraud Bill (NIA Bill 16/00)

3. Orders in Council

4. Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly

Fire Authority for Northern Ireland: Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 1999 (NIA 47/00)

Department of Finance and Personnel Memorandum on the 4th Report from the Public Accounts Committee Session 2000/2001 (NIA 59/00)

Ad Hoc Committee on the Draft Proceeds of Crime Bill (NIA 60/00)

The Fire Authority for Northern Ireland Accounts for 1999/2000 (NIA 64/00)

5. Assembly Reports

Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development: Minutes of Evidence: Update on Foot-and-Mouth Disease Outbreak: (08/00/E)

Examiner of Statutory Rules: Report on SR No 188 Seed Potatoes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (ESR 133/01)

Examiner of Statutory Rules: SR No 199 Slaughter Premium Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (ESR 138/01)

Examiner of Statutory Rules: Report on SR No 183 Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (ESR 139/01)

Examiner of Statutory Rules: SR No 196 Specific Risk Material (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (ESR 140/01)

Examiner of Statutory Rules: SR No 204 Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (ESR 148/01)

Examiner of Statutory Rules: SR No 210 Bovines and Bovine Products (Trade) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (ESR 160/01)

Examiner of Statutory Rules: SR No 228 Seed Potatoes (Crop Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (ESR 161/01)

Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment: Third Report: Report on the Product Liability (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 13/00) (03/00/R)

Public Accounts Committee: Fifth Report: Report on Health and Personal Social Services – Executive Directors’ and Senior Managers’ Pay, Contracts and Termination Settlements (05/00/R)

6. Statutory Rules

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

Draft Statutory Rule: Lands Tribunal (Salaries) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DFP)

SR No 132 The Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000 (Commencement No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001

SR No 209 Feeding Stuffs (Sampling and Analysis) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DHSSPS)

SR No 210 Bovines and Bovine Products (Trade) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DARD)

SR No 211 The Smoke Control Areas (Exempted Fireplaces) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DOE)

SR No 212 Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Controlled Area) (No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DARD)

SR No 213 The Housing Benefit (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

SR No 217 The Medical Act 1983 (Approved Medical Practices and Conditions of Residence) and General Medical Services (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DHSSPS)

SR No 218 The General Medical Services (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DHSSPS)

SR No 219 The Income Support (General) (Standard Interest Rate Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

SR No 222 Pharmaceutical Services (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DHSSPS)

SR No 223 The Community Drivers' Hours (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Temporary Exception) (No. 2) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DOE)

SR No 224 Route B101 Killead Road, Aldergrove (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

SR No 225 Planning (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DOE)

SR No 226 Gelatine (Intra-Community Trade) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DHSSPS)

SR No 227 The Income Support and Jobseeker's Allowance (Amounts for Persons in Residential Care and Nursing Homes) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

SR No 228 Seed Potatoes (Crop Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DARD)

SR No 229 Departments (Transfer of Functions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (OFMDFM)

SR No 230 Cycle Lanes (Annadale Embankment and Ormeau Embankment, Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

SR No 231 Bus Lane (Woodstock Road, Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

SR No 232 One-Way Traffic (Enniskillen) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

SR No 233 Traffic Weight Restriction (Coleraine and Kilrea) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

SR No 234 Road Races (Mid-Antrim 150) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

SR No 235 Road Races (Garron Point Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

SR No 236 Education (Pupil Records) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DE)

SR No 237 Compulsory Registration of Title Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DFP)

SR No 238 The Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

SR No 239 Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No. 2) (Revocation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DARD)

7. Consultation Documents

Towards Supporting People in Northern Ireland (DSD)

Work and Parents: Competitiveness and Choice: A Framework for Simplification (DTI)

Changes to Parental Leave (DTI)

8. Departmental Publications

Sports Council for Northern Ireland: Management Statement (including Financial Memorandum) (DCAL)

New Targeting Social Need: Analysis of Existing Information on Education Participation, Achievement and Outcomes for Disadvantaged Individuals and Groups (DE)

Made in Northern Ireland, Sold to the World: Sales and Exports 1998/1999 – 1999/2000 (DETI)

Northern Ireland Estimates 2001 – 2002 for services under the Government of Northern Ireland for the year ending 31 March 2002 (DFP)

9. Agency Publications

Northern Ireland Prison Service Corporate and Business Plan 2001-2004

Ordnance Survey of Northern Ireland: Corporate Plan 2001-2004 and Business Plan 2001-2002

10. Westminster Publications

Finance Act 2001 Chapter 9

Special Educational Needs and Disability Act 2001 Chapter 10

Health and Social Care Act 2001 Chapter 15

SI No 999 The Public Processions (Northern Ireland) Act 1998 (Accounts and Audit) Order (No. 2) 2001

SI No 1866 The Financial Investigations (Northern Ireland) Order 2001

11. Miscellaneous Publications

12. Assembly Research Papers

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY 19 JUNE 2001

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**

2.1 **Statement – Budget**

The Minister of Finance and Personnel, Mr Mark Durkan, made a statement to the Assembly on issues affecting budgetary planning and preparation for the financial year 2002/03, following which he replied to questions.

2.2 **First Stage – Budget (No.2) Bill (NIA Bill 17/00)**

Mr Mark Durkan, the Minister of Finance and Personnel, introduced a Bill to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of certain sums for the service of the year ending 31 March 2002; to appropriate those sums for specified purposes; to authorise the Department of Finance and Personnel to borrow on the credit of the appropriated sums; to authorise the use for the public service of certain resources (including accruing resources) for the year ending 31 March 2002; and to repeal certain spent enactments.

Bill passed First Stage and ordered to be printed (NIA Bill 17/00).

2.3 **Family Law Bill (NIA Bill 4/00)**
Final Stage

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

After debate NIA Bill 4/00 passed Final Stage.

3. **Committee Business**

3.1 **Motion – Amend Standing Orders**

Proposed: In Standing Order 47(7) after ‘five’ insert:

‘and such quorum shall be deemed to be present where Members are linked by a video conferencing facility.’

[Chairperson, Committee on Procedures]

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** with cross-community support. (Division 1).

3.2 **Motion – Amend Standing Orders**

Proposed: In Standing Order 72 delete all and insert:

‘Subject to the requirements of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, a Member may move a motion for the suspension of one or more Standing Orders in whole or in part. A motion under this Standing Order shall require cross-community support within the meaning of Section 4(5) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.’

[Chairperson, Committee on Procedures]

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** with cross-community support (nemine contradicente).

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 12.28 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

4. **Question Time**

4.1 **Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister**

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

4.2 **Minister for Regional Development**

Questions were put to, and answered by, the Minister, Mr Gregory Campbell MP.

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

4.3 **Minister of the Environment**

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

5. **Adjournment**

5.1 Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 4.03 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
19 June 2001

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

19 JUNE 2001

DIVISIONS

Division No.1

Proposed: In Standing Order 47(7) after 'five' insert:

'and such quorum shall be deemed to be present where Members are linked by a video conferencing facility.'

[Chairperson, Committee on Procedures]

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

Ayes : 49

Noes : 16

Ayes

Nationalist: Alex Attwood, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, Annie Courtney, John Dallat, Baírbre de Brun, Mark Durkan, John Fee, Tommy Gallagher, Joe Hendron, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Alex Maskey, Alasdair McDonnell, Gerry McHugh, Mitchel McLaughlin, Eugene McMenamin, Pat McNamee, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Mary Nelis, Dara O'Hagan, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, John Tierney.

Unionist: Ian Adamson, Pauline Armitage, Billy Armstrong, Billy Bell, Esmond Birnie, Joan Carson, Fred Cobain, Ivan Davis, Sam Foster, John Gorman, Derek Hussey, James Leslie, David McClarty, Alan McFarland, Ken Robinson, George Savage, David Trimble, Peter Weir, Jim Wilson.

Other: Eileen Bell, Séamus Close, David Ford, Jane Morrice, Sean Neeson.

Noes

Unionist: Paul Berry, Gregory Campbell, Mervyn Carrick, Wilson Clyde, Boyd Douglas, Oliver Gibson, William Hay, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, Maurice Morrow, Ian Paisley Jnr, Ian R K Paisley, Edwin Poots, Peter Robinson, Denis Watson, Jim Wells.

Total Votes	65	Total Ayes	49 (75.4%)
Nationalist Votes	25	Nationalist Ayes	25 (100.0%)
Unionist Votes	35	Unionist Ayes	19 (54.3%)

The Motion was **carried**.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

ON 19 JUNE 2001

1. Acts of the Northern Ireland Assembly

2. Bills of the Northern Ireland Assembly

Department of Employment and Learning Bill (as amended at Consideration Stage)
(NIA Bill 12/00)

3. Orders in Council

4. Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly

5. Assembly Reports

Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development: Minutes of Evidence:
(I) Inquiry into Certain Aspects of the Livestock and Meat Commission:
(II) Fisheries Issues:
(III) Pig Industry Restructuring Scheme – Outgoers Schemes (09/00/E)

6. Statutory Rules

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

7. Consultation Documents

8. Departmental Publications

Preparing for 2002–2003: The Executive's Position Report to the Assembly:
Developing the Programme for Government and the Budget for 2002–2003
(OFMDFM)

9. Agency Publications

10. Westminster Publications

11. Miscellaneous Publications

12. Assembly Research Papers

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 25 JUNE 2001

The Assembly met at 12.00 noon, the Speaker in the Chair

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

1.1 Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **Executive Committee Business**

2.1 **First Stage – Industrial Development Bill (NIA Bill 18/00)**

Sir Reg Empey, the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, introduced a Bill to establish Invest Northern Ireland to exercise certain existing functions in relation to industrial development; to dissolve the Industrial Development Board for Northern Ireland, the Local Enterprise Development Unit and the Industrial Research and Technology Unit; to abolish certain functions of the Northern Ireland Tourist Board; to amend the Industrial Development (Northern Ireland) Order 1982; and for related purposes.

Bill passed First Stage and ordered to be printed (NIA Bill 18/00).

2.2 **Second Stage – Budget (No.2) Bill (NIA Bill 17/00)**

The Speaker reported to the Assembly that the Committee for Finance and Personnel had indicated its satisfaction as required by Standing Order 40(2) with consultation on the proposals contained in the Bill. The Speaker ruled that the Bill could proceed under accelerated passage.

Mr Mark Durkan, the Minister of Finance and Personnel, moved that the Second Stage of the Budget (No.2) Bill be agreed.

Debate ensued.

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

NIA Bill 17/00 passed Second Stage with cross-community support.

2.3 **Motion – Statutory Rule Subject to Affirmative Resolution**

Proposed: That the Lands Tribunal (Salaries) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 be approved.

[Minister of Finance and Personnel]

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

2.4 **Motion - Statutory Rule Subject to Affirmative Resolution**

Proposed: That the Departments (Transfer of Functions) Order (Northern Ireland) (SR 229/2001) 2001 be approved.

[First Minister]
[Deputy First Minister]

Debate ensued.

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

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 1.11 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

The Speaker in the Chair.

3. **Question Time**

3.1 **Minister of Education**

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

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 2.52 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 3.00 pm.

3.2 **Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety**

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

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 3.24 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 3.30 pm.

3.3 **Minister of Finance and Personnel**

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

4. **Personal Statements**

- 4.1 Mr Gregory Campbell MP made a personal statement notifying the Assembly that Mr Maurice Morrow and he had jointly tendered a conditional letter of resignation to the Speaker. Mr Morrow formally identified himself with the content of Mr Campbell's statement.

5. **Private Members' Business**

5.1 **Motion – Alcohol Bye-Laws**

Proposed: That this Assembly believes that current levels of enforcement of alcohol bye-laws are inadequate to address the problem of outdoor drinking; and that increased resources should be made available for the enforcement of the bye-laws and for a province-wide education programme to alert younger people to the dangers of under-age drinking.

[Mrs J Carson]

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

Debate ensued.

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

6. **Adjournment**

- 6.1 Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 4.57 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
25 June 2001

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

FROM 20 JUNE 2001 to 25 JUNE 2001

1. Acts of the Northern Ireland Assembly

2. Bills of the Northern Ireland Assembly

Budget (No. 2) Bill (NIA Bill 17/00)

3. Orders in Council

4. Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly

5. Assembly Reports

Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development: Minutes of Evidence: Update on Foot-and-Mouth Disease Outbreak: (10/00/E)

Examiner of Statutory Rules: Report on SR No 239 Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No. 2) (Revocation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (ESR 169/00)

Examiner of Statutory Rules: Report on SR No 237 Compulsory Registration of Title Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (ESR 171/00)

Examiner of Statutory Rules: Report on Draft Lands Tribunal (Salaries) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (ESR 172/00)

6. Statutory Rules

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

SR No 240 Motor Vehicles (Driving Licenses) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DOE)

SR No 242 Products of Animal Origin (Import and Export) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DARD)

7. Consultation Documents

Reform of the Sheepmeat Regime (DARD)

Bill for Restructuring of the DETI Agencies: An Equality Impact Assessment (DETI)

8. Departmental Publications

Office of the First and Deputy First Minister Corporate Plan 2001 – 2004 and Business Plan 2001 - 2002

Department for Social Development Corporate Plan 2001 – 2004

9. Agency Publications

Driver and Vehicle Testing Agency Business Plan 2001 – 2002 and Corporate Plan 2002 – 2005

10. Westminster Publications

Northern Ireland Affairs Committee: Third Special Report: Response of the Northern Ireland Executive to the Fourth and Fifth Reports of Session 1999 – 2000 (HC 522)

Northern Ireland Affairs Committee: Third Special Report: Government Response of the Committee's First Special Report, Session 2000 – 01 and the Work of the Committee in Session 2000 – 01 (HC 523)

11. Miscellaneous Publications

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY 26 JUNE 2001

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

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

1.1 Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **Executive Committee Business**

2.1 **Statement – Foot-and-Mouth Disease**

The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Mrs Bríd Rodgers, made a statement to the Assembly on the current position in relation to foot-and-mouth disease, following which she replied to questions.

2.2 **Second Stage – Social Security Fraud Bill (NIA Bill 16/00)**

Mr Maurice Morrow, the Minister for Social Development, moved that the Second Stage of the Social Security Fraud Bill be agreed.

Debate ensued.

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

The Speaker in the Chair.

After debate, NIA Bill 16/00 passed Second Stage.

2.3 **Department for Employment and Learning Bill (NIA Bill 12/00)**
Further Consideration Stage

Dr Séan Farren, the Minister of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment moved that the Further Consideration Stage of the Department for Employment and Learning Bill be agreed.

No amendments were tabled to the Bill.

Clause

The Question being put, it was **agreed** without division that Clause 1 stand part of the Bill.

Long Title

The Question put being put the Long Title was **agreed** without division.

NIA Bill 12/00 passed Further Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker for consideration in accordance with Section 10 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

2.4 **Product Liability (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 13/00)** **Further Consideration Stage**

Mr Mark Durkan, the Minister of Finance and Personnel, moved that the Further Consideration Stage of the Product Liability (Amendment) Bill be agreed.

No amendments were tabled to the Bill.

Clauses

The Question being put, it was **agreed** without division that Clauses 1-3 stand part of the Bill.

Long Title

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

NIA Bill 13/00 passed Further Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker for consideration in accordance with Section 10 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

2.5 **Final Stage – Trustee Bill (NIA Bill 11/00)**

Mr Mark Durkan, Minister of Finance and Personnel, moved that the Final Stage of the Trustee Bill (NIA Bill 11/00) be agreed.

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

NIA Bill 11/00 passed Final Stage.

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 12.01 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm, the Speaker in the Chair.

3. **Committee Business**

3.1 **Motion – Report of the Committee of the Centre – Commissioner for Children**

Proposed: That this Assembly approves the Report of the Committee of the Centre on its inquiry into the proposal for a Commissioner for Children for Northern Ireland (2/00R) and calls on the First Minister and Deputy First Minister to take full account of the recommendations.

[Chairperson, Committee of the Centre]

Debate ensued.

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

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

3.2 **Motion – Statutory Rule Subject to Negative Resolution**

Proposed: That the Seed Potatoes (Crop Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (SR 228/2001) be annulled.

[Chairperson, Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development]

Debate ensued.

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

4. **Private Members' Business**

4.1 **Motion – Statutory Rule Subject to Negative Resolution**

Proposed: That the Seed Potato Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (SR 188/2001) be annulled.

[Mr D Ford]

Debate ensued.

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

4.2 **Motion – Lagan Valley Hospital**

Proposed: That this Assembly notes with concern the current underfunding of the Lagan Valley Hospital within the Down/Lisburn Trust.

[Mr E Poots]

[Mr S Close]

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

5. **Adjournment**

5.1 Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 5.56 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
26 June 2001

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

ON 26 JUNE 2001

1. Acts of the Northern Ireland Assembly

2. Bills of the Northern Ireland Assembly

Industrial Development Bill (NIA Bill 18/00)

3. Orders in Council

4. Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly

5. Assembly Reports

Committee of the Centre: Second Report: Report into the Proposal to Appoint a Commissioner for Children in Northern Ireland: Vol. 1 – Report and the Minutes of Evidence Relating to the Report (02/00/R)

Committee of the Centre: Second Report: Report into the Proposal to Appoint a Commissioner for Children in Northern Ireland: Vol. 2 – Proceedings of the Committee and Written Submissions Relating to the Report (02/00/R)

6. Statutory Rules

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

7. Consultation Documents

8. Departmental Publications

9. Agency Publications

10. Westminster Publications

11. Miscellaneous Publications

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 2 JULY 2001

The Assembly met at 12.00 noon, the Speaker in the Chair

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

1.1 Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **The Speaker's Business**

2.1 **Resignation of the First Minister**

The Speaker notified Members that The Rt Hon David Trimble MP had resigned as First Minister in a letter dated 1 July 2001. Under Section 16(7)(a) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 the Deputy First Minister, Mr Séamus Mallon MP, also ceased to hold Office from that date, but would continue to exercise the functions of his Office until the election of a new First Minister and a new Deputy First Minister.

The Speaker reported that he had been notified by the then First Minister that he had designated Sir Reg Empey to exercise the functions of the Office of First Minister under Section 16(5)(b) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 with effect from 1 July 2001.

2.2 Mr Séamus Mallon MP made a personal statement to the Assembly.

3. **Executive Committee Business**

3.1 **Statement – North/South Ministerial Council –
Foyle, Carlingford and Irish Lights Sector**

The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Ms Bríd Rodgers, made a statement to the Assembly on the meeting of the North-South Ministerial Council for the Foyle, Carlingford and Irish Lights sector held on 22 June 2001, following which she replied to questions.

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

3.2 **Statement – June Monitoring Round**

The Minister of Finance and Personnel, Mr Mark Durkan, made a statement to the Assembly on public spending allocations in 2001-02 in the light of the June Monitoring round, following which he replied to questions.

4. **Question Time**

The Speaker in the Chair.

4.1 **Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment**

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

4.2 **Minister of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment**

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

4.3 **Minister for Social Development**

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

Questions were put to and answered by the Minister, Mr Maurice Morrow.

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

5.1 **First Stage – Local Government (Best Value) Bill (NIA Bill 19/00)**

Mr Sam Foster, the Minister of the Environment, introduced a Bill to make provision imposing on district councils requirements relating to economy, efficiency and effectiveness; and for connected purposes.

Bill passed First Stage and ordered to be printed (NIA Bill 19/00).

5.2 **Budget (No.2) Bill (NIA Bill 17/00)** **Consideration Stage**

Mr Mark Durkan, the Minister of Finance and Personnel, moved that the Consideration Stage of the Budget (No.2) Bill be agreed.

Clauses

The Question being put, it was **agreed** without division that Clauses 1-6 stand part of the Bill.

Schedules

The Question being put, it was **agreed** without division that Schedules 1-3 stand part of the Bill.

Long Title

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

NIA Bill 17/00 passed Consideration Stage with cross-community support (nemine contradicente) and stood referred to the Speaker for consideration in accordance with Section 10 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

5.3 Motion – Suspend Standing Orders

Proposed: That Standing Order 10(6) be suspended for Monday 2 July 2001.

[Minister for Regional Development]

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** with cross-community consent (nemine contradicente).

5.4 Motion – Regional Development Strategy

Proposed: That this Assembly takes note of progress on the formulation of the Regional Development Strategy.

[Minister for Regional Development]

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

[Minister for Regional Development]

6. Adjournment

6.1 Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 6.08 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
2 July 2001

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

FROM 27 JUNE 2001 to 2 JULY 2001

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

Northern Ireland Child Support Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2000–2001 (NIA 56/00)

Health Estates Annual Report and Accounts 2000/2001 (NIA 67/00)

The Management of Social Security Debt Collection (NIAO) (NIA 71/00)

Northern Ireland Audit Office Reports on Belfast Action Teams: Investigations into Suspected Fraud within the Former Suffolk Action Team and Building Maintenance in the Education and Library Boards (NIA 72/00)

Public Record Office of Northern Ireland Annual Report and Accounts 2000–2001 (NIA 80/00)

5. Assembly Reports

6. Statutory Rules

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

SR No 241 Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DOE)

SR No 243 Road Races (Eagles Rock Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

SR No 244 Public Service Vehicles (Licence Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DOE)

SR No 245 Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (Test Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DOE)

SR No 246 Motor Vehicle Testing (Amendment) (Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DOE)

SR No 247 Goods Vehicles (Testing) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DOE)

SR No 249 The Child Support, Pensions and Social Security (2000 Act) (Commencement No. 6) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

SR No 261 The Social Security (Discretionary Housing Payments Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

7. Consultation Documents

Proposal for a Draft Criminal Injuries Compensation (Northern Ireland) Order 2001 (NIO)

8. Departmental Publications

DETI and Its Agencies / NDPBs: A Statistical Synopsis

Shaping Our Future: Draft Regional Development Strategy for Northern Ireland 2025 (DRD)

9. Agency Publications

Drinking Water Quality Report 2000 (Water Service)

10. Westminster Publications

Parades Commission Third Annual Report 2000–2001 (HC 55)

11. Miscellaneous Publications

Royal Ulster Constabulary: Report of the Chief Constable 2000–2001

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY 3 JULY 2001

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. **Royal Assent**

2.1 Royal Assent had been signified on 2 July 2001 to:

- Defective Premises (Landlord's Liability) Act (Northern Ireland) 2001; and
- Adoption (Intercountry Aspects) Act (Northern Ireland) 2001.

3. **Speaker's Business**

3.1 The Speaker delivered a ruling on unparliamentary language.

The Sitting was suspended by the Speaker at 10.36 am under Standing Order 60(1)(a).

The Sitting resumed at 10.45 am.

4. **Executive Committee Business**

4.1 **Statement - North-South Ministerial Council on Waterways**

The Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure, Mr Michael McGimpsey, made a statement to the Assembly on the North/South Ministerial Council sectoral meeting on Waterways, held on 27 June 2001, following which he replied to questions.

4.2 **Statement - North-South Ministerial Council – Special EU Programmes**

The Minister of Finance and Personnel, Mr Mark Durkan, made a statement to the Assembly on the North/South Ministerial Council sectoral meeting on Special EU Programmes held on 20 June 2001, following which he replied to questions.

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 12.36 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.00 pm.

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

4.3 **Statement – Winter Service Review**

The Minister for Regional Development, Mr Gregory Campbell MP, made a statement to the Assembly on the Winter Service Review, following which he replied to questions.

4.4 **Second Stage - Industrial Development Bill (NIA Bill 18/00)**

Sir Reg Empey, the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, moved that the Second Stage of the Industrial Development Bill be agreed.

Debate ensued.

NIA Bill 18/00 passed Second Stage.

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

4.5 **Budget (No.2 Bill) NIA Bill 17/00**
Further Consideration Stage

The Minister of Finance and Personnel moved that the Further Consideration Stage of the Budget (No.2) Bill be agreed.

Clauses

The Question being put, it was **agreed** without division that Clauses 1-6 stand part of the Bill.

Schedules

The Question being put it was **agreed** without division that Schedules 1-3 stand part of the Bill.

Long Title

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

NIA Bill 17/00 passed Further Consideration Stage with cross-community support (nemine contradicente) and stood referred to the Speaker for consideration in accordance with Section 10 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

5. **Committee Business**

5.1 **Motion – Amend Standing Orders: Audit Committee**

The following Motion stood on the Order Paper in the name of the Chairperson, Committee on Procedures.

Proposed: In Standing Order 58 delete all and insert:

- “(1) There shall be a Standing Committee of the Assembly to be known as the Audit Committee which shall:
- (a) exercise the functions laid upon the Assembly by Section 66 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998;
 - (b) recommend to the Assembly the annual salary payable to the holder of the office of Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland in accordance with Article 4(1) of the Audit (Northern Ireland) Order 1987; and
 - (c) recommend to the Assembly a person to be nominated for appointment to the office of Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland in accordance with Section 65(1) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.
- (2) In discharging its functions under this Standing Order the Committee shall have regard to the advice of the Public Accounts Committee and the Department of Finance and Personnel.
- (3) In accordance with Section 66(2) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, no more than one member of the Committee may be a member of the Public Accounts Committee.
- (4) The Committee shall have a membership of five and a quorum of two.”

[Chairperson, Committee on Procedures]

The Motion was **not moved**.

5.2 **Motion – Amend Standing Orders: Sittings and Adjournments of the Assembly**

Proposed: In Standing Order 10(2) line 3 delete ‘10.30 am’, and insert ‘12.00 midday’.

[Chairperson, Committee on Procedures]

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** with cross-community support (nemine contradicente).

5.3 **Motion – Amend Standing Orders: Register of Members’ Interests**

Proposed: In Standing Order 64 delete all and insert:

- “(1) A Register of Members’ Interests, which shall list the categories of registrable interest, shall be established, published and made available for public inspection.
- (2) The Clerk of Standards shall compile, and from time to time publish, the Register of Members’ Interests.
- (3) Every Member of the Assembly shall inform the Clerk of Standards of such particulars of his/her registrable interests as shall be required, and of any alterations to such interests within four weeks of each change occurring.
- (4) Before taking part in any debate or proceeding of the Assembly or its Committees, a Member shall declare any interest, financial or otherwise, which is relevant to that debate or proceeding, where such interest is held by the Member or an immediate relative.
- (5) No Member of the Assembly shall, in any proceeding of the Assembly, in return for payment or benefit mentioned in paragraph 61 of the Guide to the Rules Relating to the Conduct of Members, approved by the Assembly on 14 December 1999 [“the Guide”]:
 - (a) advocate or initiate any cause or matter on behalf of any outside body or individual;
 - (b) urge any other Member of the Assembly to do so.
- (6) Where it appears to the Committee on Standards and Privileges that a Member has failed to comply with, or has contravened any provision of this Order, the Committee may make a report to the Assembly.
- (7) A report made under paragraph (6) may contain a recommendation that the Member:
 - (a) be excluded from proceedings of the Assembly for a specified period; and
 - (b) have his/her rights and privileges as a Member withdrawn for that period.
- (8) In this Standing Order:-

“Financial interest” means any registrable interest other than one falling within paragraph 26 or 27 of the Guide;

“Registrable interest” means any category of registrable interest falling within paragraphs 14 to 37 of the Guide.

[Chairperson, Committee on Procedures]

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** with cross-community support.

5.4 **Motion – Amend Standing Orders: Committee on Standards and Privileges**

Proposed: In Standing Order 57 delete all and insert:

“57. COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS AND PRIVILEGES

- (1) There shall be a Standing Committee of the Assembly called the Committee on Standards and Privileges:
 - (a) to consider specific matters relating to privilege referred to it by the Assembly;
 - (b) to oversee the work of the Assembly Clerk of Standards; to examine the arrangements for the compilation, maintenance and accessibility of the Register of Members’ Interests and any other registers of interests established by the Assembly; and to review from time to time the form and content of those registers;
 - (c) to consider any matter relating to the conduct of Members including specific complaints in relation to alleged breaches of any code of conduct to which the Assembly has agreed and which have been drawn to the Committee’s attention;
 - (d) to recommend any modifications to the code of conduct mentioned in paragraph (c);
 - (e) to perform the functions described in Standing Order 64(6) and (7);
 - (f) to make a report to the Assembly on any matter falling within this Standing Order.
- (2) The Committee shall be appointed at the commencement of every Assembly and shall have power to send for persons, papers and records that are relevant to its enquiries.
- (3) There shall be an officer of the Assembly, to be known as the Assembly Commissioner for Standards, who shall carry out an investigation into any matter falling within paragraph (4) referred to him by the Assembly Clerk of Standards and shall make a report thereon to the Committee on Standards and Privileges.

- (4) Those matters are:
 - (a) matters relating to Members and Assembly privilege, including alleged breach of privilege;
 - (b) specific complaints about Members made in relation to the registering or declaring of interests; and
 - (c) matters relating to the conduct of Members, including specific complaints in relation to alleged contravention of:
 - (i) the Code of Conduct for Members of the Assembly; or
 - (ii) the Guide to the Rules Relating to the Conduct of Members, approved by the Assembly on 14 December 1999.
- (5) A report made under paragraph (3) may not include any recommendations for any sanction or penalty to be imposed upon any Member of the Assembly.
- (6) The Assembly Commissioner for Standards shall not, in the exercise of any of his functions, be subject to the direction or control of the Assembly.
- (7) The Assembly may not dismiss the Assembly Commissioner for Standards unless:
 - (a) the Assembly so resolves; and
 - (b) the resolution is passed with the support of a number of Members of the Assembly which equals or exceeds two-thirds of the total number of seats in the Assembly.”

[Chairperson, Committee on Procedures]

5.5 Amendment

In proposed Standing Order 57(7) line 1 delete “the Assembly may not dismiss” and insert after “Standards”, “shall not be dismissed”.

[Chairperson, Committee on Standards and Privileges]

After debate, the Amendment being put, the Amendment was **agreed** with cross-community support (nemine contradicente).

The Question being put, the Motion, as amended, was **carried** with cross-community support (nemine contradicente).

5.6 **Motion – Report into the Use of Public-Private Partnerships**

Proposed: That this Assembly takes note of the report prepared by the Committee for Finance and Personnel following its inquiry into the use of Public-Private Partnerships.

[Chairperson, Committee for Finance and Personnel]

The Speaker in the Chair.

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

6. **Adjournment**

6.1 Mr Ian Paisley Jnr spoke on Tourism in the North Antrim Area.

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 7.27 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
3 July 2001

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

ON 3 JULY 2001

1. Acts of the Northern Ireland Assembly

2. Bills of the Northern Ireland Assembly

Local Government (Best Value) Bill (NIA Bill 19/00)

3. Orders in Council

Draft Order in Council: Life Sentences (Northern Ireland) Order 2001

4. Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly

Social Security Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2000–2001
(NIA 74/00)

Ordnance Survey of Northern Ireland Annual Report and Accounts
(NIA 79/00)

Roads Service Annual Report and Accounts 1999–2000 (NIA 84/00)

Water Service Annual Report and Accounts 2000–2001 (NIA 85/00)

5. Assembly Reports

Committee for Finance and Personnel: Seventh Report; Report into the use of Public Private Partnerships: Vol. 1: Report together with the Minutes of Proceedings (07/00/R)

Committee for Finance and Personnel: Seventh Report; Report into the use of Public Private Partnerships: Vol. 2: Written Submissions – Part I (07/00/R)

Committee for Finance and Personnel: Seventh Report; Report into the use of Public Private Partnerships: Vol. 3: Written Submissions – Part II (07/00/R)

Committee for Finance and Personnel: Seventh Report; Report into the use of Public Private Partnerships: Vol. 4: Minutes of Evidence and Record of Informal Briefings (07/00/R)

Public Accounts Committee: Sixth Report: Report on (I) Structural Maintenance of Roads and (II) Management of On-Street Parking (06/00/R)

6. Statutory Rules

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

SR No 256 Road Races (Carrickfergus Road Race) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DRD)

7. Consultation Documents

Proposals for Radiation (Emergency Preparedness and Public Information) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DETI)

8. Departmental Publications

Acute Hospitals Review Group Report (Hayes Report)

9. Agency Publications

10. Westminster Publications

Northern Ireland Affairs Committee; Fifth Report: Miscellaneous Financial Matters and the Governments Response to the Committee's Third Report, Session 1999–2000 (HC 458)

11. Miscellaneous Publications

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY 4 JULY 2001

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**

2.1 **Final Stage – Department for Employment and Learning Bill (NIA Bill 12/00)**

Dr Séan Farren, Minister of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment, moved that the Final Stage of the Department for Employment and Learning Bill (NIA Bill 12/00) be agreed.

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

NIA Bill 12/00 passed Final Stage.

2.2 **Final Stage – Product Liability (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 13/00)**

Mr Mark Durkan, Minister of Finance and Personnel, moved that the Final Stage of the Product Liability (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 13/00) be agreed.

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

NIA Bill 13/00 passed Final Stage.

2.3 **Final Stage – Budget (No.2) Bill (NIA Bill 17/00)**

Mr Mark Durkan, Minister of Finance and Personnel, moved that the Final Stage of the Budget (No.2) Bill (NIA Bill 17/00) be agreed.

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** with cross-community support (nemine contradicente).

NIA Bill 17/00 passed Final Stage.

Deputy Speaker (Sir John Gorman) in the Chair.

3. **Private Members' Business**

3.1 **Motion – Child Protection**

Proposed: That this Assembly calls on the Ministers responsible for the protection of children, in view of the anomalies in the current vetting system, to take the necessary interim steps to improve the position on vetting those suitable to work with children.

[Ms P Lewsley]

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

3.2 **Motion – The Future of the Children's Hospice**

Proposed: That this Assembly takes note of the ongoing dispute surrounding the future of the Children's Hospice and calls for an early resolution of the issues.

[Mr I Paisley Jnr]

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

4. **Adjournment**

4.1 Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 12.44 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
4 July 2001

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

ON 4 JULY 2001

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

Business Development Service: Annual Report and Account 2000–2001 (NIA 48/00)

Annual Report of the Assembly Ombudsman Northern Ireland and the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Complaints 2000–2001 (NIA 83/00)

5. Assembly Reports

6. Statutory Rules

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

SR No 251 The Legal Aid in Criminal Proceedings (Costs) (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2001 (Lord Chancellor)

SR No 258 The Social Security (Volunteers Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

SR No 259 The Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (DSD)

7. Consultation Documents

8. Departmental Publications

9. Agency Publications

10. Westminster Publications

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