

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY 1 JULY 1998

The Assembly met at 2.06 pm, the Initial Presiding Officer in the Chair

1. Preliminary Matters

1.1 The following letters, received from the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, were read:

dated 29 June 1998 - Appointment of Initial Presiding Officer, and date, time and place of first meeting.

dated 29 June 1998 - Specific matters referred to the Assembly.

dated 1 July 1998 - Extension of initial agenda to enable adjournment debate.

1.2 The statutory remit of the Assembly was read.

1.3 Users of a language other than English were asked to provide a translation.

1.4 Mobile telephone and pager users were asked to leave the devices outside the Chamber, or alternatively, in respect of pagers, for this meeting only to switch to 'vibration' mode.

2. Roll of Members

Members signed the Roll and indicated a designation of identity. The following Members signed:

Eileen Bell, Seamus Close, David Ford, Kieran McCarthy, Sean Neeson, Monica McWilliams, Jane Morrice, David Ervine, Billy Hutchinson, Gerry Adams, Bairbre de Brun, Michelle Gildernew, Gerry Kelly, John Kelly, Alex Maskey, Barry McElduff, Martin McGuinness, Gerry McHugh, Mitchel McLaughlin, Pat McNamee, Francie Molloy, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Mary Nelis, Dara O'Hagan, Alex Atwood, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, John Dallat, Arthur Doherty, Mark Durkan, Sean Farren, John Fee, Tommy Gallagher, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, John Hume, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Séamus Mallon, Donovan McClelland, Alasdair McDonnell, Eddie McGrady, Eugene McMenamin, Danny O'Connor, Eamonn O'Neill, Brid Rodgers, John Tierney, Paul Berry, Gregory Campbell, Mervyn Carrick, Wilson Clyde, Nigel Dodds, Oliver Gibson, William Hay, David Hilditch, Gardiner Kane, William McCrea, Maurice Morrow, Ian R K Paisley, Ian Paisley Jnr, Edwin Poots, Iris Robinson, Mark Robinson, Peter Robinson, Jim Shannon, Jim Wells, Sammy Wilson, Norman Boyd,

Roger Hutchinson, Robert McCartney, Patrick Roche, Cedric Wilson, Ian Adamson, Pauline Armitage, Billy Armstrong, Roy Beggs Jnr, Billy Bell, Tom Benson, Esmond Birnie, Joan Carson, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, Ivan Davis, Reg Empey, Sam Foster, John Gorman, Derek Hussey, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, David McClarty, Alan McFarland, Michael McGimpsey, Dermot Nesbitt, Ken Robinson, George Savage, Duncan Shipley Dalton, John Taylor, David Trimble, Peter Weir, Jim Wilson, Boyd Douglas, Denis Watson, Lord Alderdice.

The sitting was suspended at 3.01 pm and resumed at 3.30 pm.

3. Proposals for the Office of Presiding Officer having been sought and no proposals being forthcoming, the Initial Presiding Officer continued in the Chair in accordance with Standing Order 13(5).
4. Proposals for the Office of Deputy Presiding Officer having been sought, no proposals were received.
5. Proposals for the Office of First Minister (Designate) and Deputy First Minister (Designate) were sought.

Proposed: that The Rt Hon David Trimble MP be First Minister (Designate) and Mr Séamus Mallon MP be Deputy First Minister (Designate).

[Rt Hon John Taylor MP]
[Mr John Hume MP MEP]

The motion was **carried** - (Division No 1).

The First Minister (Designate) and Deputy First Minister (Designate) then made the affirmation as required by the Initial Standing Orders.

The Initial Presiding Officer declared The Rt Hon David Trimble MP to be First Minister (Designate) and Mr Séamus Mallon MP to be Deputy First Minister (Designate).

6. Proposed: that a Committee on Standing Orders be established.

[The Initial Presiding Officer]

The motion was **carried** - (Division No 2).

The sitting was suspended at 7.10 pm and resumed at 8.32 pm.

7. Proposed: that the Assembly invites the First Minister (Designate) and Deputy First Minister (Designate) to consider, and after consultation, make proposals regarding the matters referred to the Assembly under Section 1(2) of the Northern Ireland (Elections) Act 1998 and any other matter connected with the future business of the Assembly and report to the Assembly by 14 September 1998.

[The Initial Presiding Officer]

The motion was **carried** - (Division No 3).

8. Proposed: that a Committee be established in accordance with paragraph 16 of the Initial Standing Orders.

[The Initial Presiding Officer]

The motion was **carried** without division.

9. Proposed: that this Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Initial Presiding Officer]

There followed a debate on the Orange Institution Parade at Drumcree.

The Assembly was adjourned at 10.20 pm, to Monday 14 September 1998, at a time and in a place to be determined by the Secretary of State.

**The Lord Alderdice
Initial Presiding Officer**

1 July 1998

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

1 JULY 1998

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Gerry Adams	Tommy Gallagher	Eugene McMenamin
Ian Adamson	Oliver Gibson	Pat McNamee
Lord Alderdice	Michelle Gildernew	Monica McWilliams
Pauline Armitage	Sir John Gorman	Francie Molloy
Billy Armstrong	Carmel Hanna	Conor Murphy
Alex Attwood	Denis Haughey	Mick Murphy
Roy Beggs Jnr	William Hay	Jane Morrice
Billy Bell	Joe Hendron	Maurice Morrow
Eileen Bell	David Hilditch	Sean Neeson
Tom Benson	John Hume	Mary Nelis
Paul Berry	Derek Hussey	Dermot Nesbitt
Esmond Birnie	Billy Hutchinson	Danny O'Connor
Norman Boyd	Roger Hutchinson	Dara O'Hagan
P J Bradley	Gardiner Kane	Eamonn O'Neill
Joe Byrne	Gerry Kelly	Ian R K Paisley
Gregory Campbell	John Kelly	Ian Paisley Jnr
Mervyn Carrick	Danny Kennedy	Edwin Poots
Joan Carson	James Leslie	Iris Robinson
Seamus Close	Patricia Lewsley	Ken Robinson
Wilson Clyde	Alban Maginness	Mark Robinson
Fred Cobain	Séamus Mallon	Peter Robinson
Robert Coulter	Alex Maskey	Patrick Roche
John Dallat	Kieran McCarthy	Brid Rodgers
Ivan Davis	Robert McCartney	George Savage
Bairbre De Brun	David McClarty	Jim Shannon
Nigel Dodds	William McCrea	Duncan Shipley Dalton
Arthur Doherty	Donovan McClelland	John Taylor
Boyd Douglas	Alasdair McDonnell	John Tierney
Mark Durkan	Barry McElduff	David Trimble
Reg Empey	Alan McFarland	Denis Watson
David Ervine	Michael McGimpsey	Peter Weir
Sean Farren	Eddie McGrady	Jim Wells
John Fee	Martin McGuinness	Cedric Wilson
David Ford	Gerry McHugh	Jim Wilson
Sam Foster	Mitchel McLaughlin	Sammy Wilson

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

1 JULY 1998

DIVISIONS

Division No 1

Proposed by the Rt Hon John Taylor MP, seconded by Mr John Hume MP MEP:

that the Rt Hon David Trimble MP be First Minister (Designate) and
Mr Séamus Mallon MP be Deputy First Minister (Designate)

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 61

Noes : 27

Ayes

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

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

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

Noes

Unionist: Paul Berry, Norman Boyd, Gregory Campbell, 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 R K Paisley, Ian Paisley Jr, Edwin Poots, Iris Robinson, Mark Robinson, Peter Robinson, Patrick Roche, Jim Shannon, Denis Watson, Jim Wells, Cedric Wilson, Sammy Wilson.

Total Votes:	88	Total Ayes	61 (67.3%)
No of Nationalist Votes	24	Nationalist Ayes	24 (100%)
No of Unionist Votes	57	Unionist Ayes	30 (52.6%)

The motion was **carried**.

Division No 2

Proposed by the Initial Presiding Officer:

that in accordance with paragraph 15 of Initial Standing Orders, the Assembly shall establish a Committee whose terms of reference, quorum and composition are set out below:

Terms of Reference

To assist the Assembly in its consideration of Standing Orders and report to the Assembly by 14 September 1998.

Composition

UUP	4
SDLP	4
DUP	3
SF	3
All	1
UKU	1
PUP	1
NIWC	1

Quorum 8

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes	: 76
Noes	: 27

Ayes

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

Noes

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 R K Paisley, Ian Paisley Jnr, Edwin Poots, Iris Robinson, Mark Robinson, Peter Robinson, Patrick Roche, Jim Shannon, Denis Watson, Jim Wells, Cedric Wilson, Sammy Wilson.

The motion was **carried**.

Division No 3

Proposed by the Initial Presiding Officer:

that the Assembly invites the First Minister (Designate) and Deputy First Minister (Designate) to consider and, after consultation, make proposals regarding the matters referred to the Assembly under Section 1(2) of the Northern Ireland (Elections) Act 1998 and any other matter connected with the future business of the Assembly and report to the Assembly by 14 September 1998.

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 72

Noes : 27

Ayes

Gerry Adams, Ian Adamson, Pauline Armitage, Billy Armstrong, Alex Attwood, Roy Beggs Jnr, Billy Bell, Tom Benson, Esmond Birnie, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, Joan Carson, Seamus Close, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, John Dallat, Ivan Davis, Bairbre de Brun, Arthur Doherty, Mark Durkan, Reg Empey, David Ervine, Sean Farren, John Fee, David Ford, Sam Foster, Tommy Gallagher, John Gorman, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, John Hume, Derek Hussey, Billy Hutchinson, Gerry Kelly, John Kelly, 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, Martin McGuinness, Gerry McHugh, Eugene McMenamin, Pat McNamee, Monica McWilliams, Francie Molloy, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Jane Morrice, Mary Nelis, Dermot Nesbitt, Danny O'Connor, Dara O'Hagan, Eamonn O'Neill, Ken Robinson, Brid Rodgers, George Savage, Duncan Shipley Dalton, John Taylor, John Tierney, David Trimble, Peter Weir, Jim Wilson.

Noes

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 R K Paisley, Ian Paisley Jnr, Edwin Poots, Iris Robinson, Mark Robinson, Peter Robinson, Patrick Roche, Jim Shannon, Denis Watson, Jim Wells, Cedric Wilson, Sammy Wilson.

The motion was **carried**.

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 1998

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

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

1.1 Members observed four minutes' silence.

2. **Presiding Officer's Business**

2.1 A letter, received from Mr Paul Murphy MP, Minister of State, on behalf of the Secretary of State, detailing future meetings of the New Northern Ireland Assembly was read.

2.2 Members were advised that copies of the Minister of State's response to the submission from the Committee on Standing Orders relating to Additional Standing Orders would be put in their pigeonholes for information.

2.3 Members were reminded that under paragraph 8 of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Elections Act 1998, the privilege of Members in respect of the law of defamation is qualified.

2.4 The Assembly agreed that, in the absence of an appropriate Standing Order, the 7 day written notice ruling for changes of designation should be applied to the proposal notified by Mr D Watson to form a United Unionist Party, and that the new party would become extant in seven days' time.

3. **Roll of Members**

3.1 The following Members signed the Roll and indicated a designation of identity:

Mr F Agnew
Mr P Doherty
Ms S Ramsey

4. Proposed: that this Assembly should proceed to establish a "Shadow" Commission to assist during the transitional period in making preparations for the effective functioning of the Assembly – the membership and functions of the "Shadow" Commission being the same as those set out for the Commission in the Northern Ireland Bill.

Terms of Reference:

The “Shadow” Commission will consider matters relevant to providing the Assembly with the property, staff and services required for the Assembly’s purposes.

Composition:

The Initial Presiding Officer
Reverend Robert Coulter
Mr John Fee
Mr Peter Robinson MP
Mr Francie Molloy
Mrs Eileen Bell

Quorum:

The “Shadow” Commission will decide its quorum at the first meeting.

[The Initial Presiding Officer]

The motion was **carried** without division.

5. Proposed: that, under the terms of Initial Standing Order 15, this Assembly appoints an ad hoc Committee to consider the procedural consequences of devolution as they are likely to affect the relationship between, and workings of the Northern Ireland Assembly and the United Kingdom Parliament and, by Tuesday 6 October 1998, to submit a report to the Assembly which, if approved, will be forwarded to the Procedure Committee of the House of Commons.

Composition:

UUP	4
SDLP	4
DUP	3
SF	3
Alliance	1
UKUP	1
PUP	1
NIWC	1

Quorum: 8

[The Initial Presiding Officer]

The motion was **carried** without division.

6. Proposed: that the Assembly takes note of the Interim Report prepared by the Committee on Standing Orders and grants leave for the preparation and presentation of a full report by 26 October 1998.

[Mr D Haughey]

The motion was **carried** without division, the Initial Presiding Officer recording his judgement that the cross-community requirement set out in Initial Standing Order 12(2)(b) had been met through the complete unanimity of the Assembly expressed in response to the Question being put.

The sitting was suspended at 12.40 pm and resumed at 2.10 pm.

7. Proposed: that this Assembly takes note of the Report prepared by the First Minister (Designate) and the Deputy First Minister (Designate) and grants leave for the preparation and presentation of such further reports by the two Ministers as are considered necessary.

[Rt Hon David Trimble MP]
[Mr Séamus Mallon MP]

The motion was **carried** without division.

The Assembly was suspended at 5.55 pm, and resumed at 10.30 am on Tuesday 15 September 1998.

8. Proposed: that this Assembly do now adjourn to a date and place to be determined by the Secretary of State.

[The Initial Presiding Officer]

There followed a debate on the Omagh Bombing.

The Assembly was adjourned at 1.30 pm.

**The Lord Alderdice
Initial Presiding Officer**

16 September 1998

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

14 SEPTEMBER 1998

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Gerry Adams	Sam Foster	Eugene McMenamin
Ian Adamson	Tommy Gallagher	Pat McNamee
Fraser Agnew	Oliver Gibson	Monica McWilliams
Lord Alderdice	Michelle Gildernew	Francie Molloy
Billy Armstrong	Sir John Gorman	Jane Morrice
Alex Attwood	Carmel Hanna	Maurice Morrow
Roy Beggs Jnr	Denis Haughey	Conor Murphy
Billy Bell	William Hay	Mick Murphy
Eileen Bell	Joe Hendron	Sean Neeson
Tom Benson	David Hilditch	Mary Nelis
Paul Berry	John Hume	Dermot Nesbitt
Esmond Birnie	Derek Hussey	Danny O'Connor
Norman Boyd	Billy Hutchinson	Dara O'Hagan
Patrick Bradley	Roger Hutchinson	Eamonn O'Neill
Joe Byrne	Gardiner Kane	Ian R K Paisley
Gregory Campbell	Gerry Kelly	Ian Paisley Jnr
Meryvn Carrick	John Kelly	Edwin Poots
Joan Carson	Danny Kennedy	Sue Ramsey
Seamus Close	James Leslie	Iris Robinson
Wilson Clyde	Patricia Lewsley	Ken Robinson
Fred Cobain	Alban Maginness	Mark Robinson
Robert Coulter	Séamus Mallon	Peter Robinson
John Dallat	Alex Maskey	Patrick Roche
Duncan Shipley Dalton	Kieran McCarthy	Brid Rodgers
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Mark Durkan	Alan McFarland	Peter Weir
Reg Empey	Michael McGimpsey	Jim Wells
David Ervine	Eddie McGrady	Cedric Wilson
Sean Farren	Martin McGuinness	Jim Wilson
John Fee	Gerry McHugh	Sammy Wilson
David Ford	Mitchel McLaughlin	

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

14 SEPTEMBER 1998

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY FROM 1 JULY 1998

1. ORDERS IN COUNCIL

SI 1998/1506 (NI 10) Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998

SI 1998/1549 (NI 11) The Fire Services (Amendment)(Northern Ireland) Order 1998

SI 1998/1758 (NI 12) The Appropriation (No2)(Northern Ireland) Order 1998

SI 1998/1759 (NI 13) The Education Order (Northern Ireland) Order 1998

SI 1998/1760 (NI 14) The Education (Student Support)(Northern Ireland) Order 1998

SI 1998/1761 (NI 15) The Employment Rights (Time Off for Study or Training)
(Northern Ireland) Order 1998

SI 1998/1762 (NI 16) The Producer Responsibility Obligations (Northern Ireland)
Order 1998

SI 1998/1763 (NI 17) The Public Interest Disclosure (Northern Ireland) Order 1998

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

Insolvency account I/E 31/3/97 Prepared under Article 358(3) of the
Insolvency (NI) Order 1989

Public Record Office of Northern Ireland Statutory Report 1997-98 – Prepared
pursuant to Section10 of the Public Records (NI) Act 1923

Financial Statement for Northern Ireland 1998-99

3. ASSEMBLY REPORTS

Interim Report from the Committee on Standing Orders

NNIA 1

Interim Report from the First Minister (Designate) and Deputy First Minister
(Designate)

NNIA 2

4. STATUTORY RULES

SR No 201 Proceeds of Crime (NI) Order 1996 (Codes of Practice) Order 1998

SR No 222 Planning (General Development)(Amendment) Order (NI) 1998

SR No 223 Planning (Fees)(Amendment) Regulations (NI) 1998

SR No 225 Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use)(Amendment No2) Regulations (NI) 1998

SR No 226 Goods Vehicles (Testing)(Amendment No2) Regulations (NI) 1998

SR No 228 Local Government (Competition in Functional Work)(Amendment) Regulations (NI) 1998

SR No 230 Disability Discrimination (Abolition of District Advisory Committees) Order (NI) 1998

SR No 231 Sex Discrimination – Code of Practice (Recruitment and Selection) (Appointed Day) Order (NI) 1998

SR No 232 Social Security (Amendment)(Personnel Allowances for Children) Regulations (NI) 1998

SR No 233 Occupational Pension Schemes (Bank of England Act)(Consequential Amendments) Regulations (NI) 1998

SR No 234 The Royal Group of Hospitals and Dental Hospitals Health and Social Services Trust (Establishment)(Amendment) Order 1998

SR No 236 Urban Clearways (Amendment) Order (NI) 1998

SR No 237 Animals and Animal Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) Regulations (NI) 1998

SR No 238 Environmental Information (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 1998

SR No 239 Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 1998

SR No 240 Royal Ulster Constabulary Pensions (Amendment) Regulations 1998

SR No 241 Social Security (Claims and Payments)(Amendment) Regulations (NI) 1998

SR No 242 Suspension from Work on maternity grounds (Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels) Order (NI) 1998

SR No 243 Fisheries and Aquaculture Structures (Grants)(Amendment) Regulations (NI) 1998

SR No 244 Roads (Speed Limit)(No7) Order (NI) 1998

SR No 245 General Dental Services (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 1998

SR No 246 Road Races (Carrowdore 100) Order (NI) 1998

SR No 247 Road Races (Ulster Grand prix) Order (NI) 1998

SR No 248 One-Way Traffic (Limavady)(Amendment) Order (NI) 1998

SR No 249 Old Rectory Park, Portadown (Abandonment) Order (NI) 1998

SR No 250 The Social Security (Categorisation of Earners)(Amendment) Regulations (NI) 1998

SR No 251 Welfare of Livestock (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 1998

SR No 252 The Housing Benefit (General)(Amendment No3) Regulations (NI) 1998

SR No 253 Food Labelling (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 1998

SR No 254 Cycle Tracks (Omagh) Order (NI) 1998

SR No 255 Schools (Suspension and Expulsion of Pupils)(Amendment) Regulations (NI) 1998

SR No 256 Schools (Expulsion of Pupils)(Appeal Tribunals)(Amendment) Regulations (NI) 1998

SR No 257 Industrial Training Levy (Construction Industry) Order (NI) 1998

SR No 258 On-Street Parking (Amendment No2) Order (NI) 1998

SR No 259 Control of Traffic (Hibernia St Holywood) Order (NI) 1998

SR No 261 The Children (1995 Order)(Amendment)(Children's) Services Planning Order (NI) 1998

SR No 262 The Education (Student Loans)(Amendment) Regulations (NI) 1998

SR No 263 The Social Security (Guardian's Allowances)(Amendment) Regulations (NI) 1998

SR No 264 Plastic Materials and Articles in Contact with Food Regulations (NI) 1998

SR No 266 Route A1 Dromore By-Pass (Stopping-up) Order (NI) 1998

SR No 267 The Occupational Pension Schemes (Validation of Rule Alterations) Regulations (NI) 1998

SR No 268 The Industrial Pollution Control (Prescribed Process and Substances) (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 1998

SR No 269 Eggs (Marketing Standards) (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 1998

SR No 270 The Passenger and Goods Vehicles (Recording Equipment) Regulations (NI) 1998

SR No 271 Traffic Weight Restriction (Craigahulliar Road, Portrush) Order (NI) 1998

SR No 272 Salaries (Comptroller and Auditor General) Order (NI) 1998

SR No 275 Road Races (Drumhore Hill Climb) Order (NI) 1998

SR No 276 Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 1998

SR No 277 Railway place, Coleraine (Footway)(Abandonment) Order (NI) 1998

SR No 278 Superannuation (Commission for Racial Equality (NI)) Order (NI) 1998

SR No 279 Cattle Identification (No2) Regulations (NI) 1998

SR NO 280 Industrial relations Code of Practice (Picketing)(Appointed Day) Order (NI) 1998

SR No 281 Control of Lead at Work Regulations (NI) 1998

SR No 282 Roads (Speed Limit)(No8) Order (NI) 1998

SR No 283 Route U7518 Orpheus Drive, Dungannon (Stopping-up) Order (NI) 1998

SR No 284 Athol Street Lane, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (NI) 1998

SR No 285 Route UR24 Killyglen Road, Larne (Abandonment) Order (NI) 1998

SR No 286 Local Government (Compensation for Premature Retirement) (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 1998

SR No 288 The Waste and Contaminated Land (1997 Order)(Commencement)(NI) Order 1998

SR No 289 The Special Waste Regulations (NI) 1998

SR No 290 Game Birds Preservation Order (NI) 1998

SR No 291 Off-Street Parking (Amendment No2) Order (NI) 1998

SR No 292 One-Way Traffic (Killyleagh) Order (NI) 1998

SR No 293 Animals - Tuberculosis Control (Amendment) Order (NI) 1998

SR No 295 Off-Street Parking (Amendment No3) Order (NI) 1998

SR No 296 Road Traffic Regulations (1997 Order) (Commencement No2) Order (NI) 1998

SR No 297 Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles)(Amendment) Regulations (NI) 1998

SR No 299 The Health and Personal Social Services (Supperannuation) (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 1998

SR No 302 Off-Street Parking (Amendment No4) Order (NI) 1998

SR No 303 The Education (Student Loans)(Amendment No2) Regulations (NI) 1998

SR No 307 Education (Target-Setting in Schools) Regulations (NI) 1998

SR No 308 Arable Area Payments (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 1998

SR No 311 Cycle Tracks (Omagh) (No2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1998

5. DEPARTMENTAL PUBLICATIONS

Code of Practice in connection with financial Investigators: Proceeds and Crime

DANI size and performance of the NI Food and Drink Processing Sector 1993

DANI size and performance of the NI Food and Drink Processing Sector 1994

DANI Statistical Review 1994

DANI Statistical Review 1995

DANI Statistical Review 1996

DANI Statistical Review 1997

Equal Opportunities – A guide for all Staff NICS

Community Statistics 1 April 1996 – 31 March 1997

HSS Executive – Performance Tables for 1996-1997 DUP

Mental Health Inpatients System – Standard Analyses 1994/95

New TSN an agenda for targeting social need and promoting social inclusion in NI

Northern Ireland Political Brief

Evaluation of Action for Community Employment (ACE) Final Report

Evaluation of Action for Community Employment (ACE) Annexes to final report

Fisheries Conservancy Board for NI Annual Report and Financial Statements

Proposal For Weights and Measures (Quantity Marking and Abbreviations of Units) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998 – A Consultation Document

HPSS Management Plan 1999/00 – 2001/02

Compact Between Government and the Voluntary and Community Sector in Northern Ireland

Working Party on Traveller Accommodation – Consultation Document

Consultation Paper on Street Trading

6. AGENCY PUBLICATIONS

Water Service – Drinking Water Quality Report 1997

Prison Service – Corporate & Business Plan 1998-2001

PRONI Corporate Plan 1998-2001

Health & Safety Agency – Annual Report & Accounts 1996-97

Training and Employment Agency – Operating Plan 1998-99

Training and Employment Agency – Corporate Plan 1998-2001

Driver & Vehicle Testing Agency Annual Report & Accounts 1997/98

BDS Corporate Plan 1998-2001 and Business Plan 1998-99

VLA Corporate Plan 1998/99-2000/01 and Business Plan 1998/99

BDS Annual Report and Financial Statement 1997-98

Environment and Heritage Service Annual Report 1997/98

Construction Service Annual Report and Accounts 1997-98

The Planning Service Annual Report 1997/98

Road Service Annual Report – 1997/8

Rivers Agency – The Ulster Canal – Feasibility of Re-opening

7. MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS

Composition, Recruitment and Training of The RUC. HC 337-I

IRTU: Corporate Plan 1998-2001

Laganside Annual Report 1997-98

Performance Indicators 1996/97 Local Authorities

NIEC: Framework for Economic Development: The Implications for NI of 1998 UK

Londonderry Port & Harbour Commissioners Annual Report 1997

Warrenpoint Harbour Authority Annual Report and Accounts 1997

Commissioner for Public Appointments for Northern Ireland – Third Report 1997-98

General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland – 13th Annual Report

Northern Ireland Bill

Northern Ireland Bill – House of Lords No 152

Review of the Criminal Justice System in Northern Ireland – Consultation Paper

UA International – Vol 15 No 4

A Strategy for Children and Young People's Health Services in the Eastern Board

Area

Northern Ireland Housing Executive – Annual Report 1997/8

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

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MONDAY 5 OCTOBER 1998

The Assembly met at 2.00 pm, the Initial Presiding Officer in the Chair

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

1.1 Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **Presiding Officer's Business**

2.1 Members were advised of receipt of a letter from the Minister of State, Mr Paul Murphy MP indicating that the Secretary of State has directed that the Assembly shall meet at Parliament Buildings, Stormont on Monday 5 October until 6.00 pm on Friday 30 October 1998.

2.2 Members were advised that the Minister of State, Mr Murphy has further written indicating that the Secretary of State has determined that paragraphs 15(2) and 16(2) of Initial Standing Orders are amended to read as follows:

“15(2) Committees shall consist of not less than ten and not more than nineteen Members and shall be such that, as far as is practicable, there is a fair reflection of the parties participating in the Assembly and that each party with at least two Members shall have at least one seat on each Committee.

16(2) The Committee shall consist of the Initial Presiding Officer (who shall be Chairperson), the Deputy Presiding Officer and not less than eight and not more than seventeen Members appointed by the Initial Presiding Officer, following consultation with the leaders of the parties of the Assembly, and shall be such that, so far as is practicable, there is a fair reflection of the parties participating in the Assembly and that each party with at least two Members shall have at least one place.”

2.3 Members were advised of how the Initial Presiding Officer intends to interpret his role for whatever time he remained in place.

2.4 Members were advised that the Initial Presiding Officer will use any agreement reached by the Committee on Standing Orders as guidance in interpreting Initial Standing Orders, except that where there is conflict between the two, Initial Standing Orders must still prevail.

2.5 Members were advised of the role of the following papers forwarded weekly on Thursdays:

- the Order Paper
- the Business Diary
- Forthcoming Business
- All-Party Notices

2.6 Members were advised that an Assembly Members' Handbook will be issued this week.

2.7 Members were advised that with the agreement of the Members of the Shadow Assembly Commission, a copy of the minutes of each Shadow Commission meeting will be placed in the Library, and that when there are in the judgement of the Commission substantive issues to be brought to the attention of the Assembly, a statement will be made in the Chamber.

2.8 Members were advised that a paper on progress in the process of rebuilding lives and property damaged in the Omagh Bombing has been placed in the Library.

3. **Business Motion**

Proposed: that the composition of the Committee on Standing Orders and the Ad Hoc Committee on the Procedural Consequences of Devolution be amended to comply with the revised Initial Standing Orders issued by the Secretary of State by adding to each of their numbers one Member of the United Unionist Assembly Party.

[The Initial Presiding Officer]

The motion was **carried** without division.

4. **Procedural Consequences of Devolution**

Proposed: That the Assembly takes note of the interim report prepared by the Committee on the Procedural Consequences of Devolution.

[Mr A McFarland]

The motion was **carried** without division.

5. **Motion for Debate**

Proposed: to call attention to the unprecedented and ongoing crisis within the pig industry, and to call upon Her Majesty's Government, in conjunction with the European Union, the banks and those involved in the processing sector, to take the necessary immediate steps to alleviate the present crisis and ensure the future viability of the pig industry within Northern Ireland; and to move for papers.

[Rev Dr I R K Paisley MP MEP]

After debate, the motion was, by leave, **withdrawn**.

6. **Adjournment**

Proposed: that the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Initial Presiding Officer]

The Members listed below then spoke on the topics indicated:

Dr Alasdair McDonnell	-	The City of Belfast: Development
Mrs Eileen Bell	-	Equality Commission
Rev Dr William McCrea	-	Mid-Ulster Hospital (Acute Services)
Ms Bríd Rodgers	-	Parades
Mr Nigel Dodds	-	Whiteabbey Hospital
Mr Jim Wilson	-	Pollution

The Assembly was adjourned at 6.13 pm.

**The Lord Alderdice
Initial Presiding Officer**

5 October 1998

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

5 OCTOBER 1998

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Ian Adamson	John Fee	Francie Molloy
Fraser Agnew	David Ford	Jane Morrice
Lord Alderdice	Tommy Gallagher	Maurice Morrow
Pauline Armitage	Oliver Gibson	Conor Murphy
Billy Armstrong	Carmel Hanna	Mick Murphy
Alex Attwood	Denis Haughey	Sean Neeson
Roy Beggs Jnr	William Hay	Mary Nelis
Billy Bell	Joe Hendron	Dermot Nesbitt
Eileen Bell	David Hilditch	Danny O'Connor
Tom Benson	Derek Hussey	Dara O'Hagan
Paul Berry	Billy Hutchinson	Eamonn O'Neill
Esmond Birnie	Roger Hutchinson	Ian R K Paisley
Norman Boyd	Gardiner Kane	Ian Paisley Jnr
Patrick Bradley	John Kelly	Edwin Poots
Gregory Campbell	Danny Kennedy	Iris Robinson
Meryvn Carrick	James Leslie	Ken Robinson
Joan Carson	Patricia Lewsley	Mark Robinson
Seamus Close	Alban Maginness	Peter Robinson
Wilson Clyde	Alex Maskey	Patrick Roche
Fred Cobain	Kieran McCarthy	Brid Rodgers
Robert Coulter	Robert McCartney	George Savage
John Dallat	David McClarity	Jim Shannon
Duncan Shipley Dalton	William McCrea	John Taylor
Ivan Davis	Alasdair McDonnell	John Tierney
Bairbre de Brun	Barry McElduff	David Trimble
Nigel Dodds	Alan McFarland	Denis Watson
Arthur Doherty	Michael McGimpsey	Peter Weir
Pat Doherty	Eddie McGrady	Jim Wells
Boyd Douglas	Mitchel McLaughlin	Cedric Wilson
Mark Durkan	Eugene McMenamin	Jim Wilson
Reg Empey	Pat McNamee	Sammy Wilson
Sean Farren	Monica McWilliams	

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

26 OCTOBER 1998

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

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

1.1 Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **Presiding Officer's Business**

2.1 The Initial Presiding Officer was joined by representatives of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, the Ulster Unionist Party, Sinn Fein and the Alliance Party in offering congratulations to the First Minister (Designate), The Rt Hon David Trimble MP and to the leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, Mr John Hume MP MEP on the award of the Nobel Peace Prize.

2.2 Members were advised that the Minister of State, Mr Paul Murphy MP has written indicating that in accordance with paragraph 10(1) of the Schedule to the Northern Ireland (Elections) Act 1998, the Secretary of State has determined two additional Standing Orders, the first relating to Party Lists and Nominating Officers and the second relating to Ministerial portfolios (designate).

3. **Committee on Standing Orders**

Proposed: that the Assembly takes note of the progress report prepared by the Committee on Standing Orders.

[Mr F Cobain]

[Mr D Haughey]

The motion was **carried** without division.

4. **Statement by the First Minister (Designate) and the Deputy First Minister (Designate)**

The First Minister (Designate) and the Deputy First Minister (Designate) made a statement on the following topics:

the Industrial Development Board's North American Investment Road Show;
Departmental Structures;
the North/South Ministerial Council;
the British/Irish Council;
the Civic Forum;
the forthcoming Brussels Conference for Assembly Members.

The statement was followed by debate.

5. **Adjournment**

Proposed: that the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Initial Presiding Officer]

The Members listed below then spoke on the topics indicated:

Mr Pat McNamee	-	Hill-top Observation Posts (South Armagh)
Mr Jim Wells	-	Misuse of Fireworks
Mr Peter Weir	-	Education
Mrs Iris Robinson	-	Education Needs (Strangford)
Mr Kieran McCarthy	-	European Union: Surplus Food
Mr Norman Boyd	-	Drug Abuse and Education

The Assembly was adjourned at 6.12 pm.

**The Lord Alderdice
Initial Presiding Officer**

26 October 1998

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

26 OCTOBER 1998

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Gerry Adams	David Ford	Mitchel McLaughlin
Ian Adamson	Sam Foster	Eugene McMenamin
Lord Alderdice	Tommy Gallagher	Pat McNamee
Pauline Armitage	Oliver Gibson	Francie Molloy
Billy Armstrong	John Gorman	Jane Morrice
Alex Attwood	Carmel Hanna	Maurice Morrow
Roy Beggs Jnr	Denis Haughey	Conor Murphy
Billy Bell	William Hay	Mick Murphy
Eileen Bell	Joe Hendron	Sean Neeson
Tom Benson	David Hilditch	Mary Nelis
Paul Berry	John Hume	Dermot Nesbitt
Esmond Birnie	Derek Hussey	Danny O'Connor
Norman Boyd	Billy Hutchinson	Dara O'Hagan
P J Bradley	Roger Hutchinson	Eamonn O'Neill
Joe Byrne	Gardiner Kane	Ian R K Paisley
Gregory Campbell	Gerry Kelly	Ian Paisley Jnr
Meryvn Carrick	John Kelly	Edwin Poots
Joan Carson	John Leslie	Iris Robinson
Seamus Close	Patricia Lewsley	Ken Robinson
Wilson Clyde	Alban Maginness	Mark Robinson
Fred Cobain	Séamus Mallon	Peter Robinson
Robert Coulter	Alex Maskey	Patrick Roche
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Ivan Davis	David McClarty	Jim Shannon
Bairbre De Brun	William McCrea	John Taylor
Nigel Dodds	Donovan McClelland	John Tierney
Arthur Doherty	Alasdair McDonnell	David Trimble
Boyd Douglas	Barry McElduff	Denis Watson
Reg Empey	Alan McFarland	Peter Weir
David Ervine	Michael McGimpsey	Jim Wells
Sean Farren	Eddie McGrady	Cedric Wilson
John Fee	Gerry McHugh	Jim Wilson

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

26 OCTOBER 1998

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY FROM

5 OCTOBER 1998 – 26 OCTOBER 1998

1. **ORDERS IN COUNCIL**

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

3. **ASSEMBLY REPORTS**

Progress Report from the Committee on Standing Orders

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4. **STATUTORY RULES**

SR No 323 Health and Personal Social Services (Fund-holding Practices)
(Amendment) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 330 Births, Deaths and Marriages (Fees) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 333 Teachers' Superannuation Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 337 Local Government (Superannuation) (Interchange) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 339 One Way Traffic (Ballycastle) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 340 Roads (Speed Limit) (No 9) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 341 Route A28 Killylea Road, Armagh (Abandonment) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 342 Back Street at Cambria Street (Abandonment) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 344 Roads (Speed Limit) (No 10) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 346 The Police (1998 Act) (Commencement No 1) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 345 Extraction Solvents in Food (Amendment) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 347 Parking Places on Roads (Amendment No 3) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 348 The Housing Benefit (Recovery of Overpayments) (Amendment) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 349 Route C628 Drumduff Road, Beragh, (Abandonment) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 350 Stanley Street, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 351 The Social Fund (Cold Weather Payments) (General) (Amendments) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 353 The Fertilisers (Amendment) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 355 Bus Lane (Upper Malone Road, Belfast) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 356 Route C48 Maine Road, Ballymena (Abandonment) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 357 Route U1408 Annesborough Road, Lurgan (Abandonment) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 360 Parking Places on Roads (Medical Practitioners) (Amendment) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 361 Cycle Tracks (Portadown) Order (N.I.) 1998

5. DEPARTMENTAL PUBLICATIONS

Vulnerable or Intimidated Witnesses – A Consultation Paper

Dept of Finance and Personnel, Memorandum on the 43rd and 44th Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts Session 97/98

Dept of Health and Social Services, Corporate and Strategic Plan 1998-99, 2002-03

Dept of Health and Social Services, Corporate Key Challenges

Dept of Health and Social Services – Promoting Social Welfare – Annual Report of the Chief Inspector Social Services Inspectorate Northern Ireland

Dept of Health and Social Services, Valuing Diversity – A Way Forward

Dept of Health and Social Services, Cancer Deaths in Northern Ireland, An Analysis of Patterns and Trends

Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland, Key Statistics 1997

6. AGENCY PUBLICATIONS

A New Deal For 25+

Child Support Agency – Business Plan 1998-1999

Child Support Agency – Strategic Plan 1998-2001

Chief Executives' Forum – Annual Report 1997-1998

Chief Executives' Forum – Corporate Plan 1998-2000

Fire Service Report, A Report of Her Majesty's Fire Service Inspectorate and A Response by the Fire Authority of Northern Ireland

7. MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS

Arts Council Annual Report and Accounts 31/03/98

IDB Annual Report and Accounts 1997 – 1998

The Green Triangle

Arena Network Newsletter

The Equal Opportunities Commission for Northern Ireland - 22nd Report and Accounts

The Planning Appeals Commission: Chief Commissioner's Annual Report

Northern Ireland Commissioner for the Rights of Trade Union Members Report and Accounts 1 April 1997 – 31 March 1998 and Northern Ireland Commissioner for Protection Against Unlawful Industrial Action Report and Accounts 1 April 1997 – 31 March 1998 (1 Document)

Northern Ireland Bill Amendments to be moved in Committee HL Bill 152(a)

Northern Ireland Bill Amendments to be moved in Committee HL Bill 152(b)

Northern Ireland Bill Amendments to be moved in Committee HL Bill 152(c)

Northern Ireland Bill Amendments to be moved in Committee HL Bill 152(d)

Northern Ireland Bill Amendments to be moved in Committee HL Bill 152(e)

Northern Ireland Bill Amendments to be moved in Committee HL Bill 152(f)

Northern Ireland Bill Marshalled List of Amendments to be moved
in Committee HL Bill 152-I

Northern Ireland Bill Amendments to be moved in Committee HL Bill 152-I(a)

Commission for Racial Equality for Northern Ireland Annual Report
and Accounts 1997 - 1998

Fifth Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life (The Neill Report)

Northern Ireland Bill Notes on Clauses

Northern Ireland Bill Second Marshalled List of Amendments to moved in
Committee HL Bill 152-II

Northern Ireland Bill Amendment s to be moved in Committee HL Bill 152-II(a)

Northern Ireland Economic Council Annual Report 1997 – 1998

Office for the Regulation of Electricity and Gas – Forward Work Plan and Topics
for Consultation – October 1998

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

9 NOVEMBER 1998

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

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

1.1 Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **Presiding Officer's Business**

2.1 Members were advised that the Secretary of State had written to the Initial Presiding Officer directing that the Assembly shall meet at Parliament Buildings, Stormont at 10.30 am on Monday 2 November until 6.00 pm on Monday 30 November.

2.2 Following comments during the previous Sitting about remarks allegedly made by a Member, the Presiding Officer reported that neither the Official Report nor the tapes of proceedings had picked up the alleged comments. In the case of other interventions during the previous Sitting, he advised that the Members concerned had been cautioned in writing. The Presiding Officer also ruled on the questions of criticisms in the Chamber of the Chair, the reading of newspapers in the Chamber, and accusations that a Member is telling lies.

3. **Ad Hoc Committee on the Procedural Consequences of Devolution**

Proposed: that the Assembly approves the report prepared by the Ad Hoc Committee on the Procedural Consequences of Devolution and agrees to forward it to the Procedure Committee of the House of Commons.

[Mr A McFarland]

The motion was **carried** without division.

The Sitting was suspended at 12.40 pm and resumed at 2.00 pm.

4. **Statement by the Minister of State, Mr Paul Murphy MP, on the Comprehensive Spending Review.**

The Minister of State for Finance and Personnel, Mr Paul Murphy MP, made a Statement to the Assembly on the Comprehensive Spending Review.

The Statement was followed by questions from the floor, to which the Minister responded.

5. **Adjournment**

Proposed: that the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Initial Presiding Officer]

The Members listed below then spoke on the topics indicated:

Ms Carmel Hanna	-	Third World Development (Assembly links)
Dr Ian Adamson	-	Ulster-Scots Academy
Mr John Kelly	-	Equality
Mr David Hilditch	-	Irish league Football.
Mr John Fee	-	Electricity Supply (Newry and Armagh)

The Assembly was adjourned at 5.18 pm.

**The Lord Alderdice
Initial Presiding Officer**

10 November 1998

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

9 NOVEMBER 1998

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Ian Adamson	David Ford	Eugene McMenamin
Frazer Agnew	Sam Foster	Pat McNamee
Lord Alderdice	Tommy Gallagher	Francie Molloy
Billy Armstrong	Oliver Gibson	Jane Morrice
Alex Attwood	Michelle Gildernew	Maurice Morrow
Roy Beggs Jnr	John Gorman	Conor Murphy
Eileen Bell	Carmel Hanna	Mick Murphy
Paul Berry	Denis Haughey	Sean Neeson
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Norman Boyd	David Hilditch	Dermot Nesbitt
Patrick Bradley	Derek Hussey	Danny O'Connor
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Gregory Campbell	Roger Hutchinson	Eamonn O'Neill
Meryvn Carrick	Gardiner Kane	Ian Paisley Jnr
Joan Carson	John Kelly	Sue Ramsey
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Robert Coulter	Alban Maginness	Brid Rodgers
John Dallat	Alex Maskey	George Savage
Duncan Shipley Dalton	Kieran McCarthy	Jim Shannon
Ivan Davis	Robert McCartney	John Taylor
Bairbre De Brun	William McCrea	John Tierney
Nigel Dodds	Donovan McClelland	David Trimble
Arthur Doherty	Alasdair McDonnell	Denis Watson
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Mark Durkan	Alan McFarland	Jim Wells
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David Ervine	Eddie McGrady	Jim Wilson
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THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

9 NOVEMBER 1998

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

3. ASSEMBLY REPORTS

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Procedural Consequences of Devolution

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4. STATUTORY RULES

SR No 362 Woodhouse Street, Portadown (Footway) (Abandonment)
Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 363 Motor Vehicles (Type Approval) (Amendment) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 364 Motor Vehicles (Use of Dynamic Axle Weighing Machines)
Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 368 Countryside Access (Amendment) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 369 Prohibition of Traffic (Enniskillen) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 370 On-street Parking Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 371 Roads (Classification) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 372 National Minimum Wage (Employment Dismissal Procedures) (Repeal)
Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 373 Feeding Stuffs (Amendment) (No 2) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 375 Mines (Safety of Exit) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 382 One-way Traffic (Pomeroy) Order (N.I.) 1998

5. DEPARTMENTAL PUBLICATIONS

6. AGENCY PUBLICATIONS

Labour Relations Agency Annual Report and Accounts 1997-1998

Water Service Annual Report and Accounts

Twelfth Labour Market Bulletin

7. MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS

Northern Ireland Bill Amendments to be moved in Committee HL Bill 152-II(b)

Northern Ireland Bill Third Marshalled List of Amendments to be moved in Committee HL Bill 152-III

Northern Ireland Bill Fourth Marshalled List of Amendments to be moved in Committee HL Bill 152-IV

Northern Ireland Bill [as Amended in Committee] HL Bill 158

Northern Ireland Bill Amendments to be moved on Report HL Bill 158(a)

Eastern Health and Social Services Board Open House Magazine No. 12

Fair Employment Commission 9th Annual Report

Northern Ireland Bill Amendments to be moved on Report HL Bill 158(b)

Northern Ireland House Condition Survey 1996

Comprehensive Spending Review: Public Expenditure in Northern Ireland 1999-00 to 2001-02

Code of Practice on Access to Government Information (2nd Edition)

Northern Ireland Bill Amendments to be moved on Report HL Bill 158(c)

Northern Ireland Bill Amendments to be moved on Report HL Bill 158(d)

UA International Vol 15 No 6

The Planning Appeals Commission, A guide to Public Local Inquiries

The Report of the Independent Commission on the Voting System
(The Jenkins Report)

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 14 DECEMBER 1998

and

TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER 1998

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

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

1.1 Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **Presiding Officer's Business**

2.1 Members were advised that the Secretary of State had written to the Initial Presiding Officer directing that the Assembly shall meet at Parliament Buildings, Stormont at 10.30 am on Monday 14 December until 6.00 pm on Tuesday 29 December.

2.2 The Initial Presiding Officer informed Members that this would be a two-day sitting and ruled that, with regard to the timing of the lodging of amendments, he would treat each day separately. He added that he would use Erskine May for guidance on matters where the Initial Standing Orders and the draft Standing Orders were insufficient.

2.3 The Initial Presiding Officer explained that he would be provided with simultaneous translation from Irish into English through headphones so that he could fulfil his function of ensuring that all contributions to the proceedings conformed to the Rules of the Assembly.

2.4 In response to a query from a Member at the sitting on 9 November 1998 about the accuracy of the Official Report of the proceedings of 26 October 1998, the Initial Presiding Officer reported that he had conducted a full, formal investigation and was satisfied that the Official Report gave a proper account of the speech in question.

3. **Natural Gas (Areas outside Greater Belfast)**

Proposed: to call attention to the lack of provision of a natural gas pipeline outside the Greater Belfast area; and to move for papers.

[Mr A Doherty]

After debate, the motion was, by leave, **withdrawn**.

The sitting was suspended at 12.35 pm and resumed at 2.01 pm.

4. **Hospital Services**

Presentation by Mr John McFall MP, the Minister responsible for Health and Social Services

Proposed: that this Assembly takes note of the report, “Putting it Right – The Case for Change in Northern Ireland’s Hospital Service”, as presented by Mr John McFall MP, Minister for Health and Social Services.

[The Initial Presiding Officer]

Mr McFall presented the Government’s report.

After debate, the motion was **carried** without division.

The sitting was suspended at 6.01 pm and resumed at 10.30 am on Tuesday 15 December 1998.

5. **Presiding Officer’s Business**

5.1 The Initial Presiding Officer informed Members that the debate on the Belfast Agreement would be time-limited to 5 hours and that three amendments had been tabled and published. He then outlined how he intended to conduct the proceedings. He confirmed that where numbers of days are included in the terms of a motion they are to be taken as working days, which do not include weekends or recesses.

5.2 The Initial Presiding Officer reminded Members that the Assembly has absolute privilege in respect of the law of defamation under the provisions of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 but that this does not remove the obligation on Members to be civil and courteous in their language.

5.3 In response to a question from Mr Hussey, the Initial Presiding Officer ruled that, in the Assembly, the terms “Nationalist” and “Unionist” were proper and necessary parliamentary parlance.

6. **Belfast Agreement**

Proposed: Noting that:

- a. no proposals under paragraph 16 of strand one of the Belfast Agreement have yet been made,
- b. actions set out in paragraph 8 of strand two of the Belfast Agreement have not been achieved,

- c. any party inextricably linked with a paramilitary organisation retaining arms cannot give a total and absolute commitment to exclusively democratic means of resolving differences on political issues or oppose the use or threat of force by others for such purposes,

this Assembly calls upon the First Minister (Designate) and Deputy First Minister (Designate) to lay a report on these matters before the House within 14 days.

[Mr R L McCartney QC MP]

Amendment No 1

Proposed: Leave out all the words after “Noting” and add

- “(a) the overwhelming public support for the Belfast Agreement,
- (b) the public concern at continuing violence and threat of violence by paramilitary groups and the refusal of some parties to oppose the use or threat of force by others,
- (c) the failure of Unionism and Nationalism to reach an accommodation which would allow the implementation of paragraph 16 of strand one and paragraph 8 of strand two of the Belfast Agreement,
- (d) the failure of the First Minister (Designate) and the Deputy First Minister (Designate) to produce a report on the issues set out in the Assembly resolution of 1 July,

this Assembly calls on the First Minister (Designate) and Deputy First Minister (Designate) to lay a final report on these matters before the Assembly by 21 December.”

[Mr S Neeson]

Amendment No 2

Proposed: leave out all the words after “Noting” and add

“the overwhelming public support for the peace process, this Assembly calls on the First Minister (Designate) and the Deputy First Minister (Designate) to produce a final report on the implementation of the Belfast Agreement, as mandated on 1 July 1998, to the Assembly no later than 21 December 1998.”

[Mr M McLaughlin]

Amendment No 3

Proposed: leave out all the words after “a” in the penultimate line and add
“final report on these matters before the House by 21 December.”

[Mr S Neeson]

The sitting was suspended at 12.35 pm and resumed at 2.01 pm.

After debate

Amendment No 1 having been moved

And the Question being put that the Amendment be made the Amendment was **negatived** (Division No 1)

Amendment No 2 having been moved

And the Question being put that the Amendment be made the Amendment was **negatived** (Division No 2).

Amendment No 3 having been moved

And the Question being put that the Amendment be made the Amendment was **negatived** (Division No 3)

The Motion was **carried** without Division.

7. **Adjournment**

Proposed: that the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Initial Presiding Officer]

The Members listed below then spoke on the topics indicated:

Mr David McClarty	Science and Technology (Business)
Mr Alex Attwood	Human Rights (Legislation)
Mr Roy Beggs Jnr	Roads (East Antrim)

Mrs Sue Ramsey

Child Abuse

Ms Pauline Armitage

Equality

The Assembly was adjourned at 6.09 pm.

**The Lord Alderdice
Initial Presiding Officer**

17 December 1998

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

14 DECEMBER 1998

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Gerry Adams	Sam Foster	Pat McNamee
Ian Adamson	Tommy Gallagher	Monica McWilliams
Fraser Agnew	Oliver Gibson	Francie Molloy
Lord Alderdice	John Gorman	Jane Morrice
Pauline Armitage	Carmel Hanna	Maurice Morrow
Billy Armstrong	Denis Haughey	Conor Murphy
Alex Attwood	William Hay	Mick Murphy
Roy Beggs Jnr	Joe Hendron	Sean Neeson
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David Ford	Eugene McMenamin	

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

15 DECEMBER 1998

DIVISIONS

Division No 1

Amendment No 1 proposed by Mr S Neeson:

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 5

Noes : 74

Ayes

Eileen Bell, Seamus Close, David Ford, Kieran McCarthy, Sean Neeson.

Noes

Ian Adamson, Frazer Agnew, Pauline Armitage, Billy Armstrong, Roy Beggs Jr, Billy Bell, Tom Benson, Paul Berry, Esmond Birnie, Norman Boyd, Gregory Campbell, Mervyn Carrick, Joan Carson, Wilson Clyde, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, Bairbre De Brun, Nigel Dodds, Pat Doherty, Boyd Douglas, Reg Empey, David Ervine, Sam Foster, Oliver Gibson, Sir John Gorman, William Hay, David Hilditch, Derek Hussey, Billy Hutchinson, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, John Kelly, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, Alex Maskey, Robert McCartney, David McClarty, William McCrea, Barry McElduff, Alan McFarland, Michael McGimpsey, Martin McGuinness, Gerry McHugh, Mitchel McLaughlin, Pat McNamee, Monica McWilliams, Jane Morrice, Maurice Morrow, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Mary Nelis, Dermot Nesbitt, Dara O'Hagan, Ian R K Paisley, Ian Paisley Jr, Edwin Poots, Sue Ramsey, Iris Robinson, Ken Robinson, Mark Robinson, Peter Robinson, Patrick Roche, George Savage, Jim Shannon, John Taylor, David Trimble, Denis Watson, Peter Weir, Jim Wells, Cedric Wilson, Jim Wilson, Sammy Wilson.

The motion was **negatived**.

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

15 DECEMBER 1998

DIVISIONS

Division No 2

Amendment No 2 proposed by Mr M McLaughlin:

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 20

Noes : 59

Ayes

Eileen Bell, Seamus Close, Bairbre De Brun, Pat Doherty, David Ford, John Kelly, Alex Maskey, Kieran McCarthy, Barry McElduff, Martin McGuinness, Gerry McHugh, Mitchel McLaughlin, Pat McNamee, Francie Molloy, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Sean Neeson, Mary Nelis, Dara O'Hagan, Sue Ramsey.

Noes

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

The motion was **negatived**.

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

14 DECEMBER 1998

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY FROM

9 NOVEMBER 1998 – 14 DECEMBER 1998

1. ORDERS IN COUNCIL

Health and Safety at Work (Amendment) (N.I.) Order 1998

Far Employment and Training (N.I.) Order 1998 and Explanatory Document

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

Fire Authority for Northern Ireland. Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31/03/98

Residential Care of Handicapped Persons Under the Age of 65 in Northern Ireland

Development of Services for People with a Learning Disability or Mental Illness in Northern Ireland

Separation of Younger from Older Patients in Hospital

Statement and Summary of the Education and Library Boards' Accounts for the Period 1st April 1996 – 31st March 1997

Registrar General Northern Ireland Annual Report

3. ASSEMBLY REPORTS

4. STATUTORY RULES

SR No 352 Local Government (Defined Activities) (Exemptions) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 354 The Medicines (Products for Animal Use - Fees) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 374 Weighing Equipment (Filling and Discontinuous Totalising Automatic Weighing Machines) (Amendment) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 376 The Dentists Act 1984 (Amendment) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 377 New Drivers (Appeals Procedure) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 378 Road Traffic (New Drivers) (1998 Order) (Commencement) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 379 Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 380 Motor Vehicles (Specified Restrictions) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 381 Motor Vehicles (Speed Limit Restriction) (Exemption) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 383 Olive Oil (Marketing Standards) (Amendment) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 384 Spreadable Fats (Marketing Standards) (Amendment No 2) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 385 Route U1104 Eskragh Road, Dungannon (Abandonment) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 386 Working Time Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 387 One-way Traffic (Belfast) (Amendment) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 388 Cardinal O’Fiaich Square, Crossmaglen (Footway) (Abandonment) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 389 The Human Organ Transplants (Establishment of Relationship) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 390 The Waste and Contaminated Land (1997 Order) (Commencement No 2) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 391 The Disability Discrimination (Exemption for Small Employers) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 392 Cycle Tracks (Londonderry to New Buildings) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 393 Identification and Movement of Sheep and Goats (Amendment) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 394 Parking Places on Roads (Amendment No 4) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 395 The Social Security (1998 Order) (Commencement No 2) (N.I.) 1998

SR No 396 Housing Renovations etc. Grants (Reduction of Grant (Amendment) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 397 Surface Waters (Dangerous Substances) (Classification) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 398 Parking Places on Roads (Amendment No 5) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 399 Back Street at Forfar Street, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 400 The Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendment No 2) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 401 The Groundwater Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 402 Fisheries (Licence Duties) Bye Law (N.I.) 1998

SR No 403 Eel Fisheries (Licence Duties) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 404 The Health Services (Choice of Dental Practitioner) Regs (N.I.) 1998

SR No 405 Control of Traffic (Enniskillen) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 406 The Supreme Court Fees (Amendment) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 407 The Supreme Court (Non-contentious Probate) Fees (Amendment) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 408 The Family Proceedings (Amendment) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 409 The County Court Fees (Amendment) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 410 The Magistrates' Court Fees (Amendment) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 411 The Judgement Enforcement Fees (Amendment) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 414 Razor Shells (Prohibition of Fishing) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 412 The Health Services (Pilot Schemes: Part VI Practitioners) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 415 Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment No 2) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 416 Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No 5) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 417 The Income Support (General) (Standard Interest Rate) (Amendment) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 418 The Jobseekers' Allowance (Amendment) (New Deal) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 420 The Occupational Pensions (Revaluation) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 421 The Social Security (New Deal Pilot) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 423 One Way Traffic (Toome) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 425 Street Works (Reinforcement) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 426 Appointment of Consultants (Special Agencies) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 429 Bus Lane (Holywood Road, Belfast) Order (N.I.) 1998

5. DEPARTMENTAL PUBLICATIONS

UK Climate Change Programme, A Consultation Paper

Water and Sewerage Services in Northern Ireland, A Consultation Paper

Pesticide Buffer Zones

Guide to Working Time Regulations

Moving Forward, Northern Ireland Transport Policy

Rural Transport Fund for Northern Ireland

Home Office: Supporting Families: A Consultation Document

The Waste and Contaminated Land (Northern Ireland) Order 1997
A Consultation Paper

Putting It Right, The Case for Change in Northern Ireland's Hospital Service
Advantage, Consultation on a Code of Practice for Age Diversity in Employment
Shaping Our Future, Draft Regional Strategic Framework for Northern Ireland
A Countryside Recreation Strategy for Northern Ireland

6. AGENCY PUBLICATIONS

Draft Planning (Assessment of Environment Effects) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999

People, Performance and Partnership. LEDU Annual Report 1997-1998

New Deal for 18-24 Year Olds in Northern Ireland: Statistics

7. MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS

Northern Ireland Bill Amendments to be moved on Report HL Bill 158(e)

Northern Ireland Bill Marshalled List of Amendments to be moved on Report HL Bill 158-I

Northern Ireland Bill Second Marshalled List of Amendments to be moved on Report HL Bill 158-II

Report of a Full Inspection of HM Prison The Maze

Enterprise Ulster Annual Report 1997/1998

Northern Ireland Bill as Amended on Report HL Bill 163

Northern Ireland Bill Amendments to be moved on Third Reading HL Bill 163(a)

Northern Ireland Bill Marshalled List of Amendments to be moved on Third Reading HL Bill 163-I

Administering Elections in Northern Ireland, A Report of the Elections Review

Northern Ireland Act 1998

Deregulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1998

Police Authority for Northern Ireland, Statement of Accounts

Northern Ireland Harbour Authority – Report and Accounts 31/03/98

Annual Report on the Social Fund 1997/1998

Northern Ireland New Earnings Survey, April 1998

Northern Ireland Affairs Committee, Fourth Report on the Prison Service in Northern Ireland

Translink Annual Accounts 1997-1998

Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company Annual Report 1997-1998

Northern Ireland (Elections) Act 1998

The Northern Ireland Health and Social Services Performance Tables for 1997 – 1998

The Foyle Fisheries Commission Annual Report 1996

Annual Report of the Social Fund Commissioner for Northern Ireland 1997/1998

The Council for Catholic Maintained Schools – Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30/03/98

Survey of Business Education Activity in Post Primary Schools in Northern Ireland 1995/1996, Summary Report

Survey of Business Education Activity in Post Primary Schools in Northern Ireland 1995/1996, Main Report

The Civil Service Commission, Selection on Merit, Annual Report 1997/1998

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 18 JANUARY 1999

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

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

1.1 Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **Presiding Officer's Business**

2.1 Members were advised that the Secretary of State had written to the Initial Presiding Officer directing that the Assembly shall meet at Parliament Buildings, Stormont at 10.30 am on Monday 18 January until 6.00 pm on Tuesday 26 January, and indicating that she will consider a further direction in respect of this period, in particular in the light of any indications she receives as to the wishes of the Assembly after it has begun.

2.2 In response to the request by Mr Ford at the last sitting of the Assembly for a ruling as to whether language used by Mr Sammy Wilson about Professor Monica McWilliams was unparliamentary, the Initial Presiding Officer indicated that although the insinuation made by Mr Wilson was undoubtedly discourteous and was regarded as such, he could not rule that the remark involved the use of unparliamentary language.

2.3 The Initial Presiding Officer indicated that he had been advised by four Members of the United Kingdom Unionist Party that they had resigned from that Party and wished to form a new Party to be known as the Northern Ireland Unionist Party. The Initial Presiding Officer indicated that having taken advice, he was unaware of any legal impediment to those Members retaining their seats in the Assembly. The Initial Presiding Officer further indicated that he had decided to recognise the Northern Ireland Unionist Party with effect from Friday 15 January 1999 - ie seven days after receipt of information that had been sought to satisfy him on some important aspects of their application. In the absence of relevant additional Standing Orders from the Secretary of State, the Initial Presiding Officer said that he was unable to make a ruling on how this recognition would affect the appointment of Ministers, Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen, using the d'Hondt formula. Other practical matters were being addressed and would continue to be addressed over the next few weeks.

2.4 The Initial Presiding Officer drew attention to the presence in the Assembly Chamber of new clocks which indicate the length of time a Member has been speaking.

3. **Report of the First Minister (Designate) and the Deputy First Minister (Designate)**

Proposed: this Assembly approves the report prepared by the First Minister (Designate) and the Deputy First Minister (Designate).

[Rt Hon David Trimble MP]
[Mr Séamus Mallon MP]

Amendment No 1

Proposed: leave out all the words after “Assembly” and add:

“rejects the report prepared by the First Minister (Designate) and the Deputy First Minister (Designate) and contends it is detrimental to the Union with Great Britain, does not provide for efficient structures of government, nor does it address the essential issue of decommissioning.”

[Rev Dr I R K Paisley MP MEP]

The sitting was suspended at 12.28 pm and resumed at 2.00 pm.

After debate Mr J Wilson rose in his place and moved that the Question be now put.

Proposed: that the Question be now put.

[Mr J Wilson]

The motion for closure was **carried** (Division 1).

Amendment No 1 having been moved

And the Question being put that the Amendment be made the Amendment was **negatived** (Division No 2)

The motion was **carried** (Division 3).

4. **Adjournment**

Proposed: that the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Initial Presiding Officer]

The Members listed below then spoke on the topics indicated:

Mr P J Bradley	Planning: Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Green-Belt Areas
Mr Ivan Davis	Northern Ireland Sport
Mr Donovan McClelland	Drugs Task Force
Mr William Armstrong	Mid-Ulster Infrastructure
Mr John Tierney	Housing

The Assembly was adjourned at 7.33 pm.

**The Lord Alderdice
Initial Presiding Officer**

18 January 1999

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

18 JANUARY 1999

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Gerry Adams	David Ford	Eugene McMenamin
Ian Adamson	Sam Foster	Pat McNamee
Frazer Agnew	Tommy Gallagher	Monica McWilliams
Lord Alderdice	Oliver Gibson	Francie Molloy
Pauline Armitage	Michelle Gildernew	Jane Morrice
Billy Armstrong	John Gorman	Maurice Morrow
Alex Attwood	Carmel Hanna	Conor Murphy
Roy Beggs Jnr	Denis Haughey	Mick Murphy
Billy Bell	William Hay	Sean Neeson
Eileen Bell	Joe Hendron	Mary Nelis
Tom Benson	David Hilditch	Dermot Nesbitt
Paul Berry	Derek Hussey	Danny O'Connor
Esmond Birnie	Billy Hutchinson	Dara O'Hagan
Norman Boyd	Roger Hutchinson	Eamonn O'Neill
Patrick Bradley	Gardiner Kane	Ian R K Paisley
Joe Byrne	Gerry Kelly	Ian Paisley Jnr
Gregory Campbell	John Kelly	Edwin Poots
Mervyn Carrick	Danny Kennedy	Sue Ramsey
Joan Carson	James Leslie	Iris Robinson
Seamus Close	Patricia Lewsley	Ken Robinson
Wilson Clyde	Alban Maginness	Mark Robinson
Fred Cobain	Séamus Mallon	Peter Robinson
Robert Coulter	Alex Maskey	Patrick Roche
John Dallat	Kieran McCarthy	Brid Rodgers
Duncan Shipley Dalton	Robert McCartney	George Savage
Ivan Davis	David McClarty	Jim Shannon
Bairbre De Brun	William McCrea	John Taylor
Nigel Dodds	Donovan McClelland	John Tierney
Arthur Doherty	Alasdair McDonnell	David Trimble
Pat Doherty	Barry McElduff	Denis Watson
Boyd Douglas	Alan McFarland	Peter Weir
Mark Durkan	Michael McGimpsey	Jim Wells
Reg Empey	Eddie McGrady	Cedric Wilson
David Ervine	Martin McGuinness	Jim Wilson
Sean Farren	Gerry McHugh	Sammy Wilson
John Fee	Mitchel McLaughlin	

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

18 JANUARY 1999

DIVISIONS

Division No 1

Proposed by Mr J Wilson:

That the Question be now put.

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 75

Noes : 22

Ayes

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

Noes

Frazer Agnew, Paul Berry, Norman Boyd, Wilson Clyde, Nigel Dodds, Boyd Douglas, Oliver Gibson, William Hay, David Hilditch, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, William McCrea, Maurice Morrow, Edwin Poots, Iris Robinson, Mark Robinson, Peter Robinson, Jim Shannon, Denis Watson, Jim Wells, Cedric Wilson, Sammy Wilson.

The motion was **carried**.

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

18 JANUARY 1999

DIVISIONS

Division No 2

Proposed by Rev Dr Ian Paisley MP MEP:

Leave out all after “Assembly” and add

“rejects the Report prepared by the First Minister (Designate) and the Deputy First Minister (Designate) and contends it is detrimental to the Union with Great Britain, does not provide for efficient structures of government, nor does it address the essential issue of decommissioning.”

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 26

Noes : 74

Ayes

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

Noes

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

The motion was **not carried**.

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

18 JANUARY 1999

DIVISIONS

Division No 3

Proposed by the First Minister (Designate) and the Deputy First Minister (Designate):

This Assembly approves the Report prepared by the First Minister (Designate) and the Deputy First Minister (Designate).

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 74

Noes : 27

Ayes

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

Noes

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

The motion was **carried**.

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

18 JANUARY 1999

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY FROM **15 DECEMBER 1998 – 18 JANUARY 1999**

1. ORDERS IN COUNCIL

The Fair Employment and Treatment (Northern Ireland) Order 1998

The Rates (Amendment)(Northern Ireland) Order 1998

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

43rd Report from the Examiner of Statutory Rules

Financial Statements of the Northern Ireland Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment Year Ended 31.3.96

Annual Report of the Disability Living Allowance Advisory Board for Northern Ireland 1997/98

3. ASSEMBLY REPORTS

Report of the First Minister (Designate) and the Deputy First Minister (Designate)

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4. STATUTORY RULES

SR No 419 Magistrate's Courts (Amendment) Rules (N.I.) 1998

SR No 422 Working Time (Amendment) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 428 The Social Security (Claims & Payments)(Amendment No.2) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 431 Route C546 Glenone Road, Portglenone (Abandonment) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 432 Route C557 Carricknakielt Road, Maghera (Abandonment) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 433 Quay Gate, Carrickfergus (Abandonment) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 434 Route U115 Tannaghmore Gardens (Access Road) Craigavon (Abandonment) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 435 Edenaveys Road, Armagh (Abandonment) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 436 The Promenade, Warrenpoint (Abandonment) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 437 Environmental Assessment (Forestry) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 438 Carriage of Dangerous Goods (Classification; Packaging and Labelling and Use of Transportable Pressure Receptacles (Amendment) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 439 The Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances)(Amendment) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 440 The Sheep Annual Premium (Amendment) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 442 Diseases of Animals (Modification)(No 2) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 445 Racecourse Road/Glengalliagh Road, Londonderry (Abandonment) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 446 Drainage (Environmental Assessment) (Amendment) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 448 Carriage of Dangerous Goods (Amendment) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 449 Pre-School Education in Schools (Admissions Criteria) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 450 Roads (Speed Limit) (No 11) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 451 Education (Schools Information and Prospectuses)(Amendment) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 452 Off-Street Parking (Amendment No 6) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 455 The Housing Benefit (General)(Amendment No 4) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 457 Education (Assessment Arrangements for Key Stage 3)(Amendment) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 458 Route C93 Seacon Road, Ballymoney (Abandonment) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 459 Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply)(Amendment) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 1 Potatoes Originating in the Netherlands (Notification) Regulations (N.I.) 1999

SR No 2 The Social Security (Categorisation of Earners)(Amendment) Regulations (N.I.) 1999

SR No 8 Lower Linenhall Street, Londonderry (Abandonment) Order (N.I.) 1999

5. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

The Departments (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (Draft)

6. DEPARTMENTAL PUBLICATIONS

DED Labour Market Statistics - December 1998

DED Labour Market Statistics – January 1999

DENI - GCSE Examination Procedures (Irish) Education & Training Inspectorate

DENI – An Evaluation of the Craigavon Two-Tier System

DHSS - Putting it Right – The Case for Change in Northern Ireland’s Hospital Service

DHSS - The Health of the Public in Northern Ireland – Report of the Chief Medical Officer

DHSS – Consultation Document on Relaxation of Licensing Hours for the Millennium Holiday

DHSS - Mothers on Benefit – A Study of 1,665 Lone Mothers in Northern Ireland

DOE - Review of Public Trust Ports in Northern Ireland

DOE - Shaping our future – The Family of Settlements Report - December 1998

7. AGENCY PUBLICATIONS

NISRA - Adult Literacy in Northern Ireland

8. MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS

Victims Liaison Unit – Newsletter

A Countryside Recreation Strategy for Northern Ireland

Armagh Observatory – Director’s Report Calendar Years 1996 and 1997 –
(20 March 1998)

Juvenile Offenders and Reconviction in Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland Appropriation Accounts 1997/98

Integrated Education Fund – 10 Year Development Plan

Sustainability Counts – Consultation (DOE Development & Planning)

Strangford Lough – A Strategy for Sustainable Development

Northern Ireland – Key Facts, Figures & Themes

Annual Report of the Certification Officer for Northern Ireland 1998

Annual Report (1997) of the Director General of Electricity Supply for Northern
Ireland and of the Director General of Gas for Northern Ireland

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 1 FEBRUARY 1999

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

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

1.1 Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **Presiding Officer's Business**

2.1 Members were advised that the Secretary of State had written to the Initial Presiding Officer directing that the Assembly shall meet at Parliament Buildings, Stormont at 10.30 am on Monday 1 February until 6.00 pm on Tuesday 23 February 1999.

2.2 Following a series of points of order raised at the previous meeting of the Assembly, the Initial Presiding Officer having considered the precedents described in Erskine May ruled that:

- Both entering and leaving the Chamber during the conduct of a vote were out of order.
- Neither the Gallery nor the voting lobbies would form part of the Chamber for the purposes of voting unless Standing Orders to that effect were approved by the Assembly.
- It was in order for the Presiding Officer to order that the doors be closed during a division.

2.3 As both Dr Paisley and Mr Paisley Jnr had entered the Chamber during the first division on Monday 18 January, after voting had commenced, the Initial Presiding Officer ruled that the votes of both Members in that division would be disallowed.

2.4 The Initial Presiding Officer reported that he had investigated a concern raised by Mr McCartney about advice given by the Deputy Clerk during the previous Sitting. The Initial Presiding Officer ruled that he was content that the Deputy Clerk had acted properly.

3. **Motion of No Confidence in the Initial Presiding Officer**

The Initial Presiding Officer, in light of his personal interest in the Motion and the absence of an Initial Deputy Presiding Officer, sought leave of the Assembly to invite Ms Jane Morrice to chair Item 3 on the Order Paper. Leave was granted.

Assembly Member Ms Morrice in the Chair.

Proposed: this Assembly has no confidence in the Initial Presiding Officer.

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

Debate ensued.

The Sitting was suspended at 12.29 pm and resumed at 2.00 pm.

After debate, Mr Robinson sought leave to withdraw the Motion. Leave was denied.

The Motion was **negatived** without division.

The Initial Presiding Officer in the Chair.

4. **Business Motion: Port of Belfast**

Proposed: This Assembly, viewing with concern the Belfast Harbour Commissioners' proposals regarding the port of Belfast and their effect on other ports in Northern Ireland, appoints an Ad Hoc Committee to consider the serious implications of such proposals and to hold public meetings before submitting a report to the Assembly.

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

Quorum: 8

[Mr E McGrady MP]
[Mr P Robinson MP]

The Motion was **carried** without division.

5. **Adjournment**

Proposed: that the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Initial Presiding Officer]

The Members listed below then spoke on the topics indicated:

Mr Fraser Agnew Action for Community Employment

Mr Tom Benson Education

The Assembly was adjourned at 5.02pm.

**The Lord Alderdice
Initial Presiding Officer**

1 February 1999

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

1 FEBRUARY 1999

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Gerry Adams	David Ford	Eugene McMenamin
Ian Adamson	Sam Foster	Pat McNamee
Fraser Agnew	Tommy Gallagher	Monica McWilliams
Lord Alderdice	Oliver Gibson	Francie Molloy
Pauline Armitage	Michelle Gildernew	Jane Morrice
Billy Armstrong	John Gorman	Maurice Morrow
Alex Attwood	Carmel Hanna	Conor Murphy
Roy Beggs Jnr	Denis Haughey	Mick Murphy
Billy Bell	William Hay	Sean Neeson
Tom Benson	Joe Hendron	Mary Nelis
Paul Berry	David Hilditch	Dermot Nesbitt
Esmond Birnie	John Hume	Danny O'Connor
Norman Boyd	Derek Hussey	Dara O'Hagan
Patrick Bradley	Billy Hutchinson	Eamonn O'Neill
Joe Byrne	Roger Hutchinson	Ian R K Paisley
Gregory Campbell	Gardiner Kane	Ian Paisley Jnr
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Mark Durkan	Alan McFarland	Peter Weir
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David Ervine	Eddie McGrady	Cedric Wilson
Sean Farren	Martin McGuinness	Jim Wilson
John Fee	Mitchel McLaughlin	Sammy Wilson

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

1 FEBRUARY 1999

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY FROM

18 JANUARY 1999 – 1 FEBRUARY 1999

1. ORDERS IN COUNCIL

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

Companies Registry Annual Report 1997 – 1998

3. ASSEMBLY REPORTS

4. STATUTORY RULES

SR No 443 Meters (Approval of Pattern or Construction and Manner of Installation) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 444 Meters (Certification) Regulations (N.I.) 1998

SR No 460 (C.22) The Education (Student Support) (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 (Commencement No 2 and Transitional Provisions) Order (N.I.) 1998

SR No 4 Gaming (Variation of Monetary Limits) Order (N.I.) 1999

SR No 5 Gaming (Bingo [Amendment] and Gaming Machine [Registered Clubs]) Regulations (N.I.) 1999

SR No 6 Magistrates' Courts (Amendment) Rules (N.I.) 1999

SR No 7 Magistrates' Courts (Criminal Justice [Children]) Rules (N.I.) 1999

SR No 9 Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations (N.I.) 1999

SR No 10 Education (Certified Contracts) Regulations (N.I.) 1999

SR No 11 The Health and Personal Social Services (N.I.) Order 1972 (Amendment) Order (N.I.) 1999

SR No 12 Fisheries (Amendment) Byelaws (N.I.) 1999

SR No 13 Confined Spaces Regulations (N.I.) 1999

SR No 14 Genetically Modified Organisms (Contained Use) (Amendment) Regulations (N.I.) 1999

SR No 15 The Health Services (Tribunal and Disciplinary Procedures) (Amendment) Regulations (N.I.) 1999

SR No 22 One-way Traffic (Ballymena) (Amendment) Order (N.I.) 1999

SR No 23 Trunk Road T7 (Coleraine –Ballymena) Order (N.I.) 1999

SR No 24 The Plant Health (Amendment) Order (N.I.) 1999

SR No 31 Bus Lanes (Crumlin Road, Belfast) Order (N.I.) 1999

5. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

Legislation against Terrorism A Consultation Paper

Vulnerable or Intimidated Witnesses Administrative Arrangements A Consultation Paper

6. DEPARTMENTAL PUBLICATION

Growth with Development – a response to new TSN

Report on the Review of the National Air Quality Strategy

7. AGENCY PUBLICATIONS

8. MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS

Northern Ireland Consumer Committee for Electricity Annual Report 1997-1998

A Buyer's Guide – Office of Fair Trading

No Credit? – Office of Fair Trading

National Assembly Advisory Group Recommendations

'Shaping Scotland' Parliament

Road Traffic Accidents Statistics Annual Report 1997

Feasibility for the Protection of the Entrance to Kilkeel Harbour

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 15 FEBRUARY 1999

and

TUESDAY 16 FEBRUARY 1999

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

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

1.1 Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **Presiding Officer's Business**

2.1 The Initial Presiding Officer reported that alterations had been made to the sound system to address problems identified by Members during the previous Sitting. Any further problems were to be notified to the Keeper of the House.

2.2 The Initial Presiding Officer ruled that papers 'placed' in the Library would become public documents, although the Library would not be responsible for their publication or dissemination. However papers 'deposited' in the Library would be available to Members but would not be made more widely available.

2.3 The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed an earlier ruling in respect of Initial Standing Order 2(1). To ensure fairness to all Members, the Initial Presiding Officer considered it necessary to require the doors to be closed to allow a vote to be conducted, and indicated that this was a matter of procedure upon which, by virtue of Initial Standing Order 2(1), the Initial Presiding Officer's ruling shall be final.

3. **Motion under Initial Standing Order 13 to Elect a Presiding Officer**

The motion was not moved.

4. **Report by First Minister (Designate) and Deputy First Minister (Designate)**

Proposed: This Assembly takes note of the report prepared by the First Minister (Designate) and the Deputy First Minister (Designate), and approves the proposals in relation to establishing the consultative Civic Forum (as recorded in Section 5 of that report).

[Rt Hon David Trimble MP]

[Mr Séamus Mallon MP]

Amendment No 1

Proposed: Leave out all the words after “Assembly” and add:

“, having noted the contents of the report prepared by the First Minister (Designate) and the Deputy First Minister (Designate), requires them to take back the report and reconsider it with a view to ensuring that –

it contains a specific requirement that any North/South body is accountable to the Assembly and does not perform any executive role;

the Civic Forum is properly appointed in order to ensure a balance of community interests and is merely consultative and not publicly deliberative; and

unnatural departmental divisions are corrected.”

[Rev Dr I R K Paisley MP MEP]

The Initial Presiding Officer sought leave of the Assembly to conduct a joint debate on this Report and on Item 5 the Business Motion to Approve Determination of Ministerial Offices. Leave was granted.

5. **Business Motion to Approve Determination of Ministerial Offices**

Proposed: This Assembly approves the determination by the First Minister (Designate) and the Deputy First Minister (Designate) of the number of Ministerial offices to be held by Northern Ireland Ministers and the functions which would be exercisable by the holder of each office after the appointed day (as recorded in Annex 2 of their Report to the Assembly).

[Rt Hon David Trimble MP]
[Mr Séamus Mallon MP]

Amendment No 1

Proposed: Leave out all the words after “Assembly” and add:

“declines to approve the determination by the First Minister (Designate) and the Deputy First Minister (Designate) of the number of Ministerial offices to be held by Northern Ireland Ministers and the functions which would be exercisable by the holder of each such office after the appointed day (as recorded in Annex 2 of their Report to the Assembly) before Sinn Féin Members are excluded from holding

office as Ministers or the IRA has decommissioned its illegal weaponry and dismantles its terror machine.”

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Debate ensued.

The Sitting was suspended at 12.41 pm and resumed at 2.00 pm.

The Sitting was suspended at 5.59 pm.

The Sitting resumed on Tuesday 16 February at 10.30 am.

Debate continued.

The Sitting was suspended at 12.28 pm and resumed at 2.00 pm.

After debate.

And the Question being put that the Amendment be agreed.

The amendment was **negatived** (Division 1).

And the Question being put that the substantive motion be agreed.

The motion was **carried** (Division 2).

Leave of the Assembly having been granted, the Question was put without further debate.

And the Question being put, that the Amendment be agreed.

The amendment was **negatived** (Division 3).

And the Question being put, that the motion be agreed.

The motion was **carried** on a cross-community basis (Division 4).

6. **Adjournment**

Proposed: that the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Initial Presiding Officer]

The Members listed below then spoke on:

Water and Electricity Supplies

Mr Joe Byrne
Mrs Eileen Bell
Ms Michelle Gildernew

The Assembly adjourned at 5.31 pm.

**The Lord Alderdice
Initial Presiding Officer**

16 February 1999

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

15 and 16 FEBRUARY 1999

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Gerry Adams	David Ford	Mitchel McLaughlin
Ian Adamson	Sam Foster	Eugene McMenamin
Fraser Agnew	Tommy Gallagher	Pat McNamee
Lord Alderdice	Oliver Gibson	Monica McWilliams
Pauline Armitage	Michelle Gildernew	Francie Molloy
Billy Armstrong	John Gorman	Jane Morrice
Alex Attwood	Carmel Hanna	Maurice Morrow
Roy Beggs Jnr	Denis Haughey	Conor Murphy
Billy Bell	William Hay	Mick Murphy
Eileen Bell	Joe Hendron	Sean Neeson
Tom Benson	David Hilditch	Mary Nelis
Paul Berry	John Hume	Dermot Nesbitt
Esmond Birnie	Derek Hussey	Danny O'Connor
Norman Boyd	Billy Hutchinson	Dara O'Hagan
Patrick Bradley	Roger Hutchinson	Eamonn O'Neill
Joe Byrne	Gardiner Kane	Ian R K Paisley
Gregory Campbell	Gerry Kelly	Ian Paisley Jnr
Meryvn Carrick	John Kelly	Edwin Poots
Joan Carson	Danny Kennedy	Sue Ramsey
Seamus Close	James Leslie	Iris Robinson
Wilson Clyde	Patricia Lewsley	Ken Robinson
Fred Cobain	Alban Maginness	Mark Robinson
Robert Coulter	Séamus Mallon	Peter Robinson
John Dallat	Alex Maskey	Patrick Roche
Duncan Shipley Dalton	Kieran McCarthy	Brid Rodgers
Ivan Davis	Robert McCartney	George Savage
Bairbre De Brun	David McClarty	Jim Shannon
Nigel Dodds	William McCrea	John Taylor
Arthur Doherty	Donovan McClelland	John Tierney
Pat Doherty	Alasdair McDonnell	David Trimble
Boyd Douglas	Barry McElduff	Denis Watson
Mark Durkan	Alan McFarland	Peter Weir
Reg Empey	Michael McGimpsey	Jim Wells
David Ervine	Eddie McGrady	Cedric Wilson
Sean Farren	Martin McGuinness	Jim Wilson
John Fee	Gerry McHugh	Sammy Wilson

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

15 and 16 FEBRUARY 1999

DIVISIONS

Division No 1

Proposed by Rev Dr I R K Paisley MP MEP:

Leave out from “Assembly” and insert:

“having noted the contents of the report prepared by the First Minister (Designate) and the Deputy First Minister (Designate), requires them to take back the Report and reconsider it with a view to ensuring that –

it contains a specific requirement that any North/South body is accountable to the Assembly and does not perform any executive role;

the Civic Forum is properly appointed in order to ensure a balance of community interests and is merely consultative and not publicly deliberative; and

unnatural departmental divisions are corrected.”

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 28

Noes : 78

Ayes

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

Noes

Ian Adamson, Pauline Armitage, Billy Armstrong, Alex Attwood, Roy Beggs Jnr, Billy Bell, Eileen Bell, Tom Benson, Esmond Birnie, Patrick Bradley, Joe Byrne, Joan Carson, Seamus Close, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, John Dallat, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, Bairbre De Brun, Arthur Doherty, Pat Doherty, Mark Durkan, Reg Empey, David Ervine, Sean Farren, John Fee, David Ford, Sam Foster, Tommy Gallagher, Michelle Gildernew, John Gorman, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, John Hume, Derek Hussey, Billy Hutchinson, Gerry Kelly, John Kelly, Danny Kennedy,

James Leslie, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Séamus Mallon, Alex Maskey, Kieran McCarthy, David McClarty, Donovan McClelland, Alasdair McDonnell, Barry McElduff, Alan McFarland, Michael McGimpsey, Eddie McGrady, Martin McGuinness, Gerry McHugh, Mitchel McLaughlin, Eugene McMenamin, Pat McNamee, Monica McWilliams, Francie Molloy, Jane Morrice, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Sean Neeson, Mary Nelis, Dermot Nesbitt, Danny O'Connor, Dara O'Hagan, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, Ken Robinson, Brid Rodgers, George Savage, John Taylor, John Tierney, David Trimble, Peter Weir, Jim Wilson.

The amendment was **negatived**.

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

15 and 16 FEBRUARY 1999

DIVISIONS

Division No 2

Proposed by the First Minister (Designate) and the Deputy First Minister (Designate):

This Assembly takes note of the Report prepared by the First Minister (Designate) and the Deputy First Minister (Designate), and approves the proposals in relation to establishing the consultative Civic Forum (as recorded in Section 5 of that Report).

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 78

Noes : 28

Ayes

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

Noes

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

The motion was **carried**.

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

15 and 16 FEBRUARY 1999

DIVISIONS

Division No 3

Proposed by Mr P Robinson MP:

Leave out from “Assembly” and insert:

“declines to approve the determination by the First Minister (Designate) and the Deputy First Minister (Designate) of the number of Ministerial offices to be held by Northern Ireland Ministers and the functions which would be exercisable by the holder of each such office after the appointed day (as recorded in Annex 2 of their report to the Assembly) before Sinn Fein Members are excluded from holding office as Ministers or the IRA has decommissioned its illegal weaponry and dismantles its terror machine.”

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 29

Noes : 77

Ayes

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

Noes

Ian Adamson, Pauline Armitage, Billy Armstrong, Alex Attwood, Roy Beggs Jnr, Billy Bell, Eileen Bell, Tom Benson, Esmond Birnie, Patrick Bradley, Joe Byrne, Joan Carson, Seamus Close, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, John Dallat, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, Bairbre De Brun, Arthur Doherty, Pat Doherty, Mark Durkan, Reg Empey, David Ervine, Sean Farren, John Fee, David Ford, Sam Foster, Tommy Gallagher, Michelle Gildernew, John Gorman, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, John Hume, Derek Hussey, Billy Hutchinson, Gerry Kelly, John Kelly, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Séamus Mallon, Alex Maskey, Kieran McCarthy, David McClarty, Donovan McClelland, Alasdair McDonnell, Barry McElduff, Alan McFarland, Michael McGimpsey, Eddie McGrady, Martin McGuinness, Gerry McHugh, Mitchel McLaughlin, Eugene McMenamin, Pat McNamee, Monica McWilliams, Francie Molloy, Jane Morrice, Conor Murphy,

Mick Murphy, Sean Neeson, Mary Nelis, Dermot Nesbitt, Danny O'Connor, Dara O'Hagan, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, Ken Robinson, Brid Rodgers, George Savage, John Taylor, John Tierney, David Trimble, Jim Wilson.

The amendment was **negatived**.

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

15 and 16 FEBRUARY 1999

DIVISIONS

Division No 4

Proposed by the First Minister (Designate) and the Deputy First Minister (Designate):

This Assembly approves the determination by the First Minister (Designate) and the Deputy First Minister (Designate) of the number of Ministerial offices to be held by Northern Ireland Ministers and the functions which would be exercisable by the holder of each such office after the appointed day (as recorded in Annex 2 of their Report to the Assembly).

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

Ayes

Nationalist: Alex Attwood, Patrick Bradley, Joe Byrne, John Dallat, Bairbre De Brun, Arthur Doherty, Pat Doherty, Mark Durkan, Sean Farren, John Fee, Tommy Gallagher, Michelle Gildernew, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, John Hume, Gerry Kelly, John Kelly, Patricia Lewsley, 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, Brid Rodgers, John Tierney.

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

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

Noes

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

Total Votes	106	Total Ayes	77	(72.6%)
Nationalist Votes	41	Nationalist Ayes	41	(100%)
Unionist Votes	58	Unionist Ayes	29	(50%)

Under the requirements of Standing Order 12(4)(b) the motion was **carried**.

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

15 and 16 FEBRUARY 1999

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY FROM

1 FEBRUARY 1999 TO 16 FEBRUARY 1999

1. ORDERS IN COUNCIL

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

Accounts of the Staff Commission for Education and Library Boards

Northern Ireland Spring Supplementary Estimates 98/99

3. ASSEMBLY REPORTS

Report from the First Minister (Designate) and Deputy First Minister (Designate)
NNIA 7

4. STATUTORY RULES

SR No 3 The Protection of Water against Agricultural Nitrate Pollution (Amendment) Regulations (N.I.) 1999

SR No 16 The Health Services (Pilot Schemes: Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) Regulations (N.I.) 1999

SR No 17 The Health Services (Pilot Schemes: Dental Charges) Regulations (N.I.) 1999

SR No 20 Registered Rents (Increase) Order (N.I.) 1999

SR No 26 The Industrial Pollution Control (Prescribed Processes and Substances) (Amendment) Regulations (N.I.) 1999

SR No 27 The Street Works (1995 Order) (Commencement No 4) Order (N.I.) 1999

SR No 29 High Street, Portadown (Footway) (Abandonment) Order (N.I.) 1999

SR No 30 Corporation Square, Belfast (Footway) (Abandonment) Order (N.I.) 1999

SR No 32 The Scheme for Construction Contract in Northern Ireland Regulations (N.I.) 1999

SR No 33 The Construction Contracts Exclusion Order (N.I.) 1999

SR No 34 The Construction Contracts (1997 Order) (Commencement) Order (N.I.) 1999

SR No 35 The Income Support (General) (Standard Interest Rate Amendment) Regulations (N.I.) 1999

SR No 36 Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (Amendment) Regulations (N.I.) 1999

SR No 37 Brooklyn Park, Bangor (Footway) (Abandonment) Order (N.I.) 1999

SR No 38 Route U4463 Bridgeways, Banbridge (Abandonment) Order (N.I.) 1999

SR No 39 Control of Traffic (Portrush) (Abandonment) Order (N.I.) 1999

SR No 40 Taxis (Coleraine, Portstewart & Portrush) Bye-Laws (N.I.) 1999

SR No 41 Taxis (Ballymoney) Bye-Laws (N.I.) 1999

SR No 42 The Child Benefit (Residence and Persons Abroad) (Amendment) Order (N.I.) 1999

SR No 43 Prohibition of Traffic (Church Lane, Portadown) Order (N.I.) 1999

SR No 44 Bus Lane (Waveney Road, Ballymena) Order (N.I.) 1999

SR No 45 Foyle Area (Licensing of Fishing Engines) (Amendment) Regulations (N.I.) 1999

SR No 47 Cycle Tracks (Shore Road, Newtownabbey) Order (N.I.) 1999

5. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

Dangerous Wild Animals: Proposals for Legislation dealing with the Keeping of Dangerous Wild Animals

Appropriation (N.I.) Order 1999 (Draft)

Land Use Planning and Electromagnetic Fields: Consultation Exercise

Homing in on Buying a House: A Consultation on Improving the Process in Northern Ireland

6. DEPARTMENTAL PUBLICATION

School Performance Tables 1997-1998

The Compensation (Northern Ireland Prison Service) Scheme 1998

7. AGENCY PUBLICATIONS

Adults' Knowledge and Awareness of Illicit Drugs in Northern Ireland

Registrar General's Quarterly Report for Northern Ireland 31/03/98

Registrar General's Quarterly Report for Northern Ireland 30/06/98

Almost an Adult (NISRA Occasional Paper No.3)

Drug Misuse among Young People (NISRA Occasional Paper No.4)

8. MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS

UA International Vol. 15 No 8

Northern Ireland Disability Council Annual Report

Europe's Agriculture – The Case for Change

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY 1999

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

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

1.1 Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **Presiding Officer's Business**

2.1 The Initial Presiding Officer cautioned Members against abuse of privilege in respect of matters which were before the Courts (sub judice). He noted that consideration of a 'sub judice' resolution to avoid conflict between the Assembly and the due process of law was being given consideration by the Committee on Standing Orders. The Initial Presiding Officer sought the co-operation of Members in the meantime to avoid bringing the Assembly into disrepute.

2.2 The Initial Presiding Officer reported that suggested corrections to the Official Report (Hansard) should be submitted within two weeks of the Sitting day to which they apply. All corrections for Volume 1, ie Sittings of the Assembly up to 1 February, should be received by the Editor no later than 5 March 1999.

2.3 The Initial Presiding Officer reported that he had investigated, as previously requested by Mr M McLaughlin, remarks made by Mr Poots during the Sitting on 16 February. Whilst Mr Poots had acted within the boundaries of Standing Orders, he had undoubtedly been close to the margins of propriety. The Initial Presiding Officer cautioned Members generally about using the freedom of privilege to express remarks which were defamatory and also advised about the limits of privilege.

2.4 The Initial Presiding Officer reported that the Easter recess would be taken from the close of business on 1 April until 19 April. The Summer recess would be taken from close of business on 9 July until 13 September for Committees and until 20 September for plenary meetings of the Assembly.

3. **Report by the Shadow Assembly Commission**

3.1 Mr Peter Robinson addressed the Assembly on the content of the report by the Shadow Assembly Commission and subsequently responded to Questions from Members on the Report.

4. **Business Motion to approve the Report prepared by the Shadow Assembly Commission**

Proposed: this Assembly approves the Report prepared by the Shadow Assembly Commission.

[Mr John Fee]
[Mrs Eileen Bell]

Debate ensued.

The Sitting was suspended at 12.30 pm and resumed at 2.00 pm.

After debate, the Question being put:

The motion was **carried** without division.

5. **Business Motion: Salaries and Allowances for Ministers and Members**

Proposed: that this Assembly will accept the recommendations of the Senior Salaries Review Body in respect of the salaries and allowances for Ministers and Members.

[Rev Robert Coulter]
[Mr Francie Molloy]

After debate, the Question being put.

The motion was **carried** without division.

6. **Business Motion: All Party Interest Groups**

Proposed: that Officers in All Party Assembly Groups and All Party Groups whose membership is open to Members of more than one party be required to register the names of the Officers of the Group, and the source and extent of any benefits, financial or in kind, from outside sources which they may enjoy, together with any other relevant gainful occupation of any staff which they may have; and that where a public relations agency provides the assistance the ultimate client should be named.

[The Initial Presiding Officer]

Debate ensued.

And the Question being put.

The motion was **carried** without division.

7. **Adjournment**

Proposed: that the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Initial Presiding Officer]

The Members listed below then spoke on:

Property and Planning Development

Mr Peter Weir
Ms Jane Morrice
Mr Alan McFarland
Mrs Iris Robinson
Mr Gerry McHugh
Mrs Eileen Bell
Mr Sammy Wilson
Mr Jim Shannon

The Assembly adjourned at 4.58 pm.

**The Lord Alderdice
Initial Presiding Officer**

22 February 1999

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

22 FEBRUARY 1999

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Ian Adamson	David Ford	Eugene McMenamain
Fraser Agnew	Sam Foster	Francie Molloy
Lord Alderdice	Tommy Gallagher	Jane Morrice
Pauline Armitage	Oliver Gibson	Maurice Morrow
Billy Armstrong	Michelle Gildernew	Conor Murphy
Alex Attwood	Sir John Gorman	Sean Neeson
Roy Beggs Jnr	Carmel Hanna	Mary Nelis
Billy Bell	Denis Haughey	Dermot Nesbitt
Eileen Bell	William Hay	Danny O'Connor
Paul Berry	Joe Hendron	Dara O'Hagan
Esmond Birnie	David Hilditch	Eamon O'Neill
Norman Boyd	Derek Hussey	Ian R K Paisley
P J Bradley	Billy Hutchinson	Ian Paisley Jnr
Joe Byrne	Roger Hutchinson	Edwin Poots
Gregory Campbell	Gardiner Kane	Sue Ramsey
Meryvn Carrick	John Kelly	Iris Robinson
Joan Carson	Danny Kennedy	Ken Robinson
Seamus Close	James Leslie	Mark Robinson
Wilson Clyde	Patricia Lewsley	Peter Robinson
Fred Cobain	Alban Maginness	Patrick Roche
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Duncan Shipley Dalton	Robert McCartney	Jim Shannon
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Bairbre De Brun	Donovan McClelland	John Tierney
Nigel Dodds	William McCrea	David Trimble
Arthur Doherty	Alasdair McDonnell	Denis Watson
Pat Doherty	Barry McElduff	Peter Weir
Boyd Douglas	Alan McFarland	Jim Wells
Mark Durkan	Michael McGimpsey	Cedric Wilson
Sir Reg Empey	Martin McGuinness	Jim Wilson
David Ervine	Gerry McHugh	Sammy Wilson
John Fee	Mitchel McLaughlin	

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

22 FEBRUARY 1999

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY FROM

16 FEBRUARY 1999 TO 22 FEBRUARY 1999

1. ORDERS IN COUNCIL

The Fair Employment and Treatment (NI) Order 1998 (N.I. 21)

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

3. ASSEMBLY REPORTS

Report of the Shadow Assembly Commission

NNIA 8

4. STATUTORY RULES

SR No 48 The Police (1998 Act)(Commencement No 2) Order (N.I.) 1999

SR No 49 The Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order (N.I.) 1999

SR No 51 The Social Security (Contributions)(Re-rating and Northern Ireland National Insurance Fund Payments) Order (N.I.) 1999

SR No 52 The Employer's Contributions Re-imbursement (Amendment) Regulations (N.I.) 1999

SR No 53 Townhall Street, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (N.I.) 1999

SR No 54 Sturgeon Street/Railway Street, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (N.I.) 1999

SR No 55 Wilson Street, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (N.I.) 1999

5. **CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS**

The Strategic Planning (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (Draft)

6. **DEPARTMENTAL PUBLICATION**

7. **AGENCY PUBLICATIONS**

8. **MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS**

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 1 MARCH 1999

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

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

1.1 Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **Presiding Officer's Business**

2.1 Members were advised of receipt of a letter from the Secretary of State, directing that the Assembly should meet between 10.30 am on 1 March 1999 and 6.00 pm on 9 March 1999.

2.2 The Initial Presiding Officer reported that, as requested by Mr Dodds, he had examined comments made at the meeting of the Assembly by Mr Mitchel McLaughlin. The Initial Presiding Officer ruled that these comments had not been out of order or an abuse of privilege.

3. **Motion on Members' Interests and Conduct of Members**

Proposed: This Assembly agrees the resolution set out in Annex A to Paper No: NIA 1 "The Code of Conduct", together with the Guide to the Rules relating to the Conduct of Members.

[Mr Denis Haughey]
[Mr Fred Cobain]

Debate ensued.

After debate, the Question being put.

The motion was **carried** without division.

4. **Adjournment**

Proposed: that the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Initial Presiding Officer]

The Members listed below then spoke on:

Landfill (Belfast area)

Mr David Ford
Mr Norman Boyd
Mr Jim Wilson
Mr Duncan Shipley Dalton
Mr Donovan McClelland

The Assembly adjourned at 12.52 pm.

**The Lord Alderdice
Initial Presiding Officer**

1 March 1999

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

1 MARCH 1999

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Ian Adamson	John Gorman	Jane Morrice
Lord Alderdice	Carmel Hanna	Maurice Morrow
Roy Beggs Jnr	Denis Haughey	Conor Murphy
Billy Bell	William Hay	Mick Murphy
Eileen Bell	Joe Hendron	Sean Neeson
Paul Berry	David Hilditch	Mary Nelis
Esmond Birnie	Derek Hussey	Dermot Nesbitt
Norman Boyd	Billy Hutchinson	Danny O'Connor
P J Bradley	Roger Hutchinson	Eamonn O'Neill
Joe Byrne	Gardiner Kane	Ian R K Paisley
Gregory Campbell	John Kelly	Ian Paisley Jnr
Meryvn Carrick	Danny Kennedy	Edwin Poots
Joan Carson	James Leslie	Sue Ramsey
Wilson Clyde	Patricia Lewsley	Iris Robinson
Fred Cobain	Alban Maginness	Ken Robinson
Robert Coulter	Alex Maskey	Mark Robinson
John Dallat	Kieran McCarthy	Peter Robinson
Duncan Shipley Dalton	Robert McCartney	Patrick Roche
Ivan Davis	David McClarty	Brid Rodgers
Bairbre De Brun	Donovan McClelland	George Savage
Nigel Dodds	William McCrea	Jim Shannon
Boyd Douglas	Barry McElduff	John Taylor
Mark Durkan	Alan McFarland	John Tierney
David Ervine	Michael McGimpsey	Denis Watson
Sean Farren	Eddie McGrady	Peter Weir
John Fee	Mitchel McLaughlin	Jim Wells
David Ford	Eugene McMenamin	Cedric Wilson
Tommy Gallagher	Pat McNamee	Jim Wilson
Oliver Gibson	Monica McWilliams	Sammy Wilson
Michelle Gildernew	Francie Molloy	

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

1 MARCH 1999

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY FROM

22 FEBRUARY 1999 TO 1 MARCH 1999

1. ORDERS IN COUNCIL

The Department (Northern Ireland) Order 1999

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

Northern Ireland Estimates 1999/2000: Statement of Sums Required on Account

3. ASSEMBLY REPORTS

4. STATUTORY RULES

SR No 50 Statutory Maternity Pay; Statutory Sick Pay; Housing; Rates. The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (N.I.) 1999

SR No 57 Plant Protection Products (Amendment) Regulations (N.I.) 1999

SR No 64 The Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating) Consequential Amendment Regulations (N.I.) 1999

SR No 65 The Statutory Maternity Pay (Compensation of Employers) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999

SR No 66 Control of Traffic (Ballynahinch) Order (N.I.) 1999

SR No 67 One-way Traffic (Omagh) (Amendment) Order (N.I.) 1999

SR No 69 Lough Neagh (Levels) Scheme (Confirmation) Order (N.I.) 1999

SR No 70 The Income Support (General) (Standard Interest Rate Amendment No 2) Regulations (N.I.) 1999

SR No 80 Road Races (Circuit of Ireland Rally) (N.I.) 1999

5. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

Price Indicators – Consultation Paper

Energy Efficiency (Northern Ireland) Order and Explanatory Document

Water (Northern Ireland) Order 1999

6. DEPARTMENTAL PUBLICATION

Labour Market Statistics

The Agricultural Census in Northern Ireland: Results for June 1998

Hospital Statistics 01/04/97 – 31/03/98

Community Statistics 01/04/97 – 31/03/98

Waste Management Strategy for Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland Assembly Transition Programme – The Education System in Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland Statistics on the Operation of the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Acts: Annual Statistics 1998

7. AGENCY PUBLICATIONS

8. MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 8 MARCH 1999

and

TUESDAY 9 MARCH 1999

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

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

1.1 Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **Presiding Officer's Business**

2.1 The Initial Presiding Officer reported that the Secretary of State had replied to a request from the Committee to Advise the Presiding Officer that there should be an extension to her previous determination to allow the Assembly to meet beyond 6.00 pm on 9 March 1999. The Secretary of State had extended the period available to the Assembly to 10.00 pm on 9 March 1999.

2.2 The Initial Presiding Officer reported he had, as requested by Mr Ervine, considered further the meaning of the expression 'fronting paramilitary organisations'. However, after review, there was nothing to add to the earlier comments.

3. **Motion to take note of the Report of the Committee on Standing Orders**

Proposed: This Assembly takes note of the Report by the Committee on Standing Orders.

[Mr Fred Cobain]
[Mr Denis Haughey]

Amendment 1

Proposed: At the end of the motion add

"and further notes that the Standing Orders once approved by the Assembly, shall be renumbered where necessary, punctuated and proofed to ensure consistent language."

[Mr P Robinson MP]

After debate

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made.

Amendment 1 was **agreed** without division.

And the Question being put, That the motion, as amended, be agreed.

The motion was **carried** on a cross-community vote (Division 1).

The Sitting was suspended at 12.33 pm and resumed at 2.30 pm. At the resumption, on a point of order, Members sought a further suspension until 3.00 pm. The Sitting was, by leave, suspended from 2.31 pm until 3.01 pm.

4. **Approval of Draft Standing Orders**

The draft Standing Orders (1-71) as set out in NNIA 9(ii) were proposed to be the Standing Orders of the Assembly.

Standing Order 1

Standing Order 1 (the Speaker) was brought up and read and **agreed** to stand part.

Standing Order 2

Standing Order 2 was brought up and read and **agreed** to stand part.

Standing Order 3

Amendment 42

Proposed: In Standing Order 3(5) after "Chamber" insert "during sitting days".

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 42 was **agreed** without division.

Amendment 85A

Proposed: In Standing Order 3, paragraph (7), line 2, leave out from "being" and add "nationalist, unionist or other".

[Mr S Neeson]

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made.

Amendment 85A was **negatived** (Division 2).

Amendment 85B

Proposed: In Standing Order 3, paragraph (7), line 3, leave out " "Other" " and insert "other".

[Mr S Neeson]

Amendment 85B was **negatived** without Division.

Amendment 41

Proposed: In Standing Order 3, paragraph (8), after "notification", insert "in writing is submitted".

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 41 was **agreed** without division.

Amendment 40

Proposed: In Standing Order 3, after paragraph (9), insert the following new paragraph:-

"A Member may change his or her party affiliation at any time. Any such change takes effect 7 days after notification in writing is submitted to the Speaker."

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 40 was **agreed** without division.

Standing Order 3, as amended, was **agreed** to stand part.

Amendment 38

Proposed: In Standing Order 4 after paragraph (6) insert the following new paragraph:-

"Where the Assembly is unable to elect a Speaker under the foregoing provisions of this Standing Order, but where a Deputy Speaker has been elected by virtue of Standing Order 5, the Deputy Speaker shall act as Speaker. In the case of more than one Deputy Speaker being elected they shall act in turn until a Speaker is elected."

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 38 was **agreed** without division.

Amendment 39

Proposed: In Standing Order 4 after paragraph 4(6) insert the following new paragraph:-

"Where the Assembly is unable to elect either a Speaker, under the foregoing provisions of this Standing Order, or a Deputy Speaker, by virtue of Standing Order 5, the Chair shall be taken, until a Speaker or Deputy Speaker is elected, by an Acting Speaker, who shall be the eldest Member of the Assembly."

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 39 was **agreed** without division.

Standing Order 4, as amended, was **agreed** to stand part.

Standing Order 5 was brought up and read and **agreed** to stand part.

Standing Order 6 was brought up and read and **agreed** to stand part.

Standing Order 7 was brought up and read and **agreed** to stand part.

Standing Order 8 was brought up and read and **agreed** to stand part.

Amendment 37

Proposed: In paragraph (2) of Standing Order 9, at end add

"The business adjourned shall be the first business when the Assembly next sits."

[Mr P Robinson MP]

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made.

The Amendment was **agreed** (Division 3).

Standing Order 9, as amended, was **agreed** to stand part.

Amendments 1A, 1B, 2A and 2B were not moved.

Standing Order 10 was brought up and read and **agreed** to stand part.

Standing Order 11 was brought up and read and **agreed** to stand part.

Amendment 36

Proposed: In paragraph (1) of Standing Order 12, after "Bills", insert ", Statutory Committee Reports".

[Mr P Robinson]

Amendment 36 was **agreed** without division.

Standing Order 12, as amended, was **agreed** to stand part.

Standing Order 13 was brought up and read and **agreed** to stand part.

Standing Order 14 was brought up and read and **agreed** to stand part.

Amendment 35

Proposed: In paragraph (4) of Standing Order 15, leave out "during debate" and insert "before a division is called".

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 35 was **agreed** without division.

Standing Order 15, as amended, was **agreed** to stand part.

Amendment 34

Proposed: In Standing Order 16, after paragraph (1), insert the following new paragraph:

"Where a motion is made for the adjournment of a debate the motion shall specify the length of adjournment and in any case it shall not be for a period greater than 7 days. The Speaker shall not permit more than one adjournment on the same debate except by leave of the Assembly."

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 34 was **agreed** without division.

Amendment 33

Proposed: In Standing Order 16, paragraph (2), leave out "propose" and insert "put".

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 33 was **agreed** without division.

Standing Order 16, as amended, was **agreed** to stand part.

Standing Order 17 was brought up and read and **agreed** to stand part.

Amendment 31

Proposed: In Standing Order 18, paragraph (4), at end, add

"The Speaker shall determine the time period taking into consideration the content of the statement, the number of Members wishing to ask questions and the pressure of other business".

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 31 was **agreed** without division.

Amendment 32

Proposed: In Standing Order 18, paragraph (4), leave out "be limited to" and insert "last no more than".

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 32 was **agreed** without division.

Amendment 30

Proposed: In Standing Order 18, paragraph (5), leave out all the words after "Debate" and add

"unless, by leave, the Assembly determines to dispense with this requirement."

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 30 was **agreed** without division.

Standing Order 18, as amended, was **agreed** to stand part.

Amendment 29

Proposed: In Standing Order 19, after paragraph (12), add the following new paragraph:

"The sequence that questions are taken shall be determined by ballot carried out by the Speaker."

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 29 was **agreed** without division.

Standing Order 19, as amended, was **agreed** to stand part.

Standing Order 20 was brought up and read and **agreed** to stand part.

Amendment 28

Proposed: In Standing Order 21, paragraph (1), leave out "proposed" and insert "put".

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 28 was **agreed** without division.

Amendment 27

Proposed: In Standing Order 21, after paragraph (2), add the following new paragraph:

"Where the subject matter of an adjournment debate is the responsibility of a member of the Executive Committee 10 minutes shall be allotted for a Ministerial response at the end of the debate."

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 27 was **agreed** without division.

Standing Order 21, as amended, was **agreed** to stand part.

Amendment 26

Proposed: In Standing Order 22, after paragraph (2), add the following new paragraph:

"A petition shall relate to matters that are within the legal competence of the Assembly as defined by exception in section 6 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998."

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 26 was **agreed** without division.

Standing Order 22, as amended, was **agreed** to stand part.

Standing Order 23 was brought up and read and **agreed** to stand part.

Debate continued.

Standing Order 24 was brought up and read and **agreed** to stand part.

Amendment 83 was not moved.

Standing Order 25 was brought up and read and **agreed** to stand part.

Amendment 25

Proposed: In Standing Order 26, leave out "either" - (a)" and sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (2).

Leave out all the words after "may" and add "call for the nomination of tellers and divide the Assembly in the manner provided below."

[Mr P Robinson MP]

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made.

The Amendment was **negatived** (Division 4).

Standing Order 26, as amended, was **agreed** to stand part.

Amendment 24

Proposed: After Standing Order 26, insert the following new Standing Order:

- "(1) A Petition of Concern in respect of any matter shall be in the form of a notice signed by at least 30 Members presented to the Speaker. No vote may be held on a matter which is the subject of a Petition of Concern until at least one day after the Petition of Concern has been presented.
- (2) Other than in exceptional circumstances, a Petition of Concern shall be submitted at least one hour before the vote is due to occur. Where no notice of the vote was signalled or such other conditions apply that delay the presentation of a Petition of Concern the Speaker shall determine whether the Petition is time-barred or not."

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 24 was **agreed** without division.

Amendment 23

Proposed: After Standing Order 26, insert the following new Standing Order:

"In relation to a vote on any matter 'cross-community support' means - (a) the support of a majority of the Members voting, a majority of the designated Nationalists voting and a majority of the designated Unionists voting; or (b) the support of 60 per cent of the Members voting, 40 per cent of the designated Nationalists voting and 40 per cent of the designated Unionists voting."

[Mr P Robinson MP]

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made.

The Amendment was **negatived** (Division 5).

Amendment 50 not moved.

The Assembly was suspended at 5.48 pm.

The Sitting resumed on Tuesday 9 March at 10.31 am.

Debate resumed.

Standing Order 27 was brought up and read and **agreed** to stand part.

Standing Order 28 was brought up and read and **agreed** to stand part.

Standing Order 29 was brought up and read and **agreed** to stand part.

Amendment 22

Proposed: In Standing Order 30, paragraph (3), leave out "to be made to the Bill" and insert ", to the Bill, that may be proposed".

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 22 was **agreed** without division.

Amendment 21

Proposed: In Standing Order 30, paragraph (5), line 3, leave out "in" and insert "on".

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 21 was **agreed** without division.

Standing Order 30, as amended, was **agreed** to stand part.

Standing Order 31 was brought up and read and **agreed** to stand part.

Amendment 20

Proposed: In Standing Order 32, paragraph (1), leave out "human rights" and insert "equality requirements".

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 20 was **agreed** without division.

Amendments 17, 18 and 19 were not moved.

Standing Order 32, as amended, was **agreed** to stand part.

Standing Order 33 was brought up and read and **agreed** to stand part.

Amendment 16

Proposed: In Standing Order 34, leave out "bill" and insert "Bill".

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 16 was **agreed** without division.

Standing Order 34, as amended, was **agreed** to stand part.

Amendment 15

Proposed: In Standing Order 35, paragraph (1), leave out "in" and insert "on".

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 15 was **agreed** without division.

Standing Order 35, as amended, was **agreed** to stand part.

Standing Order 36 was brought up and read and **agreed** to stand part.

Amendment 14

Proposed: In Standing Order 37, paragraph (c), after "the" insert "main".

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 14 was **agreed** without division.

Standing Order 37, as amended, was **agreed** to stand part.

Amendment 13

Proposed: In Standing Order 38, paragraph 2(a), after "the" insert "reason or".

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 13 was **agreed** without division.

Amendment 12

Proposed: In Standing Order 38, paragraph (2), after "he" insert "/she".

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 12 was **agreed** without division.

Standing Order 38, as amended, was **agreed** to stand part.

Amendment 11

Proposed: In Standing Order 39, paragraph (3), after "require" insert "the Minister responsible for".

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 11 was **agreed** without division.

Standing Order 39, as amended, was **agreed** to stand part.

Amendment 45

Proposed: In Standing Order 40, paragraph (1), leave out the word "follows" and insert the words "set out in Standing Order 40(2), (2a) and (3)".

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 45 was **agreed** without division.

Amendment 48

Proposed: In Standing Order 40, paragraph (1), after "Act" insert "1998".

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 48 was **agreed** without division.

Amendment 46A

Proposed: Leave out Standing Order 40(2)(e).

Amendment 46A was **agreed** without division.

Amendment 46B

Proposed: In Standing Order 40, after paragraph (2)(e), insert the following new paragraph:

"(f) the nominating officer of a party who did not exercise the power conferred by section 18(2) notifies the First Minister, the Deputy First Minister and the Speaker of his/her intention to do so."

[Mr P Robinson MP]

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made.

Amendment 46B was **negatived** (Division 6).

Amendment 47

Proposed: In Standing Order 40, after paragraph (2), insert the following new sub-paragraph:

"Where the office becomes vacant as mentioned in section 18(10) the nominating officer of the party on whose behalf the previous incumbent was nominated shall nominate a person to hold the office within a period of seven days."

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 47 was **agreed** without division.

Amendment 49

Proposed: In Standing Order 40, paragraph (3)(b), after "gives" insert "a reason or".

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 49 was **agreed** without division.

Standing Order 40, as amended, was **agreed** to stand part.

Amendment 44

Proposed: In Standing Order 41, leave out "(1)".

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 44 was **agreed** without division.

Amendment 61

Proposed: In Standing Order 41, on line 3, leave out "Minister" and insert "Ministers".

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 61 was **agreed** without division.

Standing Order 41, as amended, was **agreed** to stand part.

After debate, the Sitting was, by leave, suspended from 12.33 pm until 2.01 pm.

Debate continued.

Standing Order 42 was brought up and read and **agreed** to stand part.

Standing Order 43 was brought up and read and **agreed** to stand part.

Amendment 60

Proposed: In Standing Order 44, in the Title, after "STATUTORY", insert "AND SPECIAL SCRUTINY".

[Mr P Robinson MP]

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made.

The Amendment was **negatived** (Division 7).

Amendments 59, 56 and 55 which were consequential to Amendment 60 were not moved.

Amendment 57

Proposed: In Standing Order 44, paragraph (2), leave out "given" and insert "offered".

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 57 was **agreed** without division.

Amendment 58

Proposed: In Standing Order 44, paragraph (2), after "members" insert the words "other than himself/herself".

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 58 was **agreed** without division.

Amendment 54

Proposed: In Standing Order 44, paragraph (5), add "or the Minister is responsible for a Department in which a Junior Minister is placed who is a member of his/her party."

[Mr P Robinson MP]

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be agreed.

The Amendment was **negatived**.

Standing Order 44, as amended, was **agreed** to stand part.

The Initial Presiding Officer interrupted the debate to report to the Assembly that he had received a letter dated 8 March from the Secretary of State headed 'Additional Standing Orders', which detailed the procedures to be applied for the appointment of Ministers (Designate), Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of Shadow Statutory Committees and Junior Ministers (Designate).

Debate resumed.

Amendment 84 was not moved.

Amendment 62

Proposed: In Standing Order 45, paragraph (5), leave out "Allocation" and insert "allocation".

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 62 was **agreed** without division.

Standing Order 45, as amended, was **agreed** to stand part.

Amendment 53

Proposed: In Standing Order 46, paragraph (2), at end add

"and may invite the other Committee to carry out the consideration of any stated issue and provide it with a draft report."

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 53 was **agreed** without division.

Standing Order 46, as amended, was **agreed** to stand part.

Standing Order 47 was brought up and read and **agreed** to stand part.

Standing Order 48 was brought up and read and **agreed** to stand part.

Amendment 52

Proposed: In Standing Order 49, after the first "shall" leave out

", other than by leave of the Committee that he shall not do so,"

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 52 was **agreed** without division.

Standing Order 49, as amended, was **agreed** to stand part.

Amendment 51

Proposed: In Standing Order 50, at end add

"Such Committees shall, in as far as is practicable, reflect the party strengths in the Assembly."

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 51 was **agreed** without division.

Standing Order 50, as amended, was **agreed** to stand part.

Amendment 3A

Proposed: In Standing Order 51, leave out paragraph (3).

Amendment 3B

Proposed: In Standing Order 52, leave out paragraph (5).

Amendment 3C

Proposed: In Standing Order 53, leave out paragraph (6).

Amendment 3D

Proposed: In Standing Order 54, leave out paragraph (4).

Amendment 3E

Proposed: In Standing Order 55, leave out paragraph (3).

[Rt Hon D Trimble MP]

And the Question being put, That the Amendments (3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 3E) be made.

The Amendments were **agreed** (Division 8).

Amendments 4, 7, 8, 9 and 10 were not moved.

Standing Order 51, as amended (Amendment 3A), was **agreed** to stand part.

Amendment 86

Proposed: In Standing Order 52, paragraph (1), on line 2, leave out "arrange" and after "shall" insert "make arrangements for".

[Mr E McGrady MP]

Amendment 86 was **agreed** without division.

Amendment 5

Proposed: In Standing Order 52, leave out paragraph (2).

[Mr I Davis]

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made.

The Amendment was **negatived** (Division 9).

Amendment 6 was not moved.

Standing Order 52, as amended (Amendments 3B and 86), was **agreed** to stand part.

Amendment 82

Proposed: In Standing Order 53, leave out "CONFORMITY WITH EQUALITY REQUIREMENTS - SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON" and insert "SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CONFORMITY WITH EQUALITY REQUIREMENTS"

[Mr P Robinson MP]

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be agreed.

The Amendment was **negatived** (Division 10).

Amendment 81

Proposed: In Standing Order 53, paragraph (1), after "(including", insert "rights under".

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 81 was **agreed** without division.

Amendment 80

Proposed: In Standing Order 53, paragraph (3), leave out "any report" and insert "all reports".

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 80 was **agreed** without division.

Amendment 79

Proposed: In Standing Order 53, leave out paragraph (5).

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 79 was **agreed** without division.

Standing Order 53, as amended (Amendments 3C and 81, 80 and 79), was **agreed** to stand part.

Amendment 78

Proposed: In Standing Order 54, paragraph (3), leave out all the words after "party as" and insert "any Minister or junior Minister".

[Mr P Robinson MP]

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made.

The Amendment was **negatived** without division.

Standing Order 54, as amended (Amendment 3D), was **agreed** to stand part.

Amendment 77

Proposed: In Standing Order 55, paragraph (1)(a), leave out "privileges" and insert "privilege".

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 77 was **agreed** without division.

Standing Order 55, as amended (Amendments 3E and 77), was **agreed** to stand part.

Amendment 76

Proposed: In Standing Order 56, leave out "A Committee shall be established" and insert "The Assembly, by resolution, shall establish a Committee".

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 76 was **agreed** without division.

Standing Order 56, as amended, was **agreed** to stand part.

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended from 6.06 pm until 7.01 pm.

Debate continued.

Amendment 75

Proposed: In Standing Order 57, paragraph (1), line 1, leave out "If" and insert "The Speaker may, if".

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 75 was **agreed** without division.

Amendment 74

Proposed: In Standing Order 57, paragraph (1), line 11, leave out "the Speaker may".

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 74 was **agreed** without division.

Amendment 73

Proposed: In Standing Order 57, paragraph (1), line 13, after "he" add "/she".

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 73 was **agreed** without division.

Amendment 72

Proposed: In Standing Order 57, paragraph (3), line 3, leave out all after "shall" and add "include any part of Parliament Buildings".

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 72 was **agreed** without division.

Standing Order 57, as amended, was **agreed** to stand part.

Amendment 71

Proposed: In Standing Order 58, paragraph (4), after "the", insert "Public Gallery of the"

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 71 was **agreed** without division.

Standing Order 58, as amended, was **agreed** to stand part.

Standing Order 59 was brought up and read and **agreed** to stand part.

Standing Order 60 was brought up and read and **agreed** to stand part.

Amendment 70

Proposed: In Standing Order 61, at the end of paragraph (3), add
"whether such pecuniary interest or benefit is held by the Member or
an immediate relative."

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 70 was **agreed** without division.

Standing Order 61, as amended, was **agreed** to stand part.

Amendment 69

Proposed: In Standing Order 62, paragraph (1), leave out "three days".

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 69 was **agreed** without division.

Amendment 67

Proposed: In Standing Order 62, paragraph (3), leave out all the words after
"Assembly and" to the end of the sentence and insert
"refer the matter to the Committee on Standards and Privileges."

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 67 was **agreed** without division.

Amendment 68

Proposed: In Standing Order 62, paragraph (3), leave out "due" and insert
"sufficient".

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 68 was **agreed** without division.

Amendment 66

Proposed: In Standing Order 62, leave out paragraph (4).

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 66 was **agreed** without division.

Standing Order 62, as amended, was **agreed** to stand part.

Debate continued.

Standing Order 63 was brought up and read and **agreed** to stand part.

Standing Order 64 was brought up and read and **agreed** to stand part.

Standing Order 65 was brought up and read and **agreed** to stand part.

Amendment No 65 was **not moved**.

Standing Order 66 was brought up and read and **agreed** to stand part.

Standing Order 67 was brought up and read and **agreed** to stand part.

Standing Order 68 was brought up and read and **agreed** to stand part.

Amendment 64

Proposed: Leave out Standing Order 69.

[Mr P Robinson MP]

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made.

The Amendment was **negatived** (Division 11).

Standing Order 69 was **agreed** to stand part.

Amendment 87

Proposed: Leave out Standing Order 70 and insert the following new Standing Order:

"The language of this Assembly shall be English."

[Mr C Wilson]

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be agreed.

The Amendment was **negatived** (Division 12).

Standing Order 70 was **agreed** to stand part.

Amendment 63

Proposed: In Standing Order 71, leave out "strength" and insert "strengths".

[Mr P Robinson MP]

Amendment 63 was **agreed** without division.

And the Question being put, That Standing Order 71, as amended, be **agreed** to stand part.

The Amendment was **negatived** (Division 13).

Proposed: That Standing Orders 1 to 70, as amended, be the Standing Orders of the Assembly.

[The Initial Presiding Officer]

And the Question being put, That the Motion, as amended, be agreed.

The Motion was **carried** on a cross-community vote (Division 14).

5. **Adjournment**

Proposed: that the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Initial Presiding Officer]

The Members listed below then spoke on:

Nursery School Units: Admission Criteria

Mr Sammy Wilson
Mr Ken Robinson
Mr Danny Kennedy
Mr Jim Wells

The Assembly adjourned at 10.21 pm.

**The Lord Alderdice
Initial Presiding Officer**

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RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Gerry Adams	John Fee	Gerry McHugh
Ian Adamson	David Ford	Mitchel McLaughlin
Fraser Agnew	Sam Foster	Eugene McMenamin
Lord Alderdice	Tommy Gallagher	Pat McNamee
Pauline Armitage	Oliver Gibson	Monica McWilliams
Billy Armstrong	Michelle Gildernew	Francie Molloy
Alex Attwood	John Gorman	Jane Morrice
Roy Beggs Jnr	Carmel Hanna	Maurice Morrow
Billy Bell	Denis Haughey	Conor Murphy
Eileen Bell	William Hay	Sean Neeson
Paul Berry	Joe Hendron	Mary Nelis
Esmond Birnie	David Hilditch	Dermot Nesbitt
Norman Boyd	Derek Hussey	Danny O'Connor
P J Bradley	Billy Hutchinson	Dara O'Hagan
Joe Byrne	Roger Hutchinson	Eamonn O'Neill
Gregory Campbell	Gardiner Kane	Ian Paisley Jnr
Meryvn Carrick	Gerry Kelly	Edwin Poots
Joan Carson	John Kelly	Sue Ramsey
Seamus Close	Danny Kennedy	Iris Robinson
Wilson Clyde	James Leslie	Ken Robinson
Fred Cobain	Patricia Lewsley	Mark Robinson
Robert Coulter	Alban Maginness	Peter Robinson
John Dallat	Séamus Mallon	Patrick Roche
Duncan Shipley Dalton	Alex Maskey	Brid Rodgers
Ivan Davis	Kieran McCarthy	George Savage
Bairbre De Brun	Robert McCartney	Jim Shannon
Nigel Dodds	David McClarty	John Taylor
Arthur Doherty	Donovan McClelland	John Tierney
Pat Doherty	William McCrea	David Trimble
Boyd Douglas	Alasdair McDonnell	Denis Watson
Mark Durkan	Barry McElduff	Peter Weir
Reg Empey	Alan McFarland	Jim Wells
David Ervine	Michael McGimpsey	Cedric Wilson
Sean Farren	Eddie McGrady	Sammy Wilson

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DIVISIONS

Division No 1

Proposed by Mr Denis Haughey and Mr Fred Cobain:

Proposed: This Assembly takes note of the Report by the Committee on Standing Orders.

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 84

Noes : 0

Ayes

Nationalist: Alex Attwood, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, John Dallat, Arthur Doherty, Pat Doherty, Mark Durkan, Sean Farren, John Fee, Tommy Gallagher, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, Gerry Kelly, John Kelly, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Donovan McClelland, Barry McElduff, Eddie McGrady, Gerry McHugh, Eugene McMenamin, Pat McNamee, Francie Molloy, Conor Murphy, Danny O'Connor, Dara O'Hagan, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, Brid Rodgers, John Tierney.

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

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

Total Votes	84	Total Ayes	84 (100.0%)
Nationalist Votes	31	Nationalist Ayes	31 (100.0%)
Unionist Votes	47	Unionist Ayes	47 (100.0%)

The motion, on a cross-community basis, was **made**.

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DIVISIONS

Division No 2

Proposed by Mr S Neeson:

Amendment 85A

In Standing Order 3, paragraph (7), line 2, leave out from "being" and add "nationalist, unionist or other".

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 39

Noes : 52

Ayes

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

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

Noes

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

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

Total Votes	91	Total Ayes	39 (42.9%)
Nationalist Votes	33	Nationalist Ayes	33 (100.0%)
Unionist Votes	52	Unionist Ayes	0 (0.0%)

The amendment, on a cross-community basis, was **negatived**.

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DIVISIONS

Division No 3

Proposed by Mr P Robinson MP:

Amendment 37

In paragraph (2) of Standing Order 9 at end add

"The business adjourned shall be the first business when the Assembly next sits."

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 62

Noes : 25

Ayes

Nationalist: Alex Attwood, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, John Dallat, Bairbre De Brun, Arthur Doherty, Mark Durkan, Sean Farren, John Fee, Tommy Gallagher, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, John Kelly, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Donovan McClelland, Alasdair McDonnell, Eddie McGrady, Gerry McHugh, Eugene McMenamin, Pat McNamee, Francie Molloy, Conor Murphy, Danny O'Connor, Dara O'Hagan, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, Brid Rodgers, John Tierney.

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

Other: Seamus Close, David Ford, Kieran McCarthy, Monica McWilliams, Jane Morrice.

Noes

Unionist: Ian Adamson, Pauline Armitage, Billy Armstrong, Roy Beggs Jnr, Billy Bell, Esmond Birnie, Joan Carson, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, Reg Empey, Sam Foster, John Gorman, Derek Hussey, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, David McClarty,

Alan McFarland, Michael McGimpsey, Dermot Nesbitt, Ken Robinson,
George Savage, David Trimble, Peter Weir.

Total Votes	87	Total Ayes	62 (71.3%)
Nationalist Votes	30	Nationalist Ayes	30 (100.0%)
Unionist Votes	52	Unionist Ayes	27 (51.9%)

The amendment, on a cross-community basis, was **made**.

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DIVISIONS

Division No 4

Proposed by Mr P Robinson MP:

In Standing Order 26, leave out "either - (a)" and sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (2).

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 31

Noes : 53

Ayes

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

Other: Eileen Bell, Seamus Close, David Ford, Kieran McCarthy, Monica McWilliams.

Noes

Nationalist: Alex Attwood, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, John Dallat, Bairbre De Brun, Arthur Doherty, Mark Durkan, Sean Farren, John Fee, Tommy Gallagher, Michelle Gildernew, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, John Kelly, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Donovan McClelland, Alasdair McDonnell, Eddie McGrady, Gerry McHugh, Eugene McMenamin, Pat McNamee, Francie Molloy, Conor Murphy, Danny O'Connor, Dara O'Hagan, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, Brid Rodgers, John Tierney.

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

Total Votes	84	Total Ayes	31 (36.9%)
Nationalist Votes	31	Nationalist Ayes	0 (0.0%)
Unionist Votes	48	Unionist Ayes	26 (54.2%)

The amendment, on a cross-community basis, was **negatived**.

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DIVISIONS

Division No 5

Proposed by Mr P Robinson MP:

Amendment 23

After Standing Order 26 insert the following new Standing Order:

"In relation to a vote on any matter 'cross-community support' means (a) the support of a majority of the Members voting, a majority of the designated Nationalists voting and a majority of the designated Unionists voting; or (b) the support of 60 per cent of the Members voting, 40 per cent of the designated Nationalists voting and 40 per cent of the designated Unionists voting."

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 27

Noes : 55

Ayes

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

Other: David Ford, Kieran McCarthy.

Noes

Nationalist: Alex Attwood, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, John Dallat, Bairbre De Brun, Arthur Doherty, Mark Durkan, Sean Farren, John Fee, Tommy Gallagher, Michelle Gildernew, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, John Kelly, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Donovan McClelland, Alasdair McDonnell, Barry McElduff, Eddie McGrady, Gerry McHugh, Eugene McMenamin, Pat McNamee, Francie Molloy, Conor Murphy,

Danny O'Connor, Dara O'Hagan, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, Brid Rodgers, John Tierney.

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

Other: Monica McWilliams.

Total Votes	82	Total Ayes	27 (32.9%)
Nationalist Votes	32	Nationalist Ayes	0 (0.0%)
Unionist Votes	47	Unionist Ayes	25 (53.2%)

The amendment, on a cross-community basis, was **negatived**.

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DIVISIONS

Division No 6

Proposed by Mr P Robinson MP:

Amendment 46B

In Standing Order 40 after paragraph (2)(e), insert the following new paragraph:

"(f) the nominating officer of a party who did not exercise the power conferred by section 18(2) notifies the First Minister, the Deputy First Minister and the Speaker of his/her intention to do so."

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 27

Noes : 62

Ayes

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

Other: Eileen Bell, Seamus Close, David Ford.

Noes

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

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

Other: Monica McWilliams, Jane Morrice.

Total Votes	89	Total Ayes	27 (30.3%)
Nationalist Votes	34	Nationalist Ayes	0 (0.0%)
Unionist Votes	50	Unionist Ayes	24 (48.0%)

The amendment, on a cross-community basis, was **negatived**.

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DIVISIONS

Division No 7

Proposed by Mr P Robinson MP:

Amendment 60

In Standing Order 44, in the Title, after "STATUTORY", insert "AND SPECIAL SCRUTINY".

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 34

Noes : 57

Ayes

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

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

Noes

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

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

Total Votes	91	Total Ayes	34 (37.4%)
Nationalist Votes	35	Nationalist Ayes	0 (0.0%)
Unionist Votes	51	Unionist Ayes	29 (56.9%)

The amendment, on a cross-community basis, was **negatived**.

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DIVISIONS

Division No 8

Proposed by Rt Hon D Trimble MP:

Amendments 3A to 3E

Leave out paragraph (3) of Standing Order 51; paragraph (5) of Standing Order 52; paragraph (6) of Standing Order 53; paragraph (4) of Standing Order 54 and paragraph (3) of Standing Order 55.

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 56

Noes : 35

Ayes

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

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

Noes

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

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

Total Votes	91	Total Ayes	56 (61.5%)
Nationalist Votes	33	Nationalist Ayes	33 (100.0%)
Unionist Votes	51	Unionist Ayes	23 (45.1%)

The amendment, on a cross-community basis, was **made**.

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DIVISIONS

Division No 9

Proposed by Mr I Davis:

Amendment 5

In Standing Order 52, leave out paragraph (2).

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 24

Noes : 67

Ayes

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

Noes

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

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

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

Total Votes	91	Total Ayes	24 (26.4%)
Nationalist Votes	34	Nationalist Ayes	0 (0.0%)
Unionist Votes	50	Unionist Ayes	24 (48.0%)

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

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DIVISIONS

Division No 10

Proposed by Mr P Robinson MP:

Amendment 83

In Standing Order 53, leave out "CONFORMITY WITH EQUALITY REQUIREMENTS - SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON" and insert "SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CONFORMITY AND EQUALITY REQUIREMENTS".

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 66

Noes : 21

Ayes

Nationalist: Bairbre De Brun, Michelle Gildernew, Alex Maskey, Barry McElduff, Gerry McHugh, Pat McNamee, Francie Molloy, Conor Murphy, Dara O'Hagan, Sue Ramsey.

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

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

Noes

Nationalist: Alex Attwood, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, John Dallat, Arthur Doherty, Mark Durkan, John Fee, Tommy Gallagher, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Donovan McClelland,

Alasdair McDonnell, Eddie McGrady, Eugene McMenamin, Danny O'Connor, Eamonn O'Neill, Brid Rodgers, John Tierney.

Total Votes	87	Total Ayes	66 (75.9%)
Nationalist Votes	31	Nationalist Ayes	10 (32.3%)
Unionist Votes	50	Unionist Ayes	50 (100.0%)

The amendment, on a cross-community basis, was **negatived**.

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DIVISIONS

Division No 11

Proposed by Mr P Robinson MP:

Amendment 64

Leave out Standing Order 69.

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 21

Noes : 64

Ayes

Unionist: Fraser Agnew, Paul Berry, Norman Boyd, Gregory Campbell, 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, Peter Robinson, Patrick Roche, Jim Wells, Cedric Wilson, Sammy Wilson

Noes

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

Unionist: Ian Adamson, Billy Armstrong, Roy Beggs Jnr, Billy Bell, Esmond Birnie, Joan Carson, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, David Ervine, Sam Foster, John Gorman, Derek Hussey, Billy Hutchinson, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, David McClarty, Alan McFarland, Michael McGimpsey, Dermot Nesbitt, Ken Robinson, George Savage, John Taylor, David Trimble

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

Total Votes	85	Total Ayes	21 (45.65%)
Nationalist Votes	32	Nationalist Ayes	0 (0%)
Unionist Votes	53	Unionist Ayes	21 (45.65%)

The amendment, on a cross-community basis, was **negatived**.

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DIVISIONS

Division No 12

Proposed by Mr C Wilson:

Amendment 87

Leave out Standing Order 70 and insert the following new Standing Order:

"The language of this Assembly shall be English."

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 23

Noes : 62

Ayes

Unionist: Fraser Agnew, Roy Beggs Jnr, Paul Berry, Norman Boyd, Gregory Campbell, 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, Peter Robinson, Patrick Roche, Denis Watson, Jim Wells, Cedric Wilson, Sammy Wilson.

Noes

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

Unionist: Ian Adamson, Billy Armstrong, Billy Bell, Esmond Birnie, Joan Carson, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, David Ervine, Sam Foster, John Gorman, Derek Hussey, Billy Hutchinson, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, David McClarty, Alan McFarland, Michael McGimpsey, Dermot Nesbitt, Ken Robinson, John Taylor, David Trimble.

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

Total Votes	85	Total Ayes	23 (27.1%)
Nationalist Votes	32	Nationalist Ayes	0 (0.0%)
Unionist Votes	46	Unionist Ayes	23 (50.0%)

The amendment, on a cross-community basis, was **negatived**.

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

9 MARCH 1999

DIVISIONS

Division No 13

Proposed by the Initial Presiding Officer:

that Standing Order 71, as amended, stand part.

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 53

Noes : 31

Ayes

Unionist: Ian Adamson, Fraser Agnew, Billy Armstrong, Roy Beggs Jnr, Billy Bell, Paul Berry, Esmond Birnie, Norman Boyd, Gregory Campbell, Joan Carson, Wilson Clyde, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, Nigel Dodds, David Ervine, Sam Foster, Oliver Gibson, John Gorman, William Hay, David Hilditch, Derek Hussey, Billy Hutchinson, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, David McClarty, Alan McFarland, Michael McGimpsey, Maurice Morrow, Dermot Nesbitt, Ian Paisley Jnr, Iris Robinson, Ken Robinson, Mark Robinson, Peter Robinson, Patrick Roche, John Taylor, David Trimble, Denis Watson, Jim Wells, Cedric Wilson, Sammy Wilson

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

Noes

Nationalist: Alex Attwood, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, John Dallat, Bairbre De Brun, Arthur Doherty, Mark Durkan, Sean Farren, John Fee, Tommy Gallagher, Michelle Gildernew, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Alex Maskey, Donovan McClelland, Alasdair McDonnell, Eddie McGrady, Gerry McHugh, Eugene McMennamin, Pat McNamee, Francie Molloy, Conor Murphy, Danny O'Connor, Dara O'Hagan, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, Brid Rodgers, John Tierney

Total Votes	84	Total Ayes	53 (63.1%)
Nationalist Votes	31	Nationalist Ayes	0 (0.0%)
Unionist Votes	46	Unionist Ayes	46 (55.8%)

The amendment, on a cross-community basis, was **negatived**.

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

9 MARCH 1999

DIVISIONS

Division No 14

Motion proposed that Standing Orders 1 to 70, as amended, be the Standing Orders of the Assembly. The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 77

Noes : 0

Ayes

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

Unionist: Ian Adamson, Fraser Agnew, Billy Armstrong, Roy Beggs Jnr, Billy Bell, Paul Berry, Esmond Birnie, Norman Boyd, Gregory Campbell, Joan Carson, Wilson Clyde, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, Nigel Dodds, David Ervine, Sam Foster, Oliver Gibson, John Gorman, William Hay, David Hilditch, Derek Hussey, Billy Hutchinson, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, David McClarty, Alan McFarland, Michael McGimpsey, Maurice Morrow, Dermot Nesbitt, Ian Paisley Jnr, Edwin Poots, Iris Robinson, Ken Robinson, Mark Robinson, Peter Robinson, John Taylor, David Trimble, Denis Watson, Jim Wells, Cedric Wilson, Sammy Wilson

Other: Monica McWilliams, Jane Morrice

Total Votes	77	Total Ayes	77 (63.1%)
Nationalist Votes	30	Nationalist Ayes	30 (100.0%)
Unionist Votes	45	Unionist Ayes	45 (100.0%)

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

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9 MARCH 1999

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY FROM

1 MARCH 1999 TO 9 MARCH 1999

1. ORDERS IN COUNCIL

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

Accounts of the Agricultural Loans Fund (N.I.) for Year Ending 31/03/98

3. ASSEMBLY REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Standing Orders

NNIA 9(i) & (ii)

4. STATUTORY RULES

SR No 58 Rates (Amendment) (1998 Order) (Commencement No 1) Order (N.I.) 1999

SR No 59 Public Health; The Marketing and Use of Dangerous Substances Regulations (N.I.) 1999

SR No 72 Social Security (1998 Order) (Commencement No 3) Order (N.I.) 1999

SR No 74 Route F1126 Beech Path, Lurgan (Abandonment) Order (N.I.) 1999

SR No 75 Old Rossorry Road, Enniskillen (Stopping-Up) Order (N.I.) 1999

SR No 76 Route A28 Newry Road, Armagh (Abandonment) Order (N.I.) 1999

SR No 77 Motor Vehicle (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (Fees) Regulations (N.I.) 1999

SR No 78 Motor Vehicle Testing (Amendment) (Fees) Regulations (N.I.) Order 1999

SR No 79 Goods Vehicles (Testing) (Amendment) (Fees) Regulations (N.I.) 1999

SR No 84 Weights and Measures (Quantity Marking and Abbreviation of Units) Regulations (N.I.) 1999

SR No 85 Parking Places on Roads (Amendment) Order (N.I.) 1999

5. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

Proposals for Amendments to Planning Legislation in Northern Ireland:
A Consultation Paper

6. DEPARTMENTAL PUBLICATION

Fit for the Future – Summary of Responses to the Consultation

Fit for the Future – A New Approach

Hospital Statistics: 01/03/97 – 31/03/98

Community Statistics: 01/04/97 – 31/03/98

Children First

Towards a Culture of Tolerance: Integrating Education;
Working Party Progress Report

Pastoral Care in Schools, Child Protection

7. AGENCY PUBLICATIONS

Policy and Protection for the Protection of Ground Water in Northern Ireland

8. MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS

Northern Ireland Higher Education Council - Annual Report 1997-1998

Fair Employment Commission: Profile of the Monitored Workforce in
Northern Ireland: No 8

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY 15 JULY 1999

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

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

1.1 Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **Presiding Officer's Business**

2.1 Members were advised of receipt of a letter from the Secretary of State directly that the Assembly should meet from 10.30 am on 15 July 1999 to 6.00 pm on 30 July 1999.

3. **Motion for the Exclusion of Sinn Féin**

3.1 Proposed: This Assembly resolves that Sinn Féin does not enjoy the confidence of the Assembly because it is not committed to non-violence and exclusively peaceful and democratic means and, therefore, consistent with Standing Order 24(2)(a) determines that members of Sinn Féin shall be excluded from holding office as Ministers or Ministers (Designate) for a period of twelve months beginning with the date of this resolution.

[Rev Dr I R K Paisley MP MEP]

[Mr P Robinson MP]

As required by Standing Order 24(5)(a), the Initial Presiding Officer invited Dr Paisley to demonstrate the support of 30 Members to allow the motion to be moved. 28 Members had offered support, in writing, on the Notice of Motion. No further Members indicated assent. The Initial Presiding Officer therefore ruled that the motion was not competent and fell.

4. **Standing Orders**

4.1 The Initial Presiding Officer suspended the Sitting for 15 minutes to allow Members to receive copies of a change to Initial Standing Orders of which he had been notified by the Secretary of State.

The Sitting was suspended at 10.45 am and resumed at 11.02 am.

The Initial Presiding officer confirmed to the Assembly that the Secretary of State had amended Initial Standing Order 22 with immediate effect to add a new paragraph 15.

5. **Appointment of Ministers (Designate)**

5.1 The Initial Presiding Officer read the pledge of office into the record.

5.2 Mr Trimble, the nominating officer for the Ulster Unionist Party who was absent from the Chamber, was invited to make a nomination to Ministerial office. After five minutes, no nomination having been made, Mr Trimble and the Ulster Unionist Party were eliminated from the procedure.

5.3 Mr Hume, the nominating officer for the Social Democratic and Labour Party, nominated Mr Mark Durkan to be the Minister of Finance and Personnel.

Mr Durkan affirmed the pledge of office in Schedule 4 to the Northern Ireland Act 1998. The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Mr Durkan as Minister (Designate) of Finance and Personnel.

5.4 Dr Paisley, the nominating officer for the Democratic Unionist Party, was invited to nominate a Member of his party for Ministerial office. Dr Paisley sought a brief suspension.

After a suspension from 11.15 am, the Sitting resumed at 11.30 am.

Dr Paisley refused to nominate. Dr Paisley and the Democratic Unionist Party were eliminated from the procedure.

5.5 Mr Adams, the nominating officer for Sinn Féin, nominated Ms Bairbre de Brún to be the Minister (Designate) of Enterprise, Trade and Investment.

Ms de Brún affirmed the pledge of office in Schedule 4 to the Northern Ireland Act 1998. The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Ms de Brún as Minister (Designate) of Enterprise, Trade and Investment.

5.6 Mr Hume, the nominating officer for the Social Democratic and Labour Party, nominated Mr Sean Farren to be the Minister (Designate) for Regional Development.

Mr Farren affirmed the pledge of office in Schedule 4 to the Northern Ireland Act 1998. The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Mr Farren as Minister (Designate) for Regional Development.

5.7 Mr Adams, the nominating officer for Sinn Féin, nominated Mr Martin McGuinness to be the Minister (Designate) of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Mr McGuinness affirmed the pledge of office in Schedule 4 to the Northern Ireland Act 1998. The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Mr McGuinness as Minister (Designate) of Agriculture and Rural Development.

- 5.8 Mr Hume, the nominating officer for the Social Democratic and Labour Party, nominated Mrs Brid Rodgers to be the Minister (Designate) of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment.

Ms Rodgers affirmed the pledge of office in Schedule 4 to the Northern Ireland Act 1998. The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Ms Rodgers as Minister (Designate) of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment.

- 5.9 Mr Neeson, the nominating officer for the Alliance Party, was invited to nominate a Member of his party for Ministerial office. Mr Neeson refused to nominate. Mr Neeson and the Alliance Party were eliminated from the procedure.

- 5.10 Mr Adams, the nominating officer for Sinn Féin, nominated Mr Pat Doherty to be the Minister (Designate) of Education.

Mr Doherty affirmed the pledge of office in Schedule 4 to the Northern Ireland Act 1998. The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Mr Doherty as Minister (Designate) of Education.

- 5.11 Mr Hume, the nominating officer for the Social Democratic and Labour Party, nominated Mr Eddie McGrady to be the Minister (Designate) of Health and Social Services and Public Safety.

Mr McGrady declined the nomination.

Mr Hume then nominated Dr Joe Hendron to be the Minister (Designate) of Health, Social Services and Public Safety.

Dr Hendron affirmed the pledge of office in Schedule 4 to the Northern Ireland Act 1998. The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Dr Hendron as Minister (Designate) of Health, Social Services and Public Safety.

- 5.12 Mr McCartney, the nominating officer for the United Kingdom Unionist Party, was invited to nominate a Member of his party for Ministerial office.

Mr McCartney refused to nominate. Mr McCartney and the United Kingdom Unionist Party were eliminated from the procedure.

- 5.13 Mr Hume, the nominating officer for the Social Democratic and Labour Party, nominated Mr Denis Haughey to be the Minister (Designate) for Social Development.

Mr Haughey affirmed the pledge of office in Schedule 4 to the Northern Ireland Act 1998. The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Mr Haughey as Minister (Designate) for Social Development.

- 5.14 Mr Adams, the nominating officer for Sinn Féin, nominated Ms Mary Nelis to be the Minister (Designate) of Culture, Arts and Leisure.

Ms Nelis affirmed the pledge of office in Schedule 4 to the Northern Ireland Act 1998. The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Ms Nelis as Minister (Designate) of Culture, Arts and Leisure.

- 5.15 Mr Hume, the nominating officer for the Social Democratic and Labour Party, nominated Mr Alban Maginness to be the Minister (Designate) of the Environment.

Mr Maginness affirmed the pledge of office in Schedule 4 to the Northern Ireland Act 1998. The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Mr Maginness as Minister (Designate) of the Environment.

- 5.16 Under Initial Standing Order 22(15), as amended, the Initial Presiding Officer reported that the persons appointed could no longer hold Ministerial office (Designate) as they did not include 3 designated Unionists.

6. **Personal Statement**

- 6.1 At the completion of the procedure for the appointment of Ministers (Designate), the Deputy First Minister (Designate) made a personal statement to the Assembly during which he tendered his resignation as Deputy First Minister (Designate).

- 6.2 The Initial Presiding Officer invited the party leaders to address the Assembly. When all the party leaders present had spoken, the Initial Presiding Officer informed the Assembly that he had received a notification that the Secretary of State had revoked her earlier direction for the Assembly to sit on 15 July.

The Assembly adjourned at 1.25 pm.

**The Lord Alderdice
Initial Presiding Officer**

15 July 1999

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

15 JULY 1999

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Gerry Adams	Michelle Gildernew	Eugene McMenamin
Fraser Agnew	Carmel Hanna	Pat McNamee
Lord Alderdice	Denis Haughey	Monica McWilliams
Alex Attwood	William Hay	Francie Molloy
Eileen Bell	Joe Hendron	Maurice Morrow
Paul Berry	David Hilditch	Conor Murphy
Norman Boyd	John Hume	Mick Murphy
P J Bradley	Billy Hutchinson	Sean Neeson
Joe Byrne	Roger Hutchinson	Mary Nelis
Gregory Campbell	Gardiner Kane	Danny O'Connor
Meryvn Carrick	Gerry Kelly	Dara O'Hagan
Seamus Close	John Kelly	Eamonn O'Neill
Wilson Clyde	Patricia Lewsley	Ian R K Paisley
John Dallat	Alban Maginness	Ian Paisley Jnr
Bairbre De Brun	Séamus Mallon	Edwin Poots
Nigel Dodds	Alex Maskey	Sue Ramsey
Arthur Doherty	Kieran McCarthy	Iris Robinson
Pat Doherty	Robert McCartney	Mark Robinson
Boyd Douglas	Donovan McClelland	Peter Robinson
Mark Durkan	William McCrea	Patrick Roche
David Ervine	Alasdair McDonnell	Brid Rodgers
Sean Farren	Barry McElduff	Jim Shannon
John Fee	Eddie McGrady	Denis Watson
David Ford	Martin McGuinness	Jim Wells
Tommy Gallagher	Gerry McHugh	Cedric Wilson
Oliver Gibson	Mitchel McLaughlin	Sammy Wilson

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15 JULY 1999

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY FROM

1 JUNE 1999 TO 15 JULY 1999

1. **ORDERS IN COUNCIL**

The Appropriation (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (N.I. 7) (DFP)

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

Assembly Contributory Pension Fund Account 1995–96

Youth Council for Northern Ireland Foreword and Financial Statements 1996–97

Statement of Accounts of the Sports Council of Northern Ireland 01/04/97 to 31/03/98

1997–98 Accounts of Capital Receipts and Payments and Earnings on Capital Advances or Investments including Civil Contingencies Fund Accounts for the Year Ended 31/03/98

Fire Authority of Northern Ireland Statement of Accounts for Year Ended 31/03/98

Northern Ireland Estimate for 1999–2000

3. **ASSEMBLY REPORTS**

4. **STATUTORY RULES**

SR No 247 Road Traffic and Vehicles: Roads (Speed Limit) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 248 Roads: Route C271 Beechvale Road, Killinchy (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 249 Social Security (Non-Cash Vouchers Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DHSS)

SR No 250 Electricity Order 1992 (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DED)

SR No 251 Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DHSS)

SR No 252 Misuse of Drugs (Safe Custody) (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1999 (DHSS)

SR No 253 Bank Street at Oakman Street, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 254 Pharmaceutical Services (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DHSS & DFP)

SR No 255 The Food (Animals and Animal Products from Belgium (Emergency Control) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DHSS)

SR No 256 Civil Evidence (1997 Order) (Commencement No. 1) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999

SR No 257 Road Races (Eagles Rock Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 258 Motor Vehicles (Authorised Weight) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 259 Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment No. 5) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 260 Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance: The Legal Aid in Criminal Proceedings (Costs) (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1999

SR No 261 The Animal Feeding Stuffs from Belgium (Control) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DANI)

SR No 262 Court Funds (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1999 (Lord Chancellor)

SR No 263 Tuberculosis Control Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DANI)

SR No 264 Tuberculosis (Examination and Testing) Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DANI & DFP)

SR No 265 Cattle Identification (Notification of Births, Deaths and Movements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DANI)

SR No 266 Bus Lane (Saintfield Road), Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 267 The Social Security and Child Support (Decisions and Appeals) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DHSS)

SR No 268 Bus Lane (Donegall Road and Link Road, Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 269 Curriculum (Programmes of Study and Attainment Target in Home Economics at Key Stage 3 and 4) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DENI)

SR No 270 Curriculum (Programmes of Study and Attainment Target in Technology and Design at Key Stage 3 and 4) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DENI)

SR No 271 The Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) (1999 Order) (Commencement No. 2 and Consequential and Traditional Provisions) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DHSS)

SR No 272 The Social Security and Child Support (Decisions and Appeals) (Amendments No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DHSS)

SR No 273 One-way Traffic (Portstewart) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 275 The Social Security (Educational Maintenance Allowance Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DHSS)

SR No 276 General Medical Services (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DHSS & DFP)

SR No 277 Unfair Dismissal and Statement of Reason for Dismissal (Variation of Qualifying Period) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DED)

SR No 278 The New Deal Pilot for 25+ (Miscellaneous Provisions) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DED)

SR No 279 Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment No. 6) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 280 Kingsway Drive, Portadown (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 281 Road Races (Temple 100) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 282 Plan Protection Products (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DANI)

SR No 283 Road Races (Craigantlet Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 284 Food Safety (General Food Hygiene) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DHSS)

SR No 285 Food Safety (Fishery Products and Live Shellfish) (Hygiene) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DHSS)

SR No 286 Food Labelling (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DHSS)

SR No 287 Feeding Stuffs (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DANI & DHSS)

SR No 288 The Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 289 The Smoke Control Areas (Exempted Fireplaces) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 290 Road Races (Mid-Antrim 150) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 291 Road Races (Ulster Rally) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 292 Road Races (Garron Point Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 295 The Communities Drivers' Hours and Recording Equipment (Exemptions and Supplementary Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 296 Feeding Stuffs (Sampling and Analysis) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DANI)

SR No 297 Motorways Traffic (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 301 Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DHSS)

SR No 302 Contaminants in Food (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DHSS)

SR No 303 Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DED)

SR No 304 Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DED)

SR No 305 Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DED)

SR No 306 Race Relations Code of Practice (Elimination of Discrimination Employment) (Appointed Day) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DED)

SR No 309 The Occupational Pensions Schemes (Investment, and Assignment, Forfeiture, Bankruptcy etc.) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DHSS)

SR No 311 Sex Discrimination (Gender Reassignment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DED)

SR No 316 Road Races (Carrowdore 100) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

5. **CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS**

6. **DEPARTMENTAL PUBLICATION**

Labour Market Statistics (DED)

Age Diversity in Employment (DFEE)

Shaping Scotland's Parliament (Scottish Office)

Labour Market Statistics July 1999 (DED)

7. **AGENCY PUBLICATIONS**

Commission for Racial Equality for Northern Ireland Annual Report and Accounts 1998 –1999

The Equal Opportunities Commission for Northern Ireland 23rd Annual Report 1st April 1998 to 31 March 1999

Forest Service Corporate and Business Plans 1999/2000 – 2003/2004

10th Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the Fair Employment Commission

8. **WESTMINSTER PUBLICATIONS**

Northern Ireland Affairs Committee Second Report: Electoral Malpractice in Northern Ireland: HC 316

Further Response by the Government to the Second Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee of Session 1997–98, "Electoral Malpractice in Northern Ireland", HC 316: HC 484

Human Rights Act 1998 Ch 42

European Communities Act 1972 Ch 68

Northern Ireland Bill (Bill 136)

9. **MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS**

Report of the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 29 NOVEMBER 1999

and

TUESDAY 30 NOVEMBER 1999

The Assembly met at 2.30 pm, the Initial Presiding Officer in the Chair

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

1.1 Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **Presiding Officer's Business**

2.1 Members were advised of receipt of a letter from the Secretary of State directing that the Assembly should meet at 2.30 pm from 29 November 1999 to 6.00 pm on 24 December 1999. The Initial Presiding Officer reported on changes to the Initial Standing Orders which had been determined by the Secretary of State since the previous Sitting and indicated that he had received further amendments within the previous hour. He suspended the Sitting under Initial Standing Order 5(3) to allow Members to consider these most recent amendments.

The Sitting was suspended at 2.35 pm and resumed at 2.50 pm.

2.3 Rev Dr Paisley sought the leave of the Assembly to move that the Initial Presiding Officer be instructed to seek legal advice on the offer of resignation by Séamus Mallon MP, as Deputy First Minister (Designate). Leave was denied.

3. **Motion**

3.1 Proposed: that this Assembly wishes, notwithstanding his offer of resignation as Deputy First Minister (Designate), that Séamus Mallon MP hold office as Deputy First Minister (Designate).

[Mr Sean Neeson]

Debate ensued.

And the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** (Division 1).

3.2 Mr Mallon then assented to the wish of the Assembly and the Initial Presiding Officer confirmed that he would hold the Office of Deputy First Minister (Designate) notwithstanding his offer to resign and that the outcome of the election of July 1998 to the Office of First Minister (Designate) and Deputy First Minister (Designate) would remain in effect.

4. Motion

4.1 Proposed: that Sinn Féin does not enjoy the confidence of the Assembly because it is not committed to non-violence and exclusively peaceful and democratic means and, therefore, consistent with SO 24(2)(a) determines that members of Sinn Féin shall be excluded from holding office as Ministers or Ministers (Designate) for a period of 12 months beginning with the date of this resolution.

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

4.2 As only 29 Members had offered support in writing, on the Notice of Motion, the Initial Presiding Officer, as required in Standing Order 24(5)(a), invited Rev Dr Paisley to demonstrate the support of 30 Members to allow the Motion to be moved. No further Members indicated assent. The Speaker therefore ruled that the Motion was not competent and **fell**.

5. Appointment of Ministers (Designate)

5.1 Mr Trimble, the nominating officer for the Ulster Unionist Party, nominated Sir Reg Empey to be the Minister (Designate) of Enterprise, Trade and Investment.

Sir Reg Empey affirmed the pledge of office as set out in Schedule 4 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998. The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Sir Reg Empey as Minister (Designate) of Enterprise, Trade and Investment.

5.2 Mr Hume, the nominating officer for the Social Democratic and Labour Party, nominated Mr Mark Durkan to be the Minister (Designate) of Finance and Personnel.

Mr Durkan affirmed the pledge of office as set out in Schedule 4 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998. The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Mr Durkan as Minister (Designate) of Finance and Personnel.

5.3 Rev Dr Paisley, the nominating officer for the Democratic Unionist Party, nominated Mr Peter Robinson MP to be the Minister (Designate) for Regional Development.

Mr Robinson affirmed the pledge of office as set out in Schedule 4 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998. The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Mr Robinson as Minister (Designate) for Regional Development.

5.4 Mr Adams, the nominating officer for Sinn Féin, nominated Mr Martin McGuinness MP to be the Minister (Designate) of Education.

Mr McGuinness affirmed the pledge of office as set out in Schedule 4 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998. The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Mr McGuinness as Minister (Designate) of Education.

- 5.5 Mr Trimble, the nominating officer for the Ulster Unionist Party, nominated Mr Sam Foster to be the Minister (Designate) of the Environment.

Mr Foster affirmed the pledge of office as set out in Schedule 4 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998. The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Mr Foster as Minister (Designate) of the Environment.

- 5.6 Mr Hume, the nominating officer for the Social Democratic and Unionist Party, nominated Dr Sean Farren to be the Minister (Designate) of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment.

Dr Farren affirmed the pledge of office as set out in Schedule 4 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998. The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Dr Farren as Minister (Designate) of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment.

The Sitting was suspended at 5.49 pm and resumed at 6.04 pm.

- 5.7 Rev Dr Paisley, the nominating officer for the Democratic Unionist Party, nominated Mr Nigel Dodds to be the Minister (Designate) for Social Development.

Mr Dodds affirmed the pledge of office as set out in Schedule 4 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998. The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Mr Dodds as Minister (Designate) for Social Development.

- 5.8 Mr Trimble, the nominating officer for the Ulster Unionist Party, nominated Mr Michael McGimpsey to be the Minister (Designate) of Culture, Arts and Leisure.

Mr McGimpsey affirmed the pledge of office as set out in Schedule 4 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998. The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Mr McGimpsey as Minister (Designate) of Culture, Arts and Leisure.

The Sitting was suspended at 6.07 pm and resumed at 6.22 pm.

- 5.9 Mr Adams, the nominating officer for Sinn Féin, nominated Ms Bairbre de Brún to be the Minister (Designate) of Health, Social Services and Public Safety.

Ms de Brún affirmed the pledge of office as set out in Schedule 4 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998. The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Ms de Brún as Minister (Designate) of Health, Social Services and Public Safety.

- 5.10 Mr Hume, the nominating officer for the Social Democratic and Labour Party, nominated Mrs Bríd Rodgers to be the Minister (Designate) of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Mrs Rodgers affirmed the pledge of office as set out in Schedule 4 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Mrs Rodgers as Minister (Designate) of Agriculture and Rural Development.

The Sitting was suspended at 6.28 pm and resumed at 7.31 pm.

6. **Motion**

Proposed: that:

- ten Shadow Statutory Committees be established to advise and assist each Northern Ireland Minister (Designate) in the formulation of policy with respect to matters within his/her responsibilities and to undertake a scrutiny, policy development and consultation role with respect to each of the Ministers (Designate) which it will advise and assist;

- a Shadow Statutory Committee will be established to advise and assist each of the following:

The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development

The Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure

The Minister of Education

The Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment

The Minister of the Environment

The Minister of Finance and Personnel

The Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety

The Minister of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment

The Minister for Regional Development

The Minister for Social Development

- each Shadow Statutory Committee shall consist of 11 members.

[Mr F Cobain]

[Mr D Haughey]

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

7. **Appointment of Chairmen (Designate) and Deputy Chairmen (Designate) to Shadow Statutory Committees**

The Initial Presiding Officer informed the Assembly that he had received notification from Mr Doherty, nominating Mr McLaughlin, to be the nominating officer for Sinn Féin.

Mr Trimble, the nominating officer for the Ulster Unionist Party, nominated Mr Danny Kennedy to be Chairman of the Shadow Education Committee. Mr Kennedy indicated his agreement to accept the nomination.

The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Mr Kennedy as Chairman of the Shadow Education Committee.

- 7.1 Mr Hume, the nominating officer for the Social Democratic and Labour Party, nominated Mr Denis Haughey to be Chairman of the Shadow Regional Development Committee. Mr Haughey indicated his agreement to accept the nomination.

The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Mr Haughey as Chairman of the Shadow Regional Development Committee.

- 7.2 Rev Dr Paisley, the nominating officer for the Democratic Unionist Party, nominated Rev Dr Ian Paisley to be Chairman of the Shadow Agriculture and Rural Development Committee. Rev Dr Paisley indicated his agreement to accept the nomination.

The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Rev Dr Paisley as Chairman of the Shadow Agriculture and Rural Development Committee.

The Sitting was suspended at 7.42 pm and resumed at 7.52 pm.

- 7.3 Mr McLaughlin, the nominating officer for Sinn Féin, nominated Mr Pat Doherty to be Chairman of the Shadow Enterprise, Trade and Investment Committee. Mr Doherty indicated his agreement to accept the nomination.

The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Mr Doherty as Chairman of the Shadow Enterprise, Trade and Investment Committee.

- 7.4 Mr Trimble, the nominating officer for the Ulster Unionist Party, nominated Mr Fred Cobain to be Chairman of the Shadow Social Development Committee. Mr Cobain indicated his agreement to accept the nomination.

The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Mr Cobain as Chairman of the Shadow Social Development Committee.

- 7.5 Mr Hume, the nominating officer for the Social Democratic and Labour Party, nominated Dr Joe Hendron to be Chairman of the Shadow Health, Social Services and Public Safety Committee. Dr Hendron indicated his agreement to accept the nomination.

The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Dr Hendron as Chairman of the Shadow Health, Social Services and Public Safety Committee.

The Sitting was suspended at 7.55 pm and resumed at 8.10 pm.

- 7.6 Rev Dr Paisley, the nominating officer for the Democratic Unionist Party, nominated Rev Dr William McCrea to be Chairman of the Shadow Environment Committee. Rev Dr McCrea indicated his agreement to accept the nomination.

The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Rev Dr McCrea as Chairman of the Shadow Environment Committee.

- 7.7 Mr Trimble, the nominating officer for the Ulster Unionist Party, nominated Dr Esmond Birnie to be Chairman of the Shadow Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment Committee. Dr Birnie indicated his agreement to accept the nomination.

The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Dr Birnie as Chairman of the Shadow Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment Committee.

The Sitting was suspended at 8.11 pm and resumed at 8.17 pm.

- 7.8 Mr McLaughlin, the nominating officer for the Sinn Féin, nominated Mr Francie Molloy to be Chairman of the Shadow Finance and Personnel Committee. Mr Molloy indicated his agreement to accept the nomination.

The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Mr Molloy as Chairman of the Shadow Finance and Personnel Committee.

Mr Hume then nominated Mr Mallon to act on his behalf as nominating officer for the Social Democratic and Labour Party.

- 7.9 Mr Mallon, the nominating officer for the Social Democratic and Labour Party, nominated Mr Eamonn O'Neill as Chairman of the Shadow Culture, Arts and Leisure Committee. Mr O'Neill indicated his agreement to accept the nomination.

The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Mr O'Neill as Chairman of the Shadow Culture, Arts and Leisure Committee.

- 7.10 Mr Trimble, the nominating officer for the Ulster Unionist Party, nominated Mr George Savage as Deputy Chairman of the Shadow Agriculture and Rural Development Committee. Mr Savage indicated his agreement to accept the nomination.

The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Mr Savage as Deputy Chairman of the Shadow Agriculture and Rural Development Committee.

- 7.11 Rev Dr Paisley, the nominating officer for the Democratic Unionist Party, nominated Mr Sammy Wilson as Deputy Chairman of the Shadow Education Committee. Mr Wilson indicated his agreement to accept the nomination.

The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Mr Wilson as Deputy Chairman of the Shadow Education Committee.

- 7.12 Mr Sean Neeson, the nominating officer of the Alliance Party, nominated Mr Sean Neeson as Deputy Chairman of the Shadow Enterprise, Trade and Investment Committee. Mr Neeson indicated his agreement to accept the nomination.

The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Mr Neeson as Deputy Chairman of the Shadow Enterprise, Trade and Investment Committee.

- 7.13 Mr McLaughlin, the nominating officer for the Sinn Féin, nominated Ms Michelle Gildernew to be Deputy Chairperson for the Shadow Social Development Committee. Ms Gildernew indicated her agreement to accept the nomination.

The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Ms Gildernew as Deputy Chairperson for the Shadow Social Development Committee.

The Sitting was suspended at 8.22 pm and resumed at 8.34 pm.

- 7.14 Mr Mallon, the nominating officer for the Social Democratic and Labour Party, nominated Mr Tommy Gallagher as Deputy Chairman of the Shadow Health, Social Services and Public Safety Committee. Mr Gallagher indicated his agreement to accept the nomination.

The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Mr Gallagher as Deputy Chairman of the Shadow Health, Social Services and Public Safety Committee.

- 7.15 Mr Trimble, the nominating officer for the Ulster Unionist Party, nominated Mr Alan McFarland as Deputy Chairman of the Shadow Regional Development Committee. Mr McFarland indicated his agreement to accept the nomination.

The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Mr McFarland as Deputy Chairman of the Shadow Regional Development Committee.

- 7.16 Rev Dr Paisley, the nominating officer for the Democratic Unionist Party, nominated Mr Mervyn Carrick as Deputy Chairman of the Shadow Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment Committee. Mr Carrick indicated his agreement to accept the nomination.

The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Mr Carrick as Deputy Chairman of the Shadow Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment Committee.

At this point the Initial Presiding Officer confirmed that Mr Robert McCartney, the nominating officer for the United Kingdom Unionist Party, had indicated that he did not wish to participate in the D'Hondt procedure.

The Sitting was suspended at 8.39 pm and resumed at 8.44 pm.

- 7.17 Mr Mallon, the nominating officer for the Social Democratic and Labour Party, nominated Ms Carmel Hanna as Deputy Chairperson of the Shadow Environment Committee. Ms Hanna indicated her agreement to accept the nomination.

The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Ms Hanna as Deputy Chairperson of the Shadow Environment Committee.

- 7.18 Mr Trimble, the nominating officer for the Ulster Unionist Party, nominated Mr James Leslie as Deputy Chairman of the Shadow Finance and Personnel Committee. Mr Leslie indicated his agreement to accept the nomination.

The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Mr Leslie as Deputy Chairman of the Shadow Finance and Personnel Committee.

- 7.19 Mr McLaughlin, the nominating officer for the Sinn Fein, nominated Ms Mary Nelis to be Deputy Chairperson of the Shadow Culture, Arts and Leisure Committee. Ms Nelis indicated her agreement to accept the nomination.

The Initial Presiding Officer confirmed the appointment of Ms Nelis as Deputy Chairperson of the Shadow Culture, Arts and Leisure Committee.

The Sitting was suspended at 8.46 pm until 10.30 am on Tuesday 30 November 1999.

8. **Membership of Shadow Statutory Committees**

- 8.1 The Assembly resumed at 10.30 am and was, by leave, suspended at 10.33 am and resumed at 4.06 pm.

- 8.2 The list of Members of the Shadow Statutory Committees was read into the record:

Agriculture and Rural Development:

Mr Armstrong, Mr Bradley, Mr Douglas, Mr Ford, Mr Haughey, Mr McHugh, Mr Kane, Mr Molloy, Mr Paisley Jnr.

Culture, Arts and Leisure:

Dr Adamson, Mr Agnew, Mr Davis, Mr Hilditch, Mr McCarthy, Mr McElduff, Mr McMenamin, Mr Shannon, Mr J Wilson.

Education:

Mrs E Bell, Mr Benson, Mr Fee, Mr Gallagher, Mr Gibson, Mrs Lewsley, Mr McElduff, Mr McHugh, Mr K Robinson.

Enterprise, Trade and Investment:

Mr Attwood, Mr Campbell, Mr Clyde, Mr Dalton, Mrs Lewsley, Mr McClarty, Dr McDonnell, Ms Morrice, Dr O'Hagan.

Environment:

Mr Benson, Mrs Carson, Mr A Doherty, Mr Ford, Mr Leslie, Mr McLaughlin, Mr M Murphy, Mr Poots, Mr Watson.

Finance and Personnel:

Mr W Bell, Mr Close, Mr Dallat, Mr Gibson, Mr Kane, Mr McClelland, Mr Maskey, Mr Nesbitt, Mr Weir.

Health, Social Services and Public Safety:

Ms Armitage, Mr Berry, Mrs Carson, Ms Hanna, Mr J Kelly, Mr McFarland, Ms McWilliams, Ms Ramsey, Mrs I Robinson.

Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment:

Mr Beggs, Mr Byrne, Rev Coulter, Mr Dallat, Mr Hay, Mr R Hutchinson, Mr J Kelly, Ms McWilliams, Mrs Nelis.

Regional Development:

Mr Byrne, Mr Ervine, Mr Hay, Mr R Hutchinson, Mr Hussey, Mr A Maginness, Mr C Murphy, Mr Taylor, Mr Wells.

Social Development:

Sir John Gorman, Mr B Hutchinson, Mr G Kelly, Mr McClarty, Mr O'Connor, Mr O'Neill, Mr M Robinson, Mr Tierney, Mr S Wilson.

9. **Motion**

- 9.1 Proposed: That this Assembly agrees the publication of the Report issued by the Ad Hoc Committee (Port of Belfast) (NNIA 12).

[Mr A Maginness]

[Mr S Wilson]

- 9.2 The motion was carried **without** division.

10. **Adjournment**

- 10.1 Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Initial Presiding Officer]

The Assembly adjourned at 4.14 pm.

**The Lord Alderdice
Initial Presiding Officer**

30 November 1999

THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

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RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Gerry Adams	David Ford	Mitchel McLaughlin
Ian Adamson	Sam Foster	Eugene McMenamin
Fraser Agnew	Tommy Gallagher	Pat McNamee
Lord Alderdice	Oliver Gibson	Monica McWilliams
Pauline Armitage	Michelle Gildernew	Francie Molloy
Billy Armstrong	Sir John Gorman	Jane Morrice
Alex Attwood	Carmel Hanna	Maurice Morrow
Roy Beggs	Denis Haughey	Conor Murphy
Billy Bell	William Hay	Mick Murphy
Eileen Bell	Joe Hendron	Sean Neeson
Tom Benson	David Hilditch	Mary Nelis
Paul Berry	John Hume	Dermot Nesbitt
Esmond Birnie	Derek Hussey	Danny O'Connor
Norman Boyd	Billy Hutchinson	Dara O'Hagan
P J Bradley	Roger Hutchinson	Eamonn O'Neill
Joe Byrne	Gardiner Kane	Ian R K Paisley
Gregory Campbell	Gerry Kelly	Ian Paisley Jnr
Meryvn Carrick	John Kelly	Edwin Poots
Joan Carson	Danny Kennedy	Sue Ramsey
Seamus Close	James Leslie	Iris Robinson
Wilson Clyde	Patricia Lewsley	Ken Robinson
Fred Cobain	Alban Maginness	Mark Robinson
Robert Coulter	Séamus Mallon	Peter Robinson
John Dallat	Alex Maskey	Patrick Roche
Duncan Shipley Dalton	Kieran McCarthy	Bríd Rodgers
Ivan Davis	Robert McCartney	George Savage
Bairbre De Brún	David McClarty	Jim Shannon
Nigel Dodds	Donovan McClelland	John Taylor
Arthur Doherty	William McCrea	John Tierney
Pat Doherty	Alasdair McDonnell	David Trimble
Boyd Douglas	Barry McElduff	Denis Watson
Mark Durkan	Alan McFarland	Peter Weir
Sir Reg Empey	Michael McGimpsey	Jim Wells
David Ervine	Eddie McGrady	Cedric Wilson
Sean Farren	Martin McGuinness	Jim Wilson
John Fee	Gerry McHugh	Sammy Wilson

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DIVISIONS

Division No 1

Proposed by Mr Sean Neeson:

Proposed: That this Assembly wishes, notwithstanding his offer of resignation as deputy First Minister (designate), that Séamus Mallon MP hold office as deputy First Minister (designate).

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 71

Noes : 28

Ayes

Gerry Adams, Ian Adamson, Alex Attwood, Billy Bell, Eileen Bell, Tom Benson, Esmond Birnie, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, Joan Carson, Seamus Close, Fred Cobain, Robert Coulter, John Dallat, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, Bairbre de Brún, Arthur Doherty, Pat Doherty, Mark Durkan, Reg Empey, David Ervine, Sean Farren, John Fee, David Ford, Sam Foster, Tommy Gallagher, Michelle Gildernew, John Gorman, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, John Hume, Billy Hutchinson, Gerry Kelly, John Kelly, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Séamus Mallon, Alex Maskey, Kieran McCarthy, David McClarty, Donovan McClelland, Alasdair McDonnell, Barry McElduff, Alan McFarland, Michael McGimpsey, Eddie McGrady, Gerry McHugh, Mitchel McLaughlin, Eugene McMenamin, Pat McNamee, Monica McWilliams, Jane Morrice, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Sean Neeson, Mary Nelis, Dermot Nesbitt, Danny O'Connor, Dara O'Hagan, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, Ken Robinson, Brid Rodgers, George Savage, John Tierney, David Trimble, 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, Ian Paisley Jnr, Edwin Poots, Iris Robinson, Mark Robinson, Peter Robinson, Patrick Roche, Jim Shannon, Peter Weir, Jim Wells, Cedric Wilson, Sammy Wilson.

The motion was **carried**.

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PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY FROM

24 NOVEMBER 1999 to 1 DECEMBER 1999

1. **ORDERS IN COUNCIL**

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

3. **ASSEMBLY REPORTS**

4. **STATUTORY RULES**

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

SR No 444 Back Street at Earls Court Street, Etc., Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 446 Control of Traffic (Belfast) (No. 4) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 448 Employer's Liability (Compulsory Insurance) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DED)

SR No 449 Local Government (Payments to Councillors) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 450 Control of Traffic (Belfast) (No 5) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 451 Fair Employment (Specification of Public Authorities (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DED)

SR No 452 Fair Employment Tribunal (Rules of Procedure) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DED)

SR No 453 Control of Traffic (Newry) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 454 Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 455 Compulsory Registration of Title Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 456 Hightown Road, Newtownabbey (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 458 Roads (Speed Limit) (No. 6) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 459 One-Way Traffic (Londonderry) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 460 Cycle Tracks (Omagh) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 462 Mountainvale Drive / Mountainvale Crescent, Newtownabbey (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 463 Fair Employment and Treatment (Questions and Replies) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DED)

SR No 465 Cycle Tracks (Lurgan) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 466 One-Way Traffic (Belfast) (Amendment No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DOE)

SR No 467 The Jobseekers' Allowance (New Deal Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DHSS)

SR No 468 The Jobseekers' Allowance (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 (DHSS)

SR No 469 The Occupational Pensions (Revaluation) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999

5. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

6. DEPARTMENTAL PUBLICATIONS
Labour Market Statistics November 1999 (DED)

7. AGENCY PUBLICATIONS

8. WESTMINSTER PUBLICATIONS
Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Ireland establishing the Independent Commission for the Location of Victims' Remains (Cm 4344)

Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Ireland establishing the Independent Commission for the Location of Victims' Remains (Cm 4473)

1998/99 Annual Report of the Parliamentary Ombudsman for Northern Ireland and the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Complaints (HC 18)

SI No. 2936 The Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Commencement No. 4) Order 1999

SI No 3145 The Northern Ireland Assembly Commission (Crown Status) Order 1999

SI No 3146 The Parliamentary Copyright (Northern Ireland Assembly) Order 1999

9. MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS

Health and Safety Executive Corporate Plan 1999 – 2000

Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company Group Annual Report and Accounts 1998 – 1999

Northern Ireland Commissioner for the Rights of Trade Union Members Report and Accounts 01/04/98 to 31/03/99 and Northern Ireland Commissioner for Protection Against Unlawful Industrial Action Report and Accounts 01/04/98 to 31/03/99

10. ASSEMBLY RESEARCH PAPERS

Special Support Programme for Peace and Reconciliation – Constituency Analysis