

THE NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

LIST OF MOTIONS TABLED

2002/2003

The Minutes of Proceedings (MoPs) for each Assembly sitting are normally accompanied by a 'No Day Named' list of motions that have been tabled by the date of the sitting, but which have not yet been selected for debate by the Business Committee.

For the purposes of this Journal, the Speaker has agreed that the individual lists should not be reproduced, but that a consolidated list of all motions tabled should be produced and included at the end of each session's Minutes of Proceedings. This list is provided below.

If a motion was selected for debate, the Order Paper number and date of sitting are shown. Where a motion was not selected, it stood on the No Day Named list of motions until dissolution of the Assembly, unless it was withdrawn by the Member concerned.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Accelerated Passage

That in accordance with Standing Order 40(4), the Assembly grants accelerated passage to the Social Security Bill.

[Minister for Social Development]
[Tabled 2 September 2002]
[OP 01/02 – 9 September 2002]

Accelerated Passage

That in accordance with Standing Order 40(4), the Assembly grants accelerated passage to the State Pension Credit Bill.

[Minister for Social Development]
[Tabled 4 September 2002]
[OP 03/02 – 16 September 2002]

Review of Opportunities for Public Private Partnerships in Northern Ireland

That this Assembly notes the Report of the Review of Opportunities for Public Private Partnerships in Northern Ireland and the Executive consultation process on 'Financing our Future'.

[First Minister]
[Deputy First Minister]
[Minister of Finance and Personnel]
[Tabled 9 September 2002]
[OP 03/02 – 16 September 2002]

Draft Statutory Rule subject to approval by Resolution

That the draft Fixed Term Employees (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 be approved.

[Minister for Employment and Learning]
[Tabled 17 September 2002]
[OP 05/02 - 23 September 2002]

Statutory Rule Subject to Confirmatory Resolution

That the Part-Time Workers (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (SR 286/2002) be approved.

[Minister for Employment and Learning]
[Tabled 17 September 2002]
[OP 05/02 - 23 September 2002]

Draft Programme for Government

That this Assembly takes note of the draft Programme for Government.

[First Minister]
[Deputy First Minister]
[Tabled 17 September 2002]
[OP 06/02 - 24 September 2002]

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

That the Department for Employment and Learning's draft Code of Practice on Industrial Action Ballots and Notice to Employers be approved.

[Minister for Employment and Learning]
[Tabled 24 September 2002]
[OP 12/02 - 14 October 2002]

Draft Code of Practice on Disciplinary and Grievance Procedures

That the Labour Relations Agency's draft Code of Practice on Disciplinary and Grievance Procedures be approved.

[Minister for Employment and Learning]
[Tabled 24 September 2002]
[OP 12/02 - 14 October 2002]

Draft Code of Practice on Redundancy Consultation and Procedures

That the Labour Relations Agency's draft Code of Practice on Redundancy Consultation and Procedures be approved.

[Minister for Employment and Learning]
[Tabled 24 September 2002]
[OP 12/02 - 14 October 2002]

'Review of Post-Primary Education: Report on Responses to Consultation'

That this Assembly takes note of the 'Review of Post-Primary Education: Report on Responses to Consultation.'

[Minister of Education]
[Tabled 7 October 2002]
[OP 13/02 - 15 October 2002 – Suspension – No debate]

Statutory Rule subject to Confirmatory Resolution

That the Social Security (Intercalating Students Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (SR 243/2002) be approved.

[Minister for Social Development]
[Tabled 30 September 2002]

Statutory Rule subject to Confirmatory Resolution

That the Child Support (Temporary Compensation Payment Scheme) (Modification and Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (SR 247/2002) be approved.

[Minister for Social Development]
[Tabled 30 September 2002]

Statutory Rule subject to Confirmatory Resolution

That the Social Security and Child Support (Decisions and Appeals) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (SR 189/2002) be approved.

[Minister for Social Development]
[Tabled 30 September 2002]

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Extension of Committee Stage – Strategic Planning Bill (NIA Bill 17/01)

That, in accordance with Standing Order 31(5), the period referred to in Standing Order 31(3) be extended to 25 November 2002, in relation to the Committee Stage of the Strategic Planning Bill (NIA Bill 17/01).

[Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development]
[Tabled 2 September 2002]
[OP 01/02 – 9 September 2002]

Ad Hoc Committee: Draft Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 2002

That, pursuant to Standing Order 48(7), this Assembly appoints an Ad Hoc Committee to consider –

The proposal for a draft Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 referred by the Secretary of State and to submit a report to the Assembly by 17 December 2002.

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

Quorum: The quorum shall be five.

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

[Ms M McWilliams]
[Tabled 3 September 2002]
[OP 01/02 9 September 2002]

Committee Membership – Business Committee

That Ms Patricia Lewsley replace Mr John Tierney as a member of the Business Committee.

[Mr P J Bradley]
[Dr A McDonnell]
[Dr J Hendron]
[Tabled 10 September 2002]
[OP 03/02 – 16 September 2002]

Committee Membership – Committee for the Environment

That Mr Michael Coyle should serve on the Committee for the Environment.

[Mr P J Bradley]
[Dr A McDonnell]
[Dr J Hendron]
[Tabled 10 September 2002]
[OP 03/02 – 16 September 2002]

Committee Membership – Committee on Standards and Privileges

That Mr Michael Coyle should serve on the Committee on Standards and Privileges.

[Mr P J Bradley]
[Dr A McDonnell]
[Dr J Hendron]
[Tabled 10 September 2002]
[OP 03/02 – 16 September 2002]

Committee Membership – Committee for Employment and Learning

That Mr Michael Coyle should serve on the Committee for Employment and Learning.

[Mr P J Bradley]
[Dr A McDonnell]
[Dr J Hendron]
[Tabled 10 September 2002]
[OP 03/02 – 16 September 2002]

Extension of Committee Stage – Employment Bill (NIA Bill 11/01)

That, in accordance with Standing Order 31(5), the period referred to in Standing Order 31(3) be extended to 18 October 2002, in relation to the Committee Stage of the Employment Bill (NIA Bill 11/01).

[Chairperson, Committee for Employment and Learning]
[Tabled 5 September 2002]
[OP 04/02 – 17 September 2002]

Prayer of Annulment: Statutory Rule Subject to Negative Resolution

That the Seeds (Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (SR 257/2002) be annulled.

[Chairperson, Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development]
[Tabled 9 September 2002]
[OP 04/02 – 17 September 2002]

Extension of Committee Stage –
Housing Support Services Bill (NIA Bill 23/01)

That, in accordance with Standing Order 31(5), the period referred to in Standing Order 31(3) be extended to 13 December 2002, in relation to the Committee Stage of the Housing Support Services Bill (NIA Bill 23/01).

[Chairperson, Committee for Social Development]
[Tabled 10 September 2002]
[OP 04/02 – 17 September 2002]

Extension of Committee Stage – Housing Bill (NIA Bill 24/01)

That, in accordance with Standing Order 31(5), the period referred to in Standing Order 31(3) be extended to 13 December 2002, in relation to the Committee Stage of the Housing Bill (NIA Bill 24/01).

[Chairperson, Committee for Social Development]
[Tabled 10 September 2002]
[OP 04/02 – 17 September 2002]

Minister's Response to the Energy Inquiry Report

That this Assembly takes note of the response from the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment to the Committee's Report on Energy (3/01R).

[Chairperson, Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment]
[Tabled 3 September 2002]
[OP 05/02 - 23 September 2002]

Extension of Committee Stage –
Planning (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 12/01)

That, in accordance with Standing Order 31(5), the period referred to in Standing Order 31(3) be extended to 29 November 2002, in relation to the Committee Stage of the Planning (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 12/01).

[Chairperson, Committee for the Environment]
[Tabled 12 September 2002]
[OP 05/02 - 23 September 2002]

Extension of Committee Stage –
Local Air Quality Management Bill (NIA Bill 13/01)

That, in accordance with Standing Order 31(5), the period referred to in Standing Order 31(3) be extended to 29 November 2002, in relation to the Committee Stage of the Local Air Quality Management Bill (NIA Bill 13/01).

[Chairperson, Committee for the Environment]
[Tabled 12 September 2002]
[OP 05/02 - 23 September 2002]

Extension of Committee Stage –
Education and Libraries Bill (NIA Bill 21/01)

That, in accordance with Standing Order 31(5), the period referred to in Standing Order 31(3) be extended to 22 November 2002, in relation to the Committee Stage of the Education and Libraries Bill (NIA Bill 21/01).

[Chairperson, Committee for Education]
[Tabled 16 September 2002]
[OP 06/02 - 24 September 2002]

Extension of Committee Stage –
Commissioner for Children and Young People Bill (NIA Bill 20/01)

That, in accordance with Standing Order 31(5), the period referred to in Standing Order 31(3) be extended to 22 November 2002, in relation to the Committee Stage of the Commissioner for Children and Young People Bill (NIA Bill 20/01).

[Chairperson, Committee of the Centre]
[Tabled 18 September 2002]
[OP 07/02 - 30 September 2002]

Extension of Committee Stage – Marriage Bill (NIA Bill 18/01)

That, in accordance with Standing Order 31(5), the period referred to in Standing Order 31(3) be extended to 4 November 2002, in relation to the Committee Stage of the Marriage Bill (NIA Bill 18/01).

[Chairperson, Committee for Finance and Personnel]
[Tabled 20 September 2002]
[OP 07/02 - 30 September 2002]

Extension of Committee Stage –
Family Law (Divorce etc) Bill (NIA Bill 1/02)

That, in accordance with Standing Order 31(5), the period referred to in Standing Order 31(3) be extended to 9 December 2002, in relation to the Committee Stage of the Family Law (Divorce etc) Bill (NIA Bill 1/02).

[Chairperson, Committee for Finance and Personnel]
[Tabled 20 September 2002]
[OP 07/02 - 30 September 2002]

Extension of Committee Stage –
Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults Bill (NIA Bill 22/01)

That, in accordance with Standing Order 31(5), the period referred to in Standing Order 31(3) be extended to 22 November 2002, in relation to the Committee Stage of the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults Bill (NIA Bill 22/01).

[Chairperson, Committee for Health, Social Services and Public Safety]
[Tabled 27 September 2002]
[OP 09/02 - 7 October 2002]

Extension of Committee Stage –
Assembly Ombudsman for Northern Ireland (Assembly Standards) Bill
(NIA Bill 25/01)

That, in accordance with Standing Order 31(5), the period referred to in Standing Order 31(3) be extended to 6 December 2002, in relation to the Committee Stage of the Assembly Ombudsman for Northern Ireland (Assembly Standards) Bill (NIA Bill 25/01).

[Chairperson, Committee of the Centre]
[Tabled 3 October 2002]
[OP 12/02 - 14 October 2002]

Extension of Committee Stage – Harbours Bill (NIA Bill 5/02)

That, in accordance with Standing Order 31(5), the period referred to in Standing Order 31(3) be extended to 16 December 2002, in relation to the Committee Stage of the Harbours Bill (NIA Bill 5/02).

[Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development]
[Tabled 3 October 2002]
[OP 12/02 - 14 October 2002]

Department's Response to the 'Education and Training for Industry' Report

That this Assembly takes note of the Report from the Committee for Employment and Learning on the Department for Employment and Learning's Response to the Committee's Inquiry Report on 'Education and Training for Industry' (02/01R).

[Chairperson, Committee for Employment and Learning]
[Tabled 5 September 2002]
[OP 13/02 - 15 October 2002 - Suspension]

Committee of the Centre

That, in accordance with Standing Order 58(2), this Assembly approves the establishment of a second Sub-Committee of the Committee of the Centre.

[Chairperson, Committee of the Centre]
[Tabled 27 September 2002]

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Fire Fighters' Pay

That this Assembly recognises the valuable and courageous work undertaken by the Fire Service and calls for an immediate review of pay and conditions for fire fighters to ensure that these accurately reflect the highly skilled and professional role undertaken by fire fighters and fire control staff.

[Mr I Paisley Jnr]
[Mr J Shannon]
[Tabled 2 September 2002]
[OP 01/02 – 9 September 2002]

Asperger's Syndrome

That this Assembly calls on the Ministers of Education and Health, Social Services and Public Safety to instigate a comprehensive review of the services provided for people, adults and children, with Asperger's syndrome and the training of professionals specialising in the treatment of such individuals.

[Mr J Fee]
[Tabled 2 September 2002]
[OP 02/02 – 10 September 2002]

Anti-sectarianism

In its belief that all sections of our community have the right to exist and all people have the right to live free from violence and intimidation whether at home, at school, or the workplace, this Assembly expresses its sympathy to all those who have been the victims of sectarian murder, violence and intimidation in recent times, and rejects sectarianism and commits itself to providing leadership on this issue in practical ways. That this Assembly also re-affirms its commitment to non-violence and exclusively peaceful and democratic means to resolve disputes.

[Mr G Kelly]
[Mr A Maskey]
[Tabled 3 September 2002]
[OP 02/02 – 10 September 2002]

Hospital Waiting Lists

That this Assembly notes with concern the most recent statistics on hospital waiting lists and calls on the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety to put in place a policy that urgently addresses the needs of patients by reducing the number of patients and length of time spent on these waiting lists.

[Mr I Paisley Jnr]
[Tabled 10 September 2002]
[OP 04/02 – 17 September 2002]

Belfast Rape Crisis and Sexual Abuse Centre

That this Assembly notes the dire financial situation of the Belfast Rape Crisis and Sexual Abuse Centre and calls upon the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety and the Northern Ireland Office to provide adequate funding to ensure the long-term future of the Centre.

[Ms J Carson]
[Dr E Birnie]
[Mr F Cobain]
[Rev R Coulter]
[Tabled 13 September 2002]
[OP 07/02 – 30 September 2002]

Credit Card Abuse

That this Assembly notes the recent abuse of credit cards used in the payment of expenses by personnel in Government agencies, as contained in the reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General, and calls for a comprehensive review of how Government Departments and their agencies settle their accounts.

[Mr J Dallat]
[Tabled 2 September 2002]
[OP 08/02 – 1 October 2002]

MLA Appointment

That this Assembly appoints Seán Neeson MLA as its nominee to the Regional Chamber of the Congress of Regional and Local Authorities of Europe.

[Mr D Ford]
[Mr K McCarthy]
[Tabled 9 September 2002]
[OP 08/02 – 1 October 2002]

Victims' Memorial Garden

That this Assembly recognises the heartache and suffering of the families of victims who perished as a result of the September 11th terrorist attack in the United States and welcomes Her Majesty's Government's funding for a memorial garden in remembrance of those victims. Accordingly, this Assembly calls upon Her Majesty's Government to extend the same respect to the victims who died as a result of terrorism in this part of the United Kingdom by financing the creation of a similar memorial garden in Great Britain.

[Ms J Carson]
[Mr S Foster]
[Mr B Armstrong]
[Mr D Kennedy]
[Tabled 12 September 2002]
[OP 08/02 – 1 October 2002]

Prayer of Annulment: [End of Statutory Period: 15 October 2002]
Statutory Rule subject to Negative Resolution

That the Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (SR 283/2002) be annulled.

[Mr P Berry]
[Tabled 30 September 2002]
[OP 09/02 – 7 October 2002]

Fair Price Commission

That this Assembly notes the disastrous situation of agriculture in Northern Ireland and urges the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development to establish a Fair Price Commission with one of its principal functions being to investigate the distribution of profits within the Agri-Food sector.

[Mr G Savage]
[Tabled 5 September 2002]
[OP 10/02 – 8 October 2002]

Events on 4 October 2002

That this Assembly expresses deep concern at the implications of events on Friday 4 October 2002.

[Rev Dr I R K Paisley MP MEP]
[Mr P Robinson MP]
[Mr N Dodds MP]
[Mr M Morrow]
[Tabled 7 October 2002]
[OP 11/02 – 8 October 2002]-

Farming Industry

That this Assembly notes the dependence that the farming community and their unions have placed upon the devolved administration and is therefore of the view that suspension of its institutions and the return of agricultural responsibilities to the Westminster administration would be counter-productive to the good work carried out to save the industry over the past four years by the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, the Executive and the Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development.

[Mr P J Bradley]
[Mr J Dallat]
[Tabled 8 October 2002]
[OP 13/02 – 15 October 2002 – Suspension – no debate]

Policing

That this Assembly expresses concern at the comments of the Acting Chief Constable of 22 August 2002 that highlighted the failure of the Patten recommendations to address the issue of size of force and skills necessary to meet policing demands and that counter-terrorist activity is now at a higher scale than before 1997 and calls for the following:

- the retention of the Full-Time Reserve as a crucial element of delivering policing both in terms of numbers and skill capabilities;
- the courts to deploy stiffer sentencing policy against criminals;
- the use of anti-terrorism legislation to bring together all government agencies to effectively tackle crime;
- the postponement of the fourth year of the Patten severance scheme;
- the immediate re-deployment of former RUC officers to fill the skills gap that now exists; and

- an end to the political policing by way of having different tactics and sentencing arrangements for the two sections of the community.

[Mr I Paisley Jnr]
[Mr S Wilson]
[Mr W Hay]
[Tabled 2 September 2002]

Preserving Stormont Estate

That this Assembly, wishing to preserve the built and natural environment of the Stormont Estate and its immediate surrounding district of distinctive and long established townscape, wishes legislation to be brought forward to create a 'Stormont Designated Area' to extend to the Massey Avenue/Castlehill Road junction, within which any additional building or any replacement building is subject to the authorisation of the Assembly Commission and is consistent with the type, purpose, mass and dimension of existing buildings and reflects the unique character of this suburb.

[Mr T Hamilton]
[Mr K Robinson]
[Tabled 2 September 2002]

Underfunding in the Health Service

That this Assembly endorses the campaigns in the local media and supports the initiative taken by Northern Ireland Construction Health and Safety Group (NICON) to prioritise public expenditure to provide the additional resources necessary to address the serious underfunding in the Health Service and calls on the Executive Committee to bring forward proposals within the current financial year to begin to remedy this situation.

[Mr J Kelly]
[Ms S Ramsey]
[Tabled 2 September 2002]

'Investing for Health'

That this Assembly takes note of the 'Investing for Health' document.

[Ms S Ramsey]
[Mr J Kelly]
[Tabled 2 September 2002]

Free Nursing Care for the Elderly

That this Assembly calls on the Executive to provide the finance which would allow the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety to follow on from the introduction of Free Nursing Care for the Elderly to include Free Personal Care.

[Ms S Ramsey]

[Mr J Kelly]

[Tabled 2 September 2002]

Review of Sources of Economic Advice

That this Assembly notes the outcome of the review of sources of economic advice to government and calls on OFMDFM to guarantee the independence of the new arrangements replacing the Northern Ireland Economic Council and Northern Ireland Economic Research Centre.

[Dr E Birnie]

[Tabled 2 September 2002]

Decentralisation of Civil Service Jobs

That this Assembly calls on the Executive to begin a meaningful and planned decentralisation of Civil Service jobs to areas outside Greater Belfast, keeping in mind the need to address issues of equality, care for the environment and best use of human resources as well as cost.

[Mr J Dallat]

[Tabled 2 September 2002]

Postal Delivery Service

That this Assembly expresses concern at the threat posed to the universal postal delivery service as a result of the proposals by Postcomm, which would allow competitors to “cherry-pick” the profitable parts of the postal service.

[Mr J Dallat]

[Tabled 2 September 2002]

Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict

That this Assembly takes note that 300,000 children under 18, and some as young as six years old, both boys and girls, are fighting as soldiers with Government armed forces and armed opposition groups in more than 30 countries world-wide; that children are particularly at risk in Africa and parts of Asia and the Pacific; that the use of children as soldiers must be made completely unacceptable in any circumstances; that Governments in developed countries must be persuaded to take action not only to protect children in their countries but to protect children world-wide; and therefore urges the British Government immediately to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict in full without reservations and to persuade other European Union countries to do the same.

[Mr E McGrady MP]
[Tabled 2 September 2002]

Areas of Special Scientific Interest

That this Assembly calls on the Minister of the Environment to ensure that the new consultation document on areas of special scientific interest, which will have a widespread impact on the farming industry, rural communities and the environment, is withdrawn.

[Mr E McGrady MP]
[Tabled 2 September 2002]

Investment in the Trans European Network routes

That this Assembly calls upon the Department for Regional Development to work in close co-operation with the National Roads Authority in the Republic of Ireland to further the development of and investment in the Trans European Network (TENS).

[Mr J Byrne]
[Tabled 2 September 2002]

Dissolution of Assembly

This Assembly resolves, pursuant to Section 32(1) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, that it should be dissolved to facilitate an early election.

[Rev Dr I R K Paisley MP MEP]
[Mr P Robinson MP]
[Mr M Morrow]
[Rev Dr W McCrea]
[Tabled 2 September 2002]

Third Party Appeals

That this Assembly calls on the Minister of the Environment to introduce Third Party Appeals in the current review of Planning legislation.

[Ms M McWilliams]
[Ms J Morrice]
[Tabled 3 September 2002]

Charities Commissioner

That this Assembly gives consideration to the establishment of a Charities Commissioner for Northern Ireland.

[Ms M McWilliams]
[Ms J Morrice]
[Tabled 3 September 2002]

Plastic Bags

That this Assembly calls on the UK Environment Minister, Michael Meacher MP, to introduce a tax on non bio-degradable plastic bags.

[Ms M McWilliams]
[Ms J Morrice]
[Tabled 3 September 2002]

Euro

That this Assembly calls on all parties to encourage support for a yes vote in a referendum on the introduction of the Single European Currency to the United Kingdom.

[Ms M McWilliams]
[Ms J Morrice]
[Tabled 3 September 2002]

Student Bursaries

That this Assembly calls for an urgent review of the qualifying threshold for student bursaries and also calls for the Executive to begin discussions about the introduction of education maintenance allowances for 16 to 19 year olds.

[Mr T Gallagher]
[Tabled 3 September 2002]

Student Fees

That this Assembly calls on the Minister for Employment and Learning to take immediate steps to end student fees for third level education.

[Mr B McElduff]
[Ms M Gildernew]
[Tabled 3 September 2002]

Peace II Allocations

That this Assembly takes note of the allocations made under the Peace II EU support programme.

[Mr P Doherty MP]
[Mr G McHugh]
[Tabled 3 September 2002]

Brucellosis

That this Assembly calls on the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development to implement immediately an effective eradication policy to deal with the outbreak of brucellosis.

[Mr C Murphy]
[Mr G McHugh]
[Tabled 3 September 2002]

Racist Incidents

That this Assembly takes note of the recent report by the national consultative committee on racism and interculturism 'Reporting of Racist Incidents'.

[Mr A Maskey]
[Tabled 3 September 2002]

Patrick Finucane

That this Assembly supports the Finucane family in its demand for a full independent public judicial inquiry into the killing of Patrick Finucane.

[Mr G Kelly]
[Tabled 3 September 2002]

Pollution to the Water Supply

That this Assembly notes the detrimental effect on the community and environment of pollution to the water supply and calls on Crown immunity from prosecution for the Water Service to be abolished.

[Ms M Nelis]
[Tabled 3 September 2002]

Planning Legislation

That this Assembly calls on the Minister of the Environment to introduce planning legislation to compel developers to maintain land in their ownership that is surplus to development requirements.

[Ms M Nelis]
[Tabled 3 September 2002]

Plastic Bag Environmental Levy

Noting that current packaging and packaging waste legislation has not been effective, this Assembly calls on the Minister of the Environment to:

- (i) introduce new legislation to control the use of plastic bags; and
- (ii) make representations to the Secretary of State and/or through the British/Irish Council to have the British Government introduce a plastic bag environmental levy of 10p and to use the proceeds to establish a special zero waste fund to support district councils and non-governmental organisations in their efforts to implement the Northern Ireland waste management strategy.

[Mr M McLaughlin]
[Tabled 3 September 2002 - but withdrawn by the Member]

Bloody Sunday

That this Assembly supports the relatives of those killed on Bloody Sunday in their effort to establish the truth, through the Saville Inquiry.

[Ms M Nelis]
[Tabled 3 September 2002]

Car Crimes

That this Assembly calls on the Executive to set up a car crime task force to consider and make proposals with respect to all relevant areas; calls on the British Government to review the law on offences involving car theft including recommendations for longer sentences; and calls on the relevant legal authorities to review bail policy for those charged with car crime.

[Ms P Lewsley]
[Ms S Ramsey]
[Tabled 5 September 2002]

Establishment of an All Island Structure

That this Assembly supports the establishment of an all island structure to represent our interests in Agriculture and Rural Development at EU and wider level in co-operation with farm organisations North and South.

[Mr G McHugh]
[Tabled 5 September 2002]

‘The Foot-and-Mouth Disease Crisis and the Irish Border’ Report

That this Assembly takes note of the Centre for Cross Border Studies Report ‘The Foot-and-Mouth Disease Crisis and the Irish Border’.

[Mr G McHugh]
[Tabled 5 September 2002]

Interdepartmental Working Group

That this Assembly calls on the Executive to establish without further delay, and in addition to the planned Review of Community Relations Policy, an Interdepartmental Working Group to tackle the problem of paramilitary flags and sectarian graffiti as unanimously agreed by this Assembly on 24 September 2001.

[Mr K McCarthy]
[Tabled 6 September 2002]

Gibraltar

That this Assembly notes the forthcoming referendum in Gibraltar and calls upon the British Government to recognise and respect the democratically expressed wishes of the citizens of Gibraltar.

[The Lord Kilclooney]
[Sir Reg Empey]
[The Rt Hon D Trimble MP]
[Mr M McGimpsey]
[Tabled 9 September 2002]

Turkmenistan

That this Assembly urges the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs to make representations to the United Nations to intervene on behalf of all religious groups who have been subject to extreme subjugation and repression under the undemocratic Government of Turkmenistan.

[Mr J Shannon]
[Tabled 9 September 2002]

RUC Radio System

That this Assembly calls upon the Government to investigate fully the alleged link between the RUC's radio system and the disproportionately high number of Special Branch's anti-terrorist officers who have contracted or died of cancer.

[Mr J Shannon]
[Tabled 9 September 2002]

Child Abuse

That this Assembly urges the Home Secretary to enact legislation that will in effect be a "Sarah's Law" for the United Kingdom and further urges him to investigate thoroughly the law in America known as "Megan's Law" and to apply the workable parts of it to this country as soon as possible.

[Mr J Shannon]
[Tabled 9 September 2002]

Funding for Childcare Provision

That this Assembly calls upon the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety to make adequate funding available for all aspects of childcare provision in Northern Ireland.

[Mr J Shannon]
[Tabled 9 September 2002]

Prevention of Bullying in the Workplace

That this Assembly believes that existing legislation aimed at the prevention of bullying in the workplace is inadequate and that increased effort needs to be directed towards introducing legislation to minimise the occurrence of such bullying.

[Mr J Shannon]
[Tabled 9 September 2002]

Attacks on Emergency Services Staff

That this Assembly condemns the mindless attacks against emergency services workers; recognises the vital role that fire-fighters, ambulance staff and police officers provide in supporting the local community and ensuring public safety, and considers that the Northern Ireland Executive and the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland should take all necessary steps to ensure that the safety of all staff who work within the emergency services is safeguarded.

[Mr D Hussey]
[Mr M McGimpsey]
[Mr K Robinson]
[Dr E Birnie]
[Tabled 10 September 2002]

Increasing Insurance Costs

That this Assembly calls on the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment to investigate the increasing cost of insurance for small businesses and the voluntary and community sector; and to make representations to the British Chancellor of the Exchequer to alleviate their burden.

[Mr F Molloy]
[Mr B McElduff]
[Ms M Gildernew]
[Tabled 10 September 2002]

War on Iraq

That this Assembly expresses its grave concern at the current threat of war against Iraq, and of the potential to cause further instability in the region. This Assembly calls on the Prime Minister to work through the United Nations and its Security Council, in keeping with international law, to achieve a resolution of the current crisis and secure peace and stability in the region.

[Ms M McWilliams]
[Ms J Morrice]
[Tabled 12 September 2002]

'Foot-and-Mouth Disease' Report by PricewaterhouseCoopers

That this Assembly notes the report by PricewaterhouseCoopers on Foot-and-Mouth Disease and calls on the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development to put in place the necessary measures to prevent the re-occurrence of this disease.

[Mr I Paisley Jnr]
[Tabled 12 September 2002]

Anorexia, Bulimia

That this Assembly notes the lack of facilities for those who suffer from anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa and calls upon the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety to make Province-wide provision in the National Health Service for specific clinical facilities and services to help those who struggle to cope with these illnesses.

[Mrs I Robinson MP]
[Mr P Berry]
[Tabled 16 September 2002]

Non-Natural Deaths in the Armed Forces

That this Assembly calls on the Ministry of Defence to provide an independent public inquiry into the cause and circumstances surrounding 13 non-natural deaths which have occurred in the armed forces in Northern Ireland since 1994.

[Mr M Robinson]
[Mr S Wilson]
[Tabled 16 September 2002]

NICS 'Article 55 Review'

That this Assembly notes the publication of the fourth 'Article 55 Review' of the Northern Ireland Civil Service and calls on the Minister of Finance and Personnel to undertake a comprehensive analysis of the recruitment figures for the General Service Grades (comprising more than 17,000 employees) with a view to implementing a programme aimed at ensuring equality of opportunity across those grades.

[Mr G Campbell MP]
[Tabled 17 September 2002]

Child Poverty

That this Assembly calls on the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister to give particular attention to child poverty as a priority within the Children's Strategy.

[Ms P Lewsley]
[Tabled 23 September 2002]

Entry into Force of the Kyoto Protocol

That this Assembly welcomes the impending Entry into Force of the Kyoto Protocol; recognises that there are environmental, economic and ethical reasons for addressing our 'ecological debt' and climate change; and urges all Departments represented in the Executive and the Assembly Commission to join with industry and citizens in taking a lead in breaking the link between economic growth and our reliance on fossil fuels.

[Dr D O'Hagan]
[Amended motion - Tabled 26 September 2002]

Road Fuel Tax

That this Assembly calls on the Executive to make representations to the British and Irish Governments to seek the harmonisation of road fuel prices on the island of Ireland; and further calls on the Executive to make representations to the British Chancellor of the Exchequer to create a special road fuel tax and VAT zone.

[Mr F Molloy]
[Tabled 26 September 2002]

Drink-driving related fatalities

That this Assembly notes with concern that drinking and driving is a major factor in deaths on our roads and streets.

[Ms M Nelis]
[Mr F Molloy]
[Tabled 26 September 2002]

Public Judicial Inquiry

That this Assembly calls for a full public judicial inquiry into the alleged involvement of leading Members of Sinn Féin elected to the Assembly, in IRA murder and terrorism.

[Mr C Wilson]
[Mr P Roche]
[Mr N Boyd]
[Tabled 1 October 2002]

Ulster Farmers' Union CARE Campaign

That this Assembly endorses the Ulster Farmers' Union CARE Campaign voicing concerns about the rural exodus that is currently blighting the countryside and urges the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development to take all steps necessary to support the campaign.

[Mr J Shannon]
[Tabled 2 October 2002]