



**Northern Ireland
Assembly**

COMMITTEE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2016

SENATE CHAMBER, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

Present: Ms Anna Lo MLA (Chairperson)
Mrs Pam Cameron MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Cathal Boylan MLA
Mr Paul Girvan MLA
Mr William Irwin MLA
Mr Ian Milne MLA
Mr Alastair Patterson MLA

In Attendance: Miss Ciara McKay (Assembly Clerk)
Mr Mark McQuade (Assistant Clerk)
Mr Neil Sedgewick (Clerical Supervisor)
Mrs Sharon Young (Clerical Officer)

Apologies: Mr Alban Maginness MLA
Mr Barry McElduff MLA
Mr Patsy McGlone MLA
Mr George Robinson MLA

The meeting began in public session at 10.24am.

6. The Scrap Metal Dealers Bill – Formal Clause by Clause consideration.

The Committee commenced its formal clause by clause consideration of the Scrap Metal Dealers Bill.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that at its meeting on Tuesday 9 February 2016 it had reached a consensus that the Committee had run out of time to give proper consideration to all of the issues that had been raised on the Bill;

including the amendments proposed by the Department, which impact on every clause other than Clause 21 (short title).

Agreed: The Committee agreed that the remaining time left in the Committee Stage would not be sufficient to resolve any outstanding issues.

Clauses 1 to 20.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it would group clauses 1 to 20 in the Scrap Metal Dealers Bill for the formal question.

“Question: That the Committee is not content to form a view of Clauses 1 to 20, as the Committee is unable to give proper consideration and scrutiny of the complex issues raised at Committee Stage within the time remaining, including that it does not have a full understanding of the impact that the Bill will have on the scrap metal industry, put and agreed to.”

Clause 21

“Question: That the Committee is content with the clause as drafted, put and agreed to.”

Schedules 1 and 2

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it would group schedules 1 and 2 in the Scrap Metal Dealers Bill for the formal question.

“Question: That the Committee is not content to form a view of Schedules 1 and 2, as the Committee is unable to give proper consideration and scrutiny of the complex issues raised at Committee Stage within the time remaining, including that it does not have a full understanding of the impact that the Bill will have on the scrap metal industry, put and agreed to.”

Long Title

“Question: That the Committee is content with the Long Title of the Bill, put and agreed to.”

Committee report

The Committee considered the draft Committee Report on the Scrap Metal Dealers Bill.

The Committee considered the Executive Summary section of the report.

Agreed: The Committee was content with the Executive Summary section as drafted.

The Committee considered the Introduction section of the report.

Agreed: The Committee was content with the Introduction section as drafted.

The Committee considered the Committee Approach section of the report.

Agreed: The Committee was content with the Committee Approach section as drafted.

The Committee considered the Key Issues section of the report.

Agreed: The Committee was content with the Key Issues section as drafted.

The Committee considered the Issues raised by the Department of the Environment section of the report.

Agreed: The Committee was content with the Issues raised by the Department of the Environment section as drafted.

The Committee considered the Issues addressed by the Sponsor of the Bill section of the report.

Agreed: The Committee was content with the Issues addressed by the Sponsor of the Bill section as drafted.

The Committee considered the Proposed Departmental Amendments section of the report.

Agreed: The Committee was content with the Proposed Departmental Amendments section as drafted.

The Committee considered the Summary of Other Evidence section of the report.

Agreed: The Committee was content with the Summary of Other Evidence section, subject to an amendment to paragraph 42.

Mr Girvan left the meeting at 11.38am

The Committee considered the Clause-by-Clause Consideration section of the report.

Agreed: The Committee was content with the Clause-by-Clause Consideration section of the report as drafted.

The Committee considered Appendices 1 to 6 of the draft Report.

Agreed: The Committee was content with Appendices 1 to 6.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content for the Chair to approve an extract from the minutes of the meeting on 9th February 2016; and the extract of the minutes of this meeting to be included in its report.

Agreed: The Committee ordered its report on the Scrap Metal Dealers Bill (NIA 307/11-16) to be printed.

Mr Girvan re-joined the meeting at 11.42am

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Business Committee expressing concern about the scheduling of Bills approaching the end of the Mandate.

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