



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Assembly and Executive Reform (Assembly Opposition) Bill
Marshalled List of Amendments
Consideration Stage
Tuesday 2 February 2016

Amendments tabled up to 9.30am Wednesday, 27 January 2016 and selected for debate

The Bill will be considered in the following order-
Clauses, Schedule and Long Title

Clause 1

The Members listed below give notice of their intention to oppose the question that clause 1 stand part of the Bill.

*Mr Raymond McCartney
Ms Caitriona Ruane
Mr Pat Sheehan*

Amendment 1

Clause 2, Page 1, Line 16

Leave out subsections (2) and (3) and insert -

‘(2) The Opposition may be formed by one or more qualifying parties.

(3) A qualifying party is a political party—

- (a) whose members comprise 5% or more of the total number of members of the Assembly, and
- (b) which does not contain a member who is a Minister.’

Mr John McCallister

Amendment 2

Clause 2, Page 1, Line 17

Leave out from second 'or' to end of line 18

*Ms Paula Bradley
Mr Gregory Campbell
Mr Alastair Ross
Mr Stephen Moutray*

Amendment 3

Clause 2, Page 2

Leave out lines 5 to 7

*Ms Paula Bradley
Mr Gregory Campbell
Mr Alastair Ross
Mr Stephen Moutray*

Clause 2

The Members listed below give notice of their intention to oppose the question that clause 2 stand part of the Bill.

*Mr Raymond McCartney
Ms Caitriona Ruane
Mr Pat Sheehan*

Amendment 4

Clause 3, Page 2

Leave out subsection (2)

Mr John McCallister

Amendment 5

Clause 3, Page 2

Leave out subsection (3)

*Ms Paula Bradley
Mr Gregory Campbell
Mr Alastair Ross
Mr Stephen Moutray*

Amendment 6

Clause 3, Page 2, Line 22

Leave out 'by one or more technical groups'

Mr John McCallister

Amendment 7

Clause 3, Page 2, Line 28

At end insert -

'(3A) The Opposition may also be formed within one month of this section coming into operation.'

Mr John McCallister

Clause 3

The Members listed below give notice of their intention to oppose the question that clause 3 stand part of the Bill.

Mr Raymond McCartney

Ms Caitriona Ruane

Mr Pat Sheehan

Clause 4

The Members listed below give notice of their intention to oppose the question that clause 4 stand part of the Bill.

Mr Raymond McCartney

Ms Caitriona Ruane

Mr Pat Sheehan

Ms Paula Bradley

Mr John McCallister

Clause 5

The Members listed below give notice of their intention to oppose the question that clause 5 stand part of the Bill.

Mr Raymond McCartney

Ms Caitriona Ruane

Mr Pat Sheehan

Mr John McCallister

Amendment 8

New Clause

After clause 5 insert -

‘Dissolution of the Opposition

5A.—(1) Standing orders must make provision for the dissolution of the Opposition in accordance with this section.

(2) If all Ministers cease to hold office in accordance with section 18(1) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, the Opposition is dissolved.

(3) Where the Opposition was formed by one qualifying party only, and that party subsequently contains a member who is a Minister, the Opposition is dissolved.’

Mr John McCallister

Amendment 9

Clause 6, Page 3, Line 6

Leave out from ‘offices’ to ‘Opposition’ on line 7 and insert ‘offices in the leadership of the Opposition’

Mr John McCallister

Amendment 10

Clause 6, Page 3, Line 10

Leave out ‘Opposition’ and insert ‘Non-Executive Party’

Mr John McCallister

Amendment 11

Clause 6, Page 3, Line 11

Leave out ‘Opposition’ and insert ‘Non-Executive Party’

Mr John McCallister

Amendment 12

Clause 6, Page 3, Line 14

Leave out ‘Opposition’ and insert ‘Largest Non-Executive Party’

Mr John McCallister

Amendment 13

Clause 6, Page 3, Line 16

Leave out ‘Deputy Leader of the Opposition’ and insert ‘Leader of the Second-Largest Non-Executive Party’

Mr John McCallister

Amendment 14

Clause 6, Page 3

Leave out subsections (4) and (5)

*Ms Paula Bradley
Mr Gregory Campbell
Mr Alastair Ross
Mr Stephen Moutray*

Amendment 15

Clause 6, Page 3

Leave out subsection (4)

Mr John McCallister

Amendment 16

Clause 6, Page 3, Line 20

At end insert -

‘(4A) Standing orders may provide for alternative names for the offices in the leadership of the Opposition.’

Mr John McCallister

Clause 6

The Members listed below give notice of their intention to oppose the question that clause 6 stand part of the Bill.

*Mr Raymond McCartney
Ms Caitriona Ruane
Mr Pat Sheehan*

Amendment 17

Clause 7, Page 3, Line 32

Leave out 'Leader and Deputy Leader of the Opposition' and insert 'leadership of the Opposition'

Mr John McCallister

Clause 7

The Members listed below give notice of their intention to oppose the question that clause 7 stand part of the Bill.

Mr Raymond McCartney

Ms Caitriona Ruane

Mr Pat Sheehan

Amendment 18

New Clause

After clause 7 insert -

'Speaking rights in the Assembly

7A. Standing orders must make provision that speaking rights in the Assembly are allocated on the basis of party strength.'

Mr John McCallister

Amendment 19

Clause 8, Page 3, Line 38

Leave out '15' and insert '10'

Ms Paula Bradley

Mr Gregory Campbell

Mr Alastair Ross

Mr Stephen Moutray

Amendment 20

Clause 8, Page 3, Line 39

At end insert -

'(2A) After the formation of an Executive and an Opposition, enhanced speaking rights for the Opposition shall be calculated as rights enhanced by 20% at the expense of Executive speaking rights.'

Mr John McCallister

Clause 8

The Members listed below give notice of their intention to oppose the question that clause 8 stand part of the Bill.

*Mr Raymond McCartney
Ms Caitriona Ruane
Mr Pat Sheehan*

Amendment 21

Clause 9, Page 4, Line 5

Leave out from 'Leader' to 'Opposition' on line 6 and insert 'Leader of the Non-Executive Party, Leader of the Largest Non-Executive Party'

Mr John McCallister

Amendment 22

Clause 9, Page 4, Line 7

Leave out from 'Deputy' to 'Opposition' on line 8 and insert 'Deputy Leader of the Non-Executive Party, Leader of the Second-Largest Non-Executive Party'

Mr John McCallister

Clause 9

The Members listed below give notice of their intention to oppose the question that clause 9 stand part of the Bill.

*Mr Raymond McCartney
Ms Caitriona Ruane
Mr Pat Sheehan*

Clause 10

The Members listed below give notice of their intention to oppose the question that clause 10 stand part of the Bill.

*Mr Raymond McCartney
Ms Caitriona Ruane
Mr Pat Sheehan*

Clause 11

The Members listed below give notice of their intention to oppose the question that clause 11 stand part of the Bill.

*Mr Raymond McCartney
Ms Caitriona Ruane
Mr Pat Sheehan*

Clause 12

The Members listed below give notice of their intention to oppose the question that clause 12 stand part of the Bill.

*Mr Raymond McCartney
Ms Caitriona Ruane
Mr Pat Sheehan
Ms Paula Bradley
Mr Danny Kennedy*

Clause 13

The Members listed below give notice of their intention to oppose the question that clause 13 stand part of the Bill.

*Mr Raymond McCartney
Ms Caitriona Ruane
Mr Pat Sheehan*

Clause 14

The Members listed below give notice of their intention to oppose the question that clause 14 stand part of the Bill.

*Mr Raymond McCartney
Ms Caitriona Ruane
Mr Pat Sheehan*

Clause 15

The Members listed below give notice of their intention to oppose the question that clause 15 stand part of the Bill.

*Mr Raymond McCartney
Ms Caitriona Ruane
Mr Pat Sheehan*

Amendment 23

Clause 16, Page 5, Line 15

Leave out from ‘to’ to end of line 19

Mr John McCallister

Clause 16

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

Mr Raymond McCartney

Ms Caitriona Ruane

Mr Pat Sheehan

Ms Paula Bradley

Amendment 24

Clause 17, Page 5, Line 21

Leave out from ‘, where’ to ‘parties,’ on line 22’

Mr John McCallister

Clause 17

The Members listed below give notice of their intention to oppose the question that clause 17 stand part of the Bill.

Mr Raymond McCartney

Ms Caitriona Ruane

Mr Pat Sheehan

Ms Paula Bradley

Amendment 25

Clause 18, Page 5, Line 31

Leave out from ‘Leader’ to ‘Opposition’ on line 32 and insert ‘leadership of the Opposition’

Mr John McCallister

Clause 18

The Members listed below give notice of their intention to oppose the question that clause 18 stand part of the Bill.

*Mr Raymond McCartney
Ms Caitriona Ruane
Mr Pat Sheehan*

Amendment 26

Clause 19, Page 5, Line 36

Leave out from the beginning to ‘1998’ on line 37 and insert ‘budget committee’

Mr John McCallister

Amendment 27

Clause 19, Page 5, Line 37

At end insert -

‘(1A) That committee may—

- (a) scrutinise the draft budget laid before the Assembly under section 64 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998,
- (b) review the delivery of the budget, for example by matching spending against outcomes,
- (c) examine the financial memorandum of each Bill introduced into the Assembly,
- (d) examine the implications of any changes to powers to raise taxes.’

Mr John McCallister

Amendment 28

Clause 19, Page 5, Line 37

At end insert -

‘(1A) The Budget Committee will consider quarterly budget forecasts, reports, estimates and oral evidence collated from all departments and presented by a bespoke unit in the Department of Finance and Personnel dedicated to servicing the requirements and supporting the scrutiny work of the Committee.’

*Mr Colum Eastwood
Mr Alex Attwood
Mr Seán Rogers*

Clause 19

The Members listed below give notice of their intention to oppose the question that clause 19 stand part of the Bill.

*Mr Raymond McCartney
Ms Caitriona Ruane
Mr Pat Sheehan
Ms Paula Bradley*

Clause 20

The Members listed below give notice of their intention to oppose the question that clause 20 stand part of the Bill.

*Mr Raymond McCartney
Ms Caitriona Ruane
Mr Pat Sheehan
Ms Paula Bradley*

Clause 21

The Members listed below give notice of their intention to oppose the question that clause 21 stand part of the Bill.

*Mr Raymond McCartney
Ms Caitriona Ruane
Mr Pat Sheehan
Ms Paula Bradley*

Amendment 29

Clause 22, Page 6, Line 28

Leave out from 'and' to end of line 29

*Ms Paula Bradley
Mr Gregory Campbell
Mr Alastair Ross
Mr Stephen Moutray*

Clause 22

The Members listed below give notice of their intention to oppose the question that clause 22 stand part of the Bill.

*Mr Raymond McCartney
Ms Caitriona Ruane
Mr Pat Sheehan*

Clause 23

The Members listed below give notice of their intention to oppose the question that clause 23 stand part of the Bill.

*Mr Raymond McCartney
Ms Caitriona Ruane
Mr Pat Sheehan*

Clause 24

The Members listed below give notice of their intention to oppose the question that clause 24 stand part of the Bill.

*Mr Raymond McCartney
Ms Caitriona Ruane
Mr Pat Sheehan*

Amendment 30

Schedule, Page 7, Line 7

At end insert -

‘Petition of Concern Reform

2A. The motion may request that upon the tabling of a valid Petition of Concern under section 42 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, voting be postponed and an Ad-Hoc Committee on conformity with Equality Arrangements, exercising the powers in section 44 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, be established within the Assembly to scrutinise the effects on human rights and equality of the proposal in question. If this committee should report adverse findings to the Assembly the vote on the matter should require cross-community support as defined in section 4(5) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998. However if the committee should report no adverse findings the petition shall be deemed to be invalid and the vote shall proceed on a simple majority basis.’

*Mr Colum Eastwood
Mr Alex Attwood
Mr Seán Rogers*

Amendment 31

Schedule, Page 7

Leave out paragraphs 3 to 6

Mr Colum Eastwood
Mr Alex Attwood
Mr Seán Rogers

Amendment 32

Schedule, Page 7, Line 16

Leave out from ‘and,’ to end of line 17

Ms Paula Bradley
Mr Gregory Campbell
Mr Alastair Ross
Mr Stephen Moutray

Amendment 33

Schedule, Page 7, Line 19

Leave out sub-paragraph (2)

Ms Paula Bradley
Mr Gregory Campbell
Mr Alastair Ross
Mr Stephen Moutray

Amendment 34

Schedule, Page 7

Leave out paragraphs 7 to 14

Ms Paula Bradley
Mr Gregory Campbell
Mr Alastair Ross
Mr Stephen Moutray

Amendment 35

Schedule, Page 7, Line 28

At end insert -

‘(aa) that the Deputy Speakers be elected in a secret ballot under a weighted majority vote,’

Mr John McCallister

Amendment 36

Schedule, Page 7, Line 28

At end insert -

‘(ab) that at least one of the following must be female—

(i) the Speaker,

(ii) a Deputy Speaker,’

Mr John McCallister

Amendment 37

Schedule, Page 8, Line 30

Leave out ‘four’ and insert ‘two’

Mr Danny Kennedy

Amendment 38

Schedule, Page 8, Line 31

At end insert -

‘Legislative timetable

13A. The motion may request that the Executive Committee be obliged to lay a legislative timetable before the Assembly at least once a year.’

Mr John McCallister

Amendment 39

Schedule, Page 8, Line 33

Leave out paragraph 14 and insert -

‘14. The motion may request that the function of statutory committees becomes to scrutinise Ministers and to advise and assist Ministers in the formulation of policy.’

Mr John McCallister

Amendment 40

Schedule, Page 8

Leave out paragraph 15

Mr Colum Eastwood

Mr Alex Attwood

Mr Seán Rogers

Schedule

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

Mr Raymond McCartney

Ms Caitríona Ruane

Mr Pat Sheehan