



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Assembly and Executive Reform (Assembly Opposition) Bill
Notice of Amendments tabled on
27 January 2016 for Consideration Stage

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*

Clause 2

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Clause 4

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Mr Peter Weir
Mr John McCallister*

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Mr Pat Sheehan
Mr Peter Weir
Mr Danny Kennedy*

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Clause 22

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Clause 24

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Mr Pat Sheehan

Schedule, Page 7

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 Caitriona Ruane

Mr Pat Sheehan

Clause 2, Page 1, Line 17

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

Mr Peter Weir

Clause 2, Page 2

Leave out lines 5 to 7

Mr Peter Weir

Clause 3, Page 2

Leave out subsection (3)

Mr Peter Weir

Clause 6, Page 3

Leave out subsections (4) and (5)

Mr Peter Weir

Clause 8, Page 3, Line 38

Leave out '15' and insert '10'

Mr Peter Weir

Clause 22, Page 6, Line 28

Leave out from 'and' to end of line 29

Mr Peter Weir

Schedule, Page 7, Line 16

Leave out from 'and' to end of line 17

Mr Peter Weir

Schedule, Page 7, Line 19

Leave out sub-paragraph (2)

Mr Peter Weir

Schedule, Page 7

Leave out paragraphs 7 to 14

Mr Peter Weir

Clause 2, Page 1

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

Clause 3, Page 2

Leave out subsection (2)

Mr John McCallister

Clause 3, Page 2, Line 22

Leave out 'by one or more technical groups'

Mr John McCallister

Clause 3, Page 2, Line 28

At end insert -

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

Mr John McCallister

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

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

Clause 6, Page 3, Line 10

Leave out 'Opposition' and insert 'Non-Executive Party'

Mr John McCallister

Clause 6, Page 3, Line 11

Leave out 'Opposition' and insert 'Non-Executive Party'

Mr John McCallister

Clause 6, Page 3, Line 14

Leave out 'Opposition' and insert 'Largest Non-Executive Party'

Mr John McCallister

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

Clause 6, Page 3

Leave out subsection (4)

Mr John McCallister

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 7, Page 3, Line 32

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

Mr John McCallister

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

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 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

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 16, Page 5, Line 15

Leave out from ‘to’ to end of line 19

Mr John McCallister

Clause 17, Page 5, Line 21

Leave out from ‘where’ to end of line 23 and insert ‘for membership for technical groups in any committee established to look after the business of the Assembly.’

Mr John McCallister

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 19, Page 5, Line 36

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

Mr John McCallister

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

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

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

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

Schedule, Page 8

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

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

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

Schedule, Page 7

Leave out paragraphs 3 to 6

Mr Colum Eastwood
Mr Alex Attwood
Mr Seán Rogers

Schedule, Page 8

Leave out paragraph 15

Mr Colum Eastwood
Mr Alex Attwood
Mr Seán Rogers

Schedule, Page 8, Line 30

Leave out 'four' and insert 'two'

Mr Danny Kennedy