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**Members present for all or part of the proceedings:**

Mr Colm Gildernew (Chairperson)  
Mrs Pam Cameron (Deputy Chairperson)  
Ms Paula Bradshaw  
Mr Gerry Carroll  
Mr Alan Chambers  
Mrs Deborah Erskine  
Mr Colin McGrath  
Ms Carál Ní Chuilín

**The Chairperson (Mr Gildernew):** Do any members wish to declare an interest? I declare an interest in that, at an early stage of the Bill's progress, I met Máirtín Mac Gabhann and Dáithí Mac Gabhann's family about their activism on the subject. Do any other members wish to declare an interest? No. Thank you.

I will proceed through the clauses and put each of the Questions formally. If there is not consensus on a Question, I will ask members to vote by a show of hands, and the Clerk will confirm the result of each vote.

*Question, That the Committee is content with clause 1, put and agreed to.*

**Mr McGrath:** *[Inaudible owing to poor sound quality.]*

**The Chairperson (Mr Gildernew):** Do we know who is speaking? Do you want to come in, Colin?

**Mr McGrath:** I was struggling to get in. *[Inaudible owing to poor sound quality.]*

**The Chairperson (Mr Gildernew):** That is OK, Colin. We are just moving through the clause-by-clause consideration of the Organ and Tissue Donation Bill. We will now move to the second clause.

*Question, That the Committee is content with clause 2, put and agreed to.*

*Question, That the Committee is content with the long title, put and agreed to.*

**The Chairperson (Mr Gildernew):** That completes our formal clause-by-clause consideration. The draft Committee report will be forwarded to members for their consideration. I thank members for all the work that they have done on the Bill. I thank the Committee staff and everyone who provided evidence to the Committee on this important area of legislation.