

THE NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

LIST OF MOTIONS TABLED

1999/2000

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was not selected, it stood on the No Day Named list of motions until the end of the session, unless the motion was withdrawn by the Member concerned.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUSINESS AND BUSINESS MOTIONS

Junior Ministerial Offices

That this Assembly approves the determination by the First Minister and the deputy First Minister of the number of junior Ministerial offices, the procedure for appointment, and the functions which would be exercisable by the holder of each such office.

[First Minister]
[Deputy First Minister]
[OP 02/99 - 14&15 December 1999]

Suspend Standing Orders

That Standing Orders 10(2)(b) and 10(6) shall be suspended for the sitting of the Assembly on Tuesday 1 February 2000.

[Mr S Wilson]
[OP 05/99 - 31 January 2000]

Suspend Standing Orders

That Standing Orders 10(2)(b) and 10(6) shall be suspended for the sitting of the Assembly on Tuesday 8 February 2000.

[Mr M Morrow]
[OP 06/99 - 7 February 2000]

Equality (Disability, etc) Bill

That the Equality (Disability, etc) Bill stand referred to the Committee of the Centre and that, for this purpose, Standing Order 31, be construed as referring to the Committee of the Centre.

[Dr A McDonnell]
[OP 06/99 - 7 February 2000]

Suspend Standing Orders

That Standing Orders 10(2) and 10(6) shall be suspended for the sitting of the Assembly on Monday 14 February 2000.

[Mr J Wilson]
[OP 07/99 - 14 February 2000]
[Suspension - No Debate]

Memorandum of Understanding and Supplementary Agreements

That this Assembly takes note of the Memorandum of Understanding and Supplementary Agreements between Her Majesty's Government and the Northern Ireland Executive Committee.

[First Minister]
[Deputy First Minister]
[OP 08/99 - 5&6 June 2000]

Accelerated Passage

That, in accordance with Standing Order 39(2), this Assembly grants accelerated passage to the Appropriation Bill.

[Minister of Finance and Personnel]
[OP 08/99 - 5&6 June 2000]

Supply Resolution for the 2001-02 Main Estimates

That a sum, not exceeding £4,296,588,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st March 2001 for expenditure by Northern Ireland Departments.

[Minister of Finance and Personnel]
[OP 09/99 - 12&13 June 2000]

Fair Employment Regulations

That the draft Fair Employment (Monitoring) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 be approved by the Assembly.

[First Minister]
[Deputy First Minister]
[OP 12/99 - 3&4 July 2000]

STATUTORY COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Confirmation of MLA as designatory letters

That this Assembly confirms 'MLA' as designatory letters for Assembly Members.

[Mr F Cobain]
[Mr D Haughey]
[OP 01/99 – 6 December 1999]

Amend Standing Orders

After Standing Order 57 insert a new Standing Order:

Committee on Equality, Human Rights and Community Relations

1. There shall be a Standing Committee of the Assembly to be known as the Equality, Human Rights and Community Relations Committee.
2. It shall consider and review on an ongoing basis:
 - (a) matters referred to it in relation to Equality, Human Rights and Community Relations; and
 - (b) any other related matter or matters determined by the Assembly.
3. The Committee shall have powers to call for persons and papers.
4. The procedures of the Committee shall be such as the Committee shall determine.

[Mr F Cobain]
[Mr D Haughey]
[OP 01/99 - 6 December 1999]

Amend Standing Orders

In Standing Order 10, paragraph (1) insert “(g) Party Business”.

[Mr F Cobain]
[Mr D Haughey]
[OP 01/99 - 6 December 1999]

Amend Standing Orders

After Standing Order 57 insert a new Standing Order:

Standing Committee on European Affairs

1. There shall be a Standing Committee of the Assembly to be known as the Standing Committee on European Affairs.
2. It shall consider and review on an ongoing basis:
 - (a) matters referred to it in relation to European Union issues; and
 - (b) any other related matter or matters determined by the Assembly.
3. The Committee shall have powers to call for persons and papers.
4. The procedures of the Committee shall be such as the Committee shall determine.

[Mr F Cobain]
[Mr D Haughey]
[OP 01/99 - 6 December 1999]

Assembly Commission

That this Assembly agrees that the membership of the Assembly Commission shall consist of:

The Speaker
Mrs Eileen Bell
Mr Gregory Campbell
Rev Robert Coulter
Mr John Fee
Dr Dara O'Hagan

[Mr F Molloy]
[OP 01/99 - 6 December 1999]

Amend Standing Orders

In Standing Order 45 paragraph (1)(a), after Portfolio, insert

- "and".
- Delete sub-paragraph 45(1)(c) and insert:
 - "(2) Statutory Committees shall have the powers described in paragraph 9 of Strand One of the Belfast Agreement (CM 3883) and may, in particular, exercise the power in Section 44(1) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998."

[Mr F Cobain]
[Mr D Haughey]
[OP 01/99 - 6 December 1999]

Northern Ireland Assembly (Members' Salaries) Determination 1999

That the Northern Ireland Assembly (Members' Salaries) Determination 1999 (NIA 3) be approved.

[Mr J Fee]
[OP 01/99 - 6 December 1999]

Northern Ireland Assembly (Members' Allowances) Determination 1999

That the Northern Ireland Assembly (Members' Allowances) Determination 1999 (NIA 2) be approved.

[Rev R Coulter]
[OP 01/99 - 6 December 1999]

Amend Standing Orders

To amend Standing Order "Committee on Equality, Human Rights and Community Relations", at line 4, delete ('referred to it')

[Mr C Murphy]
[OP 02/99 - 14&15 December 1999]

Amend Standing Orders

To amend Standing Order "Standing Committee on European Affairs", at line 4, delete ('referred to it').

[Mr C Murphy]
[OP 02/99 - 14&15 December 1999]

The Code of Conduct

That this Assembly agrees the resolution set out in Annex A to “The Code of Conduct *together with* the Guide to the Rules relating to the Conduct of Members” [NIA 1] as resolved by the New Northern Ireland Assembly on 1 March 1999.

[Mr B Hutchinson]
[OP 02/99 - 14&15 December 1999]

Amend Standing Orders

After Standing Order 53(4) insert a new Standing Order:

- (5) The Business Committee shall consist of thirteen Members.
- (6) Each party delegation shall be entitled to cast the number of votes equivalent to the number of Members who adhere to the Whip of that party.

[Mr A Maskey]
[OP 02/99 - 14&15 December 1999]

Business Committee

That the Business Committee shall consist of:

The Speaker
Mr I Davis
Mr D Ford
Mr B Hutchinson
Mr A Maskey
Mr M Morrow
Mr C Murphy
Dr A McDonnell
Mr E McGrady MP
Ms M McWilliams
Mrs I Robinson
Mr D Watson
Mr J Wilson

[Mr A Maskey]
[OP 02/99 - 14&15 December 1999]

Amend Standing Orders

To amend Standing Order 54 in the first line, delete ‘Standing’ and insert ‘Ad Hoc’.

[Mr J Wilson]
[OP 02/99 - 14&15 December 1999]

Amend Standing Orders

After Standing Order 57 insert a new Standing Order:

() **Committee of the Centre**

- (1) There shall be a Standing Committee of the Assembly to be known as the Committee of the Centre, to examine and report on the exercise of the executive functions carried out in the Office of the First Minister and the deputy First Minister, other than those addressed by the Standing Committee on European Affairs, and the Committee on Equality, Human Rights and Community Relations and on any other related matters determined by the Assembly.
- (2) The Committee shall have the power to send for persons and papers.
- (3) The procedures of the Committee shall be such as the Committee shall determine.

[Mr D Ford]
[Mr Peter Robinson]
[OP 02/99 - 14&15 December 1999]

Standing Committees

That the Members listed in “OP 4/99 Standing Committees”, as amended, shall be Members of the relevant Standing Committees.

[Mr E McGrady MP]
[Mr J Wilson]
[OP 04/99 - 24&25 January 2000]

Membership of Statutory Committees

That Mr John Dallat should replace Mr Denis Haughey on the Agriculture Committee;
Mr Derek Hussey should replace Mr Dermot Nesbitt on the Finance and Personnel Committee;
Mr Alex Attwood should replace Mr John Dallat on the Finance and Personnel Committee; and
Mr P J Bradley should replace Mr Denis Haughey on the Regional Development Committee.

[Mr E McGrady MP]
[Mr J Wilson]
[OP 04/99 - 24&25 January 2000]

United Christian Broadcasters (UCB)

This Assembly calls upon the broadcasting licensing authorities to end the exclusion and unequal treatment to which United Christian Broadcasters (UCB) have been subjected, by facilitating UCB in their use of unused AM frequencies, thereby enabling the people of Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland to receive and listen to UCB Christian Radio.

[Chairperson of the Culture, Arts
and Leisure Committee]

[OP 07/99 - 14 February 2000 - Suspension - no debate]

United Christian Broadcasters

That this Assembly calls upon the appropriate broadcast licensing authorities to facilitate United Christian Broadcasters in their use of unused AM frequencies.

[Chairperson of the Culture, Arts
and Leisure Committee]

[OP 9/99 - 12&13 June 2000]

Pensions Trustees

That the following Members are appointed as the Trustees of the Assembly Members' Pension Scheme:

Mr John Dallat
Mr John Kelly
Mr David McClarty
Mr Denis Watson
Mr Jim Wells

[Rev R Coulter]

[OP 10/99 - 19&20 June 2000]

Update Standing Orders

That the Committee on Procedures be authorised to update Standing Orders of the Assembly for punctuation and grammar and annually to republish Standing Orders.

[Chairperson of Committee on Procedures]

[OP12/99 - 3&4 July 2000]

Amend Standing Orders

That in Standing Order 8:

In line 2 delete "two minutes" and insert "one minute".

[Chairperson of Committee on Procedures]

[OP 12/99 - 3&4 July 2000]

Amend Standing Orders

That in Standing Order 10:

In Standing Order 10(2)(b) delete all and insert “at the end of each sitting one hour shall be set aside for an Adjournment Debate”.

[Chairperson of Committee on Procedures]
[OP 12/99 - 3&4 July 2000]

Amend Standing Orders

That in Standing Order 10:

In Standing Order 10(2)(c) delete “on each Tuesday on which there is a sitting”.

[Chairperson of Committee on Procedures]
[OP 12/99 - 3&4 July 2000]

Amend Standing Orders

That in Standing Order 10:

In Standing Order 10(6) delete “on Monday sittings and at 3.00 pm on Tuesday sittings” and insert “on each day on which there is a sitting”.

[Chairperson of Committee on Procedures]
[OP 12/99 - 3&4 July 2000]

Amend Standing Orders

That in Standing Order 10:

After Standing Order 10(11) add:

“(12) A Session of the Assembly shall be that period from the commencement of business following the Summer Recess until the end of the subsequent Summer Recess”.

[Chairperson of Committee on Procedures]
[OP 12/99 - 3&4 July 2000]

Amend Standing Orders

That in Standing Order 20:

In Standing Order 20(1) delete “on Tuesdays”.

[Chairperson of Committee on Procedures]
[OP 12/99 - 3&4 July 2000]

Amend Standing Orders

That in Standing Order 29:

After Standing Order 29(c) insert:

“(d) Further Consideration Stage:

consideration of, and an opportunity for Members to vote on the details of the Bill including amendments to the Bill.”

[Chairperson of Committee on Procedures]
[OP 12/99 - 3&4 July 2000]

Amend Standing Orders

That in Standing Order 31:

In Standing Order 31(2) after “three” insert “working”.

[Chairperson of Committee on Procedures]
[OP 12/99 - 3&4 July 2000]

Amend Standing Orders

That after Standing Order 34 a new Standing Order be inserted:

“34(A) PUBLIC BILLS: FURTHER CONSIDERATION STAGE

- (1) When a Bill has passed Consideration Stage and stands referred to the Speaker, the terms of Standing Order 34 shall be applied to the Further Consideration Stage as they would to a Consideration Stage as described in Standing Order 34.
- (2) Members may speak more than once in debate during the Further Consideration Stage.
- (3) At the completion of the Further Consideration Stage the Bill shall stand referred to the Speaker.”

As a consequence, amend Standing Orders 33(14), (15) and (16) and 36(1): in each case before “Consideration” insert “Further”.

[Chairperson of Committee on Procedures]
[OP 12/99 - 3&4 July 2000]

Amend Standing Orders

That in Standing Order 39:

In Standing Order 39(1) delete “seven” and insert “five working” and delete “(excluding Saturdays and Sundays)”

[Chairperson of Committee on Procedures]
[OP 12/99 - 3&4 July 2000]

Amend Standing Orders

That in Standing Order 46:

In Standing Order 46(9) delete “a majority of the Members present and voting” and insert “simple majority. Voting”

[Chairperson of Committee on Procedures]
[OP 12/99 - 3&4 July 2000]

Amend Standing Orders

That in Standing Order 53:

After Standing Order 53(6) add:

“(7) The Business Committee shall determine the dates of Recess.”

[Chairperson of Committee on Procedures]
[OP 12/99 - 3&4 July 2000]

Amend Standing Orders

That Interpretation be amended:

Delete line 4 and insert “*Sitting Days* are all days Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays and Recess”.

[Chairperson of Committee on Procedures]
[OP 12/99 - 3&4 July 2000]

New Deal Programme

That this Assembly calls on the Minister of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment, to review the New Deal Programme in order to tailor it to the needs of the long-term unemployed in Northern Ireland.

[Chairperson, Higher and Further
Education, Training and Employment]

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Decommissioning

This House demands the handing over of all illegal terrorist weaponry and its destruction in accordance with legislative provisions; acknowledges that the people of Northern Ireland will not accept token decommissioning; and calls for the process of decommissioning to be verifiable, transparent and credible.

[Rev Dr I R K Paisley MP MEP]
[Mr P D Robinson MP]
[OP 03/99 - 17 January 2000]

Flying of National Flag

This House condemns the refusal of the Health Minister to grant permission for the flying of the national flag on appropriate government property on the designated period over the Christmas holidays in flagrant breach of settled policy.

[Rev Dr I R K Paisley MP MEP]
[Mr I Paisley Jnr]
[OP 03/99 - 17 January 2000]

Patten Commission Report

This House rejects the Patten Commission's Report and calls upon the Secretary of State to reject proposals which would reward and elevate terrorists while demoralising and destroying the Royal Ulster Constabulary whose members, both full and part time, have diligently and with great distinction served the whole community.

[Mr P Robinson MP]
[Mr N Dodds]
[OP 03/99 - 17 January 2000 was, by leave, withdrawn]
[OP 04/99 - 24&25 January 2000]

Maternity Services at the City Hospital

This Assembly endorses the decision of the 'Health, Social Services and Public Safety' Statutory Committee to locate Maternity Services in Belfast at the City Hospital.

[Mrs I Robinson]
[OP 05/99 - 31 January 2000]

Agriculture Industry

This House contends that the cuts in farm incomes, the market pressure on each sector of agriculture, and the lawlessness of the French Government constitute a serious crisis in the Northern Ireland agriculture industry and calls on the Northern Ireland Executive to recognise this and take emergency measures to save the industry.

[Rev Dr I R K Paisley MP MEP]

[Mr G Kane]

[OP 05/99 - 31 January 2000]

Report of the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning

To take note of reports from the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning.

[Rt Hon D Trimble MP]

[OP 05/99 - 31 January 2000]

St Patrick's Day

This Assembly calls on Her Majesty's Government to proclaim each year St Patrick's Day a public holiday in Northern Ireland.

[Mr K McCarthy]

[Mr D Ford]

[OP 06/99 - 7 February 2000]

Exclusion of Sinn Féin

This House resolves that Sinn Féin does not enjoy the confidence of the Assembly because it is not committed to non-violence and exclusively peaceful and democratic means and, therefore, consistent with the Northern Ireland Act 1998 determines that members of Sinn Féin shall be excluded from holding office as Ministers for a period of 12 months from the date of this resolution.

[Dr I R K Paisley MP MEP]

[Mr P Robinson MP]

[OP 06/99 - 7 February 2000 - not moved - insufficient support]

Ad hoc Committee

This Assembly, taking note of the ongoing negotiations around the future of EU funding in Northern Ireland, and in particular the Peace Programme and Transitional Objective 1 Programme, appoints an Ad Hoc Committee as follows, to consider and contribute to these negotiations, and to submit a report to the Assembly.

Composition:	UUP	4
	SDLP	4
	DUP	3
	SF	3
	APNI	1
	NIUP	1
	UUAP	1
	NIWC	1
	PUP	1
	UKUP	1

[Ms J Morrice]

[OP 07/99 - 14 February 2000 - Suspension - no debate]

Abortion Act 1967

This Assembly is opposed to the extension of the Abortion Act 1967 to Northern Ireland.

[Mr J Wells]

[Rev W McCrea]

[OP 07/99 - 14 February 2000 - Suspension - no debate]

Union Flag

That this Assembly directs that the Union Flag shall be flown on Executive Buildings in Northern Ireland on all designated days in keeping with the arrangements for other parts of the United Kingdom and additionally on Parliament Buildings on all sitting days.

[Rev Dr I R K Paisley MP MEP]

[Mr N Dodds]

[OP 08/99 - 5&6 June 2000]

Work by Public Bodies

That this Assembly notes with approval the work to be completed by 30 June 2000 by public bodies in order to comply with the requirements of section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

[Mr C Murphy]

[OP 08/99 - 5&6 June 2000]

Postal Services Bill

That this Assembly is seriously concerned by proposals drawn up under the Postal Services Bill which will undermine economic prosperity and regeneration in rural areas.

[Mr J Dallat]
[OP 10/99 - 19&20 June 2000]

Abortion Act 1967

That this Assembly is opposed to the extension of the Abortion Act 1967 to Northern Ireland.

[Mr J Wells]
[OP 10/99 - 19&20 June 2000]

PAC Report on IDB

That this Assembly welcomes the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee Report on the Industrial Development Board (HC 66) and directs that the Northern Ireland Assembly Public Accounts Committee give continuing attention to the issues raised in the report.

[Dr D O'Hagan]
[OP 11/99 - 26&27 June 2000]

Public Transport

That this Assembly notes with concern the poor state of the public transport system in Northern Ireland and proposes that the Minister for Regional Development should urgently implement a comprehensive and integrated public transport policy to redress this problem.

[Mr J Byrne]
[OP 11/99 - 26&27 June 2000]

Ulster Cancer Foundation

That this Assembly welcomes the Ulster Cancer Foundation's document 'Cancer Services – Invest Now' and urges the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety to implement, as a matter of urgency, the recommendations contained in the report.

[Mrs E Bell]
[Mr P Berry]
[OP 11/99 - 26&27 June 2000]

Equality Commission

That this Assembly notes the publication by the Equality Commission of their tenth Annual Monitoring Report, criticises the worsening under-representation of the Protestant community, particularly in the public sector, and calls upon the Equality Commission to address this problem as a matter of urgency.

[Mr G Campbell]
[OP 11/99 - 26&27 June 2000]

Exclusion

That, in consequence of:

the failure of the Provisional IRA to offer up its illegal weaponry for destruction; its continuing threat, and pursuit, of terrorist outrages to secure its aims; its maintenance of an active terrorist organisation; its continuing engagement in murder and other acts of violence; and the fact that it is inextricably linked to Sinn Féin;

this Assembly resolves that Sinn Féin does not enjoy its confidence because it is not committed to non-violence and exclusively peaceful means;

and further resolves that, in accordance with section 30 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, this Assembly determines that members of Sinn Féin shall be excluded from holding office as Ministers for a period of twelve months from the date of this resolution.

[Rev Dr I R K Paisley MP MEP]
[Mr P Robinson MP]
[OP 12/99 - 3&4 July 2000]

United Christian Broadcasters

This Assembly calls upon the appropriate broadcasting licensing authorities to end the exclusion and unequal treatment to which United Christian Broadcasters (UCB) have been subjected, by facilitating UCB in their use of unused AM frequencies, thereby enabling the people of Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland to receive and listen to UCB Christian Radio.

[Mr E O'Neill]
[motion fell as a result of suspension]

Ad Hoc Committee on EU Structural Funds

This Assembly, taking note of the ongoing negotiations around the future of EU funding in Northern Ireland, and in particular the Peace Programme and Transitional Objective 1 Programme, appoints an Ad Hoc Committee as follows, to consider and contribute to these negotiations, and to submit a report to the Assembly.

Composition:	UUP	4
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	NIWC	1
	PUP	1
	UKUP	1

[Ms J Morrice]

[motion fell as a result of suspension]

Exclusion of Sinn Féin

That this Assembly resolves that Sinn Féin does not enjoy the confidence of the Assembly because it is not committed to non-violence and exclusively peaceful and democratic means and, therefore, consistent with the Northern Ireland Act 1998 determines that members of Sinn Féin shall be excluded from holding office as Ministers for a period of 12 months from the date of this resolution.

[Mr C Wilson]

[Mr P Roche]

Fox-Hunting

This Assembly supports a total ban on fox-hunting and calls upon the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development to introduce legislation to that effect at the earliest possible date.

[Mr J Dallat]

Mobile Phones

That this Assembly, in light of the current public concern regarding the safety of mobile phones and telecommunications masts, calls upon the Minister of the Environment to ensure that the recommendations contained in the Government's report of the Independent Expert Group on Mobile Phones, are implemented as a matter of urgency.

[Mr J Shannon]

BT Cellnet Northern Ireland

That this Assembly expresses its concern at the potential loss of jobs at BT Cellnet Northern Ireland and recommends that the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment intervenes to encourage BT Cellnet to retain its operations in Northern Ireland.

[Mr B Hutchinson]

[Dr D O'Hagan]