

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2002

The Assembly met at 12.00 noon, the Speaker in the Chair

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **The Speaker's Business**

2.1 **New Assembly Member**

The Speaker informed Members that Mr Michael Coyle had been returned as a Member of the Assembly for the East Londonderry constituency to fill the vacancy resulting from the resignation of Mr Arthur Doherty.

Mr Coyle signed the Roll of Members. The Speaker confirmed that Mr Coyle had taken his seat and confirmed his designation as provided in Standing Order 3.

2.2 **Royal Assent**

The Speaker informed Members that Royal Assent had been signified on 12 August 2002 to the Budget Act (Northern Ireland) 2002.

Royal Assent had also been signified on 13 August 2002 to the Railway Safety Act (Northern Ireland) 2002.

2.3 **Re-designation Letters**

The Speaker informed Members that he had received letters of re-designation from Ms Monica McWilliams and Ms Jane Morrice notifying him they had changed their designations to 'Other' and that under Standing Order 3(8) these re-designations became operative with immediate effect.

2.4 **Public Petition – Traffic Problems at Tardree Grove, Ballymena**

Mr Ian Paisley Jnr begged leave to present a Public Petition relating to traffic problems at Tardree Grove, Ballymena, in accordance with Standing Order 22.

3. **Executive Committee Business**

3.1 **Statement – North/South Ministerial Council: Trade and Business Development**

Deputy Speaker (Mr Jim Wilson) in the Chair.

The Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, Sir Reg Empey, made a statement to the Assembly on the meeting of the North/South Ministerial Council in its Trade and Business Development sectoral format held on 26 June 2002, following which he replied to questions.

3.2 **Statement – North/South Ministerial Council: Food Safety and Health**

The Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, Ms Bairbre de Brún, made a statement to the Assembly on the meeting of the North/South Ministerial Council in its Food Safety and Health sectoral format held on 28 June 2002, following which she replied to questions.

3.3 **First Stage – Family Law (Divorce etc) Bill (NIA Bill 1/02)**

Dr Seán Farren, Minister of Finance and Personnel, introduced a Bill to make provision for certain general principles in the exercise of functions under the Matrimonial Causes (Northern Ireland) Order 1978; to amend Article 3 of that Order and Article 3 of the Domestic Proceedings (Northern Ireland) Order 1980; to provide for mediation in proceedings under those Orders; and to make provision for the equal treatment of husband and wife in certain cases.

Bill passed First Stage and ordered to be printed (NIA Bill 1/02).

3.4 **First Stage – Areas of Special Scientific Interest Bill (NIA Bill 2/02)**

Mr Dermot Nesbitt, Minister of the Environment, introduced a Bill to make new provision with respect to areas of special scientific interest.

Bill passed First Stage and ordered to be printed (NIA Bill 2/02).

3.5 **First Stage – Social Security Bill (NIA Bill 3/02)**

Mr Nigel Dodds MP, Minister for Social Development, introduced a Bill to amend the law relating to statutory maternity pay; to amend the law relating to maternity allowance; to make provision for work-focused interviews for partners of benefit claimants; to make provision about the use of information for, or relating to, employment and training; to amend the Deregulation and Contracting Out (Northern Ireland) Order 1996; and for connected purposes.

Bill passed First Stage and ordered to be printed (NIA Bill 3/02).

3.6 **Final Stage – Health and Personal Social Services Bill (NIA Bill 6/01)**

Ms Bairbre de Brún, Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, moved that the Final Stage of the Health and Personal Social Services Bill (NIA Bill 6/01) be agreed.

NIA Bill 6/01 passed Final Stage.

3.7 **Motion – Accelerated Passage**

Proposed: That in accordance with Standing Order 40(4), the Assembly grants accelerated passage to the Social Security Bill.

[Minister for Social Development]

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** with cross-community support (nemine contradicente).

4. **Committee Business**

4.1 **Motion – Extension of Committee Stage – Strategic Planning Bill (NIA Bill 17/01)**

Proposed: That, in accordance with Standing Order 31(5), the period referred to in Standing Order 31(3) be extended to 25 November 2002, in relation to the Committee Stage of the Strategic Planning Bill (NIA Bill 17/01).

[Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development]

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

4.2 **Motion – Ad Hoc Committee: Draft Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 2002**

Proposed: That, pursuant to Standing Order 48(7), this Assembly appoints an Ad Hoc Committee to consider –

The proposal for a draft Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 2002

referred by the Secretary of State and to submit a report to the Assembly by 17 December 2002.

Composition:	UUP	2
	SDLP	2
	DUP	2
	SF	2
	Other Parties	3

Quorum: The quorum shall be five.

Procedure: The procedures of the Committee shall be such as the Committee shall determine.

[Ms M McWilliams]

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 1.30 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

The Speaker in the Chair.

5. **Question Time**

5.1 **Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister**

Questions were put to, and answered by, the First Minister, The Rt Hon David Trimble MP, and the Deputy First Minister, Mr Mark Durkan.

5.2 **Minister for Regional Development**

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

Questions were put to, and answered by, the Minister, Mr Peter Robinson MP.

5.3 **Minister of the Environment**

Questions were put to, and answered by, the Minister, Mr Dermot Nesbitt.

6. **Private Members' Business**

6.1 **Motion – Firefighters' Pay**

Proposed: That this Assembly recognises the valuable and courageous work undertaken by the Fire Service and calls for an immediate review of pay and conditions for firefighters to ensure that these accurately reflect the highly skilled and professional role undertaken by firefighters and fire control staff.

[Mr I Paisley Jnr]
[Mr J Shannon]

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

6.2 The following Amendment (No.1) stood on the Marshalled List of Amendments in the name of Mr David Ervine:

In line 2 delete ‘and calls for an immediate review of pay and conditions for firefighters to ensure that these’ and insert:

‘and supports the Fire Brigade Union in its call for a professional wage of £30,000 to’

Amendment No.1 was **not moved**.

6.3 The following Amendment (No.2) stood on the Marshalled List of Amendments in the names of Ms Sue Ramsey and Mr John Kelly:

In line 2 delete ‘an immediate review of pay and conditions for’ and insert:

‘a significant increase in the salaries of’

Amendment No.2 was **not moved**.

6.4 *Amendment No.3*

Proposed: In line 2 delete ‘an immediate review of pay and conditions’ and insert:

‘the introduction of a new pay formula together with a commensurate level of pay’

[Rev R Coulter]
[Mr T Hamilton]

After debate, Amendment No.3 being put, the Amendment was **made** without division.

The Question being put, the Motion, as amended, was **carried** without division.

7. **Adjournment**

7.1 Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 5.43 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
9 September 2002

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

FROM 4 JULY 2002 TO 9 SEPTEMBER 2002

1. Acts of the Northern Ireland Assembly

Budget (No. 2) Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 (Chapter 7)
Railway Safety Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 (Chapter 8)

2. Bills of the Northern Ireland Assembly

Social Security Bill (NIA Bill 3/02)

3. Orders in Council

4. Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly

Business Development Service Annual Report and Accounts 2001–2002 (NIA 40/01)

Special EU Programmes Body Annual Report 2000 (NIA 54/01)

Fire Authority for Northern Ireland Annual Report and Financial Statements
2000-2001 (NIA 73/01)

Rate Collection Agency Annual Report and Financial Statements 2001–2002
(NIA 90/01)

The Financial Reporting Advisory Board Report for the period April 2001 to March
2002 (NIA 93/01) (HC 890) (SE/2002/103)

Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2001/
2002 (NIA 95/01)

Ordnance Survey of Northern Ireland Annual Report 2001–2002
(NIA 96/01)

Forest Service Annual Report 2001/2002 (NIA 100/01)

Water Service Annual Report and Accounts 2001–2002 (NIA 103/01)

Construction Service Annual Report and Financial Statements 2001/2002 (NIA 108/01)

Public Record Office of Northern Ireland Annual Report and Accounts (NIA 109/01)

Driver and Vehicle Licensing Northern Ireland Annual Report and Accounts 2001/2002 (NIA 111/01)

Compensation Payments for Clinical Negligence (NIAO) (NIA 112/01)

Government Purchasing Agency Annual Report and Accounts for the year 2001-2002 (NIA 114/01)

The Planning Service Annual Report and Accounts 2001/2002 (NIA 115/01)

Industrial Research and Technology Unit (IRTU) Annual Accounts 2001/02 (NIA 117/01)

Road Service Annual Report and Accounts 2001/2002 (NIA 119/01)

Valuation and Lands Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2001–2002 (NIA 120/01)

Driver and Vehicle Testing Agency Annual Report and Financial Statements for 2001–2002 (NIA 121/01)

Rivers Agency Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2002 (NIA 122/01)

Council for Catholic Maintained Schools Annual Report 2001/02 (NIA 123/01)

Northern Ireland Housing Executive Annual Report (NIA 124/01)

Department of Finance and Personnel Memorandum on the 8th Report from the Public Accounts Committee Session 2001/2002 (NIA 125/01)

Laganside Corporation Annual Report and Accounts 2001-2002 (NIA 126/01)

Department of Finance and Personnel Minute, 20 August 2002, Section 8 (1) of the Government Resources and Accounts Act (Northern Ireland) 2001, Directing that Accruing Resources may be used for certain purposes for the year ending 31 March 2003 (NIA 127/01)

InterTradeIreland Annual Review of Activities 2001 Annual Accounts 2001 (NIA 128/01)

Department of Finance and Personnel Memorandum on the 9th Report from the Public Accounts Committee Session 2001/2002 (NIA 129/01)

Department of Finance and Personnel Memorandum on the 11th Report from the Public Accounts Committee Session 2001/2002 (NIA 14/02)

Department of Finance and Personnel Memorandum on the 10th Report from the Public Accounts Committee Session 2001/2002 (NIA 15/02)

5. Assembly Reports

Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development: Third Report: Fur Farming (Prohibition) Bill (NIA Bill 8/01) (3/01/R)

Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development: Minutes of Evidence: Discussions with Minister (I) Permia Payments (II) Response to LMC Inquiry Report (III) Animal Disease Inquiry (IV) Northern Ireland Scrapie Plan (V) Rural Proofing (9/01/E)

Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development: Minutes of Evidence: Discussions with Minister (I) Stakeholders' Forum (II) TB/Brucellosis Testing Update (10/01/E)

Committee for Employment and Learning: Second Report: Report on the Department for Employment and Learning's Response to the Committee's Report on the Inquiry into Education and Training for Industry (2/01/R) (to be printed)

Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment: Fourth Report: Report on the Limited Liability Partnerships Bill (NIA Bill 9/01) (4/01/R)

Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment: Fifth Report: Report on Open-Ended Investment Companies Bill (NIA Bill 10/01) (5/01/R)

Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment: Seventh Report: Report on the Company Directors Disqualification Bill (NIA Bill 15/01) (7/01/R)

Committee for Finance and Personnel: First Report: The Executive's Position Report to the Assembly: Developing the Programme for Government and the Budget for 2003–04 (01/02/R)

Committee for Health, Social Services and Public Safety: Fourth Report: Report on the Children Leaving Care Bill (NIA Bill 5/01) (4/01/R)

Committee of the Centre: Review of Public Administration: Minutes of Evidence: Office of the First and Deputy First Minister (4/01/E)

Public Accounts Committee: Eleventh Report: Report on Internal Fraud in the Local Enterprise Development Unit (11/01/R)

6. Statutory Rules

(The department identified after each rule is for reference purposes only.)

SR No 231 Change of District Name (Lisburn Borough) Order (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DoE)

SR No 233 Cycle Tracks (Londonderry to New Buildings) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DRD)

SR No 234 Road (Speed Limit) (No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DRD)

SR No 236 The Jobseeker's Allowance (Joint Claims) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DSD)

SR No 237 The Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DHSSPS)

SR No 238 Animal By-Products (Identification) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DHSSPS)

SR No 239 The Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DoE)

SR No 240 County Court (Blood Tests) (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2002 (Lord Chancellor)

SR No 241 The Education (Student Loans) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DEL)

SR No 242 Births, Death and Marriages (Fees) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DFP)

SR No 243 The Social Security (Intercalating Students Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DSD)

SR No 244 Fair Employment (Monitoring) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (OFMDFM)

SR No 245 Industrial Training Levy (Construction Industry) Order (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DEL)

SR No 246 The Potatoes Originating in Egypt (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DARD)

SR No 247 The Child Support (Temporary Compensation Payment Scheme) (Modification and Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DSD)

SR No 248 The Controlled Waste Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DoE)

SR No 249 Environmental Impact Assessment (Forestry) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DARD)

SR No 250 Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuff) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DARD)

SR No 251 The Ground Rents (2001 Act) (Commencement No. 1) Order (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DFP)

SR No 252 The Property (1997 Order) (Commencement No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DFP)

SR No 253 The Trustee (2001 Act) (Commencement) Order (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DFP)

SR No 254 The Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DSD)

SR No 255 County Court (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2002 (Lord Chancellor)

SR No 256 Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DoE)

SR No 257 Seeds (Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DARD)

SR No 259 Welfare of Farmed Animals (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DARD)

SR No 261 The Insolvency (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2002 (Lord Chancellor)

SR No 262 Contaminants in Food (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DHSSPS)

SR No 263 Feeding Stuffs (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DARD)

SR No 264 Food for Particular Nutritional Uses (Addition of Substances for Specific Nutritional Purposes) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DHSSPS)

SR No 265 Students Awards Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DEL)

SR No 266 The General Medical Services (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DHSSPS)

SR No 267 The Social Security (Personal Allowances for Children and Young Persons Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DSD)

SR No 268 The Stakeholder Pension Schemes (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DSD)

SR No 269 The Plant Health (Phytophthora ramorum) (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 (DARD)

SR No 270 The Social Security (Students and Income-Related Benefits (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DSD)

SR No 271 The Controlled Waste (Duty of Care) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DoE)

SR No 272 The Education (Grants for Disabled Postgraduate Students) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DEL)

SR No 273 The Plant Health (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2002

SR No 274 Fisheries (Amendment No. 2) Byelaws (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DCAL)

SR No 276 The Social Security (Incapacity) (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DSD)

SR No 278 Bovines and Bovine Products (Trade (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DARD)

7. Consultation Documents

Flexible Working Draft Regulations

Proposals for Notification of New Substances (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002

Proposals for Transportable Pressure Vessels Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002

Proposals for the Introduction of a Plating System for Licensed Taxis

EC Directive 2001/18 on the Deliberate Release into the Environment of Genetically Modified Organisms: Draft Implementing Regulations: 2nd Consultation Paper

Proposed Air Quality Limit Values (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002

Proposals to Introduce Regulations for The Pollution Prevention and Control Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003

Proposals for the Implementation of EC Directive 97/11/EC in Relation to Harbour Works in Northern Ireland

National Strategy to Combat Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland

Consultation Paper on the Licensing of Indoor Arenas

8. Departmental Publications

Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Fisheries Division Corporate Plan 2002–2005 and Business Plan 2002–2003

Discontinuance of the Northern Ireland Hotel and Catering College (An Order made under Article 9 of the Further Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1997)

Department of Social Development Corporate Plan 2002–2005

9. Agency Publications

Ordnance Survey of Northern Ireland Corporate Plan 2002–2005 and Business Plan 2002–2003

10. Westminster Publications

Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002 (Chapter 26)

Sentence Review Commissioners Annual Report 2002 (HC 950)

Northern Ireland Prison Service Annual Report and Accounts 2001–02 (HC 1026)

11. Miscellaneous Publications

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2002

The Assembly met at 10.30 am, the Speaker in the Chair

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **Executive Committee Business**

2.1 **Statement – North/South Ministerial Council: Inland Waterways**

The Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure, Mr Michael McGimpsey, made a statement to the Assembly on the meeting of the North/South Ministerial Council in its Inland Waterways sectoral format held on 26 June 2002, following which he replied to questions.

2.2 **Second Stage – Social Security Bill (NIA Bill 3/02)**

Mr Nigel Dodds MP, Minister for Social Development, moved that the Second Stage of the Social Security Bill (NIA Bill 3/02) be agreed.

After debate, NIA Bill 3/02 passed Second Stage.

3. **Committee Business**

3.1 **Second Stage – Assembly Ombudsman for Northern Ireland (Assembly Standards) Bill (NIA Bill 25/01)**

Mr Donovan McClelland, Chairperson of the Committee on Standards and Privileges, moved that the Second Stage of the Assembly Ombudsman for Northern Ireland (Assembly Standards) Bill (NIA Bill 25/01) be agreed.

After debate, NIA Bill 25/01 passed Second Stage and stood referred to the Committee of the Centre.

4. **Private Members' Business**

4.1 **Motion - Asperger's Syndrome**

Proposed: That this Assembly calls on the Ministers of Education and Health, Social Services and Public Safety to instigate a comprehensive review of the services provided for people, adults and children, with Asperger's syndrome and the training of professionals specialising in the treatment of such individuals.

[Mr J Fee]

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 12.30 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.00 pm.

Deputy Speaker (Mr Jim Wilson) in the Chair.

4.2 **Motion – Anti-sectarianism**

Proposed: In its belief that all sections of our community have the right to exist and all people have the right to live free from violence and intimidation whether at home, at school, or the workplace, this Assembly expresses its sympathy to all those who have been the victims of sectarian murder, violence and intimidation in recent times, and rejects sectarianism and commits itself to providing leadership on this issue in practical ways. That this Assembly also re-affirms its commitment to non-violence and exclusively peaceful and democratic means to resolve disputes.

[Mr G Kelly]

[Mr A Maskey]

4.3 *Amendment No.1*

Proposed: In line 4 delete all after 'victims of' and insert:

'terrorist murder, violence and intimidation, rejects republican and loyalist sectarianism and commits itself to providing leadership on this issue in practical ways. This Assembly re-affirms its commitment to non-violence and exclusively peaceful and democratic means and calls upon all parties to actively support and co-operate with the Police Service of Northern Ireland in securing evidence against those involved in violence and in default of their ceasefires.'

[Mr M McGimpsey]

[Dr E Birnie]

[Mr K Robinson]

4.4 *Amendment No.2*

Proposed: In line 2 delete all after ‘intimidation’ and insert:

‘this Assembly expresses its sympathy to all the innocent victims of terrorist attack, murder, violence and intimidation, notes the continued participation by all paramilitary groupings in a campaign of violence and street disorder thus confirming the breakdown of their ceasefires and therefore calls upon the community to support the Police Service of Northern Ireland as part of the battle against all types of terrorism and continuing disorder. This Assembly affirms its commitment to non-violence and exclusively peaceful and democratic means.’

[Rev Dr I R K Paisley MP MEP]

[Mr P Robinson MP]

[Mr N Dodds]

[Mr M Morrow]

4.5 *Amendment No.3*

Proposed: In line 3 delete all after ‘school’ to line 6 ‘in practical ways’ and insert:

‘in workplaces, in local communities and in political and policing institutions, this Assembly expresses its sympathy for all those who have been murdered in the course of the current conflict, to all those who have been subject to violence and intimidation from whatever source, rejects sectarianism and commits itself to provide leadership on the issue in practical ways, including: support for local efforts to develop opportunities for good relations; by calling on political parties to oppose any words, actions or displays of a sectarian nature; and by emphasising the importance that the police ensure that vulnerable communities are adequately protected and that those who direct or are involved in criminal or sectarian activities are prosecuted.’

[Mr A Attwood]

Debate ensued.

The Deputy Speaker, Mr Jim Wilson, invited Mr Paddy Roche to withdraw comments he had made regarding Mr G Kelly MLA. Mr Roche refused and was ordered, under Standing Order 60(1), to withdraw immediately from the Chamber and its precincts during the remainder of the day’s Sitting. Mr Roche withdrew from the Assembly.

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

Amendment No.1 being put, the Amendment was **made** (Division 1).

Amendment No.2 being put, the Amendment **fell** without division.

Amendment No.3 was not put.

The Question being put, the Motion, as amended, was **carried** without division.

5. **Adjournment**

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

5.1 Mr Joe Byrne spoke on the condition of A-class roads in West Tyrone.

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 5.08 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
10 September 2002

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

10 SEPTEMBER 2002

DIVISIONS

Division No.1

Anti-sectarianism - Amendment

Proposed: In line 4 delete all after ‘victims of’ and insert:

‘terrorist murder, violence and intimidation, rejects republican and loyalist sectarianism and commits itself to providing leadership on this issue in practical ways. This Assembly re-affirms its commitment to non-violence and exclusively peaceful and democratic means and calls upon all parties to actively support and co-operate with the Police Service of Northern Ireland in securing evidence against those involved in violence and in default of their ceasefires.’

[Mr M McGimpsey]

[Dr E Birnie]

[Mr K Robinson]

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 47

Noes : 33

Ayes

Ian Adamson, Fraser Agnew, Billy Armstrong, Roy Beggs, Billy Bell, Paul Berry, Esmond Birnie, Norman Boyd, Gregory Campbell, Mervyn Carrick, Joan Carson, Wilson Clyde, Robert Coulter, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Ivan Davis, Nigel Dodds, Boyd Douglas, Reg Empey, Sam Foster, Oliver Gibson, John Gorman, Tom Hamilton, William Hay, David Hilditch, Derek Hussey, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, Robert McCartney, Alan McFarland, Michael McGimpsey, Maurice Morrow, Ian Paisley Jnr, Ian R K Paisley, Edwin Poots, Iris Robinson, Ken Robinson, Mark Robinson, Peter Robinson, Jim Shannon, David Trimble, Denis Watson, Peter Weir, Jim Wells, Cedric Wilson, Jim Wilson.

Noes

Gerry Adams, Alex Attwood, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, Michael Coyle, Bairbre de Brún, Mark Durkan, Seán Farren, John Fee, Tommy Gallagher, Michelle Gildernew, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, Gerry Kelly, John Kelly, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Alex Maskey, Alasdair McDonnell, Barry McElduff, Martin McGuinness, Gerry McHugh, Mitchel McLaughlin, Francie Molloy, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Mary Nelis, Danny O'Connor, Dara O'Hagan, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, Bríd Rodgers.

The Amendment was **made**.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2002

- 1. Acts of the Northern Ireland Assembly**
- 2. Bills of the Northern Ireland Assembly**
Family Law (Divorce etc.) Bill (NIA Bill 1/02)
Areas of Special Scientific Interest Bill (NIA Bill 2/02)
- 3. Orders in Council**
- 4. Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly**
- 5. Assembly Reports**
- 6. Statutory Rules**
(The department identified after each rule is for reference purposes only.)

SR No 277 Cycle Tracks (Bushmills and Lisagunogue) Order (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DRD)

SR No 280 The Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DSD)
- 7. Consultation Documents**
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- 10. Westminster Publications**
- 11. Miscellaneous Publications**

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2002

The Assembly met at 12.00 noon, the Speaker in the Chair

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **Speaker's Business**

- 2.1 Mr Paddy Roche withdrew an allegation he had made against Mr Gerry Kelly during the anti-sectarianism debate on Tuesday 10 September 2002.

3. **Executive Committee Business**

3.1 **First Stage – State Pension Credit Bill (NIA Bill 4/02)**

Mr Nigel Dodds MP, Minister for Social Development, introduced a Bill to make provision for and in connection with a new social security benefit called state pension credit; and to amend section 43(1) of the Pension Schemes (Northern Ireland) Act 1993.

Bill passed First Stage and ordered to be printed (NIA Bill 4/02).

3.2 **Consideration Stage – Limited Liability Partnerships Bill (NIA Bill 9/01)**

Sir Reg Empey, Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, moved that the Consideration Stage of the Limited Liability Partnerships Bill be agreed.

No amendments were tabled to the Bill.

Clauses

The Question being put, it was **agreed** without division that Clauses 1 to 16 stand part of the Bill.

Schedule

The Question being put, it was **agreed** without division that Schedule 1 stand part of the Bill.

Long Title

The Question being put, the Long Title was **agreed** without division.

NIA Bill 9/01 passed Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker.

3.3 **Consideration Stage – Open-Ended Investment Companies Bill (NIA Bill 10/01)**

Sir Reg Empey, Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, moved that the Consideration Stage of the Open-Ended Investment Companies Bill be agreed.

No amendments were tabled to the Bill.

Clauses

The Question being put, it was **agreed** without division that Clauses 1 to 5 stand part of the Bill.

Long Title

The Question being put, the Long Title was **agreed** without division.

NIA Bill 10/01 passed Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker.

3.4 **Consideration Stage – Children (Leaving Care) Bill (NIA Bill 5/01)**

Ms Bairbre de Brún, Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, moved that the Consideration Stage of the Children (Leaving Care) Bill be agreed.

Three amendments were tabled to the Bill.

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

Clauses

The Question being put, it was **agreed** without division that Clauses 1-4 stand part of the Bill.

After debate, Amendment 1 to Clause 5 was **made** without division.

The Question being put, it was **agreed** without division that Clause 5, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

After debate, the Question being put, it was **agreed** that Clause 6 stand part of the Bill (Division 1)

The Question being put, it was **agreed** without division that Clauses 7-9 stand part of the Bill.

Long Title

The Question being put, the Long Title was **agreed** without division.

NIA Bill 5/01 passed Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker.

3.5 **Consideration Stage – Social Security Bill (NIA Bill 3/02)**

Mr Nigel Dodds MP, Minister for Social Development, moved that the Consideration Stage of the Social Security Bill be agreed.

No amendments were tabled to the Bill.

Clauses

The Question being put, it was **agreed** without division that Clauses 1 to 10 stand part of the Bill.

Schedules

The Question being put, it was **agreed** without division that Schedules 1 and 2 stand part of the Bill.

Long Title

The Question being put, the Long Title was **agreed** without division.

NIA Bill 3/02 passed Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker.

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

3.6 **Motion – Accelerated Passage**

Proposed: That in accordance with Standing Order 40(4), the Assembly grants accelerated passage to the State Pension Credit Bill.

[Minister for Social Development]

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** with cross-community support (nemine contradicente).

3.7 **Motion –**
Review of Opportunities for Public Private Partnerships in Northern Ireland

Proposed: That this Assembly notes the Report of the Review of Opportunities for Public Private Partnerships in Northern Ireland and the Executive’s consultation process on ‘Financing our Future’.

[First Minister]
[Deputy First Minister]
[Minister of Finance and Personnel]

Debate ensued.

The Speaker in the Chair.

Debate suspended.

4. **Question Time**

4.1 **Minister of Education**

Questions were put to and answered by, the Minister, Mr Martin McGuinness MP.

4.2 **Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety**

Questions were put to and answered by, the Minister, Ms Bairbre de Brún.

4.3 **Minister of Finance and Personnel**

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

Questions were put to and answered by, the Minister, Dr Seán Farren.

5. **Executive Committee Business (Cont’d)**
Motion – Review of Opportunities for Public Private Partnerships in Northern Ireland

Debate resumed on the Motion.

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

6. **Committee Business**

6.1 **Motions – Change of Committee Membership**

Proposed: That Ms Patricia Lewsley replace Mr John Tierney as a member of the Business Committee.

[Mr P J Bradley]
[Dr A McDonnell]
[Dr J Hendron]

Proposed: That Mr Michael Coyle should serve on the Committee for the Environment.

[Mr P J Bradley]
[Dr A McDonnell]
[Dr J Hendron]

Proposed: That Mr Michael Coyle should serve on the Committee for Employment and Learning.

[Mr P J Bradley]
[Dr A McDonnell]
[Dr J Hendron]

Proposed: That Mr Michael Coyle should serve on the Committee on Standards and Privileges.

[Mr P J Bradley]
[Dr A McDonnell]
[Dr J Hendron]

By leave of the Assembly, the Question being put en bloc, the Motions were **carried** without division.

7. **Adjournment**

7.1 Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 5.15 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
16 September 2002

CHILDREN (LEAVING CARE) BILL



Northern Ireland
Assembly

MARSHALLED LIST OF AMENDMENTS CONSIDERATION STAGE Monday 16 September 2002

Amendments tabled up to and including Thursday, 12 September 2002

The Bill will be considered in the following order-

Clauses and Long Title

Amendment 1 *[Made]*

Clause 5, Page 8, Line 38

Leave out '(if any)'

Chair, Statutory Committee for Health, Social Services and Public Safety

Clause 6 *[Clause Remains Part of the Bill]*

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

Chair, Statutory Committee for Health, Social Services and Public Safety

Amendment 2 *[Not Called]*

Clause 9, Page 10, Line 14

Leave out subsection (3)

Chair, Statutory Committee for Health, Social Services and Public Safety

Amendment 3 *[Not Called]*

Clause 9, Page 10, Line 16

Leave out 'or subsection (3)'

Chair, Statutory Committee for Health, Social Services and Public Safety

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

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DIVISIONS

Division No.1 Children (Leaving Care) Bill

Proposed: That Clause 6 stand part of the Bill.

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 47

Noes : 24

Ayes

Ian Adamson, Pauline Armitage, Billy Armstrong, Roy Beggs, Billy Bell, Paul Berry, Esmond Birnie, Gregory Campbell, Mervyn Carrick, Joan Carson, Wilson Clyde, Fred Cobain, Ivan Davis, Bairbre de Brún, Nigel Dodds, Pat Doherty, Tom Hamilton, William Hay, David Hilditch, Derek Hussey, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, Danny Kennedy, Lord Kilclooney, Robert McCartney, William McCrea, Alan McFarland, Michael McGimpsey, Gerry McHugh, Pat McNamee, Maurice Morrow, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Dara O'Hagan, Ian Paisley Jnr, Ian R K Paisley, Edwin Poots, Iris Robinson, Mark Robinson, Peter Robinson, George Savage, Jim Shannon, David Trimble, Denis Watson, Peter Weir, Jim Wells, Sammy Wilson.

Noes

Alex Attwood, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, Séamus Close, Annie Courtney, Michael Coyle, John Fee, David Ford, Tommy Gallagher, Carmel Hanna, Joe Hendron, Billy Hutchinson, John Kelly, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Donovan McClelland, Alasdair McDonnell, Barry McElduff, Eugene McMenamin, Monica McWilliams, Francie Molloy, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, Bríd Rodgers.

The Motion was **carried**.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

FROM 11 SEPTEMBER 2002 TO 16 SEPTEMBER 2002

1. Acts of the Northern Ireland Assembly

2. Bills of the Northern Ireland Assembly

State Pension Credit Bill (NIA Bill 4/02)

3. Orders in Council

4. Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly

Standing Orders as at 9 September 2001 (NIA 6/02)

Examiner of Statutory Rules: First Report: Report to the Assembly and the Appropriate Committees: 9 September 2002 (NIA 20/02)

5. Assembly Reports

Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development: Minutes of Evidence: Discussions with Minister (I) Farm Subsidies (II) CAP Reform: Mid Term Review (III) Beef Carcase Dressing Specification (IV) Executive Underspend (11/01/E)

Committee of the Centre: Review of Public Administration: Minutes of Evidence: Convention on the Future of Europe (5/01/E)

Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment: Sixth Report: Report on the Insolvency Bill (NIA Bill 14/01) (6/01/R)(to be printed)

6. Statutory Rules

(The department identified after each rule is for reference purposes only.)

SR No 279 The Occupational Pensions Schemes (Member-nominated Trustees and Directors) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DSD)

SR No 281 Bus Lanes (Amendment No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DRD)

SR No 282 Parking Places on Roads (Disabled Persons' Vehicles (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DRD)

SR No 283 Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DHSSPS)

SR No 284 The Social Fund (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DSD)

SR No 285 The Plant Health (Wood and Bark) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DARD)

7. Consultation Documents

8. Departmental Publications

Department for Employment and Learning Annual Report 2001–2002

9. Agency Publications

10. Westminster Publications

11. Miscellaneous Publications

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2002

The Assembly met at 10.30 am, the Speaker in the Chair

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **Executive Committee Business**

2.1 **Statement – New Start for Public Transport in Northern Ireland**

The Minister for Regional Development, Mr Peter Robinson MP, made a statement to the Assembly on a new start for public transport in Northern Ireland, following which he replied to questions.

2.2 **First Stage – Harbours Bill (NIA Bill 5/02)**

Mr Peter Robinson MP, Minister for Regional Development, introduced a Bill to confer functions on the Department for Regional Development in relation to the regulation of certain harbour authorities; and for connected purposes.

Bill passed First Stage and ordered to be printed (NIA Bill 5/02).

2.3 **Second Stage – Family Law (Divorce etc) Bill (NIA Bill 1/02)**

Dr Seán Farren, Minister of Finance and Personnel, moved that the Second Stage of the Family Law (Divorce etc) Bill (NIA Bill 1/02) be agreed.

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 12.28 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.00 pm.

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

Debate resumed.

After debate, NIA Bill 1/02 passed Second Stage and stood referred to the Committee for Finance and Personnel.

2.4 **Second Stage – State Pension Credit Bill (NIA Bill 4/02)**

Mr Nigel Dodds MP, Minister for Social Development, moved that the Second Stage of the State Pension Credit Bill (NIA Bill 4/02) be agreed.

After debate, NIA Bill 4/02 passed Second Stage and stood referred to the Committee for Social Development.

2.5 **Further Consideration Stage – Social Security Bill (NIA Bill 3/02)**

Mr Nigel Dodds MP, Minister for Social Development, moved that the Further Consideration Stage of the Social Security Bill be agreed.

No amendments were tabled to the Bill.

NIA Bill 3/02 passed Further Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker for consideration in accordance with section 10 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

3. **Committee Business**

3.1 **Motion – Extension of Committee Stage – Employment Bill (NIA Bill 11/01)**

Proposed: That, in accordance with Standing Order 31(5), the period referred to in Standing Order 31(3) be extended to 18 October 2002, in relation to the Committee Stage of the Employment Bill (NIA Bill 11/01).

[Chairperson, Committee for Employment and Learning]

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

3.2 **Motion – Extension of Committee Stage – Housing Support Services Bill (NIA Bill 23/01)**

Proposed: That, in accordance with Standing Order 31(5), the period referred to in Standing Order 31(3) be extended to 13 December 2002, in relation to the Committee Stage of the Housing Support Services Bill (NIA Bill 23/01).

[Chairperson, Committee for Social Development]

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

3.3 **Motion – Extension of Committee Stage – Housing Bill (NIA Bill 24/01)**

Proposed: That, in accordance with Standing Order 31(5), the period referred to in Standing Order 31(3) be extended to 13 December 2002, in relation to the Committee Stage of the Housing Bill (NIA Bill 24/01).

[Chairperson, Committee for Social Development]

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

3.4 **Motion – Prayer of Annulment – Statutory Rule subject to Negative Resolution**

Proposed: That the Seeds (Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (SR 257/2002) be annulled.

[Chairperson, Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development]

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

4. **Private Members' Business**

4.1 **Motion – Hospital Waiting Lists**

Proposed: That this Assembly notes with concern the most recent statistics on hospital waiting lists and calls on the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety to put in place a policy that urgently addresses the needs of patients by reducing the number of patients and length of time spent on these waiting lists.

[Mr I Paisley Jnr]

4.2 *Amendment No.1*

Proposed: At the end add:

‘and to ensure that future statistics include waiting times for various ailments.’

[Mr K McCarthy]
[Mr D Ford]

4.3 *Amendment No.2*

Proposed: In line 2 delete all after ‘waiting lists’ and insert:

‘and, recognising the problems of bureaucracy, lack of resources, wastage of present resources and total lack of decision-making within the healthcare system, calls for the implementation of an effective and co-ordinated strategic plan between the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, the Health Boards and Trusts to help reduce the number of patients and length of time spent on these waiting lists.’

[Mr T Hamilton]
[Mrs A Courtney]

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

After debate, Amendment No.1 being put, the Amendment **fell** without division.

Amendment No.2 being put, the Amendment was **made** without division.

The Question being put, the Motion, as amended, was **carried** without division.

5. **Adjournment**

5.1 Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 5.14 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
17 September 2002

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2002

1. Acts of the Northern Ireland Assembly

2. Bills of the Northern Ireland Assembly

Children (Leaving Care) Bill (as amended at Consideration Stage)
(NIA Bill 5/01)

3. Orders in Council

4. Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly

5. Assembly Reports

6. Statutory Rules

(The department identified after each rule is for reference purposes only.)

Draft Statutory Rule of Northern Ireland: Fixed-Term Employees (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DEL)

SR No 286 Part-time Workers (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DEL)

7. Consultation Documents

8. Departmental Publications

9. Agency Publications

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NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2002

The Assembly met at 12.00 noon, the Speaker in the Chair

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **The Speaker's Business**

The Speaker informed Members that he would be absent from the Assembly with Members of the Assembly Commission from 29 September to 4 October 2002.

3. **Executive Committee Business**

3.1 **Statement – Draft Programme for Government 2003-04**

The First Minister, the Rt Hon David Trimble MP, and the Deputy First Minister, Mr Mark Durkan, made a statement to the Assembly on behalf of the Executive on the draft Programme for Government 2003-04, following which each party leader or their nominee responded.

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

3.2 **First Stage – Audit and Accountability Bill (NIA Bill 6/02)**

Dr Seán Farren, Minister of Finance and Personnel, introduced a Bill to provide for access by the Comptroller and Auditor General to information for the purposes of audits and examinations; to transfer to the Comptroller and Auditor General responsibility for the audit of certain public bodies; to provide for the re-organisation of the administration of local government audit; to confer additional functions on the audit committee of the Assembly in relation to the appointment of the accounting officer and the auditor of the Northern Ireland Audit Office; and for connected purposes.

Bill passed First Stage and ordered to be printed (NIA Bill 6/02).

3.3 **First Stage – Health and Personal Social Services (Quality Improvement and Regulation) Bill (NIA Bill 7/02)**

Ms Bairbre de Brún, Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, introduced a Bill to establish the Northern Ireland Health and Personal Social Services Regulation and Improvement Authority; to make provision for the registration and regulation of certain establishments and agencies and to make provision relating to the quality of health and personal social services and to adoption, fostering and children under 12; and for connected purposes.

Bill passed First Stage and ordered to be printed (NIA Bill 7/02).

3.4 **Second Stage – Areas of Special Scientific Interest Bill (NIA Bill 2/02)**

Mr Dermot Nesbitt, Minister of the Environment, moved that the Second Stage of the Areas of Special Scientific Interest Bill (NIA Bill 2/02) be agreed.

After debate, NIA Bill 2/02 passed Second Stage and stood referred to the Committee for the Environment.

3.5 **Consideration Stage – Company Directors’ Disqualification Bill (NIA Bill 15/01)**

Sir Reg Empey, Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, moved that the Consideration Stage of the Company Directors’ Disqualification Bill be agreed.

No amendments were tabled to the Bill.

Clauses

The Question being put, it was **agreed** without division that Clauses 1 to 27 stand part of the Bill.

Schedules

The Question being put, it was **agreed** without division that Schedules 1 to 4 stand part of the Bill.

Long Title

The Question being put, the Long Title was **agreed** without division.

NIA Bill 15/01 passed Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker.

3.6 **Consideration Stage – State Pension Credit Bill (NIA Bill 4/02)**

Mr Nigel Dodds MP, Minister for Social Development, moved that the Consideration Stage of the State Pension Credit Bill be agreed.

No amendments were tabled to the Bill.

Clauses

The Question being put, it was **agreed** without division that Clauses 1 to 21 stand part of the Bill.

Schedules

The Question being put, it was **agreed** without division that Schedules 1 to 3 stand part of the Bill.

Long Title

The Question being put, the Long Title was **agreed** without division.

NIA Bill 4/02 passed Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker.

3.7 **Final Stage – Social Security Bill (NIA Bill 3/02)**

Mr Nigel Dodds MP, Minister for Social Development, moved that the Final Stage of the Social Security Bill (NIA Bill 3/02) be agreed.

NIA Bill 3/02 passed Final Stage.

3.8 **Motion – Draft Statutory Rule subject to approval by Resolution**

The Speaker in the Chair.

Proposed: That the draft Fixed Term Employees (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 be approved.

[Minister for Employment and Learning]

Debate suspended.

4. **Question Time**

4.1 **Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister**

Questions were put to, and answered by, the First Minister, The Rt Hon David Trimble MP, and the Deputy First Minister, Mr Mark Durkan.

Deputy Speaker (Mr Jim Wilson) in the Chair.

4.2 **Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure**

Questions were put to, and answered by, the Minister, Mr Michael McGimpsey.

4.3 **Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development**

Questions were put to, and answered by, the Minister, Ms Bríd Rodgers.

4.4 **Assembly Commission**

Questions were put to, and answered by, Ms Eileen Bell, on behalf of the Assembly Commission.

5. **Executive Committee Business (Cont'd)**

5.1 **Motion – Draft Statutory Rule subject to approval by Resolution**

Debate resumed on the Motion.

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

5.2 **Motion – Statutory Rule subject to Confirmatory Resolution**

Proposed: That the Part-Time Workers (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) (SR 286/2002) be approved.

[Minister for Employment and Learning]

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

6. **Committee Business**

6.1 **Motion –
Extension of Committee Stage: Planning (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 12/01)**

Proposed: That, in accordance with Standing Order 31(5), the period referred to in Standing Order 31(3) be extended to 29 November 2002, in relation to the Committee Stage of the Planning (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 12/01).

[Chairperson, Committee for the Environment]

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

6.2 **Motion – Extension of Committee Stage:**
Local Air Quality Management Bill (NIA Bill 13/01)

Proposed: That, in accordance with Standing Order 31(5), the period referred to in Standing Order 31(3) be extended to 29 November 2002, in relation to the Committee Stage of the Local Air Quality Management Bill (NIA Bill 13/01).

[Chairperson, Committee for the Environment]

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

6.3 **Motion – Minister’s Response to the Energy Inquiry Report**

Proposed: That this Assembly takes note of the response from the Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment to the Committee’s Report on Energy (3/01R).

[Chairperson, Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment]

The Speaker in the Chair.

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

7. **Adjournment**

7.1 Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 6.01 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
23 September 2002

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

FROM 18 SEPTEMBER 2002 TO 23 SEPTEMBER 2002

1. Acts of the Northern Ireland Assembly

2. Bills of the Northern Ireland Assembly

Harbours Bill (NIA Bill 5/02)

3. Orders in Council

4. Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly

Social Security Agency Annual Report Decision Making and Payment Accuracy 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002 (NIA 7/02)

5. Assembly Reports

6. Statutory Rules

(The department identified after each rule is for reference purposes only.)

SR No 275 The Social Security (Employment Programme Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DSD)

SR No 287 On-Street Parking (Amendment No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DRD)

SR No 288 Prohibition of Overtaking (Desertmartin Road, Moneymore) (Revocation) Order (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DRD)

SR No 290 Parking Places on Roads (Police Vehicles) (Revocation) Order (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DRD)

SR No 293 Food (Peanuts from China) (Emergency Control) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DHSSPS)

SR No 295 The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DSD)

7. Consultation Documents

Draft Programme for Government 2002

8. Departmental Publications

Regional Transportation Strategy for Northern Ireland 2002–2012
Department for Regional Development Business Plan 2002–2003

9. Agency Publications

10. Westminster Publications

11. Miscellaneous Publications

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2002

The Assembly met at 10.30 am, the Speaker in the Chair

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **Executive Committee Business**

2.1 **Statement – Draft Budget 2003-04**

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

The Minister of Finance and Personnel, Dr Seán Farren, made a statement to the Assembly on the Draft Budget 2003-04, following which he replied to questions.

The Speaker in the Chair.

2.2 **Further Consideration Stage – Children (Leaving Care) Bill (NIA Bill 5/01)**

Ms Bairbre de Brún, Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, moved that the Further Consideration Stage of the Children (Leaving Care) Bill be agreed.

No Amendments were tabled to the Bill.

NIA Bill 5/01 passed Further Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker for consideration in accordance with section 10 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

2.3 **Further Consideration Stage – State Pension Credit Bill (NIA Bill 4/02)**

Mr Nigel Dodds MP, Minister for Social Development, moved that the Further Consideration Stage of the State Pension Credit Bill be agreed.

No Amendments were tabled to the Bill.

NIA Bill 4/02 passed Further Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker for consideration in accordance with section 10 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 12.33 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.00 pm.

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

2.4 **Motion – Draft Programme for Government**

Proposed: That this Assembly takes note of the draft Programme for Government.

[First Minister]
[Deputy First Minister]

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

3. **Committee Business**

3.1 **Motion –
Extension of Committee Stage: Education and Libraries Bill (NIA Bill 21/01)**

Proposed: That, in accordance with Standing Order 31(5), the period referred to in Standing Order 31(3) be extended to 22 November 2002, in relation to the Committee Stage of the Education and Libraries Bill (NIA Bill 21/01).

[Chairperson, Committee for Education]

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

4. **Adjournment**

4.1 Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 6.15 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
24 September 2002

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

ON 24 SEPTEMBER 2002

- 1. Acts of the Northern Ireland Assembly**
- 2. Bills of the Northern Ireland Assembly**
 - Audit and Accountability Bill (NIA Bill 6/02)
 - Health and Personal Social Services (Quality, Improvement and Regulation) Bill (NIA Bill 7/02)
- 3. Orders in Council**
- 4. Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly**
- 5. Assembly Reports**
- 6. Statutory Rules**
 - (The department identified after each rule is for reference purposes only.)
 - SR No 291 Gas Order 1996 (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DETI)
- 7. Consultation Documents**
 - Draft Budget 2003–2004
- 8. Departmental Publications**
 - Transport Statistics 2001 –2002
- 9. Agency Publications**
- 10. Westminster Publications**
- 11. Miscellaneous Publications**

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2002

*The Assembly met at 12.00 noon,
Deputy Speaker, Mr Donovan McClelland, in the Chair*

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **Executive Committee Business**

2.1 **First Stage – Strategic Investment and Regeneration of Sites Bill (NIA Bill 8/02)**

Mr Denis Haughey, Junior Minister, introduced a Bill to establish and provide for the functions of the Strategic Investment Board for Northern Ireland; to make provision for certain sites made available under the reinvestment and reform initiative, including provision for their regeneration by development corporations; and for connected purposes.

Bill passed First Stage and ordered to be printed (NIA Bill 8/02).

2.2 **First Stage – Energy Bill (NIA Bill 9/02)**

Sir Reg Empey, Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, introduced a Bill to provide for the establishment and functions of the Northern Ireland Authority for Energy Regulation and an energy group of the General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland; to amend the legislation regulating the electricity and gas industries; and for connected purposes.

Bill passed First Stage and ordered to be printed (NIA Bill 9/02).

2.3 **Second Stage – Harbours Bill (NIA Bill 5/02)**

Mr Peter Robinson MP, Minister for Regional Development, moved that the Second Stage of the Harbours Bill (NIA Bill 5/02) be agreed.

After debate, NIA Bill 5/02 passed Second Stage and stood referred to the Committee for Regional Development.

2.4 **Further Consideration Stage –
Limited Liability Partnerships Bill (NIA Bill 9/01)**

Sir Reg Empey, Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, moved that the Further Consideration Stage of the Limited Liability Partnerships Bill be agreed.

No Amendments were tabled to the Bill.

NIA Bill 9/01 passed Further Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker for consideration in accordance with section 10 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

2.5 **Further Consideration Stage –
Open-Ended Investment Companies Bill (NIA Bill 10/01)**

Sir Reg Empey, Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, moved that the Further Consideration Stage of the Open-Ended Investment Companies Bill be agreed.

No Amendments were tabled to the Bill.

NIA Bill 10/01 passed Further Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker for consideration in accordance with section 10 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

2.6 **Final Stage – State Pension Credit Bill (NIA Bill 4/02)**

Mr Nigel Dodds MP, Minister for Social Development, moved that the Final Stage of the State Pension Credit Bill (NIA Bill 4/02) be agreed.

NIA Bill 4/02 passed Final Stage.

3. **Committee Business**

3.1 **Motion – Extension of Committee Stage:
Commissioner for Children and Young People Bill (NIA Bill 20/01)**

Proposed: That, in accordance with Standing Order 31(5), the period referred to in Standing Order 31(3) be extended to 22 November 2002, in relation to the Committee Stage of the Commissioner for Children and Young People Bill (NIA Bill 20/01).

[Chairperson, Committee of the Centre]

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

3.2 **Motion – Extension of Committee Stage: Marriage Bill (NIA Bill 18/01)**

Proposed: That, in accordance with Standing Order 31(5), the period referred to in Standing Order 31(3) be extended to 4 November 2002, in relation to the Committee Stage of the Marriage Bill (NIA Bill 18/01).

[Chairperson, Committee for Finance and Personnel]

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

3.3 **Motion – Extension of Committee Stage:
Family Law (Divorce etc) Bill (NIA Bill 1/02)**

Proposed: That, in accordance with Standing Order 31(5), the period referred to in Standing Order 31(3) be extended to 9 December 2002, in relation to the Committee Stage of the Family Law (Divorce etc) Bill (NIA Bill 1/02).

[Chairperson, Committee for Finance and Personnel]

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

4. **Private Members' Business**

4.1 **Motion – Belfast Rape Crisis and Sexual Abuse Centre**

Proposed: That this Assembly notes the dire financial situation of the Belfast Rape Crisis and Sexual Abuse Centre and calls upon the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety and the Northern Ireland Office to provide adequate funding to ensure the long-term future of the Centre.

[Ms J Carson]
[Dr E Birnie]
[Mr F Cobain]
[Reverend R Coulter]

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 1.44 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

Deputy Speaker (Mr Jim Wilson) in the Chair.

5. **Question Time**

5.1 **Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment**

Questions were put to and answered by the Minister, Sir Reg Empey.

5.2 **Minister for Employment and Learning**

Questions were put to and answered by the Minister, Ms Carmel Hanna.

5.3 **Minister for Social Development**

Questions were put to and answered by the Minister, Mr Nigel Dodds MP.

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

6. **Adjournment**

6.1 Mr Ian Paisley Jnr spoke on nursery provision at Moorfields Primary School.

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 4.20 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
30 September 2002

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

FROM 25 SEPTEMBER 2002 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2002

1. Acts of the Northern Ireland Assembly

2. Bills of the Northern Ireland Assembly

3. Orders in Council

4. Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly

Northern Ireland Census 2001 Population Report and Mid-Year Estimates (NIA 18/02)

5. Assembly Reports

Committee for Employment and Learning: First Report: Report on the Employment Bill (NIA Bill 11/01) (1/02/R) (to be printed)

6. Statutory Rules

(The department identified after each rule is for reference purposes only.)

SR No 289 Plant Protection Products (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DARD)

SR No 296 Animals and Animal Products (Import and Export) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DARD)

SR No 297 The Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DSD)

7. Consultation Documents

Special Educational Needs and Disability Bill: Consultation Document

Draft Code of Practice on: Industrial Action Ballots and Notice to Employers

Draft Code of Practice on: Disciplinary and Grievance Procedures

Draft Code of Practice on: Redundancy Consultation and Procedures

8. Departmental Publications

9. Agency Publications

Land Registers of Northern Ireland Corporate Plan 2002–2005 and Business Plan 2002–2003

10. Westminster Publications

11. Miscellaneous Publications

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY 1 OCTOBER 2002

*The Assembly met at 10.30 am,
Deputy Speaker, Mr Jim Wilson, in the Chair*

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **Executive Committee Business**

2.1 **Second Stage – Audit and Accountability Bill (NIA Bill 6/02)**

Dr Seán Farren, Minister of Finance and Personnel, moved that the Second Stage of the Audit and Accountability Bill (NIA Bill 6/02) be agreed.

After debate, NIA Bill 6/02 passed Second Stage and stood referred to the Committee for Finance and Personnel.

2.2 **Second Stage – Health and Personal Social Services (Quality, Improvement and Regulation) Bill (NIA Bill 7/02)**

Ms Bairbre de Brún, Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, moved that the Second Stage of the Health and Personal Social Services (Quality, Improvement and Regulation) Bill (NIA Bill 7/02) be agreed.

After debate, NIA Bill 7/02 passed Second Stage and stood referred to the Committee for Health, Social Services and Public Safety.

3. **Private Members' Business**

3.1 **Motion – MLA Appointment**

Proposed: That this Assembly appoints Seán Neeson MLA as its nominee to the Regional Chamber of the Congress of Regional and Local Authorities of Europe.

[Mr D Ford]
[Mr K McCarthy]

3.2 Amendment

Proposed: In line 1 delete ‘Seán Neeson MLA’ and insert:

‘Edwin Poots MLA, Chairman of the Committee of the Centre’

[Mr M Morrow]
[Mr I Paisley Jnr]

After debate, the Amendment being put, the Amendment **fell** (Division 1).

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** (Division 2).

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 12.30 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.00 pm.

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

3.3 Motion – Credit Card Abuse

Proposed: That this Assembly notes the recent abuse of credit cards used in the payment of expenses by personnel in Government Agencies, as contained in the reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General, and calls for a comprehensive review of how Government Departments and their Agencies settle their accounts.

[Mr J Dallat]

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

3.4 Motion – Victims’ Memorial Garden

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

Proposed: That this Assembly recognises the heartache and suffering of the families of victims who perished as a result of the September 11th terrorist attack in the United States and welcomes Her Majesty’s Government’s funding for a memorial garden in remembrance of those victims. Accordingly, this Assembly calls upon Her Majesty’s Government to extend the same respect to the victims who died as a result of terrorism in this part of the United Kingdom by financing the creation of a similar memorial garden in Great Britain.

[Ms J Carson]
[Mr S Foster]
[Mr B Armstrong]
[Mr D Kennedy]

3.5 Amendment

Proposed: In line 6 after 'respect to the' insert:

'innocent'

[Mr P Berry]
[Mr M Morrow]

After debate, the Amendment being put, the Amendment was **made** without division.

The Question being put, the Motion, as amended, was **carried** without division.

4. Adjournment

4.1 Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 3.53 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
1 October 2002

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

1 OCTOBER 2002

DIVISIONS

Division No.1

MLA Appointment - Amendment

Proposed: In line 1 delete 'Seán Neeson MLA' and insert:

'Edwin Poots MLA, Chairman of the Committee of the Centre'

[Mr M Morrow]
[Mr I Paisley Jnr]

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 22

Noes : 28

Ayes

Fraser Agnew, Paul Berry, Gregory Campbell, Wilson Clyde, Nigel Dodds, Boyd Douglas, William Hay, David Hilditch, Billy Hutchinson, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, Robert McCartney, William McCrea, Maurice Morrow, Ian Paisley Jnr, Edwin Poots, Iris Robinson, Mark Robinson, Jim Shannon, Denis Watson, Peter Weir, Sammy Wilson.

Noes

Alex Attwood, Joe Byrne, Séamus Close, Annie Courtney, John Dallat, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Bairbre de Brún, Seán Farren, David Ford, Tommy Gallagher, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, John Kelly, Kieran McCarthy, Donovan McClelland, Alasdair McDonnell, Gerry McHugh, Eugene McMenamin, Pat McNamee, Francie Molloy, Jane Morrice, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Seán Neeson, Danny O'Connor, Sue Ramsey, Bríd Rodgers.

The Amendment **fell**.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

1 OCTOBER 2002

DIVISIONS

Division No.2 MLA Appointment - Motion

Proposed: That this Assembly appoints Seán Neeson MLA as its nominee to the Regional Chamber of the Congress of Regional and Local Authorities of Europe.

[Mr D Ford]
[Mr K McCarthy]

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 28
Noes : 21

Ayes

Alex Attwood, Joe Byrne, Séamus Close, Annie Courtney, John Dallat, Duncan Shipley Dalton, Bairbre de Brún, Seán Farren, David Ford, Tommy Gallagher, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, John Kelly, Kieran McCarthy, Donovan McClelland, Alasdair McDonnell, Gerry McHugh, Eugene McMenamin, Pat McNamee, Francie Molloy, Jane Morrice, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Seán Neeson, Danny O'Connor, Sue Ramsey, Bríd Rodgers.

Noes

Fraser Agnew, Paul Berry, Gregory Campbell, Wilson Clyde, Nigel Dodds, Boyd Douglas, William Hay, David Hilditch, Derek Hussey, Billy Hutchinson, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, Maurice Morrow, Ian Paisley Jnr, Edwin Poots, Iris Robinson, Mark Robinson, Jim Shannon, Denis Watson, Peter Weir, Sammy Wilson.

The Motion was **carried**.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

ON 1 OCTOBER 2002

- 1. Acts of the Northern Ireland Assembly**
- 2. Bills of the Northern Ireland Assembly**
Strategic Investment and Regeneration of Sites Bill (NIA Bill 8/02)
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NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 7 OCTOBER 2002

The Assembly met at 12.00 noon, the Speaker in the Chair

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **The Speaker's Business**

Royal Assent

The Speaker informed Members that Royal Assent had been signified on 4 October 2002 to the Health and Personal Social Services Act (Northern Ireland) 2002.

3. **Executive Committee Business**

3.1 **Statement – North/South Ministerial Council: Agriculture**

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

The Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Ms Bríd Rodgers, made a statement to the Assembly on the meeting of the North/South Ministerial Council in its Agriculture sectoral format held on 27 September 2002, following which she replied to questions.

3.2 **Statement – Water Quality and Planning**

The Minister of the Environment, Mr Dermot Nesbitt, made a statement to the Assembly on water quality and planning, following which he replied to questions.

3.3 **Consideration Stage – Employment Bill (NIA Bill 11/01)**

Ms Carmel Hanna, Minister for Employment and Learning, moved that the Consideration Stage of the Employment Bill be agreed.

Twelve amendments were tabled to the Bill.

Clauses

The Question being put, it was **agreed** without division that Clauses 1 to 3 stand part of the Bill.

After debate, Amendment 1 to Clause 4 was **made** without division.

The Question being put, it was **agreed** without division that Clause 4 as amended stand part of the Bill.

The Question being put, it was **agreed** without division that Clauses 5 to 7 stand part of the Bill.

After debate, Amendment 2 to Clause 8 was **made** without division.

The Question being put, it was **agreed** without division that Clause 8 as amended stand part of the Bill.

The Question being put, it was **agreed** without division that Clauses 9 to 12 stand part of the Bill.

After debate, Amendment 3 to Clause 13 was **negatived** (Division 1).

Amendments 4-7 to Clause 13 were not called as they were consequential to Amendment 3.

The Question being put, it was **agreed** without division that Clause 13 stand part of the Bill.

The Question being put, it was **agreed** without division that Clauses 14 to 18 stand part of the Bill.

Schedules

The Question being put, it was **agreed** without division that Schedule 1 stand part of the Bill.

The Speaker in the Chair.

After debate, Amendments 9-12 to Schedule 2 were **made** without division.

The Question being put, it was **agreed** without division that Schedule 2 as amended stand part of the Bill.

Long Title

The Question being put, the Long Title was **agreed** without division.

NIA Bill 11/01 passed Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker.

4. **Question Time**

4.1 **Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister**

Questions were put to, and answered by, the First Minister, The Rt Hon David Trimble MP, and the Deputy First Minister, Mr Mark Durkan.

4.2 **Minister for Regional Development**

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

Questions were put to, and answered by, the Minister, Mr Peter Robinson MP.

4.3 **Minister of the Environment**

Questions were put to, and answered by, the Minister, Mr Dermot Nesbitt.

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

5. **Executive Committee Business (Cont'd)**

5.1 **Consideration Stage – Fur Farming (Prohibition) Bill (NIA Bill 8/01)**

Ms Bríd Rodgers, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, moved that the Consideration Stage of the Fur Farming (Prohibition) Bill be agreed.

One amendment was tabled to the Bill.

Clauses

The Question being put, it was **agreed** without division that Clauses 1 to 4 stand part of the Bill.

After debate, Amendment 1 to Clause 5 was **made** without division.

The Question being put, it was **agreed** without division that Clause 5 as amended stand part of the Bill.

The Question being put, it was **agreed** without division that Clause 6 stand part of the Bill.

Long Title

The Question being put, the Long Title was **agreed** without division.

NIA Bill 8/01 passed Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker.

5.2 **Further Consideration Stage –
Company Directors Disqualification Bill (NIA Bill 15/01)**

Sir Reg Empey, Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, moved that the Further Consideration Stage of the Company Directors Disqualification Bill be agreed.

No amendments were tabled to the Bill.

NIA Bill 15/01 passed Further Consideration Stage and stood referred to the Speaker for consideration in accordance with section 10 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

5.3 **Final Stage – Children (Leaving Care) Bill (NIA Bill 5/01)**

Ms Bairbre de Brún, Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, moved that the Final Stage of the Children (Leaving Care) Bill (NIA Bill 5/01) be agreed.

NIA Bill 5/01 passed Final Stage.

6. **Committee Business**

6.1 **Motion – Extension of Committee Stage:
Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults Bill (NIA Bill 22/01)**

Proposed: That, in accordance with Standing Order 31(5), the period referred to in Standing Order 31(3) be extended to 22 November 2002, in relation to the Committee Stage of the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults Bill (NIA Bill 22/01).

[Chairperson, Committee for Health, Social Services and Public Safety]

The Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

7. **Private Members' Business**

7.1 **First Stage – Agriculture (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 10/02)**

Mr Billy Armstrong, introduced a Bill to include horses within the definition of agricultural animals; and for connected purposes.

Bill passed First Stage and ordered to be printed (NIA Bill 10/02).

7.2 **Motion – Prayer of Annulment: Statutory Rule subject to Negative Resolution**

Proposed: That the Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (SR 283/2002) be annulled.

[Mr P Berry]

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** (Division 2).

8. **Adjournment**

8.1 Ms Monica McWilliams spoke on maternity provision in South Belfast.

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 6.20 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
7 October 2002

EMPLOYMENT BILL



Northern Ireland
Assembly

MARSHALLED LIST OF AMENDMENTS CONSIDERATION STAGE Monday 7 October 2002

Amendments tabled up to and including Thursday, 03 October 2002

The Bill will be considered in the following order-

Clauses, Schedules and Long Title

Amendment 1 [*Made*]

Clause 4, Page 21, Line 32

After 'Act' insert '(except section 167 ZP(1) to (3))'

Minister for Employment and Learning

Amendment 2 [*Made*]

Clause 8, Page 24, Line 16

Leave out paragraph (a) and insert—

'(a)after sub-paragraph (f) (issues relating to entitlement to statutory sick pay or statutory maternity pay) there shall be inserted—

“(fa) subject to and in accordance with regulations made for the purposes of this paragraph by the Department for Employment and Learning with the concurrence of the Board, to decide any issue arising as to, or in connection with, entitlement to statutory paternity pay or statutory adoption pay;”

Minister for Employment and Learning

Amendment 3 [Negatived on Division]

Clause 13, Page 28, Line 14

After 'child' insert 'or disabled dependant'

Ms Monica McWilliams

Amendment 4 [Not called (as consequential to Amendment 3)]

Clause 13, Page 28, Line 24

After 'child' insert 'or disabled dependant'

Ms Monica McWilliams

Amendment 5 [Not called (as consequential to Amendment 3)]

Clause 13, Page 28, Line 27

After 'Article' insert 'which is made in respect of a child'

Ms Monica McWilliams

Amendment 6 [Not called (as consequential to Amendment 3)]

Clause 13, Page 28, Line 29

Leave out the words from 'or' to the end.

Ms Monica McWilliams

Amendment 7 [Not called (as consequential to Amendment 3)]

Clause 13, Page 28, Line 39

Leave out from beginning to 'child' in the second place it occurs and insert 'In this Article any reference to a disabled dependant is to a dependant'

Ms Monica McWilliams

Amendment 8 [Not Selected]

Clause 18, Page 33, Line 9

Leave out ‘Employment’ and insert ‘Parental Employment Rights’

Chair, Statutory Committee for Employment and Learning

Amendment 9 [Made]

Schedule 2, Page 37, Line 21

At end insert—

‘The Industrial Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 (NI 5)

. In Article 84A(1) (claims and proceedings to which Agency arbitration scheme applies)—

(a) after “tribunal” insert “under, or”;

(b) after “contravention of” insert—

“(za) Article 112G(1) or 112H(1)(b) of the Employment Rights (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (flexible working);” and

(c) in sub-paragraph (a) for “the Employment Rights (Northern Ireland) Order 1996” substitute “that Order”.’

Minister for Employment and Learning

Amendment 10 [Made]

Schedule 2, Page 39, Line 1

Leave out lines 1 to 3 and insert ‘in sub-paragraph (e) after “134” insert “, 135C”.’

Minister for Employment and Learning

Amendment 11 [Made]

Schedule 2, Page 39, Line 7

At end insert—

‘The Industrial Tribunals (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (NI 18)

. In Article 20(1) (claims and proceedings to which provisions as to conciliation apply)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (c)—

(i) at the beginning insert “under, or”;

(ii) after head (vii) insert—

“(viii) Article 112G(1) or 112H(1)(b) (flexible working);” and

(b) in sub-paragraph (e) at the beginning insert “under, or”.’

Minister for Employment and Learning

Amendment 12 [Made]

Schedule 2, Page 39, Line 7

At end insert—

‘The Employment Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (NI 9)

. In Article 24 (1) (power to confer rights on individuals) at the end add—

“(g) the Employment Act (Northern Ireland) 2002.”.’

Minister for Employment and Learning

FUR FARMING (PROHIBITION) BILL



**Northern Ireland
Assembly**

**MARSHALLED LIST OF AMENDMENTS
CONSIDERATION STAGE
Monday 7 October 2002**

Amendments tabled up to and including Thursday, 03 October 2002

The Bill will be considered in the following order-

Clauses and Long Title

Amendment 1 *[Made]*

Clause 5, Page 3, Line 35

At end insert—

‘(4) The scheme shall provide that payments shall not be made under the scheme in respect of a business which was first carried on after a date specified in the scheme.’

Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

7 OCTOBER 2002

DIVISIONS

Division No.1
Employment Bill
Amendment 3, Clause 13

Proposed: Clause 13, Page 28, Line 14

After 'child' insert 'or disabled dependant'

[Ms Monica McWilliams]

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 19

Noes : 35

Ayes

Eileen Bell, Séamus Close, David Ervine, David Ford, Michelle Gildernew, Billy Hutchinson, John Kelly, Kieran McCarthy, Barry McElduff, Gerry McHugh, Monica McWilliams, Francie Molloy, Jane Morrice, Conor Murphy, Mick Murphy, Seán Neeson, Mary Nelis, Dara O'Hagan, Sue Ramsey.

Noes

Roy Beggs, Billy Bell, Esmond Birnie, P J Bradley, Joe Byrne, Joan Carson, Robert Coulter, Annie Courtney, Michael Coyle, John Dallat, Ivan Davis, Mark Durkan, Reg Empey, Seán Farren, Tommy Gallagher, John Gorman, Tom Hamilton, Carmel Hanna, Joe Hendron, Derek Hussey, Danny Kennedy, Lord Kilclooney, James Leslie, Patricia Lewsley, David McClarty, Alasdair McDonnell, Alan McFarland, Michael McGimpsey, Eddie McGrady, Eugene McMenamin, Eamonn O'Neill, Ken Robinson, Bríd Rodgers, George Savage, David Trimble.

The Amendment **fell**.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

7 OCTOBER 2002

DIVISIONS

Division No.2

Motion – Prayer of Annulment: Statutory Rule subject to Negative Resolution

Proposed: That the Fire Services (Appointments and Promotion) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (SR 283/2002) be annulled.

[Mr P Berry]

The Question was put and the Assembly divided.

Ayes : 36

Noes : 24

Ayes

Roy Beggs, Billy Bell, Paul Berry, Esmond Birnie, Gregory Campbell, Mervyn Carrick, Wilson Clyde, Robert Coulter, Ivan Davis, Nigel Dodds, Sam Foster, Oliver Gibson, Tom Hamilton, William Hay, David Hilditch, Derek Hussey, Roger Hutchinson, Gardiner Kane, Danny Kennedy, James Leslie, David McClarty, William McCrea, Alan McFarland, Maurice Morrow, Ian Paisley Jnr, Ian R K Paisley, Iris Robinson, Ken Robinson, Mark Robinson, Peter Robinson, George Savage, Jim Shannon, David Trimble, Peter Weir, Jim Wells, Sammy Wilson.

Noes

Alex Attwood, Michael Coyle, John Dallat, Bairbre de Brún, Seán Farren, Tommy Gallagher, Michelle Gildernew, Carmel Hanna, Denis Haughey, Joe Hendron, Gerry Kelly, John Kelly, Patricia Lewsley, Alban Maginness, Alasdair McDonnell, Barry McElduff, Gerry McHugh, Monica McWilliams, Francie Molloy, Mick Murphy, Dara O'Hagan, Eamonn O'Neill, Sue Ramsey, Bríd Rodgers.

The Motion was **carried**.

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

FROM 2 OCTOBER 2002 TO 7 OCTOBER 2002

1. Acts of the Northern Ireland Assembly

2. Bills of the Northern Ireland Assembly

3. Orders in Council

4. Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly

Labour Relations Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2001–2002 (NIA1/02)

Social Security Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2001–2002 (NIA 4/02)

General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland Annual Report 2001-2002 (NIA 5/02)

Examiner of Statutory Rules: Second Report: Report to the Assembly and the Appropriate Committees: 27 September 2002 (NIA 26/02)

Development of Services for people with a Learning Disability or Mental Illness (NIA 27/02)

Separation of Younger From Older Patients in Hospital (NIA 28/02)

Residential Care of Handicapped Persons Under the age of 65 (NIA 29/02)

5. Assembly Reports

Committee for Employment and Learning: First Report: Report on the Employment Bill (NIA Bill 11/01) (1/02/R)

Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment: Sixth Report: Report on the Insolvency Bill (NIA Bill 14/01) (6/01/R)

Committee for the Environment: First Report: Report on the Pollution, Prevention and Control Bill (NIA Bill 19/01) (1/02/R)

Committee for the Environment: Second Report: Report on the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill (NIA Bill 7/01) (2/02/R) (to be printed)

Committee for Finance and Personnel: Second Report: Report of the Committee for Finance and Personnel's Response to the Review of Rating Policy Consultation Paper (2/02/R)

6. Statutory Rules

(The department identified after each rule is for reference purposes only.)

SR No 292 Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Prescription of Offices, Ranks and Positions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2002 (OFMDFM)

SR No 294 Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DoE)

SR No 299 The Social Security (Personal Injury Payments Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DSD)

SR No 304 Welfare of Animals (Slaughter or Killing of Animals) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DARD)

SR No 307 Food (Figs, Hazelnuts and Pistachios from Turkey) (Emergency Control No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DHSSPS)

7. Consultation Documents

8. Departmental Publications

9. Agency Publications

10. Westminster Publications

11. Miscellaneous Publications

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY 8 OCTOBER 2002

The Assembly met at 10.30 am, the Speaker in the Chair

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **Speaker's Business**

2.1 **Letter from First Minister and Deputy First Minister regarding the Second Stage of the Strategic Investment and Regeneration of Sites Bill (NIA Bill 8/02)**

The Speaker read a letter he received from the First Minister, The Rt Hon David Trimble MP and Deputy First Minister, Mr Mark Durkan requesting permission to withdraw the Second Stage of the Strategic Investment and Regeneration of Sites Bill (NIA Bill 8/02) and for the second reading to be rescheduled for a later date.

3. **Executive Committee Business**

3.1 **Statement – Review of Post-Primary Education:
Report on Responses to Consultation**

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

The Minister of Education, Mr Martin McGuinness, made a statement to the Assembly on the Review of Post-Primary Education: Report on Responses to Consultation, following which he replied to questions.

Following disorder in the Chamber, the Deputy Speaker, Ms Jane Morrice, ordered Mr Ken Robinson to withdraw immediately from the Chamber and its precincts for the remainder of the day's sitting. Mr Robinson withdrew from the Chamber.

3.2 **Second Stage – Strategic Investment and Regeneration of Sites Bill (NIA Bill 8/02)**

The Second Stage of the Strategic Investment and Regeneration of Sites Bill (NIA Bill 8/02) in the names of the First Minister, The Rt Hon David Trimble MP and the Deputy First Minister, Mr Mark Durkan was **not moved**.

3.3 **Second Stage – Energy Bill (NIA Bill 9/02)**

Sir Reg Empey, Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, moved that the Second Stage of the Energy Bill (NIA Bill 9/02) be agreed.

Deputy Speaker (Mr Donovan McClelland) in the Chair.

After debate, NIA Bill 9/02 passed Second Stage and stood referred to the Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment.

3.4 **Final Stage – Limited Liability Partnerships Bill (NIA Bill 9/01)**

Sir Reg Empey, Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, moved that the Final Stage of the Limited Liability Partnerships Bill (NIA Bill 9/01) be agreed.

NIA Bill 9/01 passed Final Stage.

3.5 **Final Stage – Open-Ended Investment Companies Bill (NIA Bill 10/01)**

Sir Reg Empey, Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment, moved that the Final Stage of the Open-Ended Investment Companies Bill (NIA Bill 10/01) be agreed.

NIA Bill 10/01 passed Final Stage.

4. **Private Members' Business**

4.1 **Motion – Fair Price Commission**

Proposed: That this Assembly notes the disastrous situation of agriculture in Northern Ireland and urges the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development to establish a Fair Price Commission with one of its principal functions being to investigate the distribution of profits within the Agri-Food sector.

[Mr G Savage]

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

5. **Adjournment**

5.1 Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 1.36 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
8 October 2002

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

ON 8 OCTOBER 2002

- 1. Acts of the Northern Ireland Assembly**
- 2. Bills of the Northern Ireland Assembly**
Agriculture (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 10/02)
- 3. Orders in Council**
- 4. Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly**
- 5. Assembly Reports**
- 6. Statutory Rules**
- 7. Consultation Documents**
- 8. Departmental Publications**
- 9. Agency Publications**
Rivers Agency Corporate Plan 2002–2007 and Business Plan 2002–2003
- 10. Westminster Publications**
- 11. Miscellaneous Publications**

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY 8 OCTOBER 2002

The Assembly met at 2.00 pm, the Speaker in the Chair

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **Speaker's Business**

2.1 **Dismissal of Ministers**

The Speaker advised Members that he had received a letter from Rev Dr Ian Paisley MP MEP, in his role as nominating officer for the Democratic Unionist Party, informing him of the dismissal of Mr Peter Robinson MP, Minister for Regional Development and Mr Nigel Dodds MP, Minister for Social Development, from Ministerial Office, effective from 12 noon on Friday 11 October 2002 .

3. **Private Members' Business**

3.1 **Motion – Events on 4 October 2002**

Proposed: That this Assembly expresses deep concern at the implications of events on Friday 4 October 2002.

[Rev Dr I R K Paisley MP MEP]

[Mr P Robinson MP]

[Mr N Dodds MP]

[Mr M Morrow]

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

4. **Adjournment**

4.1 Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 4.34 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
8 October 2002

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY

ON 8 OCTOBER 2002

1. Acts of the Northern Ireland Assembly

2. Bills of the Northern Ireland Assembly

3. Orders in Council

4. Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly

Re-roofing of the Agriculture and Food Science Centre at Newforge (NIAO)
(NIA 24/02)

5. Assembly Reports

6. Statutory Rules

(The department identified after each rule is for reference purposes only.)

SR No 305 One-Way Traffic (Coleraine) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland)
2002 (DRD)

7. Consultation Documents

8. Departmental Publications

9. Agency Publications

10. Westminster Publications

11. Miscellaneous Publications

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

MINUTE OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY 14 OCTOBER 2002

The Assembly met at 12.00 noon, the Speaker in the Chair

1. **Personal Prayer or Meditation**

Members observed two minutes' silence.

2. **The Speaker's Business**

2.1 **Suspension of Assembly**

The Speaker informed Members that he received a letter from the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, The Rt Hon John Reid MP, suspending the devolved institutions with effect from midnight on 14 October, 2002.

2.2 **Public Petition – Neglect of the Gray's Hill area of North Down**

Ms Jane Morrice begged leave, in accordance with Standing Order 22, to present a Public Petition relating to the neglect of the Gray's Hill area in North Down.

3. **Executive Committee Business**

3.1 **Second Stage –
Strategic Investment and Regeneration of Sites Bill (NIA Bill 8/02)**

The Speaker notified Members that a valid Petition of Concern signed by 30 Members had been received in respect of the Second Stage of the Strategic Investment and Regeneration of Sites Bill (NIA Bill 8/02) and that, in accordance with Standing Order 27, no vote could be held on its Second Stage until at least one day had passed.

The Second Stage of the Strategic Investment and Regeneration of Sites Bill (NIA Bill 8/02) in the names of the First Minister, The Rt Hon David Trimble MP, and the Deputy First Minister, Mr Mark Durkan was **not moved**.

3.2 **Motion –**
Draft Code of Practice on Industrial Action Ballots and Notice to Employers

Proposed: That the Department for Employment and Learning's draft Code of Practice on Industrial Action Ballots and Notice to Employers be approved.

[Minister for Employment and Learning]

Deputy Speaker (Ms Jane Morrice) in the Chair.

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

3.3 **Motion –**
Draft Code of Practice on Disciplinary and Grievance Procedures

Proposed: That the Labour Relations Agency's draft Code of Practice on Disciplinary and Grievance Procedures be approved.

[Minister for Employment and Learning]

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

3.4 **Motion –**
Draft Code of Practice on Redundancy Consultation and Procedures

Proposed: That the Labour Relations Agency's draft Code of Practice on Redundancy Consultation and Procedures be approved.

[Minister for Employment and Learning]

After debate, the Question being put, the Motion was **carried** without division.

4. **Committee Business**

4.1 **Motion – Extension of Committee Stage:**
Assembly Ombudsman for Northern Ireland (Assembly Standards) Bill
(NIA Bill 25/01)

The following Motion stood on the Order Paper in the name of the Chairperson, Committee of the Centre.

That, in accordance with Standing Order 31(5), the period referred to in Standing Order 31(3) be extended to 6 December 2002, in relation to the Committee Stage of the Assembly Ombudsman for Northern Ireland (Assembly Standards) Bill (NIA Bill 25/01).

The Motion was **not moved**.

4.2 **Motion – Extension of Committee Stage: Harbours Bill (NIA Bill 5/02)**

The following Motion stood on the Order Paper in the name of the Chairperson, Committee for Regional Development.

That, in accordance with Standing Order 31(5), the period referred to in Standing Order 31(3) be extended to 16 December 2002, in relation to the Committee Stage of the Harbours Bill (NIA Bill 5/02).

The Motion was **not moved**.

The Sitting was, by leave, suspended at 12.55 pm.

The Sitting resumed at 2.30 pm.

The Speaker in the Chair.

5. **Question Time**

5.1 **Minister of Education**

Questions were put to and answered by, the Minister, Mr Martin McGuinness MP.

5.2 **Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety**

Questions were put to and answered by, the Minister, Ms Bairbre de Brún.

5.3 **Minister of Finance and Personnel**

Deputy Speaker (Mr Jim Wilson) in the Chair.

Questions were put to and answered by, the Minister, Dr Seán Farren.

6. **Adjournment**

6.1 Mr Alban Maginness spoke on the future of the Mater Hospital.

Proposed: That the Assembly do now adjourn.

[The Speaker]

The Assembly adjourned at 4.57 pm.

THE LORD ALDERDICE
The Speaker
14 OCTOBER 2002

NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY
PAPERS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY
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Employment Bill (NIA Bill 11/01) (as amended at Consideration Stage)

3. Orders in Council

4. Publications Laid in the Northern Ireland Assembly

North/South Ministerial Council Annual Report 2001 (NIA 9/02)

Waterways Ireland Annual Report and Accounts 1999–2000 (NIA 33/02)

5. Assembly Reports

Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development: First Report: Inquiry into the 2001 Foot-and-Mouth Disease Outbreak in Northern Ireland: Minutes of Proceedings and the Minutes of Evidence Relating to the Report (1/02/E) (to be printed)

Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development: Second Report: Vision Action Plan/Food Body Working Group: Minutes of Evidence (2/02/E) (to be printed)

Committee for Education: First Report: Inquiry into Early Years Learning: Minutes of Evidence (1/02/E) (to be printed)

Committee for Education: Second Report: Education and Libraries Bill (NIA Bill 21/01): Minutes of Evidence and Written Submissions (2/02/E) (to be printed)

Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment: First Report: Report of the Committee's Response to the Department of Finance and Personnel's Review of Rating Policy (1/02/R)

Committee for the Environment: Second Report: Report on the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill (NIA Bill 7/01) (2/02/R)

Committee for the Environment: Third Report: Interim Report on the Planning (Amendment) Bill (NIA Bill 12/01): Minutes of Proceedings, Minutes of Evidence, Written Submissions and Associated Commentary (3/02/E) (to be printed)

Committee for the Environment: Fourth Report: Interim Report on the Local Air Quality Management Bill (NIA Bill 13/01): Minutes of Proceedings, Minutes of Evidence, Written Submissions and Associated Commentary (4/02/E) (to be printed)

Committee for Health, Social Services and Public Safety: First Report: Inquiry into Child Protection Services in Northern Ireland: Minutes of Proceedings Relating to the Inquiry, Minutes of Evidence and Written Submissions (1/02/E) (to be printed)

Committee for Health, Social Services and Public Safety: Second Report: Response to the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety's Consultation Document: Developing Better Services – Modernising Hospitals: Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence and Written Submissions (2/02/E) (to be printed)

Committee for Health, Social Services and Public Safety: Third Report: Report on the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults Bill (NIA Bill 22/01): Minutes of Proceedings Relating to the Report, Minutes of Evidence and Written Submissions (3/02/E) (to be printed)

Public Accounts Committee: First Report: Report on the Northern Ireland Tourist Board (1/02/R) (to be printed)

6. Statutory Rules

(The department identified after each rule is for reference purposes only.)

SR No 300 The Batteries and Accumulators (Containing Dangerous Substances) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DoE)

SR No 303 The Control of Noise (Codes of Practice for Construction and Open Sites) Order (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DoE)

SR No 306 Malone Place, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DRD)

SR No 308 Weights and Measures (Passing as Fit for Use for Trade and Adjustment Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DETI)

SR No 309 Measuring Instruments (EEC Requirements) (Verification Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DETI)

SR No 315 The Social Fund (Cold Weather Payments) (General) Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (DSD)

7. Consultation Documents

8. Departmental Publications

9. Agency Publications

Forest Service Corporate and Business Plans 2002/3–2006/7

10. Westminster Publications

11. Miscellaneous Publications