



## BRITISH-IRISH PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

#### SESSION XL1

#### 1. Monday 21 November 2010

**The sitting was opened in public at 9.40 a.m. in the Sefton Hotel, Douglas, Isle of Man,  
with Mr Niall Blaney T.D. in the Chair**

**The Chairman** announced that a new delegation of UK Members had been appointed following the UK General Election and also that Mr Michel Ring T.D. had been replaced by Mr Frank Feighan, T.D., as a full Member, and that Senator Ivor Callely had ceased to be an Associate Member.

**The Chairman** announced that, pursuant to Rule 2(a) the following Associate Members had accepted the invitation of the Steering Committee to assume the powers and responsibilities of Members for all of the session: from Ireland, Senator Geraldine Feeney, and for the UK, Baroness Harris of Richmond, Mr Andrew Rosindell and Mr Jim Sheridan.

**The Lord Cope of Berkeley took the Chair**

#### 1. ADOPTION OF PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS

*Ordered*, That the proposed Programme of Business for the current Session, as amended, be approved.—(**The Chair.**)

**Mr Niall Blaney took the Chair**

#### 2. THE SAVILLE REPORT AND RELATED MATTERS

The Assembly engaged in a general debate.

*The sitting was suspended at 11.00 am.*

*The sitting was resumed at 11.04 am.*

**Lord Cope of Berkeley took the Chair**

**3. ADDRESS BY THE CHIEF MINISTER OF THE ISLE OF MAN**

**The Chief Minister of the Isle of Man (Mr J A Brown MHK)** addressed the Assembly.

**Mr J A Brown MHK** answered questions from the floor.

**4. ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE NORDIC COUNCIL**

**Mr Helgi Hjörvar, President of the Nordic Council**, addressed the Assembly.

**Mr Helgi Hjörvar** answered questions from the floor.

**Mr Niall Blaney took the Chair**

**5. THE ECONOMY**

The Assembly engaged in a general debate.

*The sitting was suspended at 12.44 pm*

*The sitting was resumed at 2.30 pm*

**Lord Cope of Berkeley took the Chair**

**The Chair announced amendments to the Programme of Business to facilitate the abbreviation of the sitting to one day only, pursuant to events in Ireland**

**6. ADDRESS BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND**

**Rt Hon Owen Paterson**, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, addressed the Assembly.

**Rt Hon Owen Paterson** answered questions from the floor.

**7. A BILL OF RIGHTS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND**

Resolved, That this Assembly, following the proposal for a Bill of Rights for Northern Ireland contained in the Good Friday Agreement 1998, and further supporting the commitment to introduce Westminster legislation contained in the British and Irish Governments' Joint Declaration 2003, notes the delay in introducing a Bill to this effect and calls upon the British Government to fulfil this obligation.—(**Lord Smith of Clifton.**)

**8. BUSINESS REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

**Mr Jim O'Keeffe, T.D.**, made a statement about the work of Committee A.

**Mr Robert Walter, M.P.**, made a statement about the work of Committee B.

**Ms Margaret Conlon, T.D.**, made a statement about the work of Committee C.

**Lord Dubs** made a statement about the work of Committee D.

## **8. THE IRISH COMMUNITY IN BRITAIN**

*Resolved*, That the Assembly takes note of the report of Committee D on the Irish Community in Britain, and the conclusions and recommendations of the Report, which should be forwarded to both Governments and devolved administrations for their observations [Doc. No. 174]—(Lord Dubs.)

## **9. MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSEMBLY**

*Resolved*, That Rule 1(d) be amended to read:

(d) The term of office of a member or of an Associate Member shall commence when his nomination has been certified to the Clerks, and shall expire on the certification of his discharge by the nominating institution or following a determination made in accordance with Rule 2(d) or when he ceases to be a Member of that institution, whether by dissolution or for any other reason:

Except that Members and Associates nominated to the Assembly shall, notwithstanding any dissolution of the nominating institution, remain Members and Associates of the Assembly until the end of the next Session or until new nominations have been made, whichever is the earlier—(The Co-Chair.)

## **9. GOVERNMENT REPLIES TO REPORTS**

**Response of the UK government to the Report from Committee D on Returning the Unemployed to Work [Doc No 176]**

The item was postponed.

**Response of the Isle of Man government to the Resolutions of the Assembly of the 40<sup>th</sup> plenary session**

*Resolved*, That the Assembly takes note of the response of the Isle of Man government to the resolutions of the Assembly of the 40<sup>th</sup> plenary session [Doc. No 177]—(The Co-Chair.)

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

*Resolved*, That the Assembly do now adjourn.—(Mr Noel Treacey.)

**The session concluded at 4.30 p.m.**

**ALDA BARRY  
PAUL KELLY**

**Clerks to the Assembly**

**1 June 2011**