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Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 22 November 2022

Note: (DT) signifies a decision taken at Decision Time.

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Mgr. John A. Hughes, Parish Priest, St. Joseph's, Helensburgh, Former Rector of the Pontifical Scots College Rome, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.
- 3. Scotland's Approach to 2022 Coastal States Negotiations - Securing Principled Sustainable Outcomes:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands (Mairi Gougeon) moved S6M-06889—That the Parliament acknowledges the ongoing negotiations with international partners to agree fishing opportunities for 2023, including coastal state and regional fisheries management organisation negotiations, and bi- and tri-lateral negotiations with the EU, Norway and the Faroe Islands; notes that the outcome of these negotiations will be pivotal in providing fishing opportunities to the Scottish industry, and in ensuring the sustainable management of fish stocks in the long term, and supports the Scottish Government's efforts to achieve the best possible outcome for Scotland's fishers, the wider seafood sector, coastal communities and the environment through a collaborative and co-management approach with stakeholders.

Colin Smyth moved amendment S6M-06889.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-06889 in the name of Mairi Gougeon (Scotland's Approach to 2022 Coastal States Negotiations - Securing Principled

Sustainable Outcomes), insert at end “; believes that distribution of fish quotas secured at these negotiations must follow key tests, including catch limits that meet scientific advice for maximum sustainable yield, as well as socially, economically and environmentally beneficial fisheries being given preferable access to quota, Scottish seafood being landed in Scotland, and securing the maximum share of sustainable fishing opportunities for Scottish fishers; recognises the importance of the transition to low-impact fishing; calls on the Scottish Government to report yearly on how it incentivises the use of selective fishing gear and the use of techniques that have a reduced impact on the environment, when distributing catch quotas and effort quotas to fishing boats, in line with Section 25 of the Fisheries Act 2020; notes the value of the fishing sector and the jobs that it provides, often in rural communities; further notes the need to support and develop Scotland's fish processing industry; commends those working in the sector, and recognises the resilience and bravery of Scotland's fishermen.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 20, Against 95, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

4. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06912—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Wednesday 23 November 2022—

after

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: Cost of Living: Mortgage Rescue Scheme

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: NHS Forth Valley Update

delete

5.10 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.40 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 3 as noted above.

6. Brexit's Impact on Inflation: The Parliament debated S6M-05709 in the name of Christine Grahame—That the Parliament notes with concern the reported impact of Brexit on inflation and the cost of living across Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale and elsewhere in Scotland; further notes that research by the UK in a

Changing Europe think tank reportedly revealed that Brexit has increased food prices by 6%; notes reports that sterling has lost 10% of its value, leaving households poor by increasing import costs and inflation while lowering wage growth; is aware of research published by the London School of Economics and Resolution Foundation stating that Brexit has reduced how open and competitive Britain is, leading to, it believes, reduced productivity and wages over the next decade; recognises that the Office for Budget Responsibility reportedly says that Brexit will have the long-term effect of cutting UK GDP by 4%; understands that the Financial Times agreed that such a decline will mean £100 billion of lost output and £40 billion less revenue for the Treasury each year; is concerned by reports that the UK has now fallen behind all other G7 countries in the pace of its recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, with, it understands, exports down significantly, and notes the view that Scotland will prosper more by regaining its independence and re-joining the EU than by remaining in the UK.

The meeting closed at 5.46 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
22 November 2022

Appendix
(Note: this Appendix does not form part of the Minutes)

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 21 November 2022—

Economy and Fair Work Committee, 11th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandums for the Procurement Bill and the Trade (Australia and New Zealand) Bill (SP Paper 263)

The following reports were published on 22 November 2022—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 61st Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 22 November 2022 (SP Paper 264)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 62nd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill: Stage 1 (SP Paper 267)

Subordinate Legislation

Negative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 22 November 2022 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Official Controls (Import of High Risk Food and Feed of Non-Animal Origin) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/341)
laid under Article 57a(5) of Regulation (EC) No. 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 17 November 2022 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

GTC Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements 2021-2022 (GTCS/2022/01) laid under Section 22 (5) of Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 21 November 2022 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Historic Environment Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements 2021-22 (SG/2022/167) laid under Section 14(3) of Schedule 1 of the Historic Environment Scotland Act 2014

Police Investigations & Review Commissioner Annual Report & Accounts 2021-2022 (SG/2022/223) laid under section 43(5) of the Police Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006

Redress Scotland - Corporate Plan 2022-23 (SG/2022/210) laid under paragraph 15(9)(b) of the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Act 2021

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