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Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 6 June 2024

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

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

- 1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Ministers.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the Deputy First Minister (Kate Forbes).
- 3. Permanently Ending Peak Rail Fares on ScotRail:** The Parliament debated S6M-13270 in the name of Mark Ruskell—That the Parliament notes what it considers to be the success of the pilot scheme to remove peak rail fares, which has been in place since 2 October 2023 and has been further extended to the end of September 2024; believes that this has been an important tool in encouraging public transport use during the cost of living crisis, including for commuters in the Mid Scotland and Fife region; notes the belief that shifting commuters to low-carbon public transport is essential to drive down climate change emissions from the transport sector and contribute to the target of reducing car kilometres by 20% by 2030; further notes the support of the Scottish Trades Union Congress, and the rail unions RMT, ASLEF, TSSA and Unite, for the removal of peak time rail fares; notes the call to abolish peak time fares in the rail unions' joint report, A Vision for Scotland's Railways, published in October 2021, and further notes the calls on the Scottish Government to permanently abolish peak time rail fares.
- 4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

5. Stage 3 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-13497—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 4: 40 mins

Groups 5 to 7: 1 hour 30 mins.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

15 (For 58 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 55, Abstentions 0)

5 (For 65, Against 25, Abstentions 22 (including 1 proxy vote)).

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

23 (For 27 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 88, Abstentions 0)

16 (For 33 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 80, Abstentions 0)

24 (For 10, Against 83, Abstentions 21)

25 (For 32 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 83, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 17 and 18.

The following amendments were not moved: 19, 20, 21 and 22.

7. Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Public Finance (Ivan McKee) moved S6M-13477—That the Parliament agrees that the Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 109, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

8. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.49 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 4.53 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
6 June 2024

Appendix

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 6 June 2024—

Economy and Fair Work Committee, 6th Report, 2024 (Session 6):
Subordinate legislation considered by the Economy and Fair Work Committee
on 5 June 2024 (SP Paper 614)

Economy and Fair Work Committee, 7th Report, 2024 (Session 6):
Subordinate legislation considered by the Economy and Fair Work Committee
on 5 June 2024 (SP Paper 615)

Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 8th Report, 2024 (Session 6):
Subordinate Legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security
Committee on 30 May 2024 (SP Paper 617)

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