



House of Commons

Tuesday 12 February 2013

PUBLIC BILL COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

MARRIAGE (SAME SEX COUPLES) BILL

[FIRST AND SECOND SITTINGS]

Hugh Robertson

Agreed to

That—

- (1) the Committee shall (in addition to its first meeting at 8.00 am on Tuesday 12 February) meet—
 - (a) at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 12 February;
 - (b) at 11.30 am and 2.00 pm on Thursday 14 February;
 - (c) at 8.55 am and 2.00 pm on Tuesday 26 February;
 - (d) at 11.30 am and 2.00 pm on Thursday 28 February;
 - (e) at 8.55 am and 2.00 pm on Tuesday 5 March;
 - (f) at 11.30 am and 2.00 pm on Thursday 7 March; and
 - (g) at 8.55 am and 2.00 pm on Tuesday 12 March;
- (2) the Committee shall hear oral evidence in accordance with the following Table;

TABLE

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Witness</i>
Tuesday 12 February	Until no later than 9.00 am	Department for Culture, Media and Sport; Department for Education
Tuesday 12 February	Until no later than 9.45 am	The Church of England
Tuesday 12 February	Until no later than 10.30 am	The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales
Tuesday 12 February	Until no later than 11.00 am	The Church in Wales
Tuesday 12 February	Until no later than 11.25 am	Lord Pannick QC; Baroness Kennedy of the Shaws QC

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Witness</i>
Tuesday 12 February	Until no later than 3.00 pm	Stonewall; Lesbian and Gay Foundation; Gender Identity Research and Education Society
Tuesday 12 February	Until no later than 3.45 pm	Liberal Judaism; Board of Deputies of British Jews
Tuesday 12 February	Until no later than 4.15 pm	Out4Marriage
Tuesday 12 February	Until no later than 4.45 pm	Coalition for Marriage
Tuesday 12 February	Until no later than 5.15 pm	Professor Julian Rivers, University of Bristol Law School
Thursday 14 February	Until no later than 12.15 pm	The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers in Britain); the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches
Thursday 14 February	Until no later than 1.00 pm	The Methodist Church; the United Reformed Church
Thursday 14 February	Until no later than 2.45 pm	Liberty; Equality and Human Rights Commission; The Co-operative Group
Thursday 14 February	Until no later than 3.15 pm	Schools OUT; PHSE Association
Thursday 14 February	Until no later than 3.45 pm	The Very Reverend Jeffrey John, Dean of St Albans; Alice Arnold, broadcaster
Thursday 14 February	Until no later than 4.15 pm	Brendan O'Neill, journalist; Mark Jones, partner at Ormerods Solicitors

- (3) proceedings on consideration of the Bill in Committee shall be taken in the following order: Clauses 1 to 4; Schedule 1; Clauses 5 to 10; Schedule 2; Clause 11; Schedules 3 and 4; Clause 12; Schedule 5; Clause 13; Schedule 6; Clause 14; Schedule 7; Clauses 15 to 18; new Clauses; new Schedules; remaining proceedings on the Bill; and
- (4) the proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at 5.00 pm on Tuesday 12 March.

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That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication.

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That, at this and any subsequent meeting at which oral evidence is to be heard, the Committee shall sit in private until the witnesses are admitted.

Agreed to

[Adjourned until Thursday at 11.30 am