

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 2, No. 108, Session 5

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 15 May 2018

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

3. European Union (Withdrawal) Bill: The Minister for UK Negotiations for Scotland's Place in Europe, (Michael Russell) moved S5M-12223—That the Parliament notes the legislative consent memorandums on the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill lodged by the Scottish Government on 12 September 2017 and 26 April 2018, and the reports of the Finance and Constitution Committee of 9 January and 10 May 2018, and, because of clause 15 (formerly 11) and schedule 3, which constrain the legislative and executive competence of the Scottish Parliament and Scottish Government, does not consent to the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill.

Adam Tomkins moved amendment S5M-12223.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-12223 in the name of Michael Russell (European Union (Withdrawal) Bill), leave out from “, and, because of” to end and insert “; agrees with the Welsh Government and Liberal Democrat peers that the amended Bill respects the devolution settlement, and, because it provides people and businesses in Scotland with certainty and devolves further powers to the Scottish Parliament, consents to the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 95, Abstentions 0).

Neil Findlay moved amendment S5M-12223.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-12223 in the name of Michael Russell (European Union (Withdrawal) Bill), insert at end “, and calls on both the UK and Scottish governments to convene cross-party talks in an attempt to broker an agreed way forward.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 93, Against 31, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 93, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the legislative consent memorandums on the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill lodged by the Scottish Government on 12 September 2017 and 26 April 2018, and the reports of the Finance and Constitution Committee of 9 January and 10 May 2018, and, because of clause 15 (formerly 11) and schedule 3, which constrain the legislative and executive competence of the Scottish Parliament and Scottish Government, does not consent to the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill, and calls on both the UK and Scottish governments to convene cross-party talks in an attempt to broker an agreed way forward.

The meeting closed at 6.04 pm

Link to Legislative Consent Memorandum-

<http://www.parliament.scot/S5ChamberOffice/SPLCM-S05-10-2017.pdf>

Link to Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum-

<http://www.parliament.scot/S5ChamberOffice/LCM-S5-10a.pdf>