

## STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

Formal minutes of meeting  
Wednesday 15 January 2014

Members present:

Chairman of Ways and Means (in the Chair)  
Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means  
John Hemming  
Christopher Pincher  
Jonathan Reynolds  
Mr Robert Syms  
Mr Charles Walker

Mr Michael Carpenter, Speaker's Counsel, in attendance.

### 1. Sessional Resolutions

*Resolved,*

1. That Reports of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills shall be held by the Standing Orders Committee to be conclusive on the question of any non-compliance with the Standing Orders reported therein.
2. That Special Reports from the Examiners, setting forth a statement of facts without deciding whether the Standing Order or Orders applying thereto have or have not been complied with, shall be held by the Committee to be conclusive as to the facts so set forth.
3. That in the case of Special Reports the party contending that the Standing Orders have been complied with shall set forth his argument in a typewritten or duplicated statement and shall strictly confine himself thereto, without entering upon the question of dispensation with the Standing Orders, and the opposing party or parties shall do the same under the same limitation.
4. That when on the consideration of a Special Report the Committee has decided that the Standing Orders have not been complied with, further consideration of the case with a view to the question of the dispensation with Standing Orders shall be postponed to the next meeting of the Committee in order to give time for the preparation of statements relating to that question.
5. That where the Examiner reports or the Committee decides that the Standing Orders have not been complied with, the party praying for dispensation of the Standing Orders and any party opposing such dispensation shall set forth in a printed, typewritten or duplicated statement the grounds on which he rests his prayer or opposition.
6. That every statement laid before the Committee shall disclose the names of the parties on whose behalf such statement is submitted and be confined strictly to matters relevant to the points reported on by the Examiners or determined by the Committee on their consideration of any Special Report from the Examiners.
7. That Agents shall leave copies of their statements, and of the proposed new clauses and amendments in the case of Petitions for Additional Provision, in the Office of the Chairman of Ways and Means and

with the Agents of the other parties directly concerned and shall deliver to the Clerk to the Committee a copy in an envelope marked "Standing Orders Committee" for each Member of the Committee not later than twelve o'clock noon four sitting days before the day fixed for the meeting of the Committee.

8. That when any Petition praying that any of the Standing Orders of the House may be dispensed with, or any Petition opposing the same, shall have been referred to the Committee, no statement in addition to the case set forth in any such Petition other than a challenge of fact appearing in any other petition shall be received and Agents shall leave copies of the Petitions in the Office of the Chairman of Way and Means and with the Agents of the other parties directly concerned and shall deliver to the Clerk to the Committee a copy in an envelope marked "Standing Orders Committee" for each Member of the Committee not later than twelve o'clock noon four sitting says before the day fixed for the meeting of the Committee.
9. That when the Committee think fit they shall hear one speech from each of the parties in explanation of their statements, but that no party shall be allowed to travel into any matter that is not referred to in his statement.
10. That, whenever necessary, the decision of the Committee with respect to any Petition or Bill be communicated by the Clerk to the Committee to the Chairman of the Committee on the Bill affected by such decision, on or before the day on which the Bill is considered in Committee.

—(The Chairman)

## **2. High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Bill**

(Examiners' Report concerning non-compliance with SOs 11, 12, 12A, 13, 27, 27A, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 48 and 55).

Examiners' Report read.

Statement of Agents (Winckworth Sherwood) read.

Mrs Alison Gorlov heard in support of the Bill.

The parties withdrew.

The Committee deliberated.

*Resolved*, That the following Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with: SO 11, 12, 12A, 13, 27, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 48 and 55; and that Standing Order 27A (Environmental Assessment) ought to be dispensed on condition that the Promoters of the Bill extend the period set under Standing Order 224A (Comments on environmental statement) during which comments can be made on the Environmental Statement so that the last day on which comments may be sent to the relevant Minister is 56 days after 16 December 2013, that is 10 February 2014; and that the Promoters publish a notice to this effect in those newspapers in which they published notices relating to the Bill under Standing Order 10 (Publication of notice in newspapers) in November and December 2013.— (*The Chairman*.)

Parties called in and informed of the decision of the Committee.

[The Committee adjourned.]

STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

Formal minutes of meeting  
Wednesday 12 February 2014

Members present:

Chairman of Ways and Means (in the Chair)  
First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means  
Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means  
Geraint Davies  
John Hemming

(Apologies from Charles Walker)

Mr Michael Carpenter, Speaker's Counsel, in attendance.

**1. High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Bill**

The Committee deliberated.

*Resolved*, That in respect of the High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Bill: the promoters of the Bill have met the conditions set by the Committee on 15 January 2014 in relation to non-compliance with Standing Order 27A (Environmental Assessment); and that the promoters be permitted to proceed with their Bill.—  
(*The Chairman.*)

[The Committee adjourned.]

## STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

Formal minutes of meeting

Tuesday 28 October 2014

Members present:

Chairman of Ways and Means (in the Chair)  
Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means  
Geraint Davies  
John Hemming  
Christopher Pincher  
Mr Charles Walker

Mr Michael Carpenter, Speaker's Counsel, in attendance.

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7. That Agents shall leave copies of their statements, and of the proposed new clauses and amendments in the case of Petitions for Additional Provision, in the Office of the Chairman of Ways and Means and with the Agents of the other parties directly concerned and shall deliver to the Clerk to the Committee

a copy in an envelope marked "Standing Orders Committee" for each Member of the Committee not later than twelve o'clock noon four sitting days before the day fixed for the meeting of the Committee.

8. That when any Petition praying that any of the Standing Orders of the House may be dispensed with, or any Petition opposing the same, shall have been referred to the Committee, no statement in addition to the case set forth in any such Petition other than a challenge of fact appearing in any other petition shall be received and Agents shall leave copies of the Petitions in the Office of the Chairman of Way and Means and with the Agents of the other parties directly concerned and shall deliver to the Clerk to the Committee a copy in an envelope marked "Standing Orders Committee" for each Member of the Committee not later than twelve o'clock noon four sitting says before the day fixed for the meeting of the Committee.
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—(*The Chairman*)

## **2. High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Bill (Petition for Additional Provision)**

(Examiners' Report concerning non-compliance with SOs 10, 10A, 11, 12, 12A, 13,27, 27A, 34, 36, 39, 41 and 45).

Examiners' Report read.

Statement of Agents (Winckworth Sherwood) read.

Mrs Alison Gorlov heard in support of the Petition for Additional Provision.

The parties withdrew.

The Committee deliberated.

*Resolved*, That the following Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with: 10, 11, 12, 12A, 13, 27, 27A, 34, 36, 39, 41 and 45; and that Standing Order 10A (Publication of notice relating to works bills) ought to be dispensed with on the following conditions:

- (a) that the House instruct the Select Committee on the High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Bill that the Select Committee have power to consider petitions against amendments included in the Petition for Additional Provision from any residents of the parishes of Finmere and Mixbury in Oxfordshire who have not already deposited such petitions not later than the end of the period of 18 days beginning with a date and under arrangements to be decided by the Select Committee;

(b) that, in accordance with arrangements decided by the Select Committee, the Promoters notify the residents of the parishes in question in writing of the dates for petitioning decided by the Select Committee and identify the places of public resort in the County of Oxfordshire where the relevant notices required by SO 10A are to be displayed; and

(c) that the Promoters confirm to the Standing Orders Committee that such notification has been made; and

That the parties be permitted to insert their Additional Provision, if the Select Committee on the Bill thinks fit, provided that the above condition is met. — (*The Chairman.*)

Parties called in and informed of the decision of the Committee.

[The Committee adjourned.]

STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

Formal minutes of meeting

Tuesday 9 December 2014

Members present:

Chairman of Ways and Means (in the Chair)  
Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means  
John Hemming  
Christopher Pincher

Mr Michael Carpenter, Speaker's Counsel, in attendance.

**1. High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Bill (Petition for Additional Provision)**

The Committee deliberated.

*Resolved*, That in respect of the Petition for Additional Provision deposited in relation to the High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Bill: the promoters of the Bill have met the conditions set by the Committee on 28 October 2014 in relation to non-compliance with Standing Order 10A (Publication of notice relating to works bills); and that the promoters be permitted to insert their Additional Provision, if the Select Committee on the Bill thinks fit.— (*The Chairman.*)

[The Committee adjourned.]