

STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

Formal minutes of meetings
Wednesday 25 November 2015

Members present:

Chairman of Ways and Means (in the Chair)
Mr Steve Baker
Geraint Davies
Marcus Fysh
Jessica Morden
Paul Scully
Julian Sturdy

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.
2. That Special Reports from the Examiners, setting forth a statement of facts without deciding whether the Standing Orders or Orders applying to them 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 their argument in a written statement and shall strictly confine themselves 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 written statement the grounds on which they rest their 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 deliver copies of their statements, and of the proposed new clauses and amendments in the case of Petitions for Additional Provision to the Clerk of the Standing Orders Committee not later than twelve o'clock noon four working 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 deliver copies of the Petitions to the Clerk of the Standing Orders Committee and to the Agents of the other parties directly concerned not later than twelve o'clock noon four working days 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 raise any matter that is not referred to in their 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 (Petition for Additional Provision 2)

(Examiners' Report concerning non-compliance with SOs 10, 10A, 11, 12, 12A, 13, 21, 27, 27A, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39, 41, 42, 45 and 224A).

Examiners' Report read.

Statement of Agents (Winckworth Sherwood) read.

Alison Gorlov and Peter Miller heard in support of the Petition for Additional Provision 2.

The parties withdrew.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved, That the following Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with: 10, 10A, 11, 12, 12A, 13, 21, 27, 27A, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39, 41, 42, 45 and 224A.

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.

3. High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Bill (Petition for Additional Provision 3)

(Examiners' Report concerning non-compliance with SOs 10, 10A, 11, 12, 13, 27, 27A, 34, 35, 37, 39, 41 and 45).

Examiners' Report read.

Statement of Agents (Winckworth Sherwood) read.

Alison Gorlov and Peter Miller heard in support of the Petition for Additional Provision 3.

The parties withdrew.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved, That the following Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with: 10, 10A, 11, 12, 13, 27, 27A, 34, 35, 37, 39, 41 and 45.

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.]

Tuesday 8 December 2015

Members present:

Chairman of Ways and Means (in the Chair)

Tom Blenkinsop

Marcus Fysh

Jessica Morden

Paul Scully

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

1. High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Bill (Petition for Additional Provision 4)

(Examiners' Report concerning non-compliance with SOs 10, 10A, 11, 12, 12A, 13, 27, 27A, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39, 41, 42 and 45.).

Examiners' Report read.

Statement of Agents (Winckworth Sherwood) read.

Statement of Memorialist (Chiltern Society) read.

Alison Gorlov and Peter Miller heard in support of the Petition for Additional Provision 4.

John Gladwin heard on behalf of the Memorialist.

The parties withdrew.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved, That the following Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with: 10, 10A, 11, 12, 12A, 13, 27, 27A, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39, 41, 42 and 45.

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

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

[The Committee adjourned.]

Tuesday 19 January 2016

Members present:

Chairman of Ways and Means (in the Chair)
Mr Steve Baker
Geraint Davies
Marcus Fysh
Jessica Morden
Paul Scully

Mr Peter Davis, Counsel for Domestic Legislation, in attendance.

1. City of London Corporation (Open Spaces) Bill

(Examiners' Report concerning non-compliance with SO 39)

Examiners' Report read.

Statement of Agents (Winckworth Sherwood) read.

Alison Gorlov and Paul Double heard in support of the application for dispensation with Standing Orders.

The parties withdrew.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved, That Standing Order 39 (Deposit of copies of bills) ought to be dispensed with on the following condition:

That, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 171A relating to the last day on which a petition shall be presented, the Promoters re-advertise the petitioning period so that the time limit is extended (that is to 15 February 2016) to compensate for the 13 day delay in depositing copies of the Bill with the Charity Commission, the Department for Education, the Office for Civil Society and the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills.— (*The Chairman.*)

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

[The Committee adjourned.]

Tuesday 26 January 2016

Members present:

Chairman of Ways and Means (in the Chair)

Mr Steve Baker

Marcus Fysh

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

1. High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Bill (Petition for Additional Provision 5)

(Examiners' Report concerning non-compliance with SOs 5, 10, 10A, 11, 12A, 13, 27, 27A, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39, 41, 42 and 45).

Examiners' Report read.

Statement of Agents (Winckworth Sherwood) read.

Alison Gorlov and Jan Podkolinski heard in support of the Petition for Additional Provision 5.

The parties withdrew.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved, That the following Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with: 5, 10, 10A, 11, 12A, 13, 27, 27A, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39, 41, 42 and 45.

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

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

[The Committee adjourned.]