

6.3. Copyright etc (Amendment) Bill 2013 – Third Reading approved

Mr Skelly to move:

That the Copyright etc (Amendment) Bill 2013 be read the third time.

The Speaker: We turn now to the Copyright etc (Amendment) Bill, and I call on the mover, the Hon. Member for Rushen, Mr Skelly.

Mr Skelly: Gura mie eu, Loayreyder.

The purpose of the Copyright etc (Amendment) Bill is to make various amendments to the Copyright Act 1991, Design Right Act 1991 and the Performers' Protection Act 1996. Changes made by the Bill, such as the increase of maximum penalties for copyright infringement and the updating of the law in relation to unregistered designs, will demonstrate to businesses, firstly, that the Isle of Man is a place where intellectual property rights are taken seriously, and secondly, that the levels of protection offered are similar compared to those available in the UK and the EU.

The Bill is an important part of Economic Development's wider remit to update intellectual property legislation for the Isle of Man, as set out in the consultation document, 'Intellectual Property in the Isle of Man' published in 2011. The changes will undoubtedly assist in driving further growth and further development for the Isle of Man's economy.

Loayreyder, I beg to move the Bill is read for the third time.

The Speaker: Mr Shimmin.

Mr Shimmin: I beg to second and reserve my remarks.

The Speaker: Hon. Members, I put the question that the Copyright etc (Amendment) Bill be read for the third time. Those in favour, please say aye; against, no. The ayes have it. The ayes have it.

Thank you, Hon. Members.