

### **3.1. Interpretation Bill 2014 – Council amendments approved**

Mr Watterson to move.

**The Speaker:** We turn to Item 3, consideration of Council amendments, Interpretation Bill, and I call on the mover of that legislation, Mr Watterson.

**Mr Watterson:** Mr Speaker, the amendment made in the Keys, which inserted into the Interpretation Bill a consequential amendment to the European Communities (Isle of Man) Act 1973, referred to the wrong line number in the Bill – line 20, rather than line 32. The amendment did have a locator – subsection 7 – at the beginning, so it was obviously to go after the existing subsection 6. In consequence, it would, reading it literally, have split another amendment in half. Whilst a commonsense approach would say it was obvious where the amendment was supposed to go, I must say to Members that we are not dealing with commonsense, we are dealing with the law; hence the amendment in Legislative Council.

All the substituting amendment made by the Acting Attorney General does is to relocate the existing text of the Keys amendment to the 1973 Act in the right place in clause 107. I therefore ask that the House agrees to the Council amendment and I beg to move.

**The Speaker:** Hon. Member for Peel, Mr Crookall.

**Mr Crookall:** Thank you, Mr Speaker.  
I beg to second, sir.

**The Speaker:** Hon. Members, I put the question that the Council amendment to the Interpretation Bill be agreed. Those in favour, please say aye; against, no. The ayes have it. The ayes have it.