

4.2. War Memorials Bill 2015 – Third Reading approved

Mr Watterson to move:

That the War Memorials Bill 2015 be read a third time.

The Speaker: So, Mr Watterson, would you be wishing to move the Third Reading of the War Memorials Bill?

Mr Watterson: Mr Speaker, I would like to chance my arm at that one, *(Laughter)* given how that one has gone down on the previous two Readings.

Mr Speaker, given the smooth progress this Bill has made through its journey in the House of Keys, I do not see the need to reiterate its provisions here at Third Reading.

I do, however want to thank my seconder, Mr Ronan; drafter, Howard Connell; the War Memorials Preservation Committee, who have been intimately involved in this Bill; as well as those of ex-service bodies, the Church of England and others who have made sure that this is robust legislation.

It is fitting that this Bill receives its final Reading in this place during the remembrance period and I can think of no better tribute that this House can pay to honour the sacrifice of the fallen than the preservation of those war memorials that hold their memory sacred around our Island. **(A Member: Hear, hear.)** It demonstrates our long-lasting commitment to remembrance and I beg to move.

The Speaker: Hon. Member, Mr Quirk.

Mr Quirk: Thank you, Mr Speaker. I beg to second.

The Speaker: I put the motion that the War Memorials Bill be read for the third time. Those in favour, please say aye; against, no. The ayes have it. The ayes have it.