

3. CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL AMENDMENTS

3.1. Road Races Bill 2015 – Council amendments approved

Mr Houghton to move.

The Speaker: We now turn to Item 3 on our Order Paper: Consideration of Council Amendments to the Road Races Bill, which are on page 6 and following on the Order Paper.

I call on the Hon. Member for Douglas North, Mr Houghton.

Mr Houghton: Thank you, Mr Speaker.

Hon. Members, during its passage through the other place, the Bill was subject to some amendments. Those amendments have not changed the intent or policy of the Bill from that which left this House. The amendments clarify and simplify the Bill, which has now been returned to this House in its amended format.

An amendment by the Lord Bishop corrected a possible grammatical error in clause 6.

Following a concern raised by the Hon. Member, Mr Turner, Mr Henderson kindly brought forward an amendment by the Department to make certain that the marshal's identity card will contain the name of the marshal.

Following a request from the Southern 100 organisers, the Hon. Member for Council, Mr Henderson, on behalf of the Department, kindly agreed to propose an amendment to clause 6(5) that added the Post TT race to those that could be run on a Sunday without the time restriction in clause 6(4). This amendment was supported in the other place.

The other place found that there was a confusing overlap between the powers contained in clauses 10 and 11, and these have been re-written to eliminate that overlap whilst maintaining the original intent of the Bill. Clause 10 now describes the powers and functions of a marshal and clause 11 states how and when an identity card must be produced.

Other amendments were consequential in nature to ensure that the Bill still functioned as intended.

Mr Speaker, I believe that the amendments to this Bill are appropriate and I recommend their acceptance in this House.

I beg to move, sir.

The Speaker: I call on Mr Gawne.

Mr Gawne: Gura mie eu, Loayreyder.

I beg to second and in doing so would echo the comments of the mover. I think this is a really important piece of legislation. It moves the road racing legislation forward quite substantially from where we have been, which I think is genuinely very important. The very fact that the Isle of Man has the ability to make its own legislation and the way in which we have used this ability was what allowed us to have the TT Races in the first place.

It is good to note that we are continuing to work to reform legislation in an appropriate manner. We are protecting and safeguarding members of the public, but we are also allowing for the continuation of road racing on the Isle of Man, which I think is a very positive step forward.

A Member: Hear, hear.

The Speaker: Just for clarification, I just ask the mover, is it your intention to move that the amendments of Legislative Council be approved *en bloc*?

Mr Houghton: Yes, sir, I do.

The Speaker: Thank you.

I put the motion, then, that Council's amendments to the Road Races Bill be approved. Those in favour, please say aye; against, no. The ayes have it. The ayes have it.