

**GENERAL SYNOD
FEBRUARY 2008 GROUP OF SESSIONS**

BUSINESS DONE AT 7.04 P.M.

ON TUESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2008

**SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**DRAFT ECCLESIASTICAL OFFICES (TERMS OF SERVICE) MEASURE
(GS 1637A)
DRAFT ECCLESIASTICAL OFFICES (TERMS OF SERVICE) REGULATIONS
(GS 1638A)
DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO 29 (GS 1639A)
Draft Measure, Draft Regulations and Draft Amending Canon for Revision (First
Consideration February 2007)**

**Report by the Revision Committee (GS 1637-9Y)
(Resumed debate)**

Clause 7

The motion

‘That clause 7 be withdrawn.’

was, with the Chair’s permission, moved and carried.

514 The amendment (Item 514 Seventh Notice Paper) lapsed.

515 The motion

‘That clause 7 (as amended) stand part of the Measure.’

was not moved.

Clause 4

516 The amendment (Item 516 Seventh Notice Paper) was carried

517 The motion

‘That clause 4 (as amended) stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Clause 5

The motion

‘That clause 5 be withdrawn.’

was, with the Chair’s permission, moved and carried.

518 The motion

‘That clause 5 stand part of the Measure.’

was not moved.

Clause 6

519 The amendment (Item 519 Seventh Notice Paper) was carried.

520 The motion

‘That Clause 6 (as amended) stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Clauses 8-15

521 The motion

‘That Clauses 8-15 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Schedule 1

The motion

‘That Schedule 1 be withdrawn.’

was, with the Chair’s permission, moved and carried.

522 The motion

‘That Schedule 1 stand part of the Measure.’

was not moved.

Schedule 2

The motion

‘That Schedule 2 be withdrawn.’

was, with the Chair’s permission, moved and carried.

523 The motion

‘That Schedule 2 stand part of the Measure ’

was not moved.

Schedules 3-5

524 The motion

‘That Schedules 3-5 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Long Title

525 The motion

‘That the Long Title stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

The Chair reported that the draft Ecclesiastical Office Holders (Terms of Service) Measure stood committed to the Steering Committee in respect of its final drafting.

Draft Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) Regulations

With the permission of the Chair certain items were taken en bloc under Standing Order 55(c)

Regulations 1-15

526 The motion

‘That regulations 1-15 stand part of the Regulations.’

was carried.

Regulation 16

527 The amendment (Item 527 Seventh Notice Paper) was lost.

528 The motion

‘That regulation 16 stand part of the Regulations.’

was carried.

Regulation 17

529 The motion

‘That regulation 17 stand part of the Regulations.’

was carried.

Regulation 18

530 The amendment (Item 530 Seventh Notice Paper) lapsed.

531 The amendment (Item 531 Seventh Notice Paper) lapsed.

532 The amendment (Item 532 Seventh Notice Paper) lapsed.

533 The amendment (Item 533 Seventh Notice Paper) lapsed.

534 The amendment (Item 534 Seventh Notice Paper) was lost after a division by Houses.
The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST	RECORDED ABSTENTIONS
Bishops	1	26	0
Clergy	37	110	2
Laity	75	80	7

535 The amendment (Item 535 Seventh Notice Paper) was not moved.

536 The motion

‘That regulation 18 stand part of the Regulations.’

was carried.

Regulation 19

537 The amendment (Item 537 Seventh Notice Paper) lapsed.

538 The motion

‘That regulation 19 stand part of the Regulations.’

was carried.

Regulations 20-23

539 The motion

‘That regulations 20-23 stand part of the Regulations.’
was carried.

Regulation 24

540 The amendment (Item 540 Seventh Notice Paper) was lost.

541 The amendment (Item 541 Seventh Notice Paper) lapsed.

542 The amendment (Item 542 Seventh Notice Paper) lapsed.

543 The motion

‘That regulation 24 stand part of the Regulations.’
was carried.

Regulations 25-30

544 The motion

‘That regulations 25-30 stand part of the Regulations.’
was carried.

Regulation 31

545 The amendment (Item 545 Seventh Notice Paper) lapsed.

546 The amendment (Item 545 Seventh Notice Paper) lapsed.

547 The motion

‘That regulation 31 stand part of the Regulations.’
was carried.

Regulation 32

548 The motion

‘That regulation 32 stand part of the Regulations.’
was carried.

Regulation 33

549 The amendment (Item 549 Seventh Notice Paper) fell.

550 The motion

‘That regulation 33 stand part of the Regulations.’

was carried.

After Regulation 33

551 The amendment (Item 551 Seventh Notice Paper) fell.

552 The amendment (Item 552 Seventh Notice Paper) fell.

The Chair reported that the draft Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) Regulations stood committed to the Steering Committee in respect of its final drafting.

Draft Amending Canon No 29

With the permission of the Chair paragraphs 1-17 were taken en bloc under Standing Order 55(c).

Paragraphs 1-17

553 The motion

‘That paragraphs 1-17 stand part of the Canon.’

was carried.

The Chair reported that draft Amending Canon No 29 stood committed to the Steering Committee in respect of its final drafting.

DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) MEASURE (GS 1683)

Draft Measure for First Consideration

Under Standing Order 51(e), the draft Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure was deemed to have been given First Consideration by the General Synod. The legislation stood automatically committed to a Revision Committee and notice of proposals for amendment was required to be submitted to the Clerk to the Synod not later than 5.30 p.m. on Monday 17th March 2008.

VARIATION IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

By resolution of the Synod under Standing Order 9(a)(ii) the order of business for the sitting was varied to insert immediately after Item 8 a rubric that “Item 15 will be taken no later than 6.10 p.m.”.

**SPECIAL AGENDA III
PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION
CASINOS (GS Misc 875A and GS Misc 875B)**

8 The motion

‘That this Synod, appalled that the total national spend on gaming (particularly on the Internet) has risen in each year over the past four years from £4 to £40 billion, call on church leaders to redouble their effort in opposition to Her Majesty’s Government’s astonishing promotion of the opening of casinos.’

was moved.

21 The amendment (Item 21 Order Paper III) was carried.

22 The amendment (Item 22 Order Paper III) was carried.

8 The motion (as amended by Items 21 and 22)

‘That this Synod, gravely concerned that the total national spend on gaming has risen in each year over the past four years from £4 to £40 billion:

- (a) endorse the public opposition expressed by church leaders to the introduction of regional and large casinos, and encourage local churches to participate in local authority consultations on plans for new casino applications;
- (b) declare its support for programmes of education, research and treatment undertaken with the aim of checking the growth in problem gambling, and request the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport to invoke the powers granted by the Gambling Act 2005 to introduce a statutory levy on the gambling industry to fund such programmes;
- (c) call upon Her Majesty’s Government to monitor the addictive effects of Fixed Odds Betting Terminals and to seek an international framework for a code of conduct on internet gambling; and
- (d) call upon the Mission and Public Affairs Council to report back to Synod by February 2009 on measures being taken by the churches to combat the detrimental effects of gambling in various forms.’

was carried after a division of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	258
AGAINST	4
RECORDED ABSTENTIONS	9

**SPECIAL AGENDA III
PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION
BIBLE AVAILABILITY (GS Misc 878A and GS Misc 878B)**

15 The motion

'That this Synod, believing in the importance of Scripture, desire that anyone entering a church building or attending a church service should have easy and unfettered access to one of the versions of the Bible referred to in the note by the House of Bishops on Versions of Scripture dated 9th October 2002.'

was moved.

23 An amendment by the Reverend Ruth Worsley to

'insert after the words "October 2002" the words "or one of the versions of the Bible that may be used by virtue of the Prayer Book (Versions of the Bible) Measure 1965"',

moved with the permission of the Chair under Standing Order 26(b),

was carried.

24 The amendment (Twelfth Notice Paper) was carried.

15 The motion (as amended by Items 23 and 24)

'That this Synod, believing in the importance of Scripture, desire that anyone entering a church building or attending a church service should have easy and unfettered access to one of the versions of the Bible referred to in the note by the House of Bishops on Versions of Scripture dated 9th October 2002 or one of the versions of the Bible that may be used by virtue of the Prayer Book (Versions of the Bible) Measure 1965 and would request all dioceses to take steps to give effect to this desire in their churches.'

was carried.

Following a reflection on Scripture, the ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 7.04 p.m.

D.A. Williams
Clark to the Synod

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