

GENERAL SYNOD

FEBRUARY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2012

FIRST NOTICE PAPER

ITEM 14

FORTY-SIXTH REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (GS 1855)

Mr Geoffrey Tattersall QC (Manchester) to move in respect of items 20 to 32 'That this amendment be made with effect from Friday 10th February 2012.':

Standing Order 115 – Business Committee

- 20** In Standing Order 115(a) for sub-paragraph (i) insert “(i) a Chairman elected by and from the Synod;”.
- 21** In Standing Order 115(c) for the words from “and among the appointed members” to the end insert “(but so that, in its application to a casual vacancy in the office of Chairman, the provisions of SO 120(e)(i) shall not apply).”.

Standing Order 6 (Private members' motions)

22 In Standing Order 6 –

(a) in paragraph (b) for “paragraph (e)” insert “paragraphs (e) and (f)”;

(b) in paragraph (e) for “in similar terms” insert “in the same or any other form which in the opinion of the Business Committee is substantially to the same effect”;
and

(c) after paragraph (e) insert –

“(f) The member who has given notice of a private member's motion which remains on the agenda may at any time, before the Business Committee includes the motion in the agenda for debate at a group of

sessions, give notice in writing to the Clerk of his desire to withdraw that motion from the agenda. Upon the giving of such notice the Business Committee shall exclude the private member's motion from the agenda and the member concerned may not, within the remainder of the lifetime of that Synod, give notice of a private member's motion in the same or any other form which in the opinion of the Business Committee is substantially to the same effect as the motion that has been excluded."

Standing Order 20 (Speaking more than once)

23 In Standing Order 20(d) –

(a) in paragraph (d) after "on the Revision Stage" insert " , to an instrument being considered under the Preliminary Motion Procedure under SO 71";

(b) after paragraph (e) insert –

"(f) As the member in charge of business being considered under the Preliminary Motion Procedure under SO 71, when he may speak repeatedly on any question relating to that business; and"; and

(c) in paragraph (f), delete the words "or a money motion (SO 103)".

Standing Order 24 (Reconsideration)

24 In Standing Order 24 –

(a) in paragraph (a), for "paragraphs (b) and (c)" substitute "paragraphs (b) to (d)" and after "and subject to" insert "SO 71E(h) and"; and

(b) after paragraph (c) insert –

"(d) Paragraph (a)(i) shall not apply in respect of any motion moved in accordance with SO 71E(c) or (d) following the re-submission of a draft reorganisation scheme to the Synod pursuant to section 7(6) of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007."

Standing Order 68 (Regulations and other instruments – General)

25 In Standing Order 68(a), after “scheme or other instrument (not being” insert “a draft reorganisation scheme or”.

New Standing Order 71A to 71E

26 After SO 71 insert –

“DRAFT REORGANISATION SCHEMES

71A. *Laying of scheme etc.*

- (a) This standing order and SOs 71B to 71E apply where the Dioceses Commission (‘the Commission’) lays a draft reorganisation scheme before the General Synod for its approval pursuant to section 7(1) or (2) of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007 (‘the Measure’).
- (b) The following must be sent to every member of the Synod at least 14 days before the beginning of the group of sessions at which the draft reorganisation scheme is to be considered:
 - (i) a copy of the draft reorganisation scheme, and of the Commission’s report on the scheme under section 6(7) of the Measure, and
 - (ii) where the Commission has been authorised to lay a draft reorganisation scheme by the archbishop under section 7(2) of the Measure, a copy of a statement by the archbishop of the reasons for his decision under that subsection.

71B. *Procedure for deeming*

- (a) The Business Committee may determine that a draft reorganisation scheme, other than a scheme which the Commission has been authorised to lay by the archbishop under section 7(2) of the Measure, does not need to be debated by the Synod.
- (b) If the Business Committee makes such a determination the draft reorganisation scheme shall be deemed to have been approved by the Synod unless:

- (i) not later than 5.30 p.m. on the first day of the group of sessions at which the scheme has been laid a member gives notice in writing to the Clerk to the Synod that he wishes the scheme to be debated; or
- (ii) a member gives notice of a motion for reconsideration in accordance with SO 71C.

71C. *Motions for reconsideration*

- (a) A member may, in accordance with SO 12, give notice of a motion that any matter contained in a draft reorganisation scheme and specified in the motion should be reconsidered by the Commission ('a motion for reconsideration').
- (b) Such notice shall be given by not later than 5.30 p.m. on the day which falls one clear day (excluding Saturday and Sunday) before the first day appointed for the draft reorganisation scheme to be considered or, if no such day is appointed, the first day of the group of sessions at which it has been laid.

71D. *Procedure for consideration of scheme – no motion for reconsideration*

- (a) This standing order applies for the purpose of the consideration of a draft reorganisation scheme where no notice of a motion for reconsideration has been given under SO 71C.
- (b) The business shall be considered on the motion '*That the (name of draft reorganisation scheme) be approved*' and no amendment of that motion shall be in order.
- (c) When the item on the agenda is reached the Chairman shall call upon a member of the Commission to move the motion.

71E. *Procedure for consideration of scheme – motion for reconsideration*

- (a) This standing order applies for the purpose of the consideration of a draft reorganisation scheme where notice of a motion for reconsideration has been given under SO 71C.

- (b) The business shall be considered on the preliminary motion '*That the (name of draft reorganisation scheme) be considered*' and no amendment to that motion shall be in order.
- (c) When the item on the agenda is reached the Chairman shall call upon a member of the Commission to move the preliminary motion.
- (d) If the preliminary motion is carried the Chairman shall call the mover of the motion for reconsideration, who shall be entitled to speak for not more than five minutes, to move his motion.
- (e) The Chairman shall call upon a member of the Commission to speak in reply.
- (f) Unless either –
 - (i) the member of the Commission who speaks in reply indicates that the Commission supports the motion for reconsideration, or
 - (ii) at least 40 members of the Synod stand in their places the motion for reconsideration shall lapse.
- (g) In the event that notice is given in accordance with SO 71C of more than one motion for reconsideration, paragraphs (d) to (f) shall apply in respect of each of those motions.
- (h) More than one motion for reconsideration may be moved in respect of the same matter contained in a draft scheme.
- (i) If a motion for reconsideration is carried the Commission shall, once all such motions have been dealt with, withdraw the draft reorganisation scheme and proceed in accordance with section 7(6) of the Measure.
- (j) If no motion for reconsideration is carried the Chairman shall call upon a member of the Commission to move the motion '*That (name of draft reorganisation scheme) be approved*.'"

New Standing Order 91A

27 After SO 91 insert –

“91A. Final Approval of Article 8 schemes - Special majorities

A member may move at any time before the Final Approval Stage that final approval of a scheme specified in the motion, being a scheme to which Article 8 of the Constitution applies, shall require the assent of such special majorities of the members present and voting as may be specified in the motion; and the motion may specify a special majority of each House or of the whole Synod or of both, and in the latter case the majorities may be different.”

Standing Order 107 – Supplementary Questions

28 In Standing Order 107(a) for “and arising from such answer” substitute “the original question”.

Standing Order 113 – Representatives of other Churches: Attendance and Right to Speak

29 In Standing Order 113(c)(i), after the words “other than at the stage of First Consideration”, insert –

“or in the debate on the report of the Revision Committee.”

Standing Order 113A – Representatives of the Church of England Youth Council and the Deaf Church Conference

30 In Standing Order 113A, in the heading and in paragraph (b) for “the Deaf Church Conference” substitute “Deaf Anglicans Together”.

Standing Order 113B – Attendance and Right to Speak

31 In Standing Order 113B –

(a) in paragraph (a) for “section 8 of the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 1983” substitute “section 14 of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007”; and

(b) insert after paragraph (a) –

“(aa) If two or more persons are appointed to exercise functions of the diocesan bishop by virtue of an

instrument under section 14 of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007 the archbishop of the province (or if the see of that archbishop is vacant the archbishop of the other province) shall determine which of those persons shall be entitled to attend and speak in accordance with paragraph (a).”.

Standing Order 131 – Definitions

32 In Standing Order 131, after the definition of “Clerk to the Synod”, insert –

“Draft reorganisation scheme means a draft scheme prepared by the Dioceses Commission under section 6 of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007.”

Notes:

1. The Business Committee has determined under Standing Order 39(c) that all the proposed amendments to Standing Orders contained in items 22 to 32 of this Notice Paper do not need to be debated.
2. Under Standing Order 39(c) those amendments will accordingly be deemed to have been approved by the Synod without amendment unless either:
 - due notice is given by **not less than 5 members** that they wish a proposed amendment to be debated; or
 - due notice is given of an amendment to any proposed amendment.