

Tuesday 11 February 2014

**This Order Paper covers items relating to the Women in the
Episcopate legislation listed on pages 3-4 in the Agenda**

ORDER PAPER II

**A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE
CELEBRATED IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL**

WOMEN IN THE EPISCOPATE

**DRAFT DECLARATION ON THE MINISTRY OF BISHOPS
AND PRIESTS AND DRAFT RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES
PROCEDURE REGULATIONS (GS 1932)**

The Bishop of Rochester to move:

- 9** 'That this Synod welcome the draft House of Bishops'
Declaration on the Ministry of Bishops and Priests and the
draft Resolution of Disputes Procedure Regulations as set
out in GS 1932.'
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**SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**DRAFT BISHOPS AND PRIESTS (CONSECRATION AND
ORDINATION OF WOMEN) MEASURE (GS 1925A)
DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO. 33 (GS 1926A)**

**Draft Measure and draft Amending Canon for Revision
(First Consideration at the November 2013 group of
sessions)**

Article 7 and Article 8 business

Revision Stage

**DRAFT BISHOPS AND PRIESTS (CONSECRATION AND
ORDINATION OF WOMEN) MEASURE (GS 1925A)**

Clause 1

A member of the Steering Committee to move:

507 ‘That Clause 1 stand part of the Measure.’

Clause 2

The Revd Canon Simon Taylor (Derby) to move as an amendment:

508 Page 1, Clause 2, *leave out* lines 13 to 15 and *insert* –
“In Schedule 23 to the Equality Act 2010 (general exceptions), after paragraph 2 insert –

“2A A diocesan or suffragan bishop does not discriminate against a person in contravention of this Act only because of anything the bishop does in seeking to give effect to a resolution passed by a parochial church council to request, on grounds of theological conviction, that arrangements be made for it in accordance with the House of Bishops’ Declaration on the Ministry of Bishops and Priests.”.

A member of the Steering Committee to move:

509 ‘That Clause 2 [as amended] stand part of the Measure.’

New clause

Mr Clive Scowen (London) to move as an amendment:

510 Page 1, after line 15 *insert* –

“3 Status of parochial church council resolution requesting arrangements in relation to priestly or episcopal ministry

For the avoidance of doubt, it is declared that a resolution passed by a parochial church council, requesting, on grounds of theological conviction, that arrangements be made for it in relation to priestly or episcopal ministry, shall be taken to be an expression of “the strongly held religious convictions of a significant number of the religion's followers” for the purposes of paragraph 2(6) of Schedule 9 to the Equality Act 2010.”.

If item 510 is carried:

A member of the Steering Committee to move:

- 511** 'That the Clause be inserted in the Measure.'

Clauses 3-4

A member of the Steering Committee to move en bloc (with the permission of the Chair):

- 512** 'That Clauses 3 and 4 stand part of the Measure.'

Schedule

A member of the Steering Committee to move:

- 513** 'That the Schedule stand part of the Measure.'

Long Title

A member of the Steering Committee to move:

- 514** 'That the Long Title stand part of the Measure.'

DRAFT AMENDING CANON No. 33 (GS 1926A)

Clauses 1-6

A member of the Steering Committee to move en bloc (with the permission of the Chair):

- 515** 'That Clauses 1-6 stand part of the Canon.'

**SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**DRAFT ACT OF SYNOD RESCINDING THE EPISCOPAL
MINISTRY ACT OF SYNOD 1993 (GS 1934)**

Draft Act of Synod for Consideration

Article 7 business

The Bishop of Rochester to move:

- 500** 'That the draft Act of Synod rescinding the Episcopal Ministry Act of Synod 1993 be considered.'

**WOMEN IN THE EPISCOPATE: ARTICLE 8 REFERENCE
TO THE DIOCESES
MOTION TO SUSPEND SO 90(b)(iii)**

The Revd Canon Sue Booy (Oxford) (Chair of the Business Committee) to move:

- 10** 'That paragraph (b)(iii) of Standing Order 90 be suspended until the end of the group of sessions to be held in November 2014.'

**A further Order Paper will be issued covering items 501-505
on page 4 of the Agenda**