

GENERAL SYNOD
FEBRUARY 2014 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 5.05 P.M.
ON WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2014

PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION
GIRL GUIDES' PROMISE (GS 1943A and 1943B)

14 The motion

‘That this Synod believe that girls of all ages in the Girlguiding Movement should not suffer discrimination but be able to continue to promise to love God when enrolled rather than making a wholly secular promise.’

was moved.

27 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was carried after a division of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	164
AGAINST	154

15 abstentions were recorded.

28 The amendment (Order Paper IV) fell.

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NEXT BUSINESS

The motion

‘That the Synod do pass to the Next Business’

was lost.

14 The motion (as amended by Item 27)

‘That this Synod:

- (a) congratulate Girlguiding on its recent Centenary and applaud its work in helping girls and young women to take their places as full and responsible members of their communities;
- (b) believe that girls and women of all ages in the Girlguiding Movement should be able to continue to promise to love God when enrolled; and
- (c) commend the suggestion that, when a member chooses so to do, the Promise may be prefaced with the phrase “In the presence of God I make my Guide Promise”.’

was carried.

PRIVATE MEMBER’S MOTION CANON B 8 (GS 1944A and 1944B)

ADJOURNMENT OF DEBATE

The motion

‘That the debate be now adjourned’

was carried.

In exercise of his power under Standing Order 14(g), the Chair adjourned the sitting until 3.50 p.m.

HUMAN SEXUALITY: REPORT FROM THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS’ WORKING GROUP (GS 1929) AND NEXT STEPS

- 16 Sir Joseph Pilling (Chair of the House of Bishops’ Working Group on Human Sexuality) and the Rt Revd Steven Croft (Bishop of Sheffield) led a presentation under Standing Order 97.

FAREWELLS

- 17 The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK paid tribute to the Rt Revd Stephen Platten (Bishop of Wakefield) who was attending his last meeting of the Synod.

PROROGATION

- 18 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY prorogued the Synod and dismissed it with the blessing at 17.05 p.m.