

Thursday 24 September 2020

10.30 a.m. to 2.45 p.m.

ORDER PAPER I

WORSHIP

1 INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOMES

1A PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Added to the agenda by direction of the Presidents under SO 4(3)

SPECIAL AGENDA I

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

**DRAFT GENERAL SYNOD (REMOTE MEETINGS)
(TEMPORARY STANDING ORDERS) MEASURE (GS 2176)**

Draft Measure for First Consideration

The Chair of the Steering Committee (Mr Geoffrey Tattersall QC) (Manchester) to move:

- 500** 'That the Measure entitled "General Synod (Remote Meetings) (Temporary Standing Orders) Measure" be considered for revision in Full Synod.'

*If item 500 is carried, the Revision Stage, **without a prior Revision Committee Stage**, will follow.*

**DRAFT GENERAL SYNOD (REMOTE MEETINGS)
(TEMPORARY STANDING ORDERS) MEASURE (GS 2176)
Draft Measure for Revision in Full Synod**

Clause 1

The Revd Paul Benfield (Blackburn) to move:

503 Clause 1, page 1, line 9, at end insert—

“() The officers of the General Synod may exercise the power to make standing orders under this section only once; and they may not amend or revoke standing orders made under this section (but section 4 confers a power to amend or revoke on the General Synod itself).”

***Explanatory note:** this amendment would provide that the officers of the Synod may make only one set of special standing orders and may not amend or revoke them.*

Mr Philip French (Rochester) to move:

504 ‘Clause 1, page 1, line 14, leave out paragraph (a).’

***Explanatory note:** this amendment would permit the Synod to deal with Article 7 business at a remote meeting.*

Mr Clive Scowen (London) to move:

505 Clause 1, page 1, line 19, at end insert—

“() Standing Orders under this section may not include provision which would apply to an item of business for debate unless the officers of the General Synod acting jointly have certified in writing that the item of business in question is so urgent that it must be dealt with under standing orders under this section.”

***Explanatory note:** this amendment would limit the business that can be debated at a remote meeting to business which the officers of the Synod have certified as sufficiently urgent.*

The Chair of the Steering Committee (Mr Geoffrey Tattersall QC) (Manchester) to move:

506 ‘That clause 1 [as amended] stand part of the Measure.’

Clause 2

Mr David Lamming (St Edmundsbury & Ipswich) to move:

507 Clause 2, page 2, line 15, at end insert—

“() In a case where standing orders under section 1 have been published and made in accordance with subsection (4), the officers of the General Synod acting jointly must ensure that notice of the making of the standing orders is published on the Church of England website, and sent to each member of the Synod, as soon as is reasonably practicable.”

***Explanatory note:** this amendment would, if proposed special standing orders are published online before the Measure receives Royal Assent, require the officers of the Synod, once they make the special standing orders, to publish notice to that effect online and inform members.*

508 Clause 2, page 2, line 15, at end insert—

“() A reference in this section to a member of the General Synod includes—

(a) a reference to any organisation which customarily is invited in accordance with the Standing Orders of the Synod to send representatives to meetings of the Synod, and

(b) a reference to any bishop who is not a member of the House of Bishops but is entitled under the Standing Orders of the Synod to attend meetings of the Synod.”

***Explanatory note:** this amendment would ensure that a copy of the special standing orders must also be sent to the Church of England Youth Council, Deaf Anglicans Together and any bishop to whom a diocesan bishop’s functions have been delegated.*

The Chair of the Steering Committee (Mr Geoffrey Tattersall QC) (Manchester) to move:

509 'That clause 2 [as amended] stand part of the Measure.'

Clause 3

Mr David Lamming (St Edmundsbury & Ipswich) to:

510 Clause 3, page 2, line 40, after "revived" insert "(with or without amendment)"

***Explanatory note:** this amendment would, if it is proposed to revive special standing orders which have lapsed, enable members to amend them (so that they would be revived as amended).*

511 Clause 3, page 2, line 41, after "resolution" insert "; and they are to be treated as being in operation so far as necessary for the purpose of enabling the Synod to consider whether to pass a resolution under this subsection".

***Explanatory note:** this amendment would ensure that, if special standing orders have lapsed, the debate on whether to revive them can nevertheless be held at a remote meeting.*

The Chair of the Steering Committee (Mr Geoffrey Tattersall QC) (Manchester) to move:

512 'That clause 3 [as amended] stand part of the Measure.'

Clause 4

513 *The Revd Paul Benfield (Blackburn) to move:*

Clause 4, page 3, line 8, leave out subsection (3).

***Explanatory note:** this amendment is consequential on **Item 503** and removes the power of the officers of Synod to amend or revoke special standing orders or to make new ones.*

The Chair of the Steering Committee (Mr Geoffrey Tattersall QC) (Manchester) to move:

514 'That clause 4 [as amended] stand part of the Measure.'

New Clause after clause 4

The Revd Fr Thomas Seville (Religious Communities) to move:

515 That the following clause be generally approved—

“Duration of Measure

- (1) This Measure expires at the end of 30 November 2021.
- (2) But the General Synod may resolve that this Measure—
 - (a) is not to expire at the time specified in subsection (1) or under the most recent resolution made under this section and
 - (b) is instead to continue in force for the period specified in the resolution.
- (3) The period specified in the resolution must not exceed 12 months.
- (4) A resolution under this section may include transitional, transitory or saving provision.
- (5) The power to make a resolution under this section is exercisable by statutory instrument; and the Statutory Instruments Act 1946 applies to a resolution under this section as if it had been made by a Minister of the Crown and as if this Measure were an Act of Parliament.”

Explanatory note: *this amendment would provide for the Measure to expire on 30 November 2021 unless the Synod resolves to keep it in force. More than one such resolution could be made but the Measure could only continue in force for up to a further 12 months at a time.*

If item 515 is carried, after any amendments to the proposed new clause have been considered, a member of the Steering Committee to move:

516 ‘That the clause be inserted in the Measure.’

Clause 5

The Chair of the Steering Committee (Mr Geoffrey Tattersall QC) (Manchester) to move:

517 'That clause 5 stand part of the Measure.'

The Chair of the Steering Committee (Mr Geoffrey Tattersall QC) (Manchester) to move:

518 'That the Long Title stand part of the Measure.'