

Tuesday 7 February 2023

10.15 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

ORDER PAPER II

9.00 a.m. A service of Holy Communion in the Assembly Hall

SPECIAL AGENDA I

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

**DIOCESAN BOARDS OF EDUCATION MEASURE 2021
(CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENT TO REGULATIONS
UNDER CANON B 12) REGULATIONS 2023 (GS 2285)**

Regulations under paragraph 3 of Canon B 12

The Revd Canon Simon Butler (Southwark) to move:

- 510** ‘That the Diocesan Boards of Education Measure 2021 (consequential amendment to regulations under Canon B 12) Regulations 2023 be approved.’
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**DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND (MISCELLANEOUS
PROVISIONS) MEASURE (GS 2272A)**

Draft Measure for Revision

The Chair of the Revision Committee (The Ven Nikki Groarke) (Worcester) to move:

- 509** ‘That the Synod do take note of this Report.’

The Chair of the Steering Committee (Mr Stephen Hofmeyr KC) (Guildford) to move:

- 520** ‘That the Measure do proceed to the Revision Stage’

Mr Clive Scowen (London) to move:

- 521** ‘Clause 1, Page 1, leave out from end of line 4 to line 8 and insert “, in subsection (5), for the words from the beginning to “apply to” substitute “Article 7 or 8 business may be

considered in accordance with standing orders under this section only if at least two-thirds of the members of General Synod who are participating are together in the same place, but any member (whether or not physically present in that place) may vote on that business; and for this purpose, “Article 7 or 8 business” means”.’

Explanatory Statement: *this amendment would provide that Article 7 or 8 business can be considered at a hybrid meeting of Synod but only if at least two-thirds of all those attending are present together in person.*

The Chair of the Steering Committee (Mr Stephen Hofmeyr KC) (Guildford) to move:

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

The Chair of the Steering Committee (Mr Stephen Hofmeyr KC) (Guildford) to move:

523 ‘That clause 2 stand part of the Measure.’

Mr Carl Fender (Lincoln) has given notice of his intention to oppose the motion that clause 2 stand part of the Measure.

The Chair of the Steering Committee (Mr Stephen Hofmeyr KC) (Guildford) to move:

524 ‘That clauses 3 to 9 stand part of the Measure.’

Mr Geoffrey Tattersall KC (Manchester) to move:

525 ‘Clause 10, Page 5, Line 37, leave out subsection (3).’

Explanatory statement: *this amendment would remove the proposed increase in the retirement age for ecclesiastical judges from 70 to 75, in line with secular judges, and would instead keep the current law under which the default retirement age for an ecclesiastical judge is 70, which can then be raised by up to two years and then by another year at a time until the age of 75.*

The Chair of the Steering Committee (Mr Stephen Hofmeyr KC) (Guildford) to move:

526 ‘That clause 10 [as amended] stand part of the Measure.’

The Chair of the Steering Committee (Mr Stephen Hofmeyr KC) (Guildford) to move:

527 ‘That clauses 11 to 13 stand part of the Measure.’

The Revd Paul Benfield (Blackburn) to move:

528 ‘Clause 14, Page 8, Line 22 leave out subsection (1) and insert—

“(1) In section 35 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (duty to have regard to church’s purpose), the existing text becomes subsection (1), and after subsection (1) insert—

“(2) A person carrying out those functions must also have due regard to the importance of environmental protection but not in a way which would conflict with the duty under subsection (1).”

(1A) In consequence of subsection (1)—

(a) at the end of the title to section 35 of that Measure, insert “, etc.”, and

(b) in the cross-heading immediately preceding that section, for “General duty” substitute “General duties”.’

Explanatory statement: *this amendment would provide that, if there were to be a conflict between the new duty on environmental matters and the existing duty on worship and mission, the latter is to have priority.*

The Chair of the Steering Committee (Mr Stephen Hofmeyr KC) (Guildford) to move:

529 ‘That clause 14 [as amended] stand part of the Measure.’

The Revd Tom Woolford (Blackburn) to move:

530 ‘Clause 15, Page 9, Line 16, leave out from “the bishop” to end of line 17 and insert “—

- (a) the priest-in-charge appointed for the benefice, or
- (b) if none is appointed, the bishop of the diocese to which the benefice belongs, after receiving a request to exercise the power from the PCC or, if the land is situated in more than one parish, from each of the PCCs acting jointly (and subsection (2)(b) would accordingly not apply).’.

Explanatory statement: *this amendment would provide that, where a benefice is vacant, the power of the incumbent to dedicate land for a highway would be exercisable by the priest-in-charge or, if there is not one, the bishop at the request of the parochial church council.*

The Revd Tom Woolford (Blackburn) to move:

- 531** ‘Clause 15, Page 9, Line 20, leave out from “the bishop” to “the bishop” in line 23 and insert “the person determined in accordance with subsection (1A) may do anything in relation to any land that the incumbent would be entitled to do in relation to that land if the benefice were full; but that person”.’

Explanatory statement: *this amendment and amendment 532 would provide that, where a benefice is vacant, the power of the incumbent in land transactions would be exercisable by the priest-in-charge or, if there is not one, the bishop at the request of the parochial church council.*

The Revd Tom Woolford (Blackburn) to move:

- 532** ‘Clause 15, Page 9, Line 25, at end insert—
- “(1A) The person entitled to act under subsection (1) is—
 - (a) the priest-in-charge appointed for the benefice, or
 - (b) if none is appointed, the bishop of the diocese to which the benefice belongs, after receiving a request to act from the PCC or, if the land is

situated in more than one parish, from each of the PCCs acting jointly.”.’

Explanatory statement: see the statement for amendment 531.

The Revd Tom Woolford (Blackburn) to move:

533 ‘Clause 15, Page 9, Line 26, leave out “on the bishop”.’

Explanatory statement: this amendment and amendment 534 are consequential on amendments 531 and 532.

The Revd Tom Woolford (Blackburn) to move:

534 ‘Clause 15, Page 9, Line 29, leave out “The power conferred by” and insert “A power exercisable by a bishop under”.’

Explanatory statement: see the statement for amendment 533.

535 ‘That clause 15 [as amended] stand part of the Measure.’

The Chair of the Steering Committee (Mr Stephen Hofmeyr KC) (Guildford) to move:

536 ‘That clauses 16 to 18 stand part of the Measure.’

The Chair of the Steering Committee (Mr Stephen Hofmeyr KC) (Guildford) to move:

537 ‘That clause 19 stand part of the Measure.’

Mr Clive Billenness (Europe) has given notice of his intention to oppose the motion that clause 19 stand part of the Measure.

The Chair of the Steering Committee (Mr Stephen Hofmeyr KC) (Guildford) to move:

538 ‘That clauses 20 to 23 stand part of the Measure.’

The Chair of the Steering Committee (Mr Stephen Hofmeyr KC) (Guildford) to move:

539 'That Schedules 1 and 2 stand part of the Measure.'

The Chair of the Steering Committee (Mr Stephen Hofmeyr KC) (Guildford) to move:

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

LOYAL ADDRESS

The Archbishop of Canterbury to move:

7 'That a Loyal Address be presented to His Majesty The King.'

Not later than 11.50 a.m.

8 QUESTIONS
