

Thursday 13 February 2025

2.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

ORDER PAPER VII

SPECIAL AGENDA I:

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

National Church Governance Measure (GS 2360A)

Revision Stage

Mr Stephen Hogg (Leeds) to move:

502 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'

***Note:** The motion 'That [clause] [as amended] stand part of the Measure' is deemed carried unless a member indicates a wish to speak against the motion in respect of a clause.*

To be moved by a member of the Steering Committee only if necessary (SO 58(2)):

520 'That Clauses 1 to 3 stand part of the Measure'.

Mr Adrian Greenwood (Southwark) to move as an amendment:

521 'Clause 4, page 2, line 34, leave out "CENS" and insert "the Appointments Committee".'

Explanatory statement: this amendment would require the two independent members of the Governance and Nominations Committee to be appointed by the Appointments Committee instead of by CENS.

To be moved by a member of the Steering Committee only if necessary (SO 58(2)):

522 ‘That clause 4 [as amended] stand part of the Measure.’”

523 ‘That Clauses 5 to 7 stand part of the Measure.’”

Mr Andrew Orange (Winchester) to move as an amendment:

524 ‘Clause 8, page 5, line 33, leave out “its functions” and insert
“—

- (i) the functions transferred to CENS from the Archbishops’ Council under section 10 which were transferred to the Council from the Church Commissioners under the National Institutions Measure 1998, and
- (ii) the functions transferred to CENS from the Church Commissioners under section 12”.’

Explanatory statement: this amendment would restrict the functions of CENS for which the Church Commissioners would provide funding to those which were transferred from the Commissioners under the National Institutions Measure 1998 and those which are to be transferred from them under this draft Measure.

The Revd Marcus Walker (London) to move as an amendment:

525 ‘Clause 8, page 5, line 46, at end insert—

“(2A) In using an amount paid by the Church Commissioners under subsection (2)(b) or required to be paid by them under this section by virtue of a subsequent Measure, CENS must (as it is required to do with amounts under subsection (2)(a)) have particular regard to the requirements of section 67 of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners Act 1840 relating to the making of additional provision for the cure of souls in parishes where such assistance is most required, except, in the case of an amount required to be paid by virtue of a subsequent Measure, in so far as a subsequent Measure provides

otherwise; and “subsequent Measure” means a Measure passed after this Measure.”.’

Explanatory statement: this amendment would require CENS, when using any amount paid by the Church Commissioners, to have particular regard to making additional provision for the cure of souls where most required unless, in the case of payments made to CENS by the Commissioners from a different funding stream, a later Measure provides that that is not to be the case.

Item 526 to be moved only if item 524 was carried

Mr Andrew Orange (Winchester) to move as a consequential amendment:

- 526** ‘Clause 8, page 6, line 9, leave out “its functions” and insert “the functions referred to in subsection (1)(a)”.’

Mr Andrew Orange (Winchester) to move as an amendment:

- 527** ‘Clause 8, page 6, line 20, at end insert—
“(5A) CENS must, within 30 days of submitting a certificate, statement or other information under subsection (5), publish whatever it has submitted.”.’

Explanatory statement: this amendment would require CENS to publish whatever information it submits to the Church Commissioners about its use of the money the Commissioners have made to CENS.

To be moved by a member of the Steering Committee only if necessary (SO 58(2)):

- 528** ‘That clause 8 [as amended] stand part of the Measure.’

- 529** ‘That clauses 9 to 19 stand part of the Measure.’

Mr Ian Boothroyd (Southwell & Nottingham) to move as an amendment:

- 530** ‘Clause 20, page 12, line 36, at end insert—
“(6A) The committee is to have the power to establish one or more sub-committees and to delegate functions to them; and the membership of a sub-committee so established is to consist of—
- (a) at least one person to be appointed by and from the committee, and
 - (b) no more than four other members of the General Synod to be appointed by the Appointments Committee.
- (6B) For each sub-committee it establishes by virtue of subsection (6A), the committee is to publish—
- (a) the terms of reference of the sub-committee, and
 - (b) if the committee is to delegate functions to the sub-committee, a statement of those functions.”.’

Explanatory statement: this amendment would require the Standing Orders to give the new Synodical Scrutiny Committee a power to establish sub-committees to which it may delegate functions and the membership of which is to consist of at least one member of the Synodical Scrutiny Committee and up to four other members of Synod. The Synodical Scrutiny Committee would have to publish terms of reference for each sub-committee it establishes.

Mr Ian Johnston (Portsmouth) to move the following amendments:

- 531** ‘Clause 20, page 12, line 41, after subsection (9) insert—
“(9A) Where a report is made in accordance with Standing Orders under subsection (8), each National Institution must, in so far as the report relates to that National Institution—
- (a) as soon as is practicable and in any event within three months, publish its response to the report, and

(b) in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the report.”.’

Explanatory statement: this amendment would require each National Institution to publish its response to the Synodical Scrutiny Committee’s annual report within three months and to have due regard to that report in exercising its functions.

532 ‘Clause 20, page 13, line 1, leave out subsection (10).’

Explanatory statement: this amendment would remove the provision which states that the Standing Orders on the Synodical Scrutiny Committee may not have the effect of invalidating anything done by a National Institution or restricting the exercise of its functions.

To be moved by a member of the Steering Committee only if necessary (SO 58(2)):

533 ‘That clause 20 [as amended] stand part of the Measure.’

534 ‘That clause 21 stand part of the Measure.’

Mr Ian Johnston (Portsmouth) to move the following amendments:

535 ‘Clause 22, page 14, line 3, after “response” insert “; and the National Institution must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the report”.’

Explanatory statement: this amendment would require a National Institution to which a report of the Committee of Inquiry relates to have due regard to the report in the exercise of its functions.

536 ‘Clause 22, page 14, line 11, leave out subsection (8).’

Explanatory statement: this amendment would remove the provision which states that the Standing Orders on the Committee of Inquiry may not have the effect of invalidating

anything done by a National Institution or restricting the exercise of its functions.

To be moved by a member of the Steering Committee only if necessary (SO 58(2)):

537 ‘That clause 22 [as amended] stand part of the Measure.’

Mr Ian Johnston (Portsmouth) to move the following amendments:

538 ‘Clause 23, page 14, line 17, leave out “before the end of the following year” and insert “within six months of the end of that year”.’

Explanatory statement: this amendment would require each National Institution’s annual report to be laid before Synod within six months of the end of the year to which it relates.

539 ‘Clause 23, page 14, line 19, leave out “before the end of the following year” and insert “within six months of the end of that year”.’

Explanatory statement: this amendment would require each National Institution’s audited accounts to be laid before Synod within six months of the end of the year to which they relate.

540 ‘Clause 23, page 14, line 27, leave out paragraph (c) and insert—

“(c) to consider such other matters as the Standing Orders may specify that are laid before the Synod under this Measure (other than a matter referred to in paragraph (a) or (b));

(d) to question representatives of a National Institution in connection with a matter referred to in paragraphs (a) to (c);

(e) to resolve, on a counted vote of the whole Synod, that a National Institution to which a matter referred to in paragraphs (a) to (c) relates must—

- (i) have due regard to the views expressed by the Synod on its consideration of the matter, and
- (ii) before the Synod next meets, lay a report before Synod explaining how it has done so.”.’

Explanatory statement: this amendment would require the Standing Orders to give the Synod an opportunity to consider matters put before it under the Measure other than a matter already covered by this clause and to question representatives of a National Institution accordingly. The Synod would also have an opportunity, on its consideration of the matter in question or a matter already covered by this clause, to resolve that the National Institution concerned must have due regard to the views the Synod expressed and report back to Synod on how it does that.

541 ‘Clause 23, page 14, line 28, at end insert—
“(5) The Standing Orders of the General Synod must include provision enabling the Synod to resolve, in such circumstances as are specified in the Standing Orders, that a report be made to the Charity Commission on the compliance by a National Institution with its duties as a charity.

(6) But provision may not be made in Standing Orders under subsection (5) without the consent of the Charity Commission having been obtained in accordance with the Standing Orders.”.’

Explanatory statement: this amendment would require the Standing Orders, provided that the Charity Commission has agreed, to give the Synod a power to decide that a report should be made to the Charity Commission on a National Institution’s compliance with its charitable duties.

To be moved by a member of the Steering Committee only if necessary (SO 58(2)):

542 ‘That clause 23 [as amended] stand part of the Measure.’

Mrs Debrah McIsaac (Salisbury) to move as an amendment:

- 543** ‘Clause 24, page 15, line 3, after “otherwise)” insert “; and in the case of members of the Church of England or of a Church which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, the differences between those individuals include, for example, differences of tradition within that Church.”.’

Explanatory statement: this amendment would provide that the references to "diversity" in the Measure are, when applied to members of the Church of England or of a Church which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, to include differences of Church tradition.

To be moved by a member of the Steering Committee only if necessary (SO 58(2)):

- 544** ‘That clause 24 [as amended] stand part of the Measure.’

- 545** ‘That clauses 25 and 26 stand part of the Measure.’

Mr Adrian Greenwood (Southwark) to move the following amendments:

- 546** ‘Schedule 1, page 17, line 7, leave out paragraphs (a) to (c) and insert—

“(a) three persons elected by and from the House of Bishops;”.’

Explanatory statement: this amendment would remove the two Archbishops from ex officio membership of CENS and would increase from two to three the number of members of CENS elected by and from the House of Bishops. Each Archbishop would accordingly be eligible for elected membership of CENS.

Items 547-554 to be moved only if item 546 was carried

- 547** ‘Schedule 1, page 18, line 19, leave out “1(2)(c)” and insert “1(2)(a)”.’

548 ‘Schedule 1, page 18, line 25, leave out “1(2)(c)” and insert “1(2)(a)”.’

549 ‘Schedule 1, page 18, line 32, leave out “1(2)(c)” and insert “1(2)(a)”.’

550 ‘Schedule 1, page 19, line 2, leave out “1(2)(c)” and insert “1(2)(a)”.’

551 ‘Schedule 1, page 19, line 22, leave out “1(2)(c)” and insert “1(2)(a)”.’

552 ‘Schedule 1, page 19, line 24, leave out “1(2)(c)” and insert “1(2)(a)”.’

553 ‘Schedule 1, page 19, line 31, leave out “1(2)(c)” and insert “1(2)(a)”.’

554 ‘Schedule 1, page 19, line 44, leave out “1(2)(c)” and insert “1(2)(a)”.’

Explanatory statement: Items 547 to 554 are consequential on item 546.

555 ‘Schedule 1, page 17, line 10, leave out “two” and insert “three”.’

Explanatory statement: this amendment would increase from two to three the number of members of CENS elected by and from the House of Clergy.

Items 556 and 557 to be moved only if item 555 is carried

556 ‘Schedule 1, page 17, line 11, leave out “two” and insert “three”.’

Explanatory statement: this amendment would increase from two to three the number of members of CENS elected by and from the House of Clergy.

557 ‘Schedule 1, page 17, line 13, leave out “six” and insert “five”.’

Explanatory statement: this amendment would reduce from six to five the number of members who are to be appointed by the two Archbishops and each of whom must be a member of the Church of England or of a Church which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity.

Item 558 to be moved only if item 546 was carried

558 ‘Schedule 1, page 17, line 26, after “Archbishops” insert “, if either of them is elected under paragraph 1(2)(a)”.’

Explanatory statement: This amendment would provide that neither of the Archbishops, if either of them is elected to CENS as provided for by item 546, is eligible for appointment as deputy chair of CENS.

To be moved by a member of the Steering Committee only if necessary (SO 58(2)):

559 ‘That Schedule 1 [as amended] stand part of the Measure.’

560 ‘That Schedule 2 stand part of the Measure.’

561 ‘That the long title stand part of the Measure.’

CHURCH REPRESENTATION RULES (AMENDMENT) RESOLUTION 2025 (GS 2388)

Mr Clive Scowen (London) to move:

506 ‘That the “Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolution 2025” be approved.’

HOUSE OF BISHOPS ELECTION RULES 2025 (GS 2389)

Mr Clive Scowen (London) to move:

507 ‘That the “House of Bishops Election Rules 2025” be approved.’

HOUSE OF CLERGY ELECTION RULES 2025 (GS 2390)

Mr Clive Scowen (London) to move:

508A ‘That the “House of Clergy Election Rules 2025” be considered.’

Miss Prudence Dailey (Oxford) to move as an amendment:

562 ‘In Rule 39, after paragraph (12), insert—

“(13) In the case of each person elected in a diocese, the presiding officer must—

- a) make reasonable endeavours to contact that person to ask for permission to post the person’s email address on the diocesan website (if the person has provided an email address and regardless of whether it appears in the election address posted under paragraph (11)), and
- b) having obtained permission under sub-paragraph (a), post that person’s email address on the diocesan website for the period referred to in paragraph (11).”.

Explanatory statement: this amendment would require the presiding officer in a diocesan election to the House of Clergy to contact each person elected to ask for permission to publish the person’s email address on the diocesan website.

Mr Clive Scowen (London) to move:

508B ‘That the “House of Clergy Election Rules 2025” be approved.’

HOUSE OF LAITY ELECTION RULES 2025 (GS 2391)

Mr Clive Scowen (London) to move:

509A ‘That the “House of Laity Election Rules 2025” be considered.’

Miss Prudence Dailey (Oxford) to move as an amendment:

563 ‘In Rule 16, after paragraph (11), insert—

“(12) In the case of each person elected, the presiding officer must—

- a) make reasonable efforts to contact that person to ask for permission to post the person’s email address on the diocesan website (if the person has provided an email address and regardless of whether it appears in the election address posted under paragraph (10)), and
- b) having obtained permission under sub-paragraph (a), post that person’s email address on the diocesan website for the period referred to in paragraph (10).”.’

Explanatory statement: this amendment would require the presiding officer in a diocesan election to the House of Laity to contact each person elected to ask for permission to publish the person’s email address on the diocesan website.

Mr Clive Scowen (London) to move:

509B ‘That the “House of Laity Election Rules 2025” be approved.’

SINGLE TRANSFERABLE VOTE RULES 2025 (GS 2392)

Mr Clive Scowen (London) to move:

510 ‘That the “Single Transferable Vote Rules 2025” be approved.’

THY KINGDOM COME – RENEWING THE CALL TO PRAYER & EVANGELISM (GS 2393)

19 Presentation under SO 107

The Bishop of Blackburn to move:

20 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'

7.00 p.m. Evening Worship
