

KS/SC/284

PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

(75th Meeting)

3rd October 2017**PART A (Non-exempt)**

All members were present, with the exception of Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier, from whom apologies had been received.

Connétable L. Norman of St. Clement, Chairman
 Connétable D.W. Mezbourian of St. Lawrence
 Connétable C.H. Taylor of St. John
 Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier
 Deputy S.M. Brée of St. Clement
 Deputy S.M. Wickenden of St. Helier

In attendance -

Dr. M. Egan, Greffier of the States
 L.M. Hart, Deputy Greffier of the States
 W. Millow, Assistant Greffier of the States
 K.L. Slack, Clerk to the Privileges and Procedures Committee

Note: The Minutes of this meeting comprise Part A and Part B.

Minutes. A1. The Minutes of the meetings held on 5th September 2017 (Part A and Part B) and 19th September 2017 (Part A only), having previously been circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

Forthcoming business for debate by the States Assembly. 465/1(210) A2. The Committee received a list of forthcoming business for debate by the States Assembly at its meetings to be held on 10th October 2017, 31st October 2017, 14th November 2017 and 28th November 2017 and considered whether it wished to make a formal comment on any of the Propositions that had been lodged '*au Greffe*'.

In respect of the Proposition of the Chief Minister, entitled 'Elected Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the States Assembly: selection and appointment' (P.84/2017), the Committee decided that it wished to update and re-present the comments that it had prepared in respect of the Proposition of Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade, entitled 'Bailiff of Jersey: cessation of dual role and the appointment of an Elected Speaker of the States', (P.62/2017), which Proposition had been withdrawn. It further decided that it wished to lodge an amendment to P.84/2017.

The Committee noted that P.84/2017 tasked it, with the support of the Chief Minister's Office, with bringing forward all necessary actions, including legislative amendments, to implement changes in time for the Assembly to select and appoint a Speaker and Deputy Speaker at its first meeting following the 2018 General Election. On the basis that changes would be required *inter alia* to the States of Jersey Law 2005, which would necessitate law drafting amendments and approval by both the States Assembly and the Privy Council, the Committee did not feel that the timeframes included within P.84/2017 were achievable. Accordingly, it agreed that an amendment should be lodged which extended the time frame to the end of 2018.

The Committee instructed the Greffier of the States to prepare the relevant amendment for its consideration.

Connétables
(Amendment
No.2) (Jersey)
Law 201-
738/99(1)

A3. The Committee, with reference to its Minute No.B6 of 5th September 2017, received the draft Connétables (Amendment No.2) (Jersey) Law 201- ('the draft Law'), the purpose of which was, in so far as possible, to bring all types of States Member on an equal footing. It also received a draft report, prepared by the Assistant Greffier, to accompany the draft Law.

The Committee recalled that, at its meeting on 5th September 2017, it had indicated that it was content with the draft Law and had requested officers to send the same to the Comité des Connétables in order to elicit the views of that body thereon. The Assistant Greffier informed the Committee that the Comité des Connétables had considered the draft Law at its meeting on 18th September 2017 and had no comments.

The Committee accordingly approved the draft Law and requested officers to arrange for it to be lodged '*au Greffe*' for debate by the States Assembly in due course once the necessary 'in house' checks had been undertaken by the Law Draftsman's Office.

Resignation of
Connétable
C.H. Taylor of
St. John from
the Committee.
465/1(4)

A4. Connétable C.H. Taylor of St. John notified the Committee that, following his appointment as Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, it was with great sadness that he had informed the Bailiff that he would be resigning from the Privileges and Procedures Committee, in order to devote his time to the Public Accounts Committee.

Connétable Taylor thanked the Chairman for his wisdom and expressed his gratitude both to the other members of the Committee, who had been a pleasure to work with and to officers of the States Greffe for their support.

The Chairman indicated that the Committee perfectly understood Connétable Taylor's reasons for resigning and wished him well in the future. He highlighted that he was his own man but also a team player and thanked him for his considerable contribution to the Committee.