

Minutes of the States Assembly

Debate on *Migration: Monitoring and Regulation* (P.25/2005)

21st June 2005:

Migration: monitoring and regulation – P.25/2005 Comments and amendments

THE STATES commenced consideration of a proposition of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning Migration: monitoring and regulation together with an amendment of the Policy and Resources Committee that at the end of paragraph 6, after the words, "*Social Security registration*" there be inserted the words "*and to agree that political responsibility for the office should lie with the Policy and Resources Committee (or the future Chief Minister)*", which amendment was subsequently lodged "au Greffe" by Senator Paul Vincent Francis Le Claire.

THE STATES commenced consideration of an amendment of Deputy Geoffrey Peter Southern of St. Helier that at the end of paragraph 6, after the words "*Social Security registration*", there be inserted the words "*and to agree that political responsibility for the office should not lie with the Economic Development Committee (or the future Minister for Economic Development) and to charge the Policy and Resources Committee to bring forward proposals for approval by the States on which other Committee (and Ministers) should have this responsibility*".

Adjournment

THE STATES then adjourned, having agreed to continue consideration of the proposition of the Policy and Resources Committee regarding Migration: monitoring and regulation, (P.25/2005 lodged "au Greffe" February 2005), together with the amendment of Deputy Geoffrey Peter Southern of St. Helier, (P.25/2005 lodged "au Greffe" on 7th June 2005), the next day, Wednesday 22nd June 2005.

22nd June 2005:

Migration: monitoring and regulation – P.25/2005 Comments and amendments

THE STATES resumed consideration of a proposition of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning Migration: monitoring and regulation and adopted an amendment of Deputy Geoffrey Peter Southern of St. Helier that at the end of paragraph 6, after the words "*Social Security registration*", there be inserted the words "*and to agree that political responsibility for the office should not lie with the Economic Development Committee (or the future Minister for Economic Development) and to charge the Policy and Resources Committee to bring forward proposals for approval by the States on which other Committee (and Ministers) should have this responsibility*".

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 38

Senator J.A. Le Maistre
Senator S. Syvret
Senator F.H. Walker
Senator W. Kinnard
Senator P.V.F. Le Claire
Senator P.F. Routier
Senator M.E. Vibert
Senator P.F.C. Ozouf

CONTRE: 1

Deputy F.G. Voisin (L)

ABSTAIN: 1

Deputy M.F. Dubras (L)

Connétable of St. Martin
 Connétable of St. Ouen
 Connétable of St. Saviour
 Connétable of St. Brelade
 Connétable of St. Mary
 Connétable of St. Peter
 Connétable of St. Clement
 Connétable of St. Helier
 Connétable of St. Lawrence
 Connétable of Grouville
 Connétable of St. John
 Deputy of Trinity
 Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S)
 Deputy J.J. Huet (H)
 Deputy of St. Martin
 Deputy T.J. Le Main (H)
 Deputy G.C.L. Baudains (C)
 Deputy J.L. Dorey (H)
 Deputy P.N. Troy (B)
 Deputy C.J. Scott Warren (S)
 Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier (S)
 Deputy J-A. Bridge (H)
 Deputy J.A. Martin (H)
 Deputy G.P. Southern (H)
 Deputy J.A. Bernstein (B)
 Deputy S.C. Ferguson (B)
 Deputy of St. Mary
 Deputy of St. Ouen
 Deputy of Grouville
 Deputy J.A. Hilton (H)

THE STATES, after further discussion of the proposition of the Policy and Resources Committee, reject the proposition of Deputy Jacqueline Ann Hilton of St. Helier that the matter be referred back to that Committee.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 11

Senator S. Syvret
 Senator P.V.F. Le Claire
 Connétable of Grouville
 Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S)
 Deputy J.J. Huet (H)
 Deputy of St. Martin
 Deputy P.N. Troy (B)
 Deputy J.A. Martin (H)
 Deputy J.A. Bernstein (B)
 Deputy of Grouville
 Deputy J.A. Hilton

CONTRE: 35

Senator J.A. Le Maistre
 Senator L. Norman
 Senator F.H. Walker
 Senator W. Kinnard
 Senator T.A. Le Sueur
 Senator P.F. Routier
 Senator M.E. Vibert
 Senator P.F.C. Ozouf
 Connétable of St. Ouen
 Connétable of St. Saviour
 Connétable of St. Brelade
 Connétable of St. Mary
 Connétable of St. Peter
 Connétable of St. Clement
 Connétable of St. Helier
 Connétable of Trinity
 Connétable of
 St. Lawrence
 Connétable of St. John
 Deputy of Trinity
 Deputy of St. John
 Deputy T.J. Le Main (H)

ABSTAIN: 0

Deputy M.F. Dubras (L)
 Deputy G.C.L. Baudains
 (C)
 Deputy J.L. Dorey (H)
 Deputy F.G. Voisin (L)
 Deputy C.J. Scott Warren
 (S)
 Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier
 (S)
 Deputy J.B. Fox (H)
 Deputy J-A. Bridge (H)
 Deputy G.P. Southern (H)
 Deputy S.C. Ferguson (B)
 Deputy of St. Mary
 Deputy of St. Ouen
 Deputy P.J.D. Ryan (H)
 Deputy G.W.J. de Faye
 (H)

THE STATES, after further consideration of the proposition of the Policy and Resources Com adopted a proposition of Senator Jean Amy Le Maistre that, in accordance with Standing Order 26A question be now put.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 23

Senator J.A. Le Maistre
 Senator L. Norman
 Senator F.H. Walker

 Senator W. Kinnard

 Senator T.A. Le Sueur

 Connétable of St. Ouen
 Connétable of St. Brelade
 Connétable of St. Mary
 Connétable of St. Peter
 Connétable of Trinity
 Connétable of
 St. Lawrence
 Connétable of Grouville
 Deputy of Trinity
 Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S)
 Deputy of St. Martin
 Deputy of St. John
 Deputy T.J. Le Main (H)
 Deputy M.F. Dubras (L)
 Deputy F.G. Voisin (L)
 Deputy L.J. Farnham (S)
 Deputy J.B. Fox (H)
 Deputy J-A. Bridge (H)
 Deputy P.J.D. Ryan (H)

CONTRE: 13

Senator P.V.F. Le Claire
 Connétable of St. Clement
 Deputy J.J. Huet (H)
 Deputy G.C.L. Baudains
 (C)
 Deputy C.J. Scott Warren
 (S)
 Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier
 (S)
 Deputy J.A. Martin (H)
 Deputy G.P. Southern (H)
 Deputy of St. Mary
 Deputy of St. Ouen

 Deputy of Grouville
 Deputy J.A. Hilton (H)
 Deputy G.W.J. de Faye (H)

ABSTAIN: 0

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Policy and Resources Committee, as amended, refe their Act dated 7th October 2003, in which they charged the Policy and Resources Commit consultation with other Committees as appropriate, to bring forward for approval detailed propos migration policy and supporting regulatory systems, and –

(a) agreed in principle that the States should monitor and regulate the factors that migration in the context of the overall population to ensure a balance between economic growth and demand for, and supply of, labour, accommodation, infrastructure and resources of the Island, and promote greater social inclusion, as set out in section 3 of the report of the Policy and Resources Committee of 18th November 2004;

(b) agreed in principle to –

1. integrate the policy for housing consent, monitoring employment and regulation of undertakings and development to simplify and streamline the processes involved, as detailed in section 5.2 of the said report;

2. have only three categories of registration –

(i) those who were **entitled**, comprising persons who qualified as local persons under the Housing (General Provisions) (Jersey) Regulations 1970, as amended;

(ii) those who became **licensed**, either through gaining a licensed job, in persons who were currently described as “(j)” category, or “(k)” category under the 1970 Regulations;

(iii) those who were **registered-only**, equivalent to those who currently qualify under the 1970 Regulations;

with aligned criteria to access both employment and accommodation, as detailed in section 5.2 of the said report;

3. link access to accommodation to employment for those who were described as licensed and registered-only in (2) above, as detailed in section 5.3 of the said report;

4. create a register of the Island population in the three categories: entitled, licensed or registered-only, as detailed in section 5.4 of the said report;

5. monitor migration and regulate the factors that govern migration through a system of job licensing for employers and overall control of employment, as detailed in section 5.5 of the said report;

6. designate a single office by July 2005, working with the Housing, Economic Development, Employment and Social Security, and Environment and Public Services Committees to amalgamate the functions of housing consent, Regulation of Undertakings and Development and Security registration and to agree that political responsibility for the office should not lie with the Economic Development Committee (or the future Minister for Economic Development) and to charge the Policy and Resources Committee to bring forward proposals for approval by the States on which other Committees (or Ministers) should have this responsibility;

(c) charged the Policy and Resources Committee, in consultation with the Economic Development, Housing, Home Affairs and Employment and Social Security Committees, to bring forward any necessary legal and other measures to give effect to the above for consideration by the States.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 37

Senator J.A. Le Maistre
Senator L. Norman
Senator F.H. Walker
Senator W. Kinnard
Senator T.A. Le Sueur
Senator P.F. Routier
Senator M.E. Vibert
Senator P.F.C. Ozouf

CONTRE: 5

Senator S. Syvret
Deputy J.A. Martin (H)
Deputy G.P. Southern (H)
Deputy J.A. Bernstein (B)
Deputy J.A. Hilton (H)

ABSTAIN: 0

Connétable of St. Ouen
Connétable of St. Brelade
Connétable of St. Mary
Connétable of St. Peter
Connétable of St. Clement
Connétable of St. Helier
Connétable of Trinity
Connétable of
St. Lawrence
Connétable of Grouville
Deputy of Trinity
Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S)
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