

5.1 Interpretation Bill 2014 – Third Reading approved

Mr Watterson to move:

That the Interpretation Bill 2014 be read the third time.

The Speaker: We therefore turn to the Bills for Third Reading.

The Interpretation Bill: I call on the mover, the Hon. Member for Rushen, Mr Watterson.

Mr Watterson: I am pleased to be able to move the Third Reading of the Interpretation Bill 2014 on behalf of the Council of Ministers.

I am conscious that in moving both of these Bills I still owe Mr Thomas some assurance to his query on definitions raised at clauses stage. I will, of course, do this. However, given the relatively smooth passage of the Bill through Second Reading and clauses stage, I thought I might reward you all with a short Third Reading speech.

It is my hope that the Bill will return to the Legislative Council next week for approval of the Keys amendments and, all being well, we might just receive Royal Assent ahead of the General Election in the United Kingdom and can start applying the new formulae for Bills for introduction in the next session of the House.

Mr Speaker, I beg to move that the Interpretation Bill be read for a third time.

The Speaker: Mr Houghton.

Mr Houghton: I beg to second.

The Speaker: I put the question that the Interpretation Bill be read for the third time. Those in favour, say aye; against, no. The ayes have it. The ayes have it.