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**Members present for all or part of the proceedings:**

Ms Maeve McLaughlin (Chairperson)  
Mr Alex Easton (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr Thomas Buchanan  
Mrs Pam Cameron  
Mr Kieran McCarthy  
Ms Rosaleen McCorley  
Mr Daithí McKay  
Mr Fearghal McKinney

**The Chairperson (Ms Maeve McLaughlin):** I remind members that the Committee completed its informal clause-by-clause deliberations on 20 January. I refer members to their meeting packs for the relevant papers. I remind them that this is the formal clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill. It is, therefore, a vital and essential part of our duties and is obviously needed for the preparation of the Committee report. I will proceed through the clauses and put the Questions formally. I advise members that, where there are amendments, I will put the Question on the amendment first.

*Question, That the Committee is content with clause 1, put and agreed to.*

*Question, That the Committee is content with clause 2, put and agreed to.*

**New Clause**

**The Chairperson (Ms Maeve McLaughlin):** I inform members that the Department has proposed an amendment to insert a new clause 2A to provide that it may, by regulations, amend the provisions of the Tobacco Retailers Act 2014 relating to the register of tobacco retailers and apply them in relation to nicotine product retailers as well as tobacco retailers. The text of that amendment can be found in members' meeting packs.

*Question, That the Committee is content with the new clause, put and agreed to.*

**Clause 3 (Amendments consequential on sections 1 and 2)**

**The Chairperson (Ms Maeve McLaughlin):** I inform members that the Department has proposed an amendment to clause 3 as a consequence of its amendment to insert new clause 2A. The text of that amendment can be found at page 206 of your meeting pack. Is the Committee content with the proposed departmental amendment?

*Members indicated assent.*

*Question, That the Committee is content with the clause, subject to the proposed amendment, put and agreed to.*

*Question, That the Committee is content with clause 4, put and agreed to.*

*Question, That the Committee is content with clause 5, put and agreed to.*

**The Chairperson (Ms Maeve McLaughlin):** I inform members that the Department has proposed an amendment to insert a new Part 2 that would ban smoking in private cars with children. The text of that amendment can be found at page 209 of the meeting pack. Is the Committee content with the Department's proposed amendment to insert a new Part 2?

**Mr McKinney:** I am opposed to that amendment in the way that it is done.

*Question put.*

*The Committee divided: Ayes 7; Noes 1.*

#### **AYES**

*Mr Buchanan, Mrs Cameron, Mr Easton, Mr McCarthy, Ms McCorley, Mr McKay, Ms Maeve McLaughlin.*

#### **NOES**

*Mr McKinney.*

*Question accordingly agreed to.*

*Question, That the Committee is content with clauses 6 to 16, put and agreed to.*

*Question, That the Committee is content with schedules 1 and 2, put and agreed to.*

#### **Long Title**

**The Chairperson (Ms Maeve McLaughlin):** The Department has proposed an amendment to the long title as a consequence of proposed new Part 2. The text of that amendment can be found at page 210 of the meeting pack. Are members content with the proposed departmental amendment?

*Members indicated assent.*

*Question, That the Committee is content with the long title, subject to the proposed amendment, put and agreed to.*