



Ulster Unionist Party

FORUM PARTY BULLETIN

This morning the Forum, after protracted discussion, made progress in approving those Rules of Procedure which the Rules Committee had agreed amongst themselves. The Rules Committee sat during lunch to seek further agreement on the outstanding rules which had, thusfar, proved contentious.

In the short afternoon session, a motion was submitted to the effect that, at next weeks's meeting of the Forum, the reduction of the number of Education Boards from five to three would be discussed. This was rejected by the SDLP despite being previously agreed by the Business Committee. All parties did express a desire to discuss meaningful questions once the procedural business had been dealt with satisfactorily.

The Chairman, Mr John Gorman (Ulster Unionist Party), is coming under intensified pressure from the DUP. They say that their attacks are not motivated by sectarianism. While informal discussions about the chairmanship continue, Mr Gorman remains in situ.

The Forum will meet again next Friday.

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