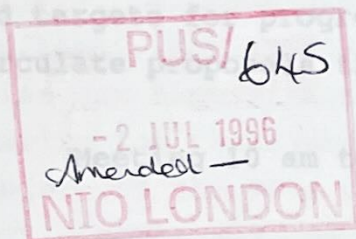


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 Mr Steele -B
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 Mr Wood(L+B) -B
 Mr Beeton -B
 Mr Currie -B
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TALKS, 1 JULY

1. Better as the day went on.
2. Slow progress at first, on consideration of two new government amendments on rules 15 and 30 (attached): some long addresses, and sharp exchanges between Mr Mallon and Mr McCartney, on whether the Union was on the table. Comments and further amendments sought on 15 and 30.

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3. More constructive and better-humoured approach in the last hour: rest of the government amendments considered, and unionists indicate general assent to amendments on Strand Three (32/33).

4. Discussion with Chairmen and Irish afterwards about schedule and targets for progress up to the summer break. Chairmen to circulate proposals this week.

5. Meeting 10 am today.

(Signed)

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TALKS: WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE 1996

Summary

A productive day which took the form of a full conferral session under the Chairmanship of Senator George Mitchell. The majority of the Rules of Procedure were agreed, including those dealing with sufficient consensus but a number of proposed amendments to the Rules still remain to be considered.