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Annual Delegate Conference 1996

The following amendments and 'Emergency' motions have been received in advance of the ADC. Any other proposed amendments or 'Emergency' motions should be referred to the Steering Committee.

Amendments

Motion 15 Line 2 delete 'women' Dun Laoghaire

Motion 34 Line 1 delete 'women' insert 'people' Dun Laoghaire

Motion 73
Delete on 2nd line 'band' and insert 'rate' ;
insert after families 'and the introduction of a upper tax
rate for the ultra rich'
Dun Laoghaire

Motion 96 insert at end :
*And to act on 1995 ADC motion calling for the eventual phasing out of means testing
for medical card applicants.*
Wexford

Motion 96 insert at end :
And to extend medical card eligibility to all children under the age of five.
Health Committee

Emergency Motions

Family Welfare

This conference recognises the right of adopted people to have access to their birth certificates. We call on the Minister for Health to establish, without delay, a Contact Register to facilitate information and / or contact between people raised apart from their families of origin and their birth families and should include those adopted overseas. The contact register should

- I. have a statutory basis ;
- II. be staffed by qualified and experienced personnel ;
- III. should offer a confidential counselling service to all those involved.

Women's Committee

Health

That this conference deplores the resolution passed by the recent IMO Conference allowing doctors to refuse to refer patients for services of which they do not approve, calls on the Minister for Health to ensure that GMS patients are not thus deprived of services which they need and to which they are entitled, and further calls on the Minister to put in place mechanisms through which GMS doctors are accountable for the implementation of their contracts.

Health Committee

DEMOCRATIC LEFT
1996 ANNUAL DELEGATE CONFERENCE

STEERING COMMITTEE STANDING ORDERS

(FOR ADOPTION AT COMMENCEMENT OF ADC)

- 1/. The ADC shall consist of the delegates specified under the Party Rules and will also be open to registered party members and invited guests.
- 2/. Only delegates may propose or second motions, amendments or addenda. All members may speak on motions.
- 3/. The proposer of a motion shall be allowed to speak for four minutes. The seconder and all other speakers on the motion shall be allowed three minutes. The proposer of a motion shall be allowed two minutes to reply before the motion is put to a vote.
- 4/. The proposer or seconder of an amendment shall be permitted to speak for three minutes.
- 5/. The Chairperson may call on the relevant party spokesperson to speak at the conclusion of a debate.
- 6/. Invited guest speakers will be entitled to speak for five minutes.
- 7/. All speakers must speak from the rostrum, must give their name and branch and show their Delegate/Member's Card.
- 8/. All amendments or addenda to motions, not received prior to the opening of the ADC, may only be tabled with the consent of the Steering Committee. All such amendments or addenda shall be submitted in writing, be signed by the proposer and seconder and be submitted to the Steering Committee.
- 9/. On the motion being proposed and seconded "That the motion be now put" the Chairperson may move to a vote without debate. In the event of the motion being carried, the Chairperson, after allowing the proposer of the motion to reply as provided for under Standing Orders, shall put the motion and any amendments or addenda to a vote.
- 10/. At the Chairperson's discretion, a list of speakers for and against a motion may be established, and provision may be made for parity in the order of speakers between those for and against.
- 11/. The Chairperson shall be responsible for ensuring that all speakers adhere to time limits and the ruling of the Chairperson shall be final.
- 12/. Motions on the agenda not reached may be referred to the incoming National Executive Committee and motions debated, or sections thereof, may be referred to the incoming NEC with the agreement of delegates.
- 13/. Where it is proposed to suspend Standing Orders to allow discussion of an Emergency motion, the motion and the request to suspend Standing Orders shall first be submitted to Steering Committee, which shall consider the request and make a recommendation to the ADC. If contested, the recommendation of Steering Committee shall be put to a vote without debate.
- 14/. The ADC shall elect, by straight vote, such number of tellers and scrutineers as the Steering Committee shall consider necessary, who shall be responsible for the counting of all votes, including elections. Persons nominated for election to the NEC or Steering Committee shall not be eligible to act as a teller or scrutineer.
- 15/. Once adopted, the recommendations of the Steering Committee on the ordering of debate on motions shall be regarded as part of Standing Orders. Once adopted, Standing Orders may be suspended or altered only by a two-thirds majority of delegates present.