

SECTION 12

VOTING BY SCOTTISH MPs ON
DEVOLUTION AND ISSUES OF CONSCIENCE

We show below how Scottish MPs voted on the following four subjects:

Devolution 20.6.79. Vote on motion to repeal Scotland Act 1978. Hansard Vol.968, cols.1457-1462. (Note that on 4 March 1980 Gordon Wilson's motion for leave to introduce a bill to establish a Scottish Convention was defeated. His supporters included Liberal and SNP MPs and four Scottish Labour MPs: Dennis Canavan, George Foulkes, John Home Robertson and David Lambie).

Capital Punishment 19.7.79. Vote on motion that the sentence of capital punishment should again be available to the courts. Hansard Vol.970, Cols. 2121-2126.

Abortion 15.2.80. Vote on amendment to Abortion (Amendment) Bill to substitute 24 weeks for 20 as maximum period for legal abortion. Hansard Vol.978, cols. 1977-1982. This has been taken as the vote which most clearly differentiated those who wished broadly to maintain the principles underlying the 1967 Abortion Act and those who wished to reduce availability of abortion.

Homosexuality 22.7.80. Vote on motion that a homosexual act in private shall not be an offence provided that the parties consent thereto and have attained the age of 21 years. Hansard, Vol.989, Cols. 319-322.

Y = Yes, N = No, - = did not vote.

	Devolution: Repeal Scotland Act	Capital Punishment: reintroduce	Abortion: Max.limit 24 weeks ise	Homosexual- ity: legal- ise between consenting adults
ADAMS, Lab. Paisley	N	N	N	Y
ANCRAM, Con. Edin.South	Y	Y	N	N
BRAY, Lab. Motherwell & Wishaw	N	N	N	Y
BROWN, H. Lab. Provan	N	N	Y	Y
BROWN, R. Lab. Edin. Leith	N	N	Y	Y
BUCHAN, Lab. Renfrewshire West	N	N	Y	Y
BUCHANAN-SMITH, Con. Angus N & Mearns	-	N	Y	-
CAMPBELL, Lab. Dunbarton- shire, W	N	N	N	N
CANAVAN, Lab. Stirling- shire W	N	N	N	Y
CARMICHAEL, Lab. Kelvin- grove	N	N	Y	-
COOK, Lab. Edin.Central	-	N	Y	Y
CORRIE, Con. Ayrshire N & Bute	-	Y	N	N
CRAIGEN, Lab. Maryhill	-	N	N	Y
DALYELL, Lab. W.Loathian	-	N	N	Y

	Devolution: Repeal Scotland	Capital Punishment: reintroduce	Abortion: Max.limit 24 weeks	Homosexual- ity: legal- ise between consenting adults		Devolution: Repeal Scotland	Capital Punishment: reintroduce	Abortion: Max.limit 24 weeks	Homosexual- ity: legal- ise between consenting adults	
DEMPSEY, Lab. Coatbridge & Airdrie	N	N	N	N		MILLAN, Lab. Craigton	N	N	Y	Y
DEWAR, Lab. Garscadden	N	N	Y	Y		MILLER, Lab. East Kilbride	-	-	Y	Y
DOUGLAS, Lab. Dunfermline	N	-	N	Y		MONRO, Con. Dumfries	Y	Y	-	N
DOUGLAS HAMILTON, Con. Edin. West	-	N	N	N		MYLES, Con. Banff	Y	Y	-	N
EADIE, Lab. Midlothian	N	N	Y	-		O'NEILL, Lab. Clackmannan & E. Stirlingshire	N	N	Y	Y
EWING, Lab. Stirling, Falkirk & Grange-mouth	N	N	Y	Y		POLLOCK, Con. Moray & Nairn	Y	Y	N	N
FAIRBAIRN, Con. Perth & W. Perthshire	Y	Y	Y	-		RIFKIND, Con. Edinburgh Pentlands	Y	N	-	N
FAIRGRIEVE, Con. Aberdeenshire W	Y	N	-	N		ROBERTSON, Lab. Hamilton	N	N	Y	Y
FLETCHER, Con. Edin. North	Y	N	-	N		ROSS, Lab. Dundee W.	N	N	Y	Y
FOULKES, Lab. Ayrshire S	N	N	-	-		SMITH, Lab. Lanarkshire	N	N	N	Y
FRASER, Con. Angus S	Y	N	N	-		SPROAT, Con. Aberdeen S	Y	Y	-	-
GALBRAITH, Con. Hillhead	Y	Y	N	-		STEEL, Lib. Roxburgh, Selkirk & Peebles	N	N	Y	Y
GOURLAY, Lab. Kirkcaldy	N	N	Y	-		STEWART, A. Con. Renfrewshire W	Y	N	N	-
GRAY, Con. Ross & Cromarty	Y	-	N	N		STEWART, D. SNP, Western Isles	N	Y	N	N
GRIMOND, Lib. Orkney & Shetland	Y	N	Y	Y		STRANG, Lab. Edinburgh E	N	N	Y	Y
HAMILTON, J. Lab. Bothwell	N	N	N	-		WALKER, Con. Perth & E Perthshire	-	Y	-	-
HAMILTON, W. Lab. Fife C	N	N	Y	Y		WHITE, Lab. Pollok	N	N	N	Y
HART, Lab. Lanark	-	-	Y	-		WILSON, SNP. Dundee E	N	N	N	N
HENDERSON, Con. Fife E	Y	Y	-	-		YOUNGER, Con. Ayr	Y	Y	-	N
HOME ROBERTSON, Lab. Berwick & E. Lothian	N	N	N	Y						
HOGG, Lab. Dunbartonshire E	N	N	Y	Y						
HUGHES, Lab. Aberdeen N	N	N	Y	Y						
JOHNSTON, Lib. Inverness	N	N	N	Y						
LAMBIE, Lab. Ayrshire C	N	N	Y	Y						
LANG, Con. Galloway	Y	Y	N	-						
MCCARTNEY, Lab. Dunbartonshire C	N	N	Y	Y						
McELHONE, Lab. Queen's Park	N	N	N	-						
MACKAY, Con. Argyll	Y	Y	-	N						
MCKELVIE, Lab. Kilmarnock	N	N	Y	Y						
MACKENZIE, Lab. Rutherglen	N	N	N	Y						
MACLENNAN, Lab. Caithness & Sutherland	N	N	-	Y						
McMAHON, Lab. Govan	-	-	-	-						
McQUARRIE, Con. Aberdeenshire E	Y	Y	N	-						
MABON, Lab. Greenock & Port Glasgow	N	N	N	-						
MARSHALL, Lab. Shettleston	N	N	N	Y						
MARTIN, Lab. Springburn	N	N	N	-						
MAXTON, Lab. Cathcart	N	N	Y	Y						

Note: Tom McMillan (Lab. Glasgow Central died May 1980) excluded.