The Clauses Stage of this Bill, which would enable the public to elect a Chief Minister at the next General election in September 2011, didn't survive the first Clause at the House of Keys 26.10.10. Only 8 MHKs voted for it, with 13 against. This is a bitter blow for the development of Manx democracy and will mean that voters will not be able to choose who will determine government policy in the 5 years 2011 to 2016. Once again voters will be confined to voting only for their constituency politicians rather than having a say, however indirect, in national policies.

Voting was as follows:

For (8) | Against (13)
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Karran | Quirk
Malarkey | Earnshaw
Robertshaw | Brown
Cannell | Crookall
Shimmin | Anderson
Cretney | Craine
Gawne | Quayle
The Speaker (Rodan) | Cregeen
Houghton | Houghton
Henderson | Corkish
Watterson | Watterson
Gill |