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)**  
Karran  
Malarkey  
Robertshaw  
Cannell  
Shimmin  
Cretney  
Gawne  
The Speaker (Rodan)

**Against (13)**  
Quirk  
Earnshaw  
Brown  
Crookall  
Anderson  
Craine  
Quayle  
Cregeen  
Houghton  
Henderson  
Corkish  
Watterson  
Gill