

## Election of Chief Minister Bill thrown out

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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)**

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