The Committee will meet at 9.00 am in Committee Room 1, Committee Chambers, to consider the following agenda items:

1. **Genetically Modified Organisms (in private):** The Committee will consider a possible approach to taking evidence on the issue of genetically modified organisms.

2. **Transport (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider possible areas of questioning for witnesses on the Transport (Scotland) Bill.

*Not before 10.00 am*

3. **Transport (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence at Stage 1 on the general principles of the Transport (Scotland) Bill from—

   - Scottish Trades Union Congress
   - Transport and General Workers' Union
   - Glasgow City Council
   - Fife Council
   - Automobile Association
   - RAC
   - Friends of the Earth Scotland
   - Transform Scotland
4. **Subordinate Legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—

The Sulphur Content of Liquid Fuels (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/169)

The Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/170)

5. **Annual Report (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft annual Committee Report.

6. **Concessionary Travel Inquiry (in private):** The Committee will consider written evidence received as part of its inquiry into concessionary travel.

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Scottish Statutory Instrument 2000 No. 169

The Sulphur Content of Liquid Fuels (Scotland) Regulations 2000
(SSI 2000/169)

1. The Parliament has assigned the lead committee role on the Sulphur Content of Liquid Fuels (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/169) to the Transport and the Environment Committee.

2. The Regulations are being circulated as Committee paper TE/00/17/2, and are accompanied by an Executive covering note and a Regulatory and Environmental Impact Assessment. In addition, Council Directive 1999/32/EC is being circulated as Committee paper TE/00/17/3.

3. The order comes into force on 30 June 2000 and was laid under a "negative procedure" which means that the Parliament has power to annul the order by resolution within 40 days, excluding recess. In the case of this order therefore, the time limit for Parliamentary action expires on 11 September 2000. Any MSP may lodge a motion to propose to the lead committee that the order be annulled. The Transport and the Environment Committee are required to report on the instrument by 4 September 2000. Should an annulment be required, under Rule 10.4, the Transport and Environment Committee will have to debate the issue and then report to the Parliament with its decision.


5. The Subordinate Legislation Committee considered this instrument on 13 June 2000 and determined that the attention of the Parliament need not be drawn to the instrument.

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June 2000