Concise Minutes - Local Government and Housing

Committee

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Meeting date: Thursday, 16 May 2024

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Meeting time: 09.30 - 15.34

Hybrid

Attendance

| Category | Names |
|------------------------|--|
| | John Griffiths MS (Chair) |
| | James Evans MS |
| | Adam Price MS (In place of Luke Fletcher MS) |
| Members of the Senedd: | Peter Fox MS (In place of Altaf Hussain MS) |
| Serieda. | Sarah Murphy MS |
| | Lee Waters MS |
| | Joel James MS |
| | Mick Antoniw MS, Counsel General |
| Witnesses: | Sarah Wymer, Welsh Government |
| | Ben Mincher, Welsh Government |
| | Catherine Hunt (Clerk) |
| Committee Staff: | Angharad Era (Deputy Clerk) |
| | Rachael Davies (Second Clerk) |
| | Stephen Davies (Legal Adviser) |



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting of the Local Government and Housing Committee.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Luke Fletcher MS. Adam Price MS attended as a substitute for Luke Fletcher MS.
- 1.3 Apologies were received from Altaf Hussain MS. Peter Fox MS attended as a substitute for Altaf Hussain MS.
- 1.4 The Chair welcomed Sarah Murphy MS to the Committee, and thanked Jack Sargeant MS for his contributions to the Committee.
- 1.5 The Chair noted that, in accordance with Standing Order 17.49, Joel James MS would attend the meeting to speak to the amendment he had tabled.

2 Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Bill - Stage 2 Proceedings

2.1 In accordance with Standing Order 26.21, the Committee disposed of the following amendments to the Bill:

Amendment 115 (Adam Price MS)

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
|-------------|----------------|---------|
| Peter Fox | John Griffiths | |
| James Evans | Lee Waters | |
| Adam Price | Sarah Murphy | |
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As the vote was tied, the Chair used his casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20(ii)). Therefore amendment 115 was not

agreed.

Amendment 116 (Adam Price MS)

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
|-------------|----------------|---------|
| Peter Fox | John Griffiths | |
| James Evans | Lee Waters | |
| Adam Price | Sarah Murphy | |
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As the vote was tied, the Chair used his casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20(ii)). Therefore amendment 116 was not agreed.

Amendment 98 (Adam Price MS) was withdrawn.

Amendment 1 (Adam Price MS) was not moved.

Amendment 11 (Mick Antoniw MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 12 (Mick Antoniw MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 13 (Mick Antoniw MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 14 (Mick Antoniw MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 15 (Mick Antoniw MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 99 (Peter Fox MS)

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
|------------------------------|----------------|---------|
| Peter Fox | John Griffiths | |
| James Evans | Lee Waters | |
| | Sarah Murphy | |
| | Adam Price | |
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| Amendment 99 was not agreed. | | |

Amendment 2 (Adam Price MS)

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
|-------------|----------------|---------|
| Peter Fox | John Griffiths | |
| James Evans | Lee Waters | |
| Adam Price | Sarah Murphy | |
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As the vote was tied, the Chair used his casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20(ii)). Therefore amendment 2 was not agreed.

Amendment 3 (Adam Price MS)

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
|-------------|----------------|---------|
| Peter Fox | John Griffiths | |
| James Evans | Lee Waters | |

| Adam Price | Sarah Murphy | |
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As the vote was tied, the Chair used his casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20(ii)). Therefore amendment 3 was not agreed.

Amendment 16 (Mick Antoniw MS)

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
|--------------------------|---------|------------|
| John Griffiths | | Adam Price |
| Lee Waters | | |
| Sarah Murphy | | |
| Peter Fox | | |
| James Evans | | |
| Amendment 16 was agreed. | | |

Amendment 100 (Peter Fox MS)

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
|-------------|----------------|---------|
| Peter Fox | John Griffiths | |
| James Evans | Lee Waters | |
| Adam Price | Sarah Murphy | |
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As the vote was tied, the Chair used his casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20(ii)). Therefore amendment 100 was not agreed.

Amendment 7 (Adam Price MS) was withdrawn.

Amendment 101 (Peter Fox MS) was not moved.

Amendment 17 (Mick Antoniw MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 18 (Mick Antoniw MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 117 (Adam Price MS) was not moved.

Amendment 8 (Adam Price MS) was not moved.

Amendment 102 (Peter Fox MS)

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
|-------------------------------|----------------|---------|
| Peter Fox | John Griffiths | |
| James Evans | Lee Waters | |
| | Sarah Murphy | |
| | Adam Price | |
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| Amendment 102 was not agreed. | | |

Amendment 103 (Peter Fox MS)

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
|-------------|----------------|---------|
| Peter Fox | John Griffiths | |
| James Evans | Lee Waters | |
| | Sarah Murphy | |

| | Adam Price | |
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| Amendment 103 was not agreed. | | |

Amendment 104 (Peter Fox MS)

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
|-------------|----------------|---------|
| Peter Fox | John Griffiths | |
| James Evans | Lee Waters | |
| Adam Price | Sarah Murphy | |
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As the vote was tied, the Chair used his casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20(ii)). Therefore amendment 104 was not agreed.

Amendment 19 (Mick Antoniw MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 20 (Mick Antoniw MS)

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
|--------------------------|------------|---------|
| John Griffiths | Adam Price | |
| Lee Waters | | |
| Sarah Murphy | | |
| Peter Fox | | |
| James Evans | | |
| Amendment 20 was agreed. | | |

Amendment 105 (Peter Fox MS)

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
|-------------------------------|----------------|---------|
| Peter Fox | John Griffiths | |
| James Evans | Lee Waters | |
| | Sarah Murphy | |
| | Adam Price | |
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| Amendment 105 was not agreed. | | |

Amendment 106 (Peter Fox MS)

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
|-------------------------------|----------------|---------|
| Peter Fox | John Griffiths | |
| James Evans | Lee Waters | |
| | Sarah Murphy | |
| | Adam Price | |
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| Amendment 106 was not agreed. | | |

Amendment 21 (Mick Antoniw MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 22 (Mick Antoniw MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 23 (Mick Antoniw MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 9 (Adam Price MS)

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
|-------------|----------------|---------|
| Peter Fox | John Griffiths | |
| James Evans | Lee Waters | |
| Adam Price | Sarah Murphy | |
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As the vote was tied, the Chair used his casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20(ii)). Therefore amendment 9 was not agreed.

Amendment 107 (Adam Price MS) was withdrawn.

Amendment 108 (Peter Fox MS)

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
|-------------------------------|----------------|---------|
| Peter Fox | John Griffiths | |
| James Evans | Lee Waters | |
| | Sarah Murphy | |
| | Adam Price | |
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| Amendment 108 was not agreed. | | |

Amendment 109 (Peter Fox MS) was not moved.

Amendment 49 (Adam Price MS)

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
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| John Griffiths | Peter Fox | |
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| Lee Waters | James Evans | |
| Sarah Murphy | | |
| Adam Price | | |
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| Amendment 49 was agreed. | | |

Amendment 50 (Adam Price MS)

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
|------------------------------|----------------|---------|
| Adam Price | John Griffiths | |
| | Lee Waters | |
| | Sarah Murphy | |
| | Peter Fox | |
| | James Evans | |
| Amendment 50 was not agreed. | | |

Amendment 51 (Adam Price MS)

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------|
| John Griffiths | Peter Fox | |
| Lee Waters | James Evans | |
| Sarah Murphy | | |
| Adam Price | | |
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| Amendment 51 was agreed. | | |

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
|-------------|----------------|---------|
| Peter Fox | John Griffiths | |
| James Evans | Lee Waters | |
| Adam Price | Sarah Murphy | |
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As the vote was tied, the Chair used his casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20(ii)). Therefore amendment 118 was not agreed.

Amendment 119 (Adam Price MS)

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
|-------------|----------------|---------|
| Peter Fox | John Griffiths | |
| James Evans | Lee Waters | |
| Adam Price | Sarah Murphy | |
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As the vote was tied, the Chair used his casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20(ii)). Therefore amendment 119 was not agreed.

Amendment 120 (Adam Price MS) was not moved.

Amendment 24 (Mick Antoniw MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 52 (Adam Price MS)

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
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| Peter Fox | John Griffiths | |
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| James Evans | Lee Waters | |
| Adam Price | Sarah Murphy | |
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As the vote was tied, the Chair used his casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20(ii)). Therefore amendment 52 was not agreed.

Amendment 53 (Adam Price MS)

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
|-------------|----------------|---------|
| Peter Fox | John Griffiths | |
| James Evans | Lee Waters | |
| Adam Price | Sarah Murphy | |
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As the vote was tied, the Chair used his casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20(ii)). Therefore amendment 53 was not agreed.

Amendment 110 (Peter Fox MS)

| Against | Abstain |
|----------------|--|
| John Griffiths | |
| Lee Waters | |
| Sarah Murphy | |
| Adam Price | |
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| | John Griffiths Lee Waters Sarah Murphy |

Amendment 110 was not agreed.

Amendment 25 (Mick Antoniw MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 121 (Adam Price MS)

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
|-------------|----------------|---------|
| Peter Fox | John Griffiths | |
| James Evans | Lee Waters | |
| Adam Price | Sarah Murphy | |
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As the vote was tied, the Chair used his casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20(ii)). Therefore amendment 121 was not agreed.

Amendment 26 (Mick Antoniw MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 27 (Mick Antoniw MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 28 (Mick Antoniw MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 29 (Mick Antoniw MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 30 (Mick Antoniw MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 31 (Mick Antoniw MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 32 (Mick Antoniw MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 4 (Adam Price MS)

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
|-----------------------------|----------------|---------|
| Adam Price | John Griffiths | |
| | Lee Waters | |
| | Sarah Murphy | |
| | Peter Fox | |
| | James Evans | |
| Amendment 4 was not agreed. | | |

Amendment 5 (Adam Price MS)

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
|------------|----------------|---------|
| Adam Price | John Griffiths | |
| | Lee Waters | |
| | Sarah Murphy | |
| | Peter Fox | |
| | James Evans | |

Amendment 5 was not agreed.

Amendment 111 (Peter Fox MS)

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
|-------------|----------------|---------|
| Peter Fox | John Griffiths | |
| James Evans | Lee Waters | |
| Adam Price | Sarah Murphy | |
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As the vote was tied, the Chair used his casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20(ii)). Therefore amendment 111 was not agreed.

Amendment 33 (Mick Antoniw MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 34 (Mick Antoniw MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 35 (Mick Antoniw MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 36 (Mick Antoniw MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 122 (Adam Price MS) was withdrawn.

Amendment 37 (Mick Antoniw MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 38 (Mick Antoniw MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 39 (Mick Antoniw MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 123 (Adam Price MS)

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
|-------------------------------|----------------|---------|
| Adam Price | John Griffiths | |
| | Lee Waters | |
| | Sarah Murphy | |
| | Peter Fox | |
| | James Evans | |
| Amendment 123 was not agreed. | | |

Amendment 40 (Mick Antoniw MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendments 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75 and 76 (Adam Price MS) were disposed of en bloc.

| In Favour | Against | Abstain | Total |
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| Adam Price | John Griffiths | |
|-------------|----------------|--|
| Peter Fox | Lee Waters | |
| James Evans | Sarah Murphy | |

As the vote was tied, the Chair used his casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20(ii)). Therefore amendments 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75 and 76 were not agreed.

Amendment 77 (Adam Price MS)

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
|-------------|----------------|---------|
| Adam Price | John Griffiths | |
| Peter Fox | Lee Waters | |
| James Evans | Sarah Murphy | |
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As the vote was tied, the Chair used his casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20(ii)). Therefore amendment 77 was not agreed.

The Chair proposed that amendments 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87 and 88 (Adam Price MS) be disposed of en bloc. The amendments were not moved.

Amendment 89 (Adam Price MS)

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
|-------------|----------------|---------|
| Adam Price | John Griffiths | |
| Peter Fox | Lee Waters | |
| James Evans | Sarah Murphy | |

| As the vote was tied | l, the Chair used his castii | ng vote in the negative |
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| (in accordance with SO 6.20(ii)). Therefore amendment 89 was not | | |
| agreed. | | |

Amendment 90 (Adam Price MS)

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
|-------------|----------------|---------|
| Adam Price | John Griffiths | |
| Peter Fox | Lee Waters | |
| James Evans | Sarah Murphy | |
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As the vote was tied, the Chair used his casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20(ii)). Therefore amendment 90 was not agreed.

Amendment 91 (Adam Price MS)

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
|-------------|----------------|---------|
| Adam Price | John Griffiths | |
| Peter Fox | Lee Waters | |
| James Evans | Sarah Murphy | |
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As the vote was tied, the Chair used his casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20(ii)). Therefore amendment 91 was not agreed.

Amendment 92 (Adam Price MS)

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
|-------------|----------------|---------|
| Adam Price | John Griffiths | |
| Peter Fox | Lee Waters | |
| James Evans | Sarah Murphy | |
| | | |

As the vote was tied, the Chair used his casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20(ii)). Therefore amendment 92 was not agreed.

Amendment 93 (Adam Price MS) was not moved.

Amendment 46 (Mick Antoniw MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 47 (Mick Antoniw MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 48 (Mick Antoniw MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 96 (Adam Price MS) was not moved.

Amendment 97 (Adam Price MS) was not moved.

Amendments 6 (Adam Price MS) was withdrawn.

Amendment 112 (Peter Fox MS)

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
|-------------------------------|----------------|---------|
| Peter Fox | John Griffiths | |
| James Evans | Lee Waters | |
| | Sarah Murphy | |
| | Adam Price | |
| Amendment 112 was not agreed. | | |

Amendment 113 (Peter Fox MS)

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
|-------------------------------|----------------|---------|
| Peter Fox | John Griffiths | |
| James Evans | Lee Waters | |
| | Sarah Murphy | |
| | Adam Price | |
| Amendment 113 was not agreed. | | |

Amendment 10 (Joel James MS) was withdrawn.

Amendment 114 (Peter Fox MS)

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
|-------------|----------------|---------|
| Peter Fox | John Griffiths | |
| James Evans | Lee Waters | |
| | Sarah Murphy | |

| | Adam Price | |
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| Amendment 114 was not agreed. | | |

Amendment 125 (Adam Price MS)

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
|---------------------------|----------------|------------|
| Peter Fox | John Griffiths | Lee Waters |
| James Evans | Sarah Murphy | |
| Adam Price | | |
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| Amendment 125 was agreed. | | |

Amendment 126 (Adam Price MS)

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Adam Price | John Griffiths | Peter Fox |
| | Lee Waters | James Evans |
| | Sarah Murphy | |
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| Amendment 126 was not agreed. | | |

Amendment 41 (Mick Antoniw MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 94 (Adam Price MS)

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
|-------------|----------------|---------|
| Adam Price | John Griffiths | |
| Peter Fox | Lee Waters | |
| James Evans | Sarah Murphy | |
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As the vote was tied, the Chair used his casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20(ii)). Therefore amendment 94 was not agreed.

Amendment 127 (Adam Price MS)

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
|-------------|----------------|---------|
| Adam Price | John Griffiths | |
| Peter Fox | Lee Waters | |
| James Evans | Sarah Murphy | |
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As the vote was tied, the Chair used his casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20(ii)). Therefore amendment 127 was not agreed.

Amendment 128 (Adam Price MS)

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
|------------|----------------|-------------|
| Adam Price | John Griffiths | Lee Waters |
| | Sarah Murphy | Peter Fox |
| | | James Evans |
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Amendment 128 was not agreed.

Amendment 42 (Mick Antoniw MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 95 (Adam Price MS) was not moved.

Amendment 43 (Mick Antoniw MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 129 (Adam Price MS)

| In Favour | Against | Abstain |
|-------------|----------------|---------|
| Adam Price | John Griffiths | |
| Peter Fox | Lee Waters | |
| James Evans | Sarah Murphy | |
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As the vote was tied, the Chair used his casting vote in the negative (in accordance with SO 6.20(ii)). Therefore amendment 129 was not agreed.

Amendment 44 (Mick Antoniw MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

Amendment 45 (Mick Antoniw MS) was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 17.34(i).

| 3 | Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Bill - Stage 2 Proceedings continued | |
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