

*These notes refer to the Scotland Act 1998 (c.46)
which received Royal Assent on 19th November 1998*

SCOTLAND ACT 1998

EXPLANATORY NOTES

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 8, Paragraph 24: Public Order Act 1986

Purpose and Effect

Part III of the Public Order Act 1986 creates certain offences in relation to the stirring up of racial hatred. Section 26(1) of the Act provides that nothing in Part III applies to a fair and accurate report of proceedings in Parliament. Paragraph 20 of the Act amends section 26(1) so that Part III does not apply to such a report of proceedings in the Scottish Parliament.

General

This amendment relates to reports of the proceedings of the Parliament. Section 21(1) provides that the proceedings shall be regulated by standing orders. Schedule 3, paragraph 1(1) provides that the standing orders shall include provision for preserving order in the proceedings of the Parliament, including provision for preventing conduct which would constitute a criminal offence.

Details of Provisions

This provision inserts in section 26(1) of the Public Order Act 1986 after the reference to proceedings in Parliament a reference to proceedings in the Scottish Parliament.