

# **GMB CONGRESS 2008**

## **Report of Decisions Made by Congress on Motions, Reports and Statements**

<b>REPORTS AND STATEMENTS CARRIED/APPROVED</b>
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- **General Secretary's Report**
- **Annual Accounts and Auditors Report**
- **The Post of Deputy General Secretary: Report to Congress (including Rule Amendments)**

### **CEC Special Reports**

- **The Green Agenda and GMB: Climate Change, Global Warming, Sustainable Development**
- **GMB Rulebook (Plain English)**
- **Contributions and Benefits Proposals (including Rule Amendments)**
- **Rule Amendments to Plain English Rule Book**

### **CEC Statements**

- **CEC Statement on Pleural Plaques**
- **CEC Statement on Remploy**

## EMERGENCY MOTIONS

<b>EM1</b>	STOP PRIVATISING THE NHS NOW!	<b>Carried</b>
<b>EM2</b>	FENLAND FOODS CLOSURE	<b>Carried</b>
<b>EM3</b>	THOMPSONS SOLICITORS	<b>Withdrawn</b>
<b>EM4</b>	PENSIONERS FUEL POVERTY	<b>Carried Subject to CEC Qualifications</b>

## MOTIONS REFERRED

### **UNION ORGANISATION: Representation & Accountability**

Motion 17. GMB ELECTIONS

### **UNION ORGANISATION: Education & Training**

Motion 45. STEWARDS TRAINING IN RELEVANT LANGUAGES

Motion 46. RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION

### **UNION ORGANISATION: Equality & Inclusion**

Motion 49. CULTURAL AWARENESS

Motion 51. WIDENING THE SCOPE OF EQUALITY CLAIMS

### **INDUSTRIAL & ECONOMIC POLICY : The Environment**

Motion 121. CAMPAIGNING AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE

### **SOCIAL POLICY: Criminal Justice**

Motion 147. CAMMELL LAIRD 1984

### **SOCIAL POLICY: General**

Motion 166. LICENSING HOURS

Motion 176. TELESALES

### **SOCIAL POLICY: Welfare Rights & Services**

Motion 198. WARM FRONT

## MOTIONS CARRIED BY CONGRESS

### UNION ORGANISATION

CECRA1 Rule 9 BUSINESS OF THE CONGRESS

CECRA2 Rule A3 SECTION NATIONAL CONFERENCES

### UNION ORGANISATION: General

Motion 9. FAIR TRADE UNION

Motion 10. GREEN OPTIONS AND ECO FRIENDLY POLICIES

### UNION ORGANISATION: Recruitment & Organisation

† Motion 12. GMB @ WORK ORGANISING STRATEDGY (Carried Subject to CEC Qualification)

Motion 13. OLYMPIC GAMES

### UNION ORGANISATION: Finance & Contributions

Motion 28. BRANCH SECRETARY PAYMENTS

### UNION ORGANISATION: Equality & Inclusion

† Motion 47. AGE DISCRIMINATION (Carried Subject to CEC Qualification)

Motion 52. EQUALITIES

Motion 53. DISABILITY

Motion 54. RE-RUN OF TOXIC SHOCK SYNDROME CAMPAIGN

### EMPLOYMENT POLICY: Health & Safety at Work

Motion 56. CORPORATE MANSLAUGHTER ACT

Comp 1 ASBESTOS PLEURAL PLAQUES & PLEURAL THICKENING

Motion 61. ASBESTOS RELATED DISEASES

Motion 62. ASBESTOS

Motion 65. THIRD PARTY VIOLENCE AT WORK

† Motion 66. SERVICE AWARDS (Carried Subject to CEC Qualification)

### EMPLOYMENT POLICY: Pensions & Retirement

Motion 68. BASIC STATE PENSION

Comp 2 PENSIONS

† Motion 71. PENSIONS (Carried Subject to CEC Qualification)

## MOTIONS CARRIED BY CONGRESS (contd)

### **EMPLOYMENT POLICY: Rights at work**

- Motion 82. REPEAL THE ANTI TRADE UNION LAWS
- Motion 85. 'TRANSFORMING TRIBUNALS' LEGISLATION
- † Motion 86. EMPLOYMENT TRIBUNALS **(Carried Subject to CEC Qualification)**
- Motion 87. CHANGES WITHIN THE EMPLOYMENT TRIBUNAL SERVICES
- † Motion 92. A NEW PUBLIC HOLIDAY – ARMISTICE DAY **(Carried Subject to CEC Qualification)**
- † Motion 94. EXTRA DAY HOLIDAY FOR ST GEORGES DAY **(Carried Subject to CEC Qualification)**
- Comp 3 ROAD TRANSPORT WORKING TIME REGULATIONS
- † Comp 4 35 HOUR WORKING WEEK **(Carried Subject to CEC Qualification)**
- Comp 5 NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE
- † Motion 103. LOW PAY UNION MEMBERS **(Carried Subject to CEC Qualification)**

### **EMPLOYMENT POLICY: Migrant Workers**

- Motion 118. A BETTER SERVICE TO MIGRANT WORKERS

### **INDUSTRIAL & ECONOMIC POLICY: Private Equity**

- † Motion 119. AA/SAGA **(Carried Subject to CEC Qualification)**
- Motion 120. PRIVATE EQUITY

### **INDUSTRIAL & ECONOMIC POLICY : The Environment**

- Motion 122. ENVIRONMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES
- Motion 123. GLOBAL WARMING
- † Motion 124. LOW ENERGY LIGHT BULBS – POSSIBLE HEALTH RISK **(Carried Subject to CEC Qualification)**

## MOTIONS CARRIED BY CONGRESS (contd)

### **POLITICAL: Labour Party**

Motion 127. LABOUR PARTY LEADERSHIP CONTESTS

† Motion 128. LABOUR INTERNAL ELECTION SPENDING LIMITS **(Carried Subject to CEC Qualification)**

† Motion 129. LABOUR PARTY LEADERSHIP ELECTIONS **(Carried Subject to CEC Qualification)**

Motion 130. DIGBY JONES AND THE CBI

Motion 131. WARWICK AGREEMENT

Motion 132. SUPPORT FOR LABOUR MP'S AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION

Motion 135. GMB SPONSORED MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Comp 6 MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT- PAID OUTSIDE INTERESTS

Motion 140. ARMED FORCES HEALTH & SAFETY

### **POLITICAL: European Union**

Motion 144. SOCIAL EUROPE

Motion 145. REFERENDUM ON EUROPEAN CONSTITUTION

### **SOCIAL POLICY: Criminal Justice**

Motion 148. POLITICAL

### **SOCIAL POLICY: Education**

Motion 150. EDUCATION, SKILLS AND LIFELONG LEARNING: THE EARLY YEARS

Comp 7 TRADE UNION EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

Motion 154. BASIC LIFE SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN

† Comp 8 SKILLS, EMPLOYABILITY AND TIME OFF FOR BASIC SKILLS COURSES **(Carried Subject to CEC Qualification)**

Motion 157. CAMPAIGN TO SAVE TRADE UNION EDUCATION AT KEELE UNIVERSITY

## MOTIONS CARRIED BY CONGRESS (contd)

### **SOCIAL POLICY: General**

Motion 158. ANIMAL RIGHTS

- † Motion 159. ETHICAL TREATMENT OF INTENSIVELY REARED POULTRY **(Carried Subject to CEC Qualification)**

Motion 160. GRANDPARENT CARERS

Motion 161. SUPPORT FOR CARERS

- † Motion 162. FUNDING FOR HOSPICES ADULT AND CHILDRENS CARE **(Carried Subject to CEC Qualification)**

- † Motion 163. NATIONAL INSURANCE DEDUCTIONS **(Carried Subject to CEC Qualification)**

- † Motion 164. ABOLITION OF PRESCRIPTION CHARGES **(Carried Subject to CEC Qualification)**

Motion 167. HUMAN ORGAN DONATION

Comp 9 NORTHERN ROCK , FAREPAK AND FINANCIAL SERVICES INSTITUTIONS

Motion 171. REFORM OF HONORS LIST

- † Motion 172. PROPOSED CUTS WITHIN THE FIRE SERVICE **(Carried Subject to CEC Qualification)**

- † Motion 173. TRADES UNION COUNCILS **(Carried Subject to CEC Qualification)**

- † Motion 174. REVIEW THE REGULATORS OF PRIVATISED INDUSTRIES TO MAKE THEM MORE ACCOUNTABLE TO THE CONSUMERS **(Carried Subject to CEC Qualification)**

- † Motion 175. FUEL POVERTY **(Carried Subject to CEC Qualification)**

### **SOCIAL POLICY: Housing**

- † Motion 179. COMMITMENT TO THE FOURTH OPTION **(Carried Subject to CEC Qualification)**

### **SOCIAL POLICY: Transport**

- † Motion 185. CALL TO GOVERNMENT TO PROMOTE THE CREATION OF A WORLD LEADING PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM **(Carried Subject to CEC Qualification)**

- † Motion 186. ROAD SAFETY **(Carried Subject to CEC Qualification)**

Motion 187. CONTROLLED PARKING ZONES

## MOTIONS CARRIED BY CONGRESS (contd)

### **SOCIAL POLICY: Welfare Rights & Services**

Motion 191. DIGNITY IN CARE

Motion 192. CARERS ALLOWANCE

Motion 194. BENEFITS ADVICE

Comp 10 INCAPACITY BENEFIT TESTING AND VULNERABLE MEMBERS

Comp 11 WINTER FUEL ALLOWANCES

† Motion 202. WINTER FUEL ALLOWANCE **(Carried Subject to CEC Qualification)**

Comp 12 NATIONWIDE CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL FOR OVER 60's

### **INTERNATIONAL**

† Motion 206. UK SERVICE PERSONNEL **(Carried Subject to CEC Qualification)**

† Motion 207. IRAQ **(Carried Subject to CEC Qualification)**

† Motion 208. SUPPORT FOR TRADE UNIONS INTERNATIONALLY **(Carried Subject to CEC Qualification)**

† Motion 209. IRAQ OIL MOTION **(Carried Subject to CEC Qualification)**

† Motion 210. PEACE AND STATEHOOD FOR PALESTINE **(Carried Subject to CEC Qualification)**

Motion 213. GLOBALISATION

† Motion 214. WORKERS RIGHTS IN THE HIGH STREET SUPPLY CHAINS **(Carried Subject to CEC Qualification)**

† Motion 215. GMB GLOBAL SUPPORT **(Carried Subject to CEC Qualification)**

Motion 216. HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Motion 218. LAND MINES

## MOTIONS FELL

### **UNION ORGANISATION: General**

Motion 6. FUTURE OF THE GMB – A WAY FORWARD **(CEC Stance was Oppose )**

## MOTIONS LOST

### **UNION ORGANISATION: General**

Motion 4. LAY DEMOCRACY (CEC Stance was Oppose)

Motion 8. GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES OF THE GMB  
(CEC Stance was Oppose)

### **POLITICAL: Labour Party**

Motion 136. GMB SPONSORED MP'S (CEC Stance was Oppose)

### **POLITICAL: Racism & Fascism**

Motion 143. UNITE AGAINST FASCISM (CEC Stance was Oppose)

## MOTIONS WITHDRAWN FROM FINAL AGENDA

### **UNION ORGANISATION: Union Benefits**

Motion 40. INCREASE IN BENEFITS

### **EMPLOYMENT POLICY: Pensions & Retirement**

Motion 74. FINAL SALARY SCHEMES

### **EMPLOYMENT POLICY: Rights at work**

Motion 116. TEMPORARY AND AGENCY WORKERS DIRECTIVE

### **SOCIAL POLICY: Criminal Justice**

Motion 149. TACKLING GANG CULTURE

### **POLITICAL: Labour Party**

Motion 139. LABOUR REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE

### **POLITICAL: European Union**

Motion 146. EUROPE

### **SOCIAL POLICY: General**

Motion 165. ALCOHOL DRINKING

### **INTERNATIONAL**

Motion 205. STOP THE WAR



## **MOTIONS OUT OF ORDER (SOC Report No 1)**

### **UNION ORGANISATION: Representation & Accountability**

- Motion 16. PAY NEGOTIATIONS
- Motion 19. THE ELECTION OF REGIONAL SECRETARY'S
- Motion 21. ELECTION OF ORGANISERS

### **UNION ORGANISATION: Finance & Contributions**

- Motion 37. CONTRIBUTION INCREASE

### **UNION ORGANISATION: Union Benefits**

- Motion 38. CONTRIBUTIONS & BENEFITS
- Motion 43. FUNERAL BENEFIT

### **POLITICAL: Labour Party**

- Motion 126. LABOUR PARTY AFFILIATION AND USE OF THE POLITICAL FUND

## **EXISTING POLICY MOTIONS (SOC Report No 1)**

- Motion 55. HEALTH & SAFETY EXECUTIVE FUNDING
- Motion 63. INTRODUCTION OF THE ROVING SAFETY REPRESENTATIVE
- Motion 64. ROVING REPS
- Motion 67. PROVISIONAL IMPROVEMENT NOTICES (PIN)
- Motion 73. CAMPAIGN FOR REMOVAL OF FIXED RETIREMENT AGE
- Motion 75. PENSIONS
- Motion 76. PROTECTION OF COMPANY PENSIONS
- Motion 77. PROTECTION OF PENSIONS
- Motion 78. COMPANY PENSIONS
- Motion 80. TRADE UNION FREEDOM BILL
- Motion 81. TRADE UNION FREEDOM BILL
- Motion 83. UNION LEGISLATION
- Motion 84. SIMPLIFICATION OF THE LEGISLATION ON 'THE RIGHT TO TAKE INDUSTRIAL ACTION'
- Motion 88. ANNUAL HOLIDAY ENTITLEMENT
- Motion 89. EXTRA BANK HOLIDAY

<b>EXISTING POLICY MOTIONS (SOC Report No 1) contd</b>
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- Motion 90. BANK HOLIDAYS
- Motion 91. BANK HOLIDAYS
- Motion 95. THE REMOVAL OF THE UK'S OP-OUT CLAUSE OF THE WORKING TIME DIRECTIVE
- Motion 104. MINIMUM WAGE
- Motion 105. MINIMUM WAGE
- Motion 108. REDUNDANCY PAY
- Motion 109. THE TRANSFER OF UNDERTAKINGS (PROTECTION OF EMPLOYMENT) REGULATIONS 2006 STATUTORY INSTRUMENT 2006 No. 246
- Motion 110. EQUAL TREATMENT FOR AGENCY WORKERS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM
- Motion 111. PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE GMB MEMBERS
- Motion 112. AGENCY WORKERS
- Motion 113. TEMPORARY AND AGENCY WORKERS
- Motion 115. TEMP AGENCY REGULATIONS
- Motion 117. TEMPORARY AGENCY WORKERS
- Motion 133. THE LABOUR PARTY
- Motion 141. ID CARDS
- Motion 151. EDUCATION
- Motion 168. ABORTION RIGHTS
- Motion 178. HOUSING
- Motion 180. NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE
- Motion 181. NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CAMPAIGN
- Motion 182. HEALTH POLICY
- Motion 183. THE DECLINE OF NHS DENTISTS
- Motion 188. FREE PERSONAL CARE
- Motion 190. CARE OF THE ELDERLY
- Motion 212. PALASTINIAN SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN