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Victims Commissioners

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Victims debate withdrawn

Victims legislation was today delayed for the second time after the DUP and Sinn Fein failed to bridge the gap between them.

The DUP wanted a chief commissioner to head the four-member panel while Sinn Fein favoured a partnership of equals.

The SDLP branded it the nadir of power-sharing relations while Danny Kennedy from the UUP said it may be a breach of accelerated passage procedures.

A statement from the First and Deputy First Minister said: "The First Minister and Deputy First Minister are determined to see the new Victims and Survivors Commission put on a sound and durable legislative footing at the earliest opportunity.

"To achieve this they have agreed to amend the Victims and Survivors` Bill.

"However, this requires some legislative drafting and as a result the consideration stage scheduled for today is being put back."

The OFMDFM said its committee would be briefed and the agreed position put to the Assembly at the earliest opportunity.

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