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Dear John

I know of the difficulties you are having with the timings of the talks and the Report Stage of the Public Processions Bill on 1 December.

I have talked to the Whip's Office about any flexibility on 1 December, but the timings of the Bill through both Houses is exceptionally tight, and unfortunately it can not now be changed.

I fully appreciate the problems of timings between Belfast and London and am sorry I couldn't help on this one. *There is always the 3rd Reading!*

Best wishes

Jan

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**LORD DUBS**  
Minister for Agriculture and the Environment