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Dear Christopher,

About the paper you gave me (A/RCC BW 1).
There is just one slight snag about the CofE
Section - or rather the last small section.

Although it is clear that Canon Craston's motion assumed
that the House of Bps: would only bring it back when
they thought it was time for action, it is also clear

that, so far, all that the House of Bps: have so far decided is that it should be brought back for debate in Autumn 78. (The main argument was about the date apparently).

Currently, there is a group from Policy Sub-Comm: & Business Sub-Comm: who are to meet on 1 March to Advise Standing Comm: on the motion or motions, though it is possible that in fact the House of Bishops will have another go before then.

I have tried to see how one could amend by pen your point & I think the easiest & most accurate thing would be to read: - 'The H. of Bps: will bring the matter of the admission of women to the ^{pulpit} priesthood to G.S. on Nov: 78.' OR 'The G.S. will ^{put} debate the

Ord: of W. to the priesthood in Nov: 78.' It is rich & some Bps: are sensitive to the implication that H. of Bps: has agreed that the time is ripe for action. Jones ^{Ord} Christian