



SUPPLEMENT TO THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday 1 February 2012

**PROCEEDINGS
ON CONSIDERATION OF LORDS AMENDMENTS**

WELFARE REFORM BILL

On Consideration of Lords Amendments to the Welfare Reform Bill

Lords Amendment No. 15

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

Agreed to

To move, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment.

Lords Amendment accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 17

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

Agreed to on division

To move, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment.

Lords Amendment accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 18

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

Agreed to on division

To move, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment.

Welfare Reform Bill, continued

Lords Amendment accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 19

As an Amendment to the Lords Amendment:—

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

Line 4, leave out 'a prescribed number of days which must be at least 730' and insert '365 days'. *Agreed to (a)*

Lords Amendment, as amended, agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 23

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

Agreed to

To move, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment.

Lords Amendment accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 47

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

Agreed to on division

To move, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment.

Lords Amendment accordingly disagreed to.

Mr Liam Byrne
Stephen Timms
Ian Austin
Mrs Anne McGuire

To move the following Amendments to the Bill in lieu of the Lords Amendment:—

Page 62, line 13, insert the following new Clause—

Not called **NC1**

Welfare Reform Bill, *continued*

‘Independent Body on the Benefit Cap

- (1) There is to be a body called the Independent Body on the Benefit Cap.
- (2) The functions of the Body are those conferred on it by or under this Act.’

Mr Liam Byrne
Stephen Timms
Ian Austin
Mrs Anne McGuire

Not called (a)

Page 62, line 16, at end insert ‘according to the local area in which they are ordinarily resident’.

Mr Liam Byrne
Stephen Timms
Ian Austin
Mrs Anne McGuire

Not called (b)

Page 62, line 40, at end insert—

- (h) Regulations under this section shall provide that the benefit cap shall not be applied for the first 39 weeks from the date on which the claimant’s total entitlements to welfare benefits exceeds the relevant amount as a result of prescribed circumstances, to include a claimant leaving employment as a result of that claimant being made redundant or becoming disabled.’

Mr Liam Byrne
Stephen Timms
Ian Austin
Mrs Anne McGuire

Not called (c)

Page 63, line 1, leave out ‘reference to estimated average earnings’ and insert ‘the Secretary of State upon receipt of recommendations from the Independent Body on the Benefit Cap’.

Mr Liam Byrne
Stephen Timms
Ian Austin
Mrs Anne McGuire

Not called (e)

Page 63, line 2, at end insert—

- (7) Before making the first regulations under section (5) above, the Secretary of State shall refer the matters specified in subsection (8) below to the Independent Body on the Benefit Cap for their consideration.’

Mr Liam Byrne
Stephen Timms
Ian Austin
Mrs Anne McGuire

Not called (f)

Page 63, line 2, at end insert—

- (8) Those matters shall include—
 - (a) the differences in housing costs between London and the rest of the UK;
 - (b) the need to safeguard against homelessness.

Welfare Reform Bill, *continued*

- (c) the targets in sections 3 to 6 of the Child Poverty Act 2010.’.

Mr Liam Byrne
Stephen Timms
Ian Austin
Mrs Anne McGuire

Not called (g)

Page 63, line 2, at end insert—

- ‘(8A) Where matters are referred to the Independent Body on the Benefit Cap under subsection (7) above, the Body shall, after considering those matters, make a report to the Secretary of State which shall contain the Body’s recommendations about each of those matters.’.

Mr Liam Byrne
Stephen Timms
Ian Austin
Mrs Anne McGuire

Not called (h)

Page 63, line 2, at end insert—

- ‘(8B) If, following the report of the Independent Body on the Benefit Cap under subsection (8A) above, the Secretary of State decides—
- (a) not to make any regulations implementing the Body’s recommendations, or
 - (b) to make regulations implementing only some of the Body’s recommendations, or
 - (c) to prescribe under section (5) above a relevant amount which is different from the rate recommended by the Body, or
 - (d) to make regulations which in some other respect differ from the recommendations of the Body, or
 - (e) to make regulations which do not relate to a recommendation of the Body.

the Secretary of State shall lay a report before each House of Parliament containing a statement of the reasons for the decision.’.

Mr Liam Byrne
Stephen Timms
Ian Austin
Mrs Anne McGuire

Not called (i)

Page 63, line 2, at end insert—

- ‘(8C) If the Independent Body on the Benefit Cap fails to make its report under subsection (8A) above within a time to be specified in regulations but no less than nine months, any power of the Secretary of State to make regulations under this section shall be exercisable as if subsection (6) above had not been enacted.’.

Mr Liam Byrne
Stephen Timms
Ian Austin
Mrs Anne McGuire

Not called (d)

Page 63, line 3, leave out subsections (7) and (8).

Welfare Reform Bill, *continued*

Mr Liam Byrne
Stephen Timms
Ian Austin
Mrs Anne McGuire

Not called (j)

Page **63**, line **37**, leave out 'review' and insert 'refer to the Independent Body on the Benefit Cap for review'.

Lords Amendment No. 1

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

Agreed to on division

To move, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment.

Lords Amendment accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 2

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

Agreed to on division

To move, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment.

Lords Amendment accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 3

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

Agreed to

To move, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment.

Lords Amendment accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 4

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

Agreed to

To move, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment.

Welfare Reform Bill, *continued*

Lords Amendment accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendments 5 to 14, 16, 20 to 22, 24 and 25 agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 26

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

Agreed to

To move, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment.

Lords Amendment accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendments 27 to 46 and 48 to 72 agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 73

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

Agreed to on division

To move, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment.

Lords Amendment accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendments 74 to 76 agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 77

Mr Liam Byrne
Stephen Timms
Ian Austin
Mrs Anne McGuire

Not selected

To move, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment.

Lords Amendments 77 to 110 agreed to.
