



House of Commons

Thursday 31 January 2013

PUBLIC BILL COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

CRIME AND COURTS BILL [*LORDS*]

[*SEVENTH AND EIGHTH SITTINGS*]

Clause 18 agreed to.

Mr Jeremy Browne

Agreed to 69

Schedule 13, page 219, line 12, at end insert—

‘8A In section 27 of the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (selection for appointment to Supreme Court to be on merit etc) after subsection (5) insert—

“(5A) Where two persons are of equal merit—

- (a) section 159 of the Equality Act 2010 (positive action: recruitment etc) does not apply in relation to choosing between them, but
- (b) Part 5 of that Act (public appointments etc) does not prevent the commission from preferring one of them over the other for the purpose of increasing diversity within the group of persons who are the judges of the Court.”.

Jenny Chapman
Mr David Hanson
Stella Creasy
Phil Wilson
Kate Green

Not called 77

Schedule 13, page 219, line 31, at end insert—

‘() Each of the Lord Chancellor and the Lord Chief Justice of England shall lay before Parliament a report annually, describing—

- (a) their performance of the duty in this section;
- (b) the contribution made towards a more diverse judiciary in the preceding year; and
- (c) the composition of the judiciary, including the number of part-time and full-time judges, gender, educational background and other relevant demographic data.’.

 Crime and Courts Bill [*Lords*], *continued*

Jenny Chapman
 Mr David Hanson
 Stella Creasy
 Phil Wilson

Withdrawn 78

Schedule 13, page 220, line 22, at end insert—

‘Judicial appointments

14A After section 65 of the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 insert—

“65A Additional guidance

The Lord Chancellor, after consultation with the Lord Chief Justice, the Treasury Solicitor and the Chairman of the Judicial Appointments Commission, shall issue guidance as to the circumstances in which those employed by the Government Legal Service, the Crown Prosecution Service or any other government legal office may apply for any of the judicial office or tribunal posts, which are in the remit of the Judicial Appointments Commission.”’.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 19 agreed to.

Schedule 14 agreed to.

Clauses 20 to 22 agreed to.

Clause 23 agreed to on division.

Clause 24 agreed to.

Clause 25 agreed to.

Clause 26 disagreed to on division.

Clause 27 agreed to.

Mr Jeremy Browne

Agreed to 70

Clause 28, page 30, line 18, leave out from ‘In’ to end of line 20 and insert ‘the case of any particular proceedings of a court or tribunal, the court or tribunal may in the interests of justice or in order to ensure that a person is not unduly prejudiced—’.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 29 agreed to.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 5 February at 8.55 am