



House of Commons

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PUBLIC BILL COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

MARRIAGE (SAME SEX COUPLES) BILL

[NINTH AND TENTH SITTINGS]

Mr David Burrowes
 Tim Loughton
 Jim Shannon

Withdrawn 26

Clause 2, page 4, line 13, at end insert—

“Marriage counselling etc.

- 25B (1) A person does not contravene section 29 only because the person conducts—
- (a) a marriage preparation course,
 - (b) a marriage counselling or guidance service, or
 - (c) an agency to help people find a spouse,
- and does not extend those services to marriages of same-sex couples.’.

Mr David Burrowes
 Tim Loughton
 Jim Shannon

Negatived on division 27

Clause 2, page 4, line 13, at end insert—

‘Marriage according to religious rites: Opt-in and opt-out activity

- 25B (1) A person does not contravene section 29 only because the person—
- (a) refrains from undertaking an opt-in activity, or
 - (b) undertakes an opt-out activity.
- (2) Expressions used in this paragraph and in section 2 of the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013 have the same meaning in this paragraph as in that section.’.

Mr David Burrowes
 Tim Loughton
 Jim Shannon

Not called 28

Clause 2, page 4, line 13, at end insert—

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‘Religious premises: Trustees

- 25B (1) A person who is the trustee of a trust for the advancement of religion does not contravene section 29 only because he refuses to consent to premises owned or controlled by the trust being used for marriages of same sex couples.’.

Mr David Burrowes
 Tim Loughton
 Jim Shannon

Not called **29**

Clause 2, page 4, line 13, at end insert—

- ‘(6) For the purposes of section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, no regard may be had by any public authority to any decision by a relevant governing authority or relevant religious organisation to give any consent or to refuse to give any consent provided for in sections 2, 4, 5, or 7 of this Act’.

Clause agreed to.

Mr David Burrowes
 Tim Loughton
 Jim Shannon

Not selected **52**

Clause 3, page 4, line 24, leave out ‘marriage’ and insert ‘union’.

Mr David Burrowes
 Tim Loughton
 Jim Shannon

Not selected **53**

Clause 3, page 4, line 26, leave out ‘marriage’ and insert ‘union’.

Mr David Burrowes
 Tim Loughton
 Jim Shannon

Not selected **54**

Clause 3, page 4, line 41, leave out ‘marriage’ and insert ‘union’.

Clause agreed to.

Mr David Burrowes
 Tim Loughton
 Jim Shannon

Withdrawn **51**

Clause 4, page 5, line 21, at end insert—

- “‘recognised” means recognised according to the ordinary customs and usage of the organisation. In the event of a dispute between the members over which person or persons are recognised for the purpose of giving consent for the purposes of this section, the Secretary of State shall consult all members of the relevant religious organisation to determine

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which person or persons are recognised. This shall include power to order a ballot of members in which a quorum of 66 per cent. shall be required and recognition shall be determined by a majority vote.

“members” means those whose names have appeared on a formal membership roll kept by the relevant religious organisation for a period of at least 12 months prior to written consent being given. If no such roll is kept, then the members shall be deemed to be those who have attended worship at the place of worship for a majority of services of worship during the 12 months prior to written consent being given.’

Clause agreed to.

Mr David Burrowes
Tim Loughton
Jim Shannon

Withdrawn 55

Schedule 1, page 17, line 33, leave out paragraph 3.

Chris Bryant
Stephen Doughty
Kate Green

Negated on division 43

Schedule 1, page 18, line 7, leave out from beginning to end of line 12.

Schedule agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 7 agreed to.

Kate Green
Chris Bryant
Stephen Williams
Stephen Doughty

Withdrawn 2

Clause 8, page 8, line 17, leave out ‘may’ and insert ‘shall’.

Kate Green
Chris Bryant
Stephen Williams
Stephen Doughty

Not called 3

Clause 8, page 8, line 20, leave out ‘may’ and insert ‘shall’.

Clause agreed to.

[Adjourned until Thursday at 11.30 am