



House of Commons

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PUBLIC BILL COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES BILL

[FIFTH AND SIXTH SITTINGS]

Lisa Nandy
Mrs Sharon Hodgson

Clause 1, page 1, line 8, after '(9A)', insert 'Subject to subsection (9B)'. *Withdrawn* 3

Lisa Nandy
Mrs Sharon Hodgson

Clause 1, page 1, line 9, leave out line 9 and insert 'satisfied that C should be placed for adoption—'. *Withdrawn* 4

Lisa Nandy
Mrs Sharon Hodgson

Clause 1, page 1, line 9, at end insert 'and are satisfied that a placement falling within paragraph (a) of subsection (6) would not be consistent with C's welfare'. *Not called* 11

Bill Esterson

Clause 1, page 1, line 10, leave out 'local authority foster parent' and insert 'foster parent (whether or not a local authority foster parent)'. *Withdrawn* 1

Lisa Nandy
Mrs Sharon Hodgson

Clause 1, page 1, line 11, after 'adopter', insert 'after a matching process has been conducted'. *Not called* 6

Lisa Nandy
Mrs Sharon Hodgson

Clause 1, page 1, line 12, leave out '(7) to (9)' and insert '(7)(c), (8)(a) and (9)'. *Not called* 12

 Children and Families Bill, *continued*

Lisa Nandy
Mrs Sharon Hodgson

Not called 5

Clause 1, page 1, line 12, at end add—

- ‘(9B) Before considering placing a child with a foster parent who has been approved as a prospective adopter, the authority must consider as part of the permanency plan for C, placement with carers who could become the child’s permanent carers where this is in C’s best interests.’.

Lisa Nandy
Mrs Sharon Hodgson

Not called 13

Clause 1, page 1, line 12, at end add—

- ‘(9C) A child must not be considered for placement with a foster parent who has been approved as a prospective adopter under subsection (9A) unless both parents (and anyone else with parental responsibility for the child) have been referred to free legal advice and have consented to the placement except where there is an interim or full care order in place.’.

Clause agreed to.

Lisa Nandy
Mrs Sharon Hodgson

Withdrawn 7

Clause 2, page 1, line 15, at end insert—

- ‘(1A) In subsection (4), after paragraph (f) insert—
“(g) the child’s religious persuasion, racial origin and cultural and linguistic background, although this paragraph does not apply to an adoption agency in Wales, to which subsection (5) instead applies.”.’.

Clause agreed to.

Lisa Nandy
Mrs Sharon Hodgson

Withdrawn 8

Clause 3, page 2, line 32, at end add—

- ‘(4) The Secretary of State must set out in writing the reasons for issuing a direction under subsection (1).
(5) A direction given under subsection (1) will not come into effect until the Secretary of State has reviewed the decision to issue the direction on an application by the local authority upon whom the direction was issued.
(6) If the Secretary of State is satisfied that the local authority is taking steps to remedy the reasons for issuing the direction, the Secretary of State may revoke all or part of the direction.’.

Children and Families Bill, *continued*

Clause agreed to.

Lisa Nandy
Mrs Sharon Hodgson

Withdrawn 14

Clause 4, page 3, line 33, at end insert—

‘(k) about the prescribed agencies from which adoption support services can be purchased, which must include voluntary adoption agencies.’.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 5 agreed to.

[Adjourned until Thursday at 11.30 am