CONSIDERATION OF BILL

ENERGY BILL, AS AMENDED

Early payment of winter fuel allowance in certain circumstances

Mr Mike Weir

To move the following Clause:—


(1) In regulation 1(2) leave out ““qualifying week” means in respect of any year the week beginning on the third Monday in the September of that year” and insert—

““qualifying week” means—

(a) in respect of any year for an applicant whose home is connected to the mains gas grid the week beginning on the third Monday in the September of that year; or

(b) in respect of any year for an applicant whose home is not connected to the mains gas grid the week beginning on the third Monday in the July of that year.”.


(3) In regulation 4, leave out paragraph (1) and insert—

“(1) Subject to paragraph (2) the Secretary of State may make a winter fuel payment under regulation 2 to a person who (disregarding regulation 3(b)) appears from official records held by the Secretary of State to be entitled to a payment under that regulation—

(a) in respect of an applicant whose home is not connected to the mains gas grid, before 30 September of the year in which the qualifying week falls, or

(b) in respect of an applicant whose home is connected to the mains gas grid, before 31 March of the year following the year in which the qualifying week falls.
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(1A) Payments made under paragraph (1)(a) are made in respect of the forthcoming winter.

(1B) Payments made under paragraph (1)(b) are made in respect of the preceding winter.”.

Dr Alan Whitehead

Page 10, line 16 [Clause 15], at end insert—

‘(d) conferring on the Secretary of State the power to establish an auction market (the “green power auction market”) in which generators are entitled to offer, and holders of supply licences are entitled to bid for, electricity generated from renewable sources.

(e) the Secretary of State must exercise the powers in subsection (d), and take such other steps as they consider necessary, for the purposes of ensuring that—

(i) the green power auction market begins to operate when the first CFD is made and does not cease to operate until expiry of the last CFD that has been made; and

(ii) the reference price under a CFD entered into by a generator who is a party to any agreement made through the green power auction market is based on the price payable to the generator under that agreement,

(iii) in this section, “supply licence” means a licence under the section 6(1)(d) of the Energy Act 1989.”.