CONSIDERATION OF BILL

ENERGY BILL, AS AMENDED

Environmental impact of transmission

Dr Liam Fox

To move the following Clause:—

‘(1) The Electricity Act 1989 is amended as follows.

(2) In section 9 (general duties of licence holders), after subsection (1)(b) insert—

“(c) to have regard for the protection of the environment and, in particular, to conserve the natural beauty and amenity of the countryside.”

(3) In section 9 (general duties of licence holders), after subsection (2)(b) insert—

“(c) to have regard for the protection of the environment and, in particular, to conserve the natural beauty and amenity of the countryside.”

(4) In Schedule 9 (preservation of amenity and fisheries), in sub-paragraph (1)(b) leave out “mitigate” and insert “avoid, or where appropriate minimise”.’.