On Consideration of Lords Amendments to the Energy Bill

Lords Amendment No. **105**

Secretary Edward Davey  

Agreed to

To move, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment.

*Lords Amendment accordingly disagreed to.*

*Lords Amendments 1 to 75 agreed to.*

Lords Amendment No. **76**

As an Amendment to the Lords Amendment:—

Caroline Lucas  

Not called  (a)

Line 8, at end add—

‘(g) provision for requiring a licence holder to provide information to domestic customers on—

(i) the sources of the licence holder’s electricity in the form of a percentage breakdown of the proportion of electricity derived from gas, coal, nuclear, total brown, renewable and other sources for each of the previous three years, alongside the current national average proportion for each source, and
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(ii) UK corporation tax paid by the licence holder in each of the previous three years as a total amount and as a percentage of company profits.’.

Lords Amendments 76 to 86 agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 87

As Amendments to the Lords Amendment:—

Chris Williamson
Ian Lavery
Dr Alan Whitehead
Kelvin Hopkins
Sandra Osborne
Yasmin Qureshi

Line 10, leave out ‘a target date for achieving the objective’ and insert—

‘(a) that low income households must not live in a E-, F-, or G- rated house by 2020;
(b) that low income households must not live in a D- or C- rated house by 2030;
(c) that no fuel poor household should face a fuel poverty gap that is 10 per cent. higher than the median required fuel costs for all households.
(d) that the Secretary of State will set further targets beyond 2030 in line with the requirements of the 2008 Climate Change Act to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80 per cent. from the 1990 baseline.

In this section—

(a) “required fuel costs” refers to the expenditure on fuel a household would need to spend to maintain adequate warmth and meet their other energy needs;
(b) “fuel poverty gap” refers to the difference between the required fuel costs of a fuel poor household and the median costs for all households and the higher the gap, the more severe the fuel poverty experience by a household;
(c) “low income” refers to households with an income less than 60 per cent. of the median.’.

Negatived on division (g)

Line 10, leave out ‘a target date for achieving the objective’ and insert ‘targets for
2020 and 2030 for achieving energy efficiency improvement of dwellings of low income households and for the reduction of total numbers of the fuel poor, leading to the eradication of fuel poverty’.

Chris Williamson
Ian Lavery
Dr Alan Whitehead
Kelvin Hopkins
Sandra Osborne
Yasmin Qureshi

Line 35, leave out ‘from time to time’ and insert ‘at least every two years’.

Chris Williamson
Ian Lavery
Dr Alan Whitehead
Kelvin Hopkins
Sandra Osborne
Yasmin Qureshi

Line 39, at end insert ‘if in his opinion the objectives are unlikely to be met by the target dates, provided that any such revision does not lessen the objectives or extend the target dates.’.

Chris Williamson
Ian Lavery
Dr Alan Whitehead
Kelvin Hopkins
Sandra Osborne
Yasmin Qureshi

Leave out line 40 and insert—

‘(c) publish a report within six months of any such assessment.’.
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John McDonnell  Graeme Morrice  Steve Rotherham
Mr Michael Meacher  Ian Mearns  Grahame M. Morris
John Cryer  Caroline Lucas  Valerie Vaz
Jim Dobbin  Joan Walley  Caroline Flint
Jonathan Reynolds  Tom Greatrex  Julie Elliott

Not called (e)

Line 40, at end insert—

‘(5A) Reports under subsection (5) shall also include an assessment by the Secretary of State of the impact and projected impact of implementation of the strategy on—

(a) the mortality and morbidity rates and health needs of persons living in fuel poverty;
(b) the cost of cold-related illness to the National Health Service and wider economy;
(c) the level of debt as a result of energy bills, and the number of unpaid bills;
(d) any change in the number of jobs created and supported as a result of implementing the strategy;
(e) emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases from fuel poor households;
(f) the average and aggregate fuel poverty gap faced by households and persons living in fuel poverty; and

(g) the number of children in fuel poverty.’.

Chris Williamson
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Sandra Osborne
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John McDonnell  Graeme Morrice  Steve Rotherham
Mr Michael Meacher  Ian Mearns  Grahame M. Morris
John Cryer  Caroline Lucas  Valerie Vaz
Jim Dobbin  Joan Walley

Not called (f)

Line 40, at end insert—

‘(5B) For the purposes of allowing a comparative assessment of progress in addressing fuel poverty, assessments under this section must include, until at least 2018, the extent of fuel poverty as measured according to the definition set pursuant to the Warm Homes and Energy Conservation Act 2000.’.

Lords Amendments 87 to 104 agreed to.

Lords Amendments 106 to 113 agreed to.