CONSIDERATION OF BILL

HOUSE OF LORDS REFORM (NO. 2) BILL, AS AMENDED

Jacob Rees-Mogg
Clause 1, page 1, line 2, after ‘peer’, insert ‘and has been a peer for 10 years’.

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Clause 1, page 1, line 2, after ‘peer’, insert ‘and has been a peer for 10 years and is over the age of 65’.

Jacob Rees-Mogg
Clause 1, page 1, line 7, leave out ‘a witness’ and insert ‘two witnesses, both of whom must be peers of the same degree’.

Jacob Rees-Mogg
Clause 1, page 1, line 8, after ‘date’, insert ‘subject to the approval of the Lord Chancellor’.

Jacob Rees-Mogg
Clause 1, page 1, line 10, at end insert ‘after the date specified in 2(a) above’.

Jacob Rees-Mogg
Clause 1, page 1, line 10, at end insert—
‘(5) This section does not apply to unelected hereditary peers who sit in the House of Lords’.
Consideration of Bill: 26 February 2014

House of Lords Reform (No. 2) Bill, continued

Jacob Rees-Mogg

Clause 1, page 1, line 10, at end insert—

‘( ) An hereditary peer who retires or otherwise resigns in accordance with this section shall be deemed to have died allowing any heir to be eligible to be elected.’.

Jacob Rees-Mogg

Clause 1, page 1, line 10, at end insert—

‘( ) A life peer who retires or otherwise resigns in accordance with this section will upon petition to the Queen be raised to the state degree style dignity title and honour of viscount.’.

Jacob Rees-Mogg

Clause 2, page 1, line 13, leave out from ‘Session’ to end of line 14 and insert ‘may be fined by resolution of the House £10,000’.

Jacob Rees-Mogg

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

‘(7) This section does not apply to unelected hereditary peers who sit in the House of Lords.’.

Thomas Docherty

Clause 3, page 2, line 23, leave out ‘one year’ and insert ‘6 months’.

Jacob Rees-Mogg

Clause 3, page 2, line 24, leave out ‘it is irrelevant’.

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Clause 3, page 2, line 25, after ‘(a)’, insert ‘it is irrelevant’.

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Clause 3, page 2, line 27, after ‘(b)’, insert ‘it is irrelevant’.

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Clause 3, page 2, line 28, leave out from ‘Kingdom’ to the end of line 29 and insert ‘or Ireland’.
House of Lords Reform (No. 2) Bill, continued

Jacob Rees-Mogg

Clause 3, page 2, line 29, at end insert—
‘(c) It is irrelevant subject to a resolution of the House of Lords whether any of the offence, conviction, sentence, order, imprisonment or detention occurs in any Commonwealth Realm.

(d) It is irrelevant subject to a unanimous resolution of the House of Lords whether any of the offence, conviction, sentence, order, imprisonment or detention occurs in any Commonwealth country.

(e) No offence, conviction, sentence, order, imprisonment or detention that takes place in any non-Commonwealth country is relevant under this Act.’.

Clause 3, page 2, line 37, after ‘appeal’, insert ‘or is pardoned’.

Clause 3, page 3, line 8, leave out ‘subsection (9) and insert—
‘(9) This section does not apply to unelected hereditary peers who sit in the House of Lords.’.

Dan Byles

★ Clause 3, page 3, line 8, leave out subsection (9) and insert—
‘(9) A certificate under subsection (2) in respect of a conviction outside the United Kingdom may be issued only if the House of Lords resolves that subsection (1) should apply; and where the House does so resolve the Lord Speaker must issue the certificate.’.

Member’s explanatory statement
The Bill currently provides that a member who is convicted abroad of a serious offence will be disqualified unless the House of Lords decides that the member should not be disqualified. The amendment provides that in such circumstances the member will not be disqualified unless the House decides that the member should be disqualified.

Jacob Rees-Mogg

Clause 4, page 3, leave out line 29.

Clause 4, page 3, line 44, at end insert ‘under the same state degree style title and honour. A life peer may become an elected hereditary peer, an elected hereditary peer may become a life peer and a Lord Spiritual may become a Lord Temporal and a Lord Temporal a Lord Spiritual’.

Jacob Rees-Mogg

Clause 4, page 3, line 44, at end insert—
‘(9) A person who ceases to be a member of the House of Lords in accordance with sections 1 and 2 of this Act may not be elected to the House of Commons during the course of the next two Parliaments.

(10) A person who ceases to be a member of the House of Lords in accordance with this Act remains entitled to all the other privileges state degree style title and honour of peerage.’.

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

‘(3) A certificate of the Lord Speaker may be annulled by resolution of the House.

(4) A certificate of the Lord Speaker may be annulled by letters patent.’.