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NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS

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CONSIDERATION OF BILL

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND COURTS BILL, AS AMENDED

Repeal of section 13 of the Defamation Act 1996

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To move the following Clause:—

- ‘(1) Section 13 (Evidence concerning proceedings in Parliament) of the Defamation Act 1996 (c. 31) shall cease to have effect.
- (2) This section comes into force on the day on which this Act is passed.
- (3) This section extends to the whole of the United Kingdom.’

Member’s explanatory statement

The Joint Committees on Parliamentary Privilege in 1999 and 2013 both recommended the repeal of this hardly-used provision, which allows an individual litigant in defamation cases to waive the ban in Article IX of the Bill of Rights on proceedings in Parliament being impeached or questioned in court.
