



# House of Commons

Tuesday 2 September 2014

## PUBLIC BILL COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

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### MODERN SLAVERY BILL

[SECOND AND THIRD SITTING]

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Mr David Burrowes

*Withdrawn* 29

Clause 1, page 1, line 12, at end insert—

“(1A) For the purposes of this Act—

- (a) it is irrelevant whether a person consents to being held in slavery or servitude.
- (b) a person may be in a condition of slavery, servitude or forced or compulsory labour whether or not—
  - (i) escape from the condition is practically possible; or
  - (ii) the person has attempted to escape from the condition.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*The amendment establishes that consent is irrelevant in cases of slavery and servitude and clarifies that a person may still be in slavery, servitude or forced or compulsory labour even where physical escape is practically possible, recognising that people can be held in slavery by psychological means as well as physical restraint.*

Mr David Burrowes

*Not called* 30

Clause 1, page 1, line 13, leave out subsection (2).

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment is consequential on the insertion of New Clause 3 (Meaning of slavery, servitude and forced or compulsory labour).*

Mr David Burrowes

*Not called* 36

Clause 1, page 1, line 14, after “labour”, insert “or other forms of exploitation”

Mr David Burrowes

*Not called* 37

Clause 1, page 1, line 15, at end insert “and/or any of the types of exploitation listed in section 3 of this Act.”

Mr David Burrowes

*Not called* 38

Clause 1, page 1, line 17, after “labour”, insert “or other forms of exploitation”

**Modern Slavery Bill, *continued***

Mr David Burrowes

*Not called* **39**

Clause 1, page 1, line 17, leave out “may” and insert “shall”

Mr David Burrowes

*Not called* **40**

Clause 1, page 1, leave out line 20 and insert “this shall include, but not be limited to; age, family relationships, disability, position of dependency, language skills, and any mental or physical illness)”

Diana Johnson  
Mr David Hanson  
Phil Wilson  
Sarah Champion

*Negated on division* **49**

Clause 1, page 1, line 21, at end insert—

“(5) The consent or apparent consent of a person to the acts referred to in subsections 1(1)(a) or 1(1)(b) shall be irrelevant.”.

Fiona Mactaggart

*Not selected* **43**

Page 1, line 4, leave out Clause 1.

*Clause agreed to.*

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Mr David Burrowes

*Withdrawn* **41**

Clause 2, page 2, line 26, at end insert—

“(8) A person commits an offence if he is the Director, Employer, Employee, Occupier and/or concerned in the management of any premises or business and he knowingly permits or suffers any of the activities detailed in sections 1 and 2 to take place on those premises.”

[Adjourned until Thursday at 11.30 am