



House of Commons

NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS

given up to and including

Tuesday 9 June 2015

New Amendments handed in are marked thus ★

☆ *Amendments which will comply with the required notice period at their next appearance*

Amendments tabled since the last publication: 1 to 13 and NC1

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

EUROPEAN UNION REFERENDUM BILL

NOTE

This document includes all amendments tabled to date and includes any withdrawn amendments at the end. The amendments have been arranged in accordance with the Order of the House [9 June 2015].

CLAUSE 1; NEW CLAUSES AND NEW SCHEDULES RELATING TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF CLAUSE 1

Ms Harriet Harman
Hilary Benn
Ms Rosie Winterton
Mr Pat McFadden
Heidi Alexander

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★ Clause 1, page 1, line 8, at end insert—

“(3A) No later than ten weeks before the date on which the referendum is to be held the Secretary of State must lay before both Houses of Parliament an independent report by the Office for Budget Responsibility on the implications for the sustainability of the public finances of the United Kingdom leaving the European Union.”

Member’s explanatory statement

The amendment would require the Secretary of State to publish, ten weeks before the referendum, a report by the OBR on the consequences of the United Kingdom leaving the European Union.

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Ms Harriet Harman
 Hilary Benn
 Ms Rosie Winterton
 Mr Pat McFadden
 Heidi Alexander

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★ Clause 1, page 1, line 8, at end insert—

“(3A) No later than ten weeks before the date on which the referendum is to be held the Secretary of State must lay before both Houses of Parliament a report on the consequences of the United Kingdom leaving the European Union for each ministerial departments’ responsibilities.”.

Member’s explanatory statement

The amendment would require the Secretary of State to publish, ten weeks before the referendum, a report by each Secretary of State on the consequences of the United Kingdom leaving the European Union for their areas of ministerial responsibility.

Ms Harriet Harman
 Hilary Benn
 Ms Rosie Winterton
 Mr Pat McFadden
 Heidi Alexander

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★ Clause 1, page 1, line 8, at end insert—

“(3A) No later than ten weeks before the date on which the referendum is to be held the Secretary of State must ask for and lay before both Houses of Parliament any assessment made by the Bank of England on the consequences of the United Kingdom leaving the European Union.”.

Member’s explanatory statement

The amendment would require the Secretary of State to publish, ten weeks before the referendum, any assessment by the Bank of England on the consequences of the United Kingdom leaving the European Union.

**CLAUSE 3; SCHEDULES 1 TO 3; NEW CLAUSES AND NEW SCHEDULES RELATING TO THE
 SUBJECT MATTER OF CLAUSE 3 AND SCHEDULES 1 TO 3**

Sir William Cash
 Mr Owen Patterson
 Mr Steve Baker
 Mr Nigel Dodds
 Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg
 Kelvin Hopkins

Kate Hoey
 John Redwood
 Mr Richard Bacon
 Mr Peter Bone

Graham Stringer
 Mr Nigel Evans
 Jim Shannon
 Mr Christopher Chope

Mr Bernard Jenkin
 Dr Liam Fox
 Mr David Nuttall
 Mr David Burrowes

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★ Schedule 1, page 6, line 6, after “period”, insert “of not less than 16 weeks”

Member’s explanatory statement

The purpose of the amendment is to ensure that the referendum period lasts for at least 16 weeks.

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Sir William Cash
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Mr Steve Baker
Mr Nigel Dodds
Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg
Kelvin Hopkins

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★ Schedule 1, page 12, line 38, at end insert—

“(6) For the purposes of paragraph 6 of Schedule 15 of the 2000 Act a permitted participant must not accept a relevant donation, irrespective of whether or not it meets the requirements of the 2000 Act and this Act, if the donation is funded directly or indirectly in whole or part from moneys, resources or support disbursed or allocated by or at the direction of the European Commission, its agencies or any related European institution to the donor or via other parties to the donor.”

Member’s explanatory statement

The purpose of the amendment is to ensure that no funds or support provided directly or indirectly by European Union bodies have a bearing on the outcome of the referendum.

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★ Schedule 1, page 17, line 37, leave out paragraph 25 and insert—

“25 (1) Section 125 of the 2000 Act (restriction of publication etc of promotional material by central and local government etc) applies in relation to the referendum during the referendum period with the following modification.

(2) Section 125(2)(a) of the 2000 Act has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if, after “Crown”, there were inserted “including ministers in the Scottish Government, the Welsh Government, the Northern Ireland Executive and Her Majesty’s Government of Gibraltar”.”

Member’s explanatory statement

The purpose of the amendment is to apply the “purdah” arrangements that govern ministerial and official announcements, visits and publicity during general elections to the campaign period before the referendum.

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CLAUSE 2; NEW CLAUSES AND NEW SCHEDULES RELATING TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF CLAUSE 2; CLAUSE 5; NEW CLAUSES AND NEW SCHEDULES RELATING TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF CLAUSE 5

Ms Harriet Harman
Hilary Benn
Ms Rosie Winterton
Mr Pat McFadden
Heidi Alexander

- 1**
- ★ Clause 2, page 1, line 17, at end insert “and persons who would be so entitled except for the fact that they will be aged 16 or 17 on the date on which the referendum is to be held”.
- Member’s explanatory statement*
The amendment would entitle British citizens, qualifying Commonwealth citizens and citizens of the Republic of Ireland aged 16 and 17 to vote in the referendum.

Stephen Phillips

- 12**
- ★ Clause 2, page 2, line 9, after “Commonwealth citizens”, insert “or citizens of the Republic of Ireland”

Ms Harriet Harman
Hilary Benn
Ms Rosie Winterton
Mr Pat McFadden
Heidi Alexander

- 2**
- ★ Clause 2, page 2, line 12, at end insert “and persons who would be so entitled except for the fact that they will be aged 16 or 17 on the date on which the referendum is to be held”.
- Member’s explanatory statement*
The amendment would entitle Commonwealth citizens aged 16 and 17 who would be entitled to vote in Gibraltar for elections to the European Parliament to vote in the referendum.

CLAUSES 4 AND 6 TO 11; REMAINING NEW CLAUSES; REMAINING NEW SCHEDULES; REMAINING PROCEEDINGS ON THE BILL

Ms Harriet Harman
Hilary Benn
Ms Rosie Winterton
Mr Pat McFadden
Heidi Alexander

- 3**
- ★ Clause 4, page 2, line 39, leave out subsection (2) and insert—
- “(2) The referendum shall not be held on the same day as:
- (a) elections to the Scottish Parliament;
 - (b) elections to the National Assembly for Wales;
 - (c) elections for the Mayor of London; or

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(d) local authority elections”.

Member’s explanatory statement

The amendment would prevent the referendum being held on the same day as Scottish Parliament, National Assembly for Wales, London mayoral or local authority elections.

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★ Clause 4, page 2, line 39, leave out subsection (2) and insert—

“(2) The referendum shall not be held on the same day as elections, other than by-elections, that are scheduled to take place for:

- (a) the Scottish Parliament;
- (b) the National Assembly for Wales;
- (c) the Northern Ireland Assembly;
- (d) the Gibraltar Parliament;
- (e) Police and Crime Commissioners in England and Wales;
- (f) the London Assembly and Mayor of London; or
- (g) local authorities and mayors in the United Kingdom and Gibraltar.”

Member’s explanatory statement

The purpose of the amendment is to ensure that the referendum is not held on the same day as other polls.

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Mr David Nuttall
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Mr Peter Bone

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★ Clause 6, page 3, line 37, at end add—

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“(5) Regulations made under this Act or the 2000 Act in respect of the referendum must be made and come into force not less than six months before the start of the referendum period.”

Member’s explanatory statement

The purpose of the amendment is to ensure the legislative framework for the referendum is clear at least six months before it is required to be implemented or complied with.

Stephen Phillips

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- ★ Clause 8, page 4, line 13, at end insert ““Commonwealth citizens” does not include citizens of any country which has terminated its membership of the Commonwealth or which has been wholly or partly suspended from the Councils of the Commonwealth by the Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group.”

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NC1

- ★ To move the following Clause—

“Impartiality of broadcasters

- (1) Notwithstanding any enactment or legal instrument, before the start of the referendum period the Secretary of State shall by regulations make provision to ensure the impartiality of broadcasters during the referendum period.
- (2) Regulations made under this section must include provision for the appointment by the Secretary of State of a referendum broadcasting adjudicator.
- (3) Regulations made under this section must require the referendum broadcasting adjudicator
 - (a) to draw up and publish guidance applicable to the referendum to ensure the impartiality of broadcasters during the referendum period, notwithstanding any relevant guidance currently in force or in draft; and
 - (b) to make arrangements by which an allegations of breach of the guidance on impartiality can be referred to and determined by the adjudicator and where an allegation, in the adjudicator’s view, is vexatious or frivolous to dismiss the allegation.
- (4) Guidance published under subsection (3)(a) shall apply to—
 - (a) the holder of a licence under the Broadcasting Act 1990 or 1996 and
 - (b) the British Broadcasting Corporation.

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- (5) Regulations made under this section shall require the referendum broadcasting adjudicator within one day of receipt of an allegation that a broadcaster has breached the guidance on impartiality to determine whether the guidance has been breached and publish its determination and, where a breach has taken place, to require the broadcaster to remedy the breach within one day.
- (6) Regulations made under this section are to be made by statutory instrument which is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

Member's explanatory statement

The intention of this amendment is to ensure impartiality of television and radio broadcasters during the referendum campaign and to allow for swift adjudication where an allegation of bias is made.

ORDER OF THE HOUSE [9 JUNE 2015]

That the following provisions shall apply to the European Union Referendum Bill:

Committal

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Proceedings in Committee

2. Proceedings in Committee of the whole House shall be taken in two days.
3. The proceedings shall be taken on the days shown in the first column of the following Table and in the order so shown.
4. The proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the times specified in the second column of the Table.

TABLE

<i>Proceedings</i>	<i>Time for conclusion of proceedings</i>
First day	
Clause 1; new Clauses and new Schedules relating to the subject matter of Clause 1	Three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Bill on the first day.
Clause 3; Schedules 1 to 3; new Clauses and new Schedules relating to the subject matter of Clause 3 and Schedules 1 to 3	The moment of interruption on the first day
Second day	
Clause 2; new Clauses and new Schedules relating to the subject matter of Clause 2; Clause 5; new Clauses and new Schedules relating to the subject matter of Clause 5	Four hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Bill on the second day
Clauses 4 and 6 to 11; remaining new Clauses; remaining new Schedules; remaining proceedings on the Bill	The moment of interruption on the second day

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5. Any proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.
6. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.

Programming committee

7. Standing Order No 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings in Committee of the whole House, to any proceedings on Consideration or to proceedings on Third Reading.
 8. Any other proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or on any further messages from the Lords) may be programmed.
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