SCOTLAND BILL

[FIRST DAY]

CLAUSES 1 TO 11, NEW CLAUSES RELATING TO PART 1,
NEW SCHEDULES RELATING TO PART 1

Mr Alistair Carmichael

Clause 1, page 1, line 7, leave out first “A” and insert “The”

Withdrawn 16

Ian Murray
Wayne David

Clause 1, page 1, line 7, leave out “is recognised as” and insert “shall be”

Not called 37

Mr Alistair Carmichael

Clause 1, page 1, line 7, leave out “recognised as”

Not called 17

Angus Robertson
Mike Weir
Stewart Hosie
Dr Eilidh Whiteford
Joanna Cherry
Kirsten Oswald

Clause 1, page 1, leave out lines 7 and 8 and insert—
“(1A) The Scottish Parliament is a permanent part of the United Kingdom’s constitution.

(1B) Subsection (1) or (1A) may be repealed only if—
(a) the Scottish Parliament has consented to the proposed repeal, and
(b) a referendum has been held in Scotland on the proposed repeal and a majority of those voting at the referendum have consented to it.”

Negatived on division 58

Ian Murray
Wayne David

Clause 1, page 1, line 8, at end insert “and may not be abolished without the
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consent of the Scottish people given effect by an Act of the Scottish Parliament”

Mr Alistair Carmichael

Clause 1, page 1, line 12, leave out “recognised as”

Not called 18

Angus Robertson
Mike Weir
Stewart Hosie
Dr Eilidh Whiteford
Joanna Cherry
Kirsten Oswald

Not called 59

Clause 1, page 1, leave out lines 12 and 13 and insert—

“(1A) The Scottish Government is a permanent part of the United Kingdom’s constitution.

(1B) Subsection (1) or (1A) may be repealed only if—

(a) the Scottish Parliament has consented to the proposed repeal, and

(b) a referendum has been held in Scotland on the proposed repeal and a majority of those voting at the referendum have consented to it.”

Mr Graham Allen

Clause 1, page 1, line 13, at end insert—

“(1AA) Local government in Scotland shall be constituted separately and independently from the Scottish Government as a permanent part of the constitutional arrangements in Scotland and in the rest of the United Kingdom.”

Clause agreed to.

Angus Robertson
Mike Weir
Stewart Hosie
Dr Eilidh Whiteford
Joanna Cherry
Kirsten Oswald

Not selected 55

Page 1, line 16, leave out Clause 2

Ian Murray
Wayne David

Withdrawn 39

Clause 2, page 2, line 2, leave out “But it is recognised” and insert “Notwithstanding subsection (7) above”

Mr Graham Allen

Clause 2, page 2, line 2, leave out “not normally” and insert “never”

Not called 56
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Ian Murray
Wayne David
Mr Alistair Carmichael

Clause 2, page 2, line 3, leave out “normally”

Mr Alistair Carmichael

Clause 2, page 2, line 3, after “legislate”, insert “(a)”

Mr Alistair Carmichael

Clause 2, page 2, line 3, after “matters”, insert “and (b) to alter the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or the executive competence of the Scottish Government”

Ian Murray
Wayne David

Clause 2, page 2, line 4, at end add—

“(9) A Minister of the Crown in charge of a Bill in either House of Parliament must, before second reading of the bill—

(a) make a statement to the effect that in his view the provisions of the bill do not constitute legislation with regard to devolved matters; or

(b) make a statement that the consent of the Scottish Parliament to the Bill is being sought, or will be sought, and specifying the matters in respect of which consent is being sought; and that the Bill will not be presented for Royal Assent without such consent. Such a statement must be in writing and be published in such manner as the Minister making it considers appropriate”.

Mr Graham Allen

Clause 2, page 2, line 4, at end add—

“(9) A Minister of the Crown in charge of a Bill in either House of Parliament which makes provision with regard to devolved matters must, before Second Reading of the Bill—

(a) make a statement to the effect that the Bill has the consent of the Scottish Parliament (“a statement of consent”); or

(b) make a statement to the effect that although he is unable to make a statement of consent the Government nevertheless wishes the House to proceed with the Bill.

(10) A statement—

(a) under subsection (9) must be in writing and be published in such manner as the Minister making it considers appropriate; and

(b) under subsection (9)(b) must also state the Government’s reasons for wishing the House to proceed with the Bill.

(11) In this section, “devolved matters” include—

(a) the legislative competence of the Parliament; and

(b) whether, and the extent to which, functions are exercisable by the Scottish Ministers.”
Clause agreed to.

Angus Robertson
Mike Weir
Stewart Hosie
Dr Eilidh Whiteford
Joanna Cherry
Kirsten Oswald

Clause 3, page 2, line 7, leave out “Section B3 of”

Angus Robertson
Mike Weir
Stewart Hosie
Dr Eilidh Whiteford
Joanna Cherry
Kirsten Oswald

Clause 3, page 2, line 9, leave out from “Under the heading” to end of line 29 on page 3 and insert—

“(2) In Part 2 of Schedule 5 to the Scotland Act 1998, for Section B3 (elections) substitute—

B3 Elections

(A) Elections for membership of the House of Commons and the European Parliament

Elections for membership of the House of Commons and the European Parliament, including the subject matter of—

(a) the European Parliamentary Elections Act 2002,

(b) the Representation of the People Act 1983 and the Representation of the People Act 1985, and

(c) the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986,

so far as those enactments apply, or may apply, in respect of such membership.

Interpretation

Paragraph 5(1) of Part 3 of this Schedule does not apply to the subject matter of the European Parliamentary Elections Act 2002; and the reference to the subject matter of that Act is to be construed as a reference to it as at 24 July 2002 (the date that Act received Royal Assent).

(B) Elections for membership of the Parliament and local government elections

The holding of the poll at an ordinary general election for membership of the Parliament on the same day as the poll at—

(a) a parliamentary general election (other than an early such election),

(b) a European parliamentary general election, or

(c) an ordinary local government election in Scotland.

The combination of polls at—
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(a) elections for membership of the Parliament, or
(b) local government elections,
with polls at elections or referendums that are outside the legislative competence of the Parliament.

Modifying the digital service for the purposes of applications for registration or for verifying information contained in such applications. The subject matter of Parts 5 and 6 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 in relation to polls at elections that are within the legislative competence of the Parliament where they are combined with polls at elections for membership of the House of Commons and the European Parliament.

Interpretation

“Digital service” has the meaning given by regulation 3(1) of the Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations 2001 as at the day on which the Scotland Act 2015 received Royal Assent.

Paragraph 5(1) of Part 3 of this Schedule does not apply to the subject matter of Parts 5 and 6 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000; and the reference to the subject-matter of those Parts of that Act is to be read as at the day on which the Scotland Act 2015 received Royal Assent.”

Ian Murray
Wayne David

Clause 3, page 2, leave out lines 24 to 26

Secretary David Mundell

Clause 3, page 2, leave out lines 30 to 32 and insert—

“The subject matter of—

(a) Parts 5 and 6 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (expenditure in connection with elections) in relation to an election within the legislative competence of the Parliament, where the poll at the election is combined with the poll at an election for membership of the House of Commons or the European Parliament, and

(b) sections 145 to 148 and 150 to 154 of that Act (enforcement) as they apply for the purposes of Part 5 or 6, so far as the subject-matter of that Part is reserved by paragraph (a).”

Secretary David Mundell

Clause 3, page 3, line 1, leave out from “Act” to end of line 2 and insert “as they apply for the purposes of section 155 or 156, so far as the subject-matter of that section”
Scotland Bill, continued

Secretary David Mundell

Clause 3, page 3, leave out line 12 and insert—
“(c) sections 12, 21 to 33, 35 to 37, 39 to 57, 58 to 67, 69, 71, 71F, 71G, 71H to 71Y and 140A,”

Secretary David Mundell

Clause 3, page 3, line 15, after “157”, insert “and 159”

Secretary David Mundell

Clause 3, page 3, line 16, leave out from “154” to end of line 18 and insert “as they apply for the purposes of a provision mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (e), so far as the subject matter of that provision is reserved by those paragraphs.”

Secretary David Mundell

Clause 3, page 3, leave out lines 20 to 25

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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Ian Murray
Wayne David

Not called 44

Clause 4, page 3, line 42, at end insert “including provisions about the impact of the ending of the transition to Individual Electoral Registration on the completeness of the register.”

Mr Graham Allen

Not called 46

Clause 4, page 3, line 42, at end insert “including the automatic registration of eligible electors,”

Mr Graham Allen

Not called 47

Clause 4, page 3, line 42, at end insert—
“(b) about online voting in elections,”

Secretary David Mundell

Agreed to 99

Clause 4, page 4, line 30, leave out from “of” to end of line 32 and insert “any digital service provided by a Minister of the Crown for the registration of electors”

Secretary David Mundell

Agreed to 100

Clause 4, page 5, leave out lines 1 to 3
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Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Secretary David Mundell

Clause 5, page 6, line 4, leave out “, or within two months before,”

Ian Murray
Wayne David

Clause 5, page 6, line 8, at end insert—
“(c) A referendum called under reserved powers”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Secretary David Mundell

Clause 6, page 6, leave out lines 38 to 40 and insert “is exercisable by the Scottish Ministers concurrently with the Secretary of State for the purposes of making provision about the use, in relation to elections in Scotland, of any digital service provided by a Minister of the Crown for the registration of electors.”

Secretary David Mundell

Clause 6, page 6, line 41, leave out from “(9)” to end of line 7 on page 7 and insert “‘elections in Scotland’ means—”

Secretary David Mundell

Clause 6, page 7, line 21, leave out “the digital service” and insert “a digital service provided by a Minister of the Crown for the registration of electors”

Secretary David Mundell

Clause 6, page 7, leave out lines 34 to 36

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 7 agreed to.

Clause 8 agreed to.

Secretary David Mundell

Clause 9, page 11, line 4, at end insert—
‘( ) Omit sections 92(4A), 104(3) and 112(6) and paragraph 11(4) of Schedule 4 (functions under section 15 to be regarded as exercisable within devolved competence).”

Secretary David Mundell  

Clause 9, page 11, line 7, leave out “and 2” and insert “, 2 and 13”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Stewart Hosie  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Joanna Cherry  
Kirsten Oswald

Withdrawn 62

Clause 10, page 11, line 19, leave out “the decision whether to pass or reject it” and insert “the motion that the Bill be passed is debated”

Mr Alistair Carmichael  

Not called 21

Clause 10, page 11, line 27, at end add—
“(aa) the period between general elections specified in section 2(2)”

Mr Alistair Carmichael  

Not called 22

Clause 10, page 11, line 30, at end add—
“(ba) the alteration of boundaries of constituencies, regions, or any equivalent electoral area”

Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Stewart Hosie  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Joanna Cherry  
Kirsten Oswald

Not called 63

Clause 10, page 11, line 39, after “unless”, insert “it is passed without division, or”

Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Stewart Hosie  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Joanna Cherry  
Kirsten Oswald

Not called 64

Clause 10, page 12, line 18, at end insert—
“(2A) He shall not make a reference by virtue of paragraph (a) of subsection (2) if the Parliament resolves that it wishes to reconsider the Bill.
(2B) He shall not make a reference by virtue of paragraph (b) of subsection (2) if—
Scotland Bill, continued

(a) the Bill was passed without a division, or
(b) the Bill was passed on a division and the number of members voting in favour of it was at least two thirds of the total number of seats for members of the Parliament.”

Angus Robertson
Mike Weir
Stewart Hosie
Dr Eilidh Whiteford
Joanna Cherry
Kirsten Oswald

Clause 10, page 12, line 23, at end insert—
“(3A) Subsection (3B) applies where—
(a) a reference has been made in relation to a Bill under this section, and
(b) the reference has not been decided or otherwise disposed of.

(3B) If the Parliament resolves that it wishes to reconsider the Bill—
(a) the Presiding Officer shall notify the Advocate General, the Lord Advocate and the Attorney General of that fact, and
(b) the person who made the reference in relation to the Bill shall request the withdrawal of the reference.”

Angus Robertson
Mike Weir
Stewart Hosie
Dr Eilidh Whiteford
Joanna Cherry
Kirsten Oswald

Clause 10, page 12, line 27, leave out subsections (11) and (12) and insert—
“(10A) In subsection (4) after paragraph (a) insert—
“(aa) where section 32A(2)(b) applies—
(i) the Supreme Court decides that the Bill or any provision of the Bill relates to a protected subject matter, or
(ii) a reference has been made in relation to the Bill under section 32A and the Parliament subsequently resolves that it wishes to reconsider the Bill.”

(10B) After that subsection insert—
“(4A) Standing orders shall provide for an opportunity for the reconsideration of a Bill after its rejection if (and only if), where section 32A(2)(a) applies—
(a) the Supreme Court decides that the Bill or any provision of the Bill does not relate to a protected subject matter, or
(b) the Parliament resolves that it wishes to reconsider the Bill.”

Clause agreed to.
Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Stewart Hosie  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Joanna Cherry  
Kirsten Oswald

Clause 11, page 13, line 4, at end insert—
“(1A) In paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 (protection of Scotland Act 1998 from modification), delete “(2)(f) the Human Rights Act 1998”

Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Stewart Hosie  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Joanna Cherry  
Kirsten Oswald

Clause 11, page 13, line 10, paragraph (a)(ii), leave out “(3)” and insert “(2B)”

Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Stewart Hosie  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Joanna Cherry  
Kirsten Oswald

Clause 11, page 13, line 11, paragraph (a)(iii), leave out “11” and insert “12”

Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Stewart Hosie  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Joanna Cherry  
Kirsten Oswald

Clause 11, page 13, line 12, paragraph (a)(iv), leave out from “section” to the end and insert “sections 13 to 27,”

Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Stewart Hosie  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Joanna Cherry  
Kirsten Oswald

Clause 11, page 13, line 13, paragraph (a)(v), leave out from “(v)” to the end and insert “section 28(1) to (6),”
Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Stewart Hosie  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Joanna Cherry  
Kirsten Oswald

Clause 11, page 13, line 14, paragraph (a)(vi), leave out from “(vi)” to the end and insert “sections 29(2)(e)”

Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Stewart Hosie  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Joanna Cherry  
Kirsten Oswald

Clause 11, page 13, line 15, paragraph (a)(vii), leave out “27(1) and (2)” and insert “31”

Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Stewart Hosie  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Joanna Cherry  
Kirsten Oswald

Clause 11, page 13, line 16, paragraph (a)(viii), leave out “28(5)” and insert “32(1) to (3),”

Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Stewart Hosie  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Joanna Cherry  
Kirsten Oswald

Clause 11, page 13, line 17, paragraph (a)(ix), leave out “(1)(a) and (b) and (2) and (3)”

Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Stewart Hosie  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Joanna Cherry  
Kirsten Oswald

Clause 11, page 13, line 18, paragraph (a)(x), leave out “39” and insert “38”
Clause 11, page 13, line 21, paragraph (b)(i), leave out “44(1B)(a) and (b), and (2)” and insert “44(1C), (2) and (4),”

Clause 11, page 13, line 22, paragraph (b)(ii), leave out “(3) to (7)” and insert “to 50”

Clause 11, page 13, line 23, paragraph (b)(iii), leave out “46(1) to (3)” and insert “51(1), (2) and (5) to (8)”

Clause 11, page 13, line 24, paragraph (b)(iv), leave out “47(3)(b) to (e)” and insert “52”

Clause 11, page 13, line 25, paragraph (b)(v), leave out “48(2) to (4)” and insert “59”
Clause 11, page 13, line 26, paragraph (b)(vi), leave out “49(2) and (4)(b) to (e)” and insert “61”

Clause 11, page 13, line 27, leave out paragraph (b)(vii).

Clause 11, page 13, line 28, paragraph (c), leave out “(3)”

Clause 11, page 13, line 29, paragraph (d), leave out from “general,” to the end of the paragraph, and insert—

“(i) sections 81 to 85,
(ii) sections 91 to 95, and
(iii) section 97,”

Clause 11, page 13, line 31, paragraph (e), leave out from “supplementary,” to the end of the paragraph in line 37, and insert—

“(i) sections 112, 113 and 115, and Schedule 7 (insofar as those sections and that Schedule apply to any power in this Act of the Scottish Ministers to make subordinate legislation),
(ii) sections 118, 120 and 121,
Scotland Bill, continued

(iii) section 124 (insofar as that section applies to any power in this Act of the Scottish Ministers to make subordinate legislation),
(iv) section 126(1) and (6) to (8), and
(v) section 127,”

Secretary David Mundell

Clause 11, page 13, line 32, before “section” insert “section 112(1) and (3) to (5),”

Secretary David Mundell

Clause 11, page 13, line 34, leave out from “power” to end of line 36 and insert “exercisable within devolved competence to make subordinate legislation),”

Secretary David Mundell

Clause 11, page 13, line 37, at end insert “, and
(iii) section 124 (so far as that section applies to any power exercisable within devolved competence to make subordinate legislation),”

Angus Robertson
Mike Weir
Stewart Hosie
Dr Eilidh Whiteford
Joanna Cherry
Kirsten Oswald

 Clause 11, page 13, line 39, paragraph (g), leave out “6” and insert “7”

Angus Robertson
Mike Weir
Stewart Hosie
Dr Eilidh Whiteford
Joanna Cherry
Kirsten Oswald

 Clause 11, page 13, line 41, paragraph (h), leave out “paragraphs 1 to 6 of”

Angus Robertson
Mike Weir
Stewart Hosie
Dr Eilidh Whiteford
Joanna Cherry
Kirsten Oswald

Clause 11, page 13, line 42, at end insert—
“(2A) In paragraph 4 of Schedule 4 (protection of Scotland Act 1998 from modification), insert new sub-paragraph—
“(5A) This paragraph does not apply to amendments to Schedule 5, Part II, Head A, Section A1 insofar as they relate to:
(a) taxes and excise in Scotland,
(b) government borrowing and lending in Scotland, and
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(c) control over public expenditure in Scotland.”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

To move the following Clause—

“Constitutional Convention

(1) The Prime Minister shall establish a Constitutional Convention within one month of the day on which this act is passed.

(2) The Chair and Members of the Constitutional Convention shall be appointed in accordance with a process to be laid before, and approved by, resolution in each House of Parliament.

(3) The Chair of the Constitutional Convention is not permitted to be a Member of Parliament or a member of a political party.

(4) Members of the Constitutional must include, but not be limited to, the following—

(a) members of the public, chosen by lot through the jury system, who shall comprise the majority of those participating in the convention;

(b) elected representatives at all levels;

(c) representatives of civil society organisations and, in an advisory role, academia.

(5) The Constitutional Convention shall review and make recommendations in relation to future governance arrangements for the United Kingdom, including but not limited to the following—

(a) the role and voting rights of Members of the House of Commons;

(b) democratic reform of the House of Lords;

(c) further sub-national devolution within England;

(d) codification of the constitution.

(6) The Constitutional Convention shall engage in widespread consultation across the nations and regions of the UK, and must provide a report to both Houses of Parliament by 31 March 2016.

(7) The Secretary of State must lay before both Houses of Parliament a formal response to each recommendation of the Constitutional Convention within four months of the publication of the final report from the Constitutional Convention.”

To move the following Clause—
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“Transfer of reserved matters

(1) Schedule 5 (which defines reserved matters) to the Scotland Act 1998, has effect with the following modifications.

(2) In Part I (general reservations) omit paragraph 6 (political parties).

(3) Part II (specific reservations) is omitted.

(4) Insert Part IIA (UK pensions liability) as follows—

“PART IIA

UK PENSIONS LIABILITY

The consent of the Treasury is required before the enactment of any provision passed by the Scottish Parliament which would affect the liabilities of the National Insurance Fund in respect of old age pensions.”

(5) In Part III (general provisions) the following provisions referring to Part II of the Schedule are omitted—

(a) paragraph 3(2);

(b) paragraph 4(2)(c).”

Mr Graham Allen

Negatived on division NC5

To move the following Clause—

“Application of the Human Rights Act 1998 to Scotland

The application of the Human Rights Act 1998 to Scotland shall not be repealed in so far as it affects Scotland without the express consent of the Scottish Parliament.”

Mr Graham Allen

Not called NC6

To move the following Clause—

“Constitution of Scotland

(1) The 1998 Scotland Act shall be cited as The Written Constitution of Scotland.

(2) A standing Scottish Constitutional Convention shall be convened jointly by the Secretary of State and the Scottish Ministers to conduct reviews and to make recommendations to the Scottish Parliament and the Parliament of the United Kingdom.”
Mr Graham Allen

To move the following Clause—

(1) The Parliament Act 1911 is amended as follows.
(2) In subsection 2(1), after “other than a Money Bill”, insert “or a Bill amending sections 1 or 2 of the Scotland Act 2015.”

Mr Graham Allen

To move the following Clause—

“Scottish Parliament nomination of members of the House of Lords
(1) The Scottish Parliament shall nominate members for appointment to the House of Lords, in a method to be determined wholly by the Scottish Parliament.
(2) The number of members of the House of Lords appointed in accordance with this section shall at any time be in broadly the same proportion to the total membership of the House of Lords as the population of Scotland is to the total population of the United Kingdom.”

Mr Graham Allen

To move the following Clause—

“Constitutional convention
(1) Within one month of the day on which this Act is passed, a constitutional convention is to be held to consider and make recommendations on the constitution of the United Kingdom.
(2) The Secretary of State must make regulations to—
   (a) appoint a day on which the convention must commence its operations,
   (b) make fair and transparent rules about how the convention is to operate and how evidence is to be adduced,
   (c) make further provision about the terms of reference prescribed under section 2, and
   (d) specify how those who are to be part of the convention are to be chosen in accordance with subsection (8).
(3) The date appointed under subsection (2)(a) must not be later than 31 December 2016.
(4) A statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (2), if made without a draft having been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament, is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
(5) The convention shall have the following terms of reference—
Scotland Bill, continued

(a) the devolution of legislative and fiscal competence to and within Scotland and the rest of the UK,
(b) the devolution of legislative and fiscal competence to local authorities within the United Kingdom,
(c) electoral reform,
(d) constitutional matters to be considered in further conventions, and
(e) procedures to govern the consideration and implementation of any future constitutional reforms.

(6) The convention must publish recommendations within the period of one year beginning with the day appointed under subsection (2)(a).

(7) The Secretary of State must lay responses to each of the recommendations from the convention before each House of Parliament within six months beginning with the day on which the recommendations are published.

(8) The convention must be composed of representatives of the following—

(a) all registered political parties within the United Kingdom,
(b) civic society and local authorities of the nations and regions of the United Kingdom.”

Angus Robertson
Mike Weir
Stewart Hosie
Dr Eilidh Whiteford
Joanna Cherry
Kirsten Oswald

To move the following Clause—

“Consent of the Scottish Parliament to certain Westminster Acts

(1) In section 28 of the Scotland Act 1998 (Acts of the Scottish Parliament), at the end add—

“(8) But the Parliament of the United Kingdom must not pass Acts applying to Scotland that make provision about a devolved matter without the consent of the Scottish Parliament.

(9) A provision is about a devolved matter if the provision—

(a) applies to Scotland and does not relate to reserved matters,
(b) modifies the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, or
(c) modifies the functions of any member of the Scottish Government.

(10) In subsection (8), “Acts” includes any Act, whether a public general Act, a local and personal Act or a private Act.

(2) After section 28 of the Scotland Act 1998 insert—

“28A Duty to consult the Scottish Government on Bills applying to Scotland

(1) A Minister of the Crown shall consult Scottish Ministers before introducing any Bill into the Parliament of the United Kingdom for an Act of that Parliament that would make provision applying to Scotland.”
Scotland Bill, continued

(2) Where the Bill is for an Act making provision that would require the consent of the Scottish Parliament by virtue of section 28(8), the requirement to consult under subsection (1) includes a requirement that a Minister of the Crown give the Scottish Ministers a copy of the provisions of the Bill that apply to Scotland no later than—
   (a) 21 days before the proposed date of introduction, or
   (b) such later date as the Scottish Ministers may agree.

(3) The requirement in subsection (2) does not apply if—
   (a) the Scottish Ministers so agree, or
   (b) there are exceptional circumstances justifying failure to comply with the requirement.

(4) The reference in subsection (1) to an Act of Parliament is a reference to any Act whether a public general Act, a local and personal Act or a private Act.”

Ian Murray
Wayne David

To move the following Clause—

“Electoral registration: requirement to produce report

(1) The Electoral Commission shall prepare and publish guidance setting out, in relation to Scotland, how to further improve the electoral registration process and how to ensure the completeness of the electoral registers.

(2) Guidance under subsection (1) must in particular include—
   (a) workable proposals for prompting people to register to vote or update their registration details when using other public services;
   (b) whether to allow schools, universities and colleges to block-register students;
   (c) whether to pilot election day registration; and
   (d) other proposals to ensure that greater numbers of attainers join the electoral register.”