



House of Commons

NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS

given up to and including

Monday 22 June 2015

New Amendments handed in are marked thus ★

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CONSIDERATION OF BILL

EUROPEAN UNION REFERENDUM BILL, AS AMENDED

NOTE

This document includes all amendments tabled to date and includes any withdrawn amendments at the end. The amendments have been arranged in the order in which they relate to the Bill.

NEW CLAUSES

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

Jim Shannon
Graham Stringer
Sir Gerald Howarth

Mr Richard Bacon
Richard Drax
Mr Andrew Turner

Mr Bernard Jenkin
Kate Hoey

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.

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- (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 any 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.
- (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.

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

NC2

☆ To move the following Clause—

“Exemptions to prohibition on publication of promotional material by central and local government etc.

- (1) For the purposes of the referendum the Secretary of State may, by regulations, specify materials that he intends or expects to publish in the regulation period to be exempted from the prohibitions on the publication of materials under section 125 of the 2000 Act.
- (2) Any materials listed in regulations made under this section will not be subject to the prohibitions on publication under section 125 of the 2000 Act.

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause permits the Government to specify material that they intend or expect to publish in the “purdah” period for the referendum that would be exempted from the prohibition on publication of promotional material contained in section 125 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000, which amendment no. 4 would apply to the EU Referendum. The material

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would have to be specified in regulations exercisable by statutory instrument, which under clause 6 of this bill must be laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

Sir William Cash
Mr Owen Paterson
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Mr Nigel Dodds
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Clause 6, page 3, line 40, at end add—

“(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.

Sir William Cash
Mr Owen Paterson
Mr Steve Baker
Mr Nigel Dodds
Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg
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Schedule 1, page 6, line 6, after second “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.

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

Jim Shannon
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Schedule 1, page 13, line 11, at end add—

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- “(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.

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

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- ☆ Schedule 1, page 19, line 23, leave out paragraph 26

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. The amendment should be read in conjunction with NC2.

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	

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Proceedings

Time for conclusion of proceedings

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

Consideration and Third Reading

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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