



House of Commons

NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS

given up to and including

Wednesday 21 October 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: 1-25 and NCs 1 and 2

CONSIDERATION OF BILL (REPORT STAGE)

WELFARE REFORM AND WORK 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This document includes all amendments tabled to date and includes any withdrawn amendments at the end.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

Owen Smith
Emily Thornberry
Debbie Abrahams
Nick Thomas-Symonds

NC1

★ To move the following Clause—

“Repeal of Tax Credits Regulations 2015

- (1) The Tax Credits (Income Thresholds and Determination of Rates) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 are repealed.”

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Owen Smith
Emily Thornberry
Debbie Abrahams
Nick Thomas-Symonds

NC2

- ★ To move the following Clause—

“Assessment of tax credit and benefit reforms on working families

The measures in this Bill shall not take effect until the Secretary of State has laid before both Houses of Parliament an assessment of the cumulative impact and an equalities impact of tax credit and benefit reforms announced in Summer Budget 2015 on working families.”

Owen Smith
Emily Thornberry
Debbie Abrahams
Nick Thomas-Symonds

17

- ★ Clause 1, page 1, line 6, after subsection (1) insert—

“(1A) The Secretary of State must lay a report before Parliament annually on the progress which has been made towards reducing underemployment, and the report must set out how the Secretary of State has interpreted “underemployment” for these purposes.”

Owen Smith
Emily Thornberry
Debbie Abrahams
Nick Thomas-Symonds

18

- ★ Clause 4, page 4, line 41, at end insert—

“(e) children living in low-income households.
(f) children living in material deprivation.”

Owen Smith
Emily Thornberry
Debbie Abrahams
Nick Thomas-Symonds

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- ★ Clause 4, page 5, line 8, at end insert—

“(g) low income.
(h) material deprivation.”

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Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

2

- ★ Clause 5, page 6, line 1, leave out from “describe” to end of line 5.

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment removes the duty on the Social Mobility Commission to describe in its annual report the measures taken by Scottish Ministers in accordance with Scottish strategies and by Welsh Ministers in accordance with Welsh strategies.

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

3

- ★ Clause 5, page 6, line 18, leave out “the United Kingdom” and insert “England or Northern Ireland”.

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment amends the power of UK Ministers to direct the Social Mobility Commission to carry out activities relating to improving social mobility in the UK so that it no longer applies in relation to Scotland and Wales.

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

4

- ★ Clause 6, page 6, line 23, leave out “10” and insert “11”.

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment repeals section 11 of the Child Poverty Act 2010 which, as currently amended by the Bill, imposes a duty on Scottish Ministers to produce triennial strategies on reducing socio-economic disadvantage and annual progress reports.

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

5

- ★ Clause 6, page 6, line 24, at end insert—

“(^) In the italic heading before section 11, omit “Scottish Ministers and”.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment amends the italic heading currently before section 11 of the Child Poverty Act 2010 to reflect the fact that sections 12 and 13 will only include provisions relating to Northern Ireland strategies in consequence of amendments 4 and 7 to 12.

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

6

- ★ Clause 6, page 6, line 25, leave out subsection (2).

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on amendment 4 and removes the amendments that were originally included in clause 6 to the duty on Scottish Ministers to produce triennial strategies and annual progress reports.

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

7

- ★ Clause 6, page 7, line 29, at end insert—

“(^) In section 13 (consultation: Scotland and Northern Ireland)—

- (a) in subsection (3), omit “a Scottish strategy or”;
- (b) in subsection (3), for “devolved administration”, wherever occurring, substitute “relevant Northern Ireland department”;
- (c) omit subsection (3)(a);

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- (d) omit subsection (4);
- (e) in the section heading, omit “Scotland and”.

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on amendment 4 and amends section 13 of the Child Poverty Act 2010 so that the consultation requirements only apply in relation to the preparation of Northern Ireland strategies and not Scottish strategies, which will no longer be required.

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

8

- ★ Clause 6, page 7, line 30, after “circumstances” insert “(a)”.

Member’s explanatory statement

This is a technical amendment consequential on amendment 9 which adds new paragraph (b) to clause 6(4).

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

9

- ★ Clause 6, page 7, line 30, at end insert—
“(b) for subsection (3) substitute—

“(3) In preparing a Northern Ireland strategy, the relevant Northern Ireland department must have regard to—

- (a) the resources that are or may be available to the Northern Ireland departments, and
- (b) the effect of the implementation of the strategy on those resources.”.

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on amendment 4 and amends section 16 of the Child Poverty Act 2010 so that the requirement to have regard to economic and financial circumstances applies only in relation to the preparation of Northern Ireland strategies and not Scottish strategies, which will no longer be required.

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

10

- ★ Clause 6, page 7, line 37, leave out “Part 9 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 or”.

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on amendment 4 and amends the definition of “child” to reflect the fact that it will only be relevant to the requirement of the relevant Northern Ireland department to consult on its strategies.

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

11

- ★ Clause 6, page 8, line 1, leave out “in relation to Northern Ireland”.

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on amendment 4 and amends the definition of “parental responsibility” to reflect the fact that this term will only be relevant to the requirement of the relevant Northern Ireland department to consult on its strategies.

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

12

- ★ Clause 6, page 8, line 3, leave out from “1995” to end of line 6.

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on amendment 4 and amends the definition of “parental responsibility” to remove the definition in relation to Scotland. This reflects the fact that this term

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will only be relevant to the requirement of the relevant Northern Ireland department to consult on its strategies.

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

13

- ★ Clause 6, page 8, line 7, at end insert—

“(^) For the heading to Part 1 substitute “Strategies: Northern Ireland”.

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment substitutes the heading for Part 1 of the Child Poverty Act 2010 to reflect the fact that this Part now only includes provisions relating to Northern Ireland strategies.

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

14

- ★ Clause 6, page 8, leave out lines 19 to 22.

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment removes the definitions of “Scottish strategy” and “Welsh strategy” as these terms are no longer used in the Child Poverty Act 2010 due to amendments 2 and 4.

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

15

- ★ Clause 6, page 8, line 31, after “(extent)” insert—

(a) omit subsection (2);

(b) in subsection (3), for “Section 12” substitute “Part 1”.

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment amends section 30 of the Child Poverty Act 2010, which sets out the extent of the provisions of the Child Poverty Act 2010, to reflect the changes made by amendments 2 to 13.

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

16

- ★ Clause 6, page 8, line 32, at end insert—

“(^) In Schedule 1 (Social Mobility and Child Poverty Commission), in paragraph 1(1) (membership), omit paragraphs (b) and (c).

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment removes the role of Scottish and Welsh Ministers in each appointing a member of the reformed Social Mobility Commission.

Owen Smith
Emily Thornberry
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Nick Thomas-Symonds

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- ★ Page 14, line 39, leave out clause 14
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Owen Smith
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Nick Thomas-Symonds

21

★ Page 15, line 1, leave out clause 15

Owen Smith
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Debbie Abrahams
Nick Thomas-Symonds

22

★ Clause 17, page 16, line 13, at end insert—

“(4) The regulations must make provision for persons applying for a loan to have access to financial advice, which must be provided free of charge by an organisation independent of the qualifying lender.”

Member’s explanatory statement

To require that those applying for a loan must have access to free and impartial financial advice which is independent of the lender to whom the application is made.

Owen Smith
Emily Thornberry
Debbie Abrahams
Nick Thomas-Symonds

23

★ Clause 17, page 16, line 13, at end insert—

“(4) The regulations must provide for persons in receipt of Support for Mortgage interest at the time the regulations come into force to continue to receive these payments for a period of no less than 12 months before they are required to apply for a loan.”

Member’s explanatory statement

To require that regulations setting out transitional protections for existing claimants of Support for Mortgage Interest must include provisions requiring payments to continue to be made on the basis of the current framework for at least 12 months following the date on which the regulations come into force, before they are expected to apply for a loan.

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Owen Smith
Emily Thornberry
Debbie Abrahams
Nick Thomas-Symonds

24

★ Clause 18, page 17, line 40, leave out “repealed.” and insert “amended as follows—

(a) insert at the end of subsection 1—

“(1AA) In addition to the conditions set out in subsection 1 a “relevant beneficiary” must be an individual in receipt of pension credit (see section 1 of the State Pension Credit Act 2002).”

Member’s explanatory statement

To maintain Support for Mortgage Interest as a benefit for anyone in receipt of State Pension Credit and replace it with a loan only for those in receipt of income-based benefits for people of working age.

Owen Smith
Emily Thornberry
Debbie Abrahams
Nick Thomas-Symonds

25

★ Clause 18, page 17, line 41, leave out subsections (2) and (3)

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential to amendment 22.

Secretary Iain Duncan Smith

1

★ Schedule 2, page 30, line 17, leave out “in which the tenancy begins” and insert “falling after the beginning of the tenancy”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment makes clear that, where a tenancy begins after part of a relevant year has elapsed, the part of the year in question is the part after the tenancy begins.

ORDER OF THE HOUSE [20 JULY 2015]

That the following provisions shall apply to the Welfare Reform and Work Bill:

Committal

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee

2. Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Tuesday 20 October.
3. The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

Consideration and Third Reading

4. Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the

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day on which those proceedings are commenced.

5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.
6. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading.

Other proceedings

7. 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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