



House of Commons

Tuesday 26 January 2016

PUBLIC BILL COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

ENERGY BILL [*LORDS*]

[FIRST AND SECOND SITTINGS]

Andrea Leadsom

Agreed to

That—

- (1) the Committee shall (in addition to its first meeting at 9.25 am on Tuesday 26 January) meet—
 - (a) at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 26 January;
 - (b) at 11.30 am and 2.00 pm on Thursday 28 January;
 - (c) at 9.25 am and 2.00 pm on Tuesday 2 February;
 - (d) at 11.30 am and 2.00 pm on Thursday 4 February;
 - (e) at 9.25 am and 2.00 pm on Tuesday 9 February;
 - (2) the proceedings shall be taken in the following order: Clauses 1 and 2; Schedule 1; Clauses 3 to 73; Schedule 2; Clauses 74 to 84; new Clauses; new Schedules; remaining proceedings on the Bill;
 - (3) the proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at 5.00 pm on Tuesday 9 February.
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Andrea Leadsom

That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication.

Agreed to

Clause 1 agreed to.

Energy Bill [*Lords*], *continued*

Dr Alan Whitehead
Clive Lewis

Withdrawn 7

Clause 2, page 2, line 9, at end insert—

“(2c) The Secretary of State shall, within one year from the date of this section coming into force, undertake an assessment of the fitness for purpose of the OGA’s powers in relation to relevant activities, and shall lay before each House of Parliament a report of the findings.”

Clause agreed to.

Schedule 1 agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 7 agreed to.

Andrea Leadsom

Not selected 1

Page 5, line 29, leave out Clause 8

Clause negated on division.

Dr Alan Whitehead
Clive Lewis

Negated on division 8

Clause 9, page 6, line 17, at end insert—

“Environmental considerations and climate change

The need for the OGA to address environmental considerations and to facilitate the pursuance of section 1 of the Climate Change Act 2008 in relation to relevant activities.”

Dr Alan Whitehead
Clive Lewis

Negated on division 9

Clause 9, page 6, line 17, at end insert—

“Hierarchy of matters relating to decommissioning

The need to re-use North Sea infrastructure for carbon capture and storage projects and marginal field extraction, where economically viable, to be considered prior to the decommissioning of such sites.”

Clause agreed to.

Energy Bill [Lords], continued

Dr Alan Whitehead
Clive Lewis

Negatived on division 10

Clause 10, page 6, line 31, at end insert—

“(aa) Are necessary in order to inform the OGA’s role in developing and promoting carbon storage;

(ab) Are necessary to meet the terms of the Climate Change Act 2008 or European or international obligations on climate change”

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 11 to 12 agreed to.

Dr Alan Whitehead
Clive Lewis

Withdrawn 11

Clause 13, page 8, line 44, leave out subsection (3)

Dr Alan Whitehead
Clive Lewis

Not called 12

Clause 13, page 9, line 1, leave out subsection (4)

Clause agreed to.

Dr Alan Whitehead
Clive Lewis

Not called 13

Clause 14, page 9, line 38, after “period” insert “minus the income derived from fees under section 13”

Dr Alan Whitehead
Clive Lewis

Not called 14

Clause 14, page 10, line 15, leave out subsection (6)

Dr Alan Whitehead
Clive Lewis

Not called 15

Clause 14, page 10, line 17, leave out subsection (7)

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 15 to 16 agreed to.

Energy Bill [*Lords*], *continued*

Andrea Leadsom

Clause 17, page 12, line 7, leave out “one year” and insert “three years” *Agreed to* 2

Andrea Leadsom

Clause 17, page 12, line 12, leave out “one year” and insert “three years” *Agreed to* 3

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

[Adjourned until Thursday at 11.30am