



House of Commons

Tuesday 21 May 2019

PUBLIC BILL COMMITTEE

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WILD ANIMALS IN CIRCUSES (No. 2) BILL

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This document includes all amendments tabled to date and includes any withdrawn amendments at the end.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.

RESOLUTION OF THE PROGRAMMING SUB-COMMITTEE

The Programming Sub-Committee appointed by the Speaker in respect of the Bill agreed the following Resolution at its meeting on Monday 20 May (Standing Order 83C):

That—

- (1) the Committee shall (in addition to its first meeting at 9.25 am on Tuesday 21 May) meet—
 - (a) at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 21 May;
 - (b) at 9.25 am and 2.00 pm on Wednesday 22 May;
- (2) the Committee shall hear oral evidence in accordance with the following Table:

TABLE

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Witness</i>
Tuesday 21 May	Until no later than 10.30 am	RSPCA; British Veterinary Association; Freedom for Animals
Tuesday 21 May	Until no later than 11.25 am	Born Free; Animal Defenders International; PETA
Tuesday 21 May	Until no later than 2.45 pm	Peter Jolly's Circus; Circus Mondao

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Witness</i>
Tuesday 21 May	Until no later than 3.30 pm	Circus Guild of Great Britain; European Circus Association
Tuesday 21 May	Until no later than 4.00 pm	Mike Radford OBE, Reader at the University of Aberdeen and Chairman of the Circus Working Group

- (3) the proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at 5.00 pm on Wednesday 22 May.

David Rutley has given notice of his intention to move a motion in the terms of the Resolution of the Programming Sub-Committee [Standing Order No. 83C].

David Rutley

That, at this and any subsequent meeting at which oral evidence is to be heard, the Committee shall sit in private until the witnesses are admitted.

David Rutley

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

Luke Pollard
Sue Hayman
Sandy Martin
Dr David Drew
Thangam Debbonaire

1

Clause 1, page 2, line 3, at end insert—

““travelling circus” means a company or group of entertainers which (i) travels, whether regularly or irregularly, from place to place for the purpose of giving performances, displays or exhibitions, and (ii) as part of which animals may be kept or introduced (whether for the purpose of performance, exhibition, display or otherwise).”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure the inclusion of circuses which tour venues other than a traditional circus tent, or which use animals for exhibition or display away from the circus site, or which do not regularly travel.

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Clause 1, page 2, line 4, leave out “commonly” and insert “normally”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would align the definition of “wild animal” with that used in the Welfare of Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (England) Regulations 2012 and the Zoo Licensing Act 1981.

Luke Pollard
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Clause 4, page 2, line 14, leave out “on 20 January 2020” and insert “on such day as the Secretary of State may by regulations made by statutory instrument appoint, and no later than 20 January 2020.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would enable the Act to be brought into force earlier than 20 January 2020.

Luke Pollard
Sue Hayman
Sandy Martin
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NC1

To move the following Clause—

“Disqualification

- (1) If a person is convicted of an offence under this Act, the court by or before which that person is convicted may, instead of or in addition to dealing with that person in any other way, make an order disqualifying him under any one or more of subsections (2) to (4) for such period as it thinks fit.
- (2) Disqualification under this subsection disqualifies a person—
 - (a) from owning wild animals,
 - (b) from keeping wild animals,
 - (c) from participating in the keeping of wild animals, and
 - (d) from being party to an arrangement under which that person is entitled to control or influence the way in which wild animals are kept.
- (3) Disqualification under this subsection disqualifies a person from dealing in wild animals.
- (4) Disqualification under this subsection disqualifies a person—
 - (a) from transporting wild animals, and
 - (b) from arranging for the transport of wild animals.

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- (5) Disqualification under subsection (2), (3) or (4) may be imposed in relation to animals generally, or in relation to animals of one or more kinds.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would enable a court to disqualify an offender from keeping wild animals and other activities.

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NC2

To move the following Clause—

“Powers of seizure: animals

- (1) Where an animal is seized under paragraph 7(k), an inspector or a constable may—
- (a) remove it, or arrange for it to be removed, to a place of safety;
 - (b) care for it, or arrange for it to be cared for—
 - (i) on the premises where it was being kept when it was taken into possession, or
 - (ii) at such other place as he thinks fit.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would enable an animal which has been seized to be removed and cared for appropriately.

Luke Pollard
Sue Hayman
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Thangam Debbonaire

3

Schedule 1, page 4, line 38, leave out “except” and insert “including”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would allow animals, held by those who are suspected of committing an offence under the Act, to be seized.

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Schedule 1, page 5, line 34, after “vehicle,” insert “including caravans, trucks and trailers,”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure an inspector’s power of entry includes caravans, trucks and trailers.

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ORDER OF THE HOUSE [7 MAY 2019]

That the following provisions shall apply to the Wild Animals in Circuses (No. 2) 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 Thursday 23 May 2019.
3. The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

Proceedings on Consideration and up to and including Third Reading

4. Proceedings on Consideration and proceedings in legislative grand committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion two hours after the commencement of proceedings on Consideration.
5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion three hours after the commencement of proceedings on Consideration.
6. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and up to and including Third Reading.

Other proceedings

7. Any other proceedings on the Bill may be programmed.
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