



House of Commons

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CONSIDERATION OF BILL (REPORT STAGE)

New Amendments handed in are marked thus ★

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This document includes all amendments tabled to date and includes any withdrawn amendments at the end.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

Philip Davies

NC1

To move the following Clause—

“Meaning of wild animal

- (1) In this Act, “wild animal” means an animal other than one of a kind that is commonly domesticated in Great Britain.
- (2) For the purpose of subsection (1), an animal is of a kind that is domesticated if the behaviour, life cycle or physiology of animals of that kind has been altered as a result of the breeding or living conditions of multiple generations of animals of that kind being under human control.
- (3) In this section—
“animal” has the meaning given by section 1(1) of the Animal Welfare Act 2006.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new clause adds a more detailed explanation for terms used within the bill.

Wild Animals in Circuses (No. 2) Bill, *continued*

Philip Davies

NC2

To move the following Clause—

“Meaning of other key terms

In this Act—

“circus operator”, in relation to a circus, means—

- (a) the owner of the circus,
- (b) any person, other than the owner, with overall responsibility for the operation of the circus, or
- (c) if neither of the persons mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b) is present in the United Kingdom, the person in the United Kingdom who is ultimately responsible for the operation of the circus;

“officer”, in relation to a body corporate, means—

- (a) a director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate, and
- (b) any person purporting to act in any such capacity;

“travelling circus”—

- (a) means a circus which travels, whether regularly or irregularly, from one place to another for the purpose of providing entertainment,
- (b) includes—
 - (i) a circus which travels as mentioned in paragraph (a) for the purpose mentioned there, despite there being periods during which it does not travel from one place to another,
 - (ii) any place where a wild animal associated with such a circus is kept (including temporarily).

but not a circus which travels in order to relocate to a new fixed base for use only or mainly as a place to give performances.”

Philip Davies

NC3

To move the following Clause—

“Compensation

Where a wild animal is no longer able to be used in a travelling circus as a result of this Act coming into force the Secretary of State will—

- (a) compensate circus owners for loss of earnings; or
 - (b) compensate circuses who have had to go into liquidation as a result of this Act coming into force.”
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Wild Animals in Circuses (No. 2) Bill, *continued*

Luke Pollard
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Thangam Debbonaire

NC4

To move the following Clause—

“Moratorium on the issuing of new licences and adding animals to current licences

On the day on which the Act is passed, the following provisions will apply to circus operators using wild animals in travelling circuses—

- (a) there will be a moratorium on the issuing of new licences under the provisions of the Welfare of Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (England) Regulations 2012; and
- (b) current licences granted under regulation 4 of the Welfare of Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (England) Regulations 2012 will not be extended to include additional licensed animals.

These provisions will apply until the Act comes into force.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new clause would prevent the issue of new licences, or the addition of animals to existing licences, from the day the Act is passed.

Luke Pollard
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NC5

To move the following Clause—

“Powers of seizure: animals

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

Wild Animals in Circuses (No. 2) Bill, continued

Philip Davies

Clause 1, page 1, line 15, leave out subsection (5)

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Philip Davies

Clause 4, page 2, line 14, leave out “2020” and insert “2022”

Member’s explanatory statement

This Amendment will enable circuses to have enough time to plan for the Act coming into force.

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Luke Pollard
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Schedule, page 3, line 5, at end insert—

“(1A) A police constable shall be considered to be an inspector for the purposes of this Act.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would allow a police constable to have the same powers as an appointed inspector with respect to the Act.

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Luke Pollard
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Schedule, 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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Philip Davies

Schedule, page 4, line 40, at end insert—

“7A An inspector may require that the owner of a wild animal may not destroy the animal unless with the permission of a qualified veterinarian.”

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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.

Wild Animals in Circuses (No. 2) Bill, *continued*

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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