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PUBLIC BILL COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

AGRICULTURE BILL

[SEVENTH AND EIGHTH SITTINGS]

GLOSSARY

This document shows the fate of each clause, schedule, amendment and new clause.

The following terms are used:

Agreed to: agreed without a vote.

Agreed to on division: agreed following a vote.

Negatived: rejected without a vote.

Negatived on division: rejected following a vote.

Not called: debated in a group of amendments, but not put to a decision.

Not moved: not debated or put to a decision.

Question proposed: debate underway but not concluded.

Withdrawn after debate: moved and debated but then withdrawn, so not put to a decision.

Not selected: not chosen for debate by the Chair.

Luke Pollard
Daniel Zeichner
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

Withdrawn after debate 63

☆ Clause 2, page 3, line 25, at end insert—

“(1A) The Secretary of State must by regulations make provision for establishing any financial assistance scheme and setting out how it will be designed and how it will operate.

(1B) No motion may be made in either House of Parliament for the approval of any regulations under subsection (1A) unless—

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- (a) a draft of those regulations has been submitted for scrutiny by any select committee of either House of Parliament which, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, has a remit which includes responsibility for scrutiny of financial assistance under section 1, and
- (b) any such committee has expressed a view on the draft regulations.”

Luke Pollard
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Negated on division 36

Clause 2, page 3, line 27, at end insert—

“(2A) Financial assistance may not be given to any person who is not compliant with standards set out in regulations made by the Secretary of State under section [*Duty and regulations governing agricultural and horticultural activity*].”

Daniel Zeichner
Luke Pollard
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

Withdrawn after debate 48

Clause 2, page 3, line 30, at end insert—

“(3A) Financial assistance allocated to a scheme in a particular year but not spent within that year may be carried over to a future year for spending on one or more schemes.”

Victoria Prentis

Agreed to 16

Clause 2, page 3, line 31, leave out from “to” to end of line 32 and insert “the maker or operator of a third party scheme in connection with expenditure involved in establishing or operating the scheme (including the provision of financial support)”

Luke Pollard
Daniel Zeichner
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

Withdrawn after debate 4

Clause 2, page 3, line 32, at end insert—

“(4A) Financial assistance under subsection (1)(1)(f) for protecting or improving the health or welfare of livestock shall only be given to a person who satisfies the Secretary of State that they—

- (a) achieve, or have undertaken to achieve, standards of animal welfare which exceed the minimum requirements laid down by legislation governing welfare of livestock,
- (b) raise animals in such a way that enables them to carry out their natural behaviours,
- (c) do not subject livestock to any prohibited procedure (within the meaning of section 5 of the Animal Welfare Act 2006),

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- (d) do not kill livestock in any place other than in a slaughterhouse unless—
 - (i) a veterinary surgeon has certified that this is necessary due to the animal’s poor health, and
 - (ii) the method of killing is humane, and
- (e) do not, after IP completion day, export animals for slaughter or fattening unless—
 - (i) the livestock is exported from Northern Ireland to the Republic of Ireland, and
 - (ii) it is made a requirement of sale that the livestock shall not be re-exported by the buyer.”

Luke Pollard
Daniel Zeichner
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

Negated on division 42

Clause 2, page 3, line 32, at end insert—

- “(4A) Financial assistance may only be given under section 1(1)(f) for the purpose of protecting or improving the health of livestock if, in the opinion of the Secretary of State or of any person to whom functions relating to the giving of financial assistance are delegated under section 2(6), the protection or improvement effects a standard which is significantly higher than that required by regulations made by the Secretary of State under section [*Duty and regulations governing agricultural and horticultural activity*].”

Daniel Zeichner
Luke Pollard
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

Withdrawn after debate 44

Clause 2, page 3, line 32, at end insert—

- “(4A) No more than 5% of the financial assistance given through a financial assistance scheme in any particular financial year shall be spent on administration or consultancy.
- (4B) The Secretary of State may by regulations vary the proportion of financial assistance specified in subsection (4A).”

Victoria Prentis

Agreed to 17

Clause 2, page 3, line 35, leave out “or operated on behalf of” and insert “by”

Daniel Zeichner
Luke Pollard
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

Negated on division 49

Clause 2, page 3, line 35, at end insert—

- “(5A) Financial assistance shall not be given for any act or activity in pursuit of a purpose under section 1 if the land on which that act or activity is to take place is to be used by the applicant, or by a person acting with the consent of the applicant,

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for hunting of a wild mammal with a dog, whether or not that hunting is exempt under section 2 of the Hunting Act 2004.”

Daniel Zeichner
Luke Pollard
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

Not called 50

Clause 2, page 3, line 35, at end insert—

“(5A) Financial assistance shall not be given for a purpose under section 1 if land on which any act or activity is to take place in pursuance of that purpose is land on which—

- (a) an offence has been committed under section 1, 3 or 5 of the Hunting Act 2004, or
- (b) exempt hunting, within the meaning of section 2 of the Hunting Act 2004, has taken place since 18 February 2005.”

Daniel Zeichner
Luke Pollard
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

Not called 45

Clause 2, page 4, line 3, after “subsection” insert “(4B) or subsection”

Luke Pollard
Daniel Zeichner
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

Not called 64

☆ Clause 2, page 4, line 3, after “subsection” insert “(1A) or subsection”

Daniel Zeichner
Luke Pollard
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

Not called 46

Clause 2, page 4, line 4, at end insert—

“(10A) For the purposes of this Act, “administration or consultancy” includes money spent on administration or consultancy other than in connection with the purposes in section [*Financial assistance: duty to provide advice*].”

Luke Pollard
Daniel Zeichner
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

Not called 5

Clause 2, page 4, line 5, after “section” insert—

““fattening” means the keeping of livestock for the purpose of the livestock gaining weight in preparation for slaughter,

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“humane” shall be interpreted in accordance with paragraph 4 of Schedule 4 to the Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing (England) Regulations 2015,

“livestock” has the meaning given in section 1(5) of this Act,

“IP completion day” has the meaning given in section 39 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2020, and”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 3 agreed to.

Luke Pollard
Daniel Zeichner
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

Withdrawn after debate 37

Clause 4, page 5, line 14, after “period” insert “, and

- (d) set out the budget for each financial assistance scheme under subparagraph (c)(i) or (c)(ii) for the duration of the plan period”

Luke Pollard
Daniel Zeichner
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

Not called 38

Clause 4, page 5, line 38, at end insert—

- “(9A) For each financial assistance scheme, the Secretary of State must have regard to any advice provided by the Office for Environmental Protection, after it is established, about the funding required to achieve the strategic objectives of financial assistance for the duration of the plan period.”

Clause agreed to.

Luke Pollard
Daniel Zeichner
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

Not called 39

Clause 5, page 6, line 10, after “scheme,” insert—

- “(aa) any opinion provided by the Office for Environmental Protection, after it is established, as to whether the financial assistance given was sufficient to meet the strategic objectives of the financial assistance,”

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Luke Pollard
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Dr Alan Whitehead
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Not called 47

Clause 5, page 6, line 13, after “year”, insert “, and (c) the amount of money spent on administration or consultancy, within the meaning of subsection (10A) of section 2”

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 6 and 7 agreed to.

Mr Robert Goodwill

Withdrawn after debate 9

Clause 8, page 8, line 5, after “extending” insert “or pausing the transition process and”

[Adjourned until Tuesday 3 March at 9.25am]