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PUBLIC BILL COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

AGRICULTURE BILL

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Withdrawn after debate: moved and debated but then withdrawn, so not put to a decision.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

Clauses 8 to 12 agreed to.

Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

Negatived on division 74

Clause 13, page 11, line 8, leave out subsection (4) and insert—

“(4) Regulations under this section shall make provision for circumstances in which an eligible person may receive a lump sum under this section.

(4A) The circumstances under subsection (4) shall include a commitment by the eligible person to use the lump sum to—

(a) make a change or changes to practice in managing land in such a way as to deliver one or more of the purposes under section 1(1) or 1(2); or

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- (b) make land available to other persons or bodies who undertake to manage the land in such a way as to deliver one or more of the purposes under section 1(1) or 1(2).”
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Victoria Prentis

Agreed to 43

Clause 14, page 11, line 45, leave out “any”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 15 and 16 agreed to.

Fiona Bruce
Julian Sturdy
Neil Parish
Derek Thomas
Philip Dunne
Simon Hoare

Tim Farron
Luke Pollard
Thangam Debbonaire

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Ruth Jones

Daniel Zeichner
Dr Alan Whitehead

Negatived on division 7

Clause 17, page 14, line 20, leave out “five years” and insert “year”

Simon Hoare
Tracey Crouch

Not selected 10

Clause 17, page 14, line 21, after “of”, insert “, and a response to,”

Daniel Zeichner
Luke Pollard
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

Negatived on division 75

Clause 17, page 14, line 25, at end insert—

- “(aa) the impact of food production upon global resource sustainability (including global carbon emissions, impacts on biodiversity and water usage);”

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Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

Not called 76

Clause 17, page 14, line 27, at end insert—

- (ba) food poverty and progress towards achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goal on hunger, malnutrition and food poverty (SDG 2);”

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
 Kerry McCarthy
 Helen Hayes
 Sarah Champion
 Preet Kaur Gill
 Mr Clive Betts

Rosie Cooper
 Mohammad Yasin
 Daniel Zeichner
 Dr Alan Whitehead

Stephen Kinnock
 Daisy Cooper
 Luke Pollard
 Thangam Debbonaire

Kate Green
 David Linden
 Ruth Jones
 Mrs Sharon Hodgson
Negatived on division 62

Clause 17, page 14, line 32, at end insert—

“(f) food insecurity.

- (3) For the purposes of this section “food insecurity” means a person’s state in which consistent access to adequate food is limited by a lack of money and other resources at times during the year.
- (4) Before laying a report under subsection (1) the Secretary of State must—
- (a) consult the Scottish Ministers, the Welsh Ministers, the relevant Northern Ireland department, and such other persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate, and
- (b) have due regard to international best practice on food insecurity, including but not limited to the United States Household Food Security Survey.
- (5) A report under subsection (1) must include—
- (a) an assessment of trends in food insecurity, broken down by different parts of the United Kingdom and different regions of England, and
- (b) a summary of actions to be taken in areas of high food insecurity by the UK Government, the Scottish Government, the Welsh Government or the Northern Ireland Executive.
- (6) The Secretary of State must consult the Scottish Ministers, the Welsh Ministers and the relevant Northern Ireland department before preparing a report under subsection (1).

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- (7) In this section—
- “parts of the United Kingdom” means—
- (a) England,
 - (b) Scotland,
 - (c) Wales, and
 - (d) Northern Ireland;
- “regions of England” has the same meaning as that used by the Office for National Statistics.”

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 18 to 26 agreed to.

Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

Negated on division 77

Clause 27, page 22, line 4, leave out lines 4 to 7 and insert —

- “(1) The Secretary of State must, before the end of the period of 12 months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed, make regulations—
- (a) imposing obligations on all business purchasers of agricultural products in relation to contracts they make for the purchase of agricultural products from all qualifying sellers;”

Deidre Brock
 Dave Doogan

Negated on division 19

Clause 27, page 22, line 9, at end insert—

- “(1A) Regulations under this section containing provision that extends to Scotland may be made only with the consent of the Scottish Ministers.”

Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

Negated on division 78

Clause 27, page 22, line 11, after “fair” insert “dealing and fair”

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Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

Not called 79

Clause 27, page 22, line 12, at end insert—

“(2A) The Secretary of State may also make regulations for the purpose set out in subsection (2) in relation to the purchase of agricultural products in one or more of the sectors listed in Schedule 1 by business purchasers from qualifying sellers.”

Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

Withdrawn after debate 82

Clause 27, page 23, line 15, leave out “a specified person” and insert “the Groceries Code Adjudicator”

Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

Not called 83

Clause 27, page 23, line 23, at end insert—

“(8A) The Groceries Code Adjudicator Act 2013 is amended, by inserting after section 2 (Arbitration)—

“2A Fair dealing: determination of complaints alleging non-compliance

- (1) If a complaint relating to alleged non-compliance is referred to the Adjudicator under section 27(8)(a) of the Agriculture Act 2020, the Adjudicator must determine the complaint.
- (2) In determining any allegation of non-compliance under subsection (1), the Adjudicator must act in accordance with any regulations made under subsection (1) of section 27 of the Agriculture Act 2020 which make provision for investigation of complaints, imposition of penalties or a requirement to pay compensation, as specified by subsection (8) of section 27 of that Act.”

Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

Not called 80

Clause 27, page 23, line 25, after “any” insert “competent and appropriate”

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Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

Not called **81**

Clause 27, page 23, line 26, after “provide for a” insert “competent and appropriate”

Deidre Brock
 Dave Doogan

Negatived on division **20**

Clause 27, page 23, line 27, at end insert—
 “(10A) Before making regulations under this section, the Secretary of State must consult persons—
 (a) who are representative of—
 (i) qualifying sellers of, or
 (ii) business purchasers of,
 the agricultural products to which the regulations will apply, or
 (b) who may otherwise be affected by the regulations.”

Clause agreed to.

Deidre Brock
 Dave Doogan

Negatived on division **21**

Clause 28, page 23, line 42, leave out “to the Secretary of State”

Deidre Brock
 Dave Doogan

Not called **22**

Clause 28, page 24, line 12, leave out “to the Secretary of State”

Deidre Brock
 Dave Doogan

Not called **23**

Clause 28, page 24, line 20, leave out “to the Secretary of State”

Deidre Brock
 Dave Doogan

Not called **24**

Clause 28, page 24, line 38, at end insert—
 “(6A) An application under subsection (1), (3) or (5) is to be made to and determined by—
 (a) the appropriate authority for the part of the United Kingdom in which the applicant has its registered office or principal place of business, or
 (b) where the applicant is made up of producers, producer organisations or, as the case may be, businesses operating in more than one part of the United Kingdom, the appropriate authority for any of those parts.”

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Deidre Brock
Dave Doogan

Not called 25

Clause 28, page 25, line 5, leave out “The Secretary of State” and insert “The appropriate authority to which an application is made under this section”

Deidre Brock
Dave Doogan

Not called 26

Clause 28, page 25, line 24, at end insert—

““appropriate authority” means—

- (a) in relation to England, Wales or Northern Ireland, the Secretary of State,
- (b) in relation to Scotland, the Scottish Ministers;”

Clause agreed to.

Schedule 1 agreed to.

Deidre Brock
Dave Doogan

Not called 27

Clause 29, page 26, line 9, leave out “the Secretary of State” and insert “an appropriate authority (within the meaning given in section 28(13))”

Clause agreed to.

Schedule 2 agreed to.

Deidre Brock
Dave Doogan

Not called 28

Clause 30, page 26, line 16, leave out “the Secretary of State” and insert “an appropriate authority (within the meaning given in section 28(13))”

Deidre Brock
Dave Doogan

Negated on division 29

Clause 30, page 26, line 29, at end insert—

“(2A) Regulations under section 28 or 29 containing provision that extends to Scotland may be made only with the consent of the Scottish Ministers.”

Clause agreed to.

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Victoria Prentis

Agreed to **51**

Clause 31, page 28, line 48, leave out “the National Assembly for Wales” and insert “Senedd Cymru”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Victoria Prentis

Agreed to **89**

Clause 32, page 30, line 5, after “England” insert “or Wales”

Victoria Prentis

Agreed to **90**

Clause 32, page 30, line 7, leave out “Wales or”

Victoria Prentis

Agreed to **91**

Clause 32, page 30, line 10, leave out from “under” to end of line and insert “subsection (1)(a) made by the Secretary of State or the Welsh Ministers”

Victoria Prentis

Agreed to **92**

Clause 32, page 30, line 16, after “England” insert “or Wales”

Victoria Prentis

Agreed to **93**

Clause 32, page 30, line 16, at end insert “, and
 (b) in Article 22 (compliance)—
 (i) in paragraph 1 at the end insert—
 “The fourth, fifth and sixth subparagraphs do not
 apply in relation to England or Wales.”, and
 (ii) in paragraph 2 at the end insert—
 “This paragraph does not apply in relation to England
 or Wales.””

Victoria Prentis

Agreed to **94**

Clause 32, page 30, line 21, at end insert “or Wales”

Clause as amended, agreed to.

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Deidre Brock
Dave Doogan

Negated on division 30

Clause 33, page 31, line 32, at end insert—

“(10) The first scheme under this section must come into force no later than 1 April 2021.”

Clause agreed to.

Clause 34 agreed to.

Daniel Zeichner
Luke Pollard
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

Negated on division 87

Schedule 3, page 50, line 15, leave out “may” and insert “must”

Daniel Zeichner
Luke Pollard
Ruth Jones
Dr Alan Whitehead
Thangam Debbonaire

Not called 88

Schedule 3, page 50, leave out lines 27 to 29 and insert “the landlord’s consent to a matter on which the landlord’s consent is required,”

Victoria Prentis

Agreed to 57

Schedule 3, page 51, line 37, leave out “the National Assembly for Wales” and insert “Senedd Cymru”

Victoria Prentis

Agreed to 58

Schedule 3, page 54, line 9, leave out “the National Assembly for Wales” and insert “Senedd Cymru”

Victoria Prentis

Agreed to 59

Schedule 3, page 54, line 14, leave out “the National Assembly for Wales” and insert “Senedd Cymru”

Victoria Prentis

Agreed to 60

Schedule 3, page 54, line 19, leave out “the National Assembly for Wales” and insert “Senedd Cymru”

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Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

Withdrawn after debate 85

Schedule 3, page 55, line 20, at end insert—

“(1A) In subsection (1) leave out “section” and insert “sections 28A and”.”

Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

Not called 86

Schedule 3, page 55, line 31, at end insert—

“26A After section 28 insert—

“28A Disputes relating to requests for landlord’s consent or variation of terms

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where a tenant under a farm business tenancy has made a request to a landlord for the purposes of—
 - (a) enabling the tenant to request or apply for relevant financial assistance or relevant financial assistance of a description specified in regulations under subsection (2), or
 - (b) complying with a statutory duty, or a statutory duty of a description specified in regulations under subsection (2), applicable to the tenant,
 and the request meets such other conditions (if any) as may be specified in regulations under subsection (2).
- (2) The appropriate authority may by regulations make provision for a tenant under a farm business tenancy to refer for arbitration under the Agricultural Holdings Act 1986 a request under subsection (1) if no agreement has been reached with the landlord on the request.
- (3) Subsections (2) and (4) to (6) of section 19A of the Agricultural Holdings Act 1986 (as inserted by paragraph 7 of Schedule 3 to the Agriculture Act 2020) shall apply to any regulations made under subsection (2) of this section.
- (4) In this section—

“appropriate authority” means—

 - (a) in relation to England, the Secretary of State, and
 - (b) in relation to Wales, the Welsh Ministers;

“relevant financial assistance” means financial assistance under—

 - (a) section 1 of the Agriculture Act 2020 (powers of Secretary of State to give financial assistance),
 - (b) section 19 of, or paragraph 7 of Schedule 5 to, that Act (powers of Secretary of State and Welsh Ministers to give financial assistance in exceptional market conditions), or

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- (c) a scheme of the sort mentioned in section 2(4) of that Act (third party schemes);
- “statutory duty” means a duty imposed by or under—
- (a) an Act of Parliament;
 - (b) an Act or Measure of Senedd Cymru;
 - (c) retained direct EU legislation.”

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Daniel Zeichner
 Luke Pollard
 Ruth Jones
 Dr Alan Whitehead
 Thangam Debbonaire

Negated on division 84

Clause 35, page 31, line 38, leave out “may” and insert “must”

Clause agreed to.

Schedule 4 agreed to.

Clause 36 agreed to.

Victoria Prentis

Agreed to 52

Clause 37, page 35, line 15, leave out “the National Assembly for Wales” and insert “Senedd Cymru”

Victoria Prentis

Agreed to 53

Clause 37, page 35, line 16, leave out “that Assembly” and insert “the Senedd”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 38 agreed to.

Clause 39 agreed to.

[Adjourned until Thursday at 11.30am