



House of Commons

Thursday 25 June 2020

PUBLIC BILL COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES BILL

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Withdrawn after debate: moved and debated but then withdrawn, so not put to a decision.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

[FIRST AND SECOND SITTINGS]

Chloe Smith

Agreed to

That—

- (1) the Committee shall (in addition to its first meeting at 11.30am on Thursday 18 June) meet—
 - (a) at 2.00pm on Thursday 18 June;
 - (b) at 9.25am and 2.00pm on Tuesday 23 June;
 - (c) at 11.30am and 2.00pm on Thursday 25 June;
 - (d) at 9.25am and 2.00pm on Tuesday 30 June;
 - (e) at 11.30am and 2.00pm on Thursday 2 July;
- (2) the Committee shall hear oral evidence in accordance with the following Table:

Parliamentary Constituencies Bill, *continued*

TABLE

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Witness</i>
Thursday 18 June	Until no later than 12.20pm	Boundary Commission for England Boundary Commission for Scotland
Thursday 18 June	Until no later than 12.40pm	Boundary Commission for Wales
Thursday 18 June	Until no later than 1pm	Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland
Thursday 18 June	Until no later than 2.30pm	The Conservative Party
Thursday 18 June	Until no later than 3pm	The Labour Party
Thursday 18 June	Until no later than 3.30pm	The Liberal Democrats
Thursday 18 June	Until no later than 4pm	The Scottish National Party
Thursday 18 June	Until no later than 4.30pm	Plaid Cymru
Thursday 18 June	Until no later than 5pm	Professor Richard Wyn Jones, Wales Governance Centre, Cardiff University
Tuesday 23 June	Until no later than 9.55am	Dr Alan Renwick, The Constitution Unit, University College London
Tuesday 23 June	Until no later than 10.10am	The Green Party
Tuesday 23 June	Until no later than 10.40am	Professor Roger Awan-Scully, School of Law and Politics, Cardiff University
Tuesday 23 June	Until no later than 11.25am	Professor Iain McLean, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford Professor Sir John Curtice, Department of Politics, University of Strathclyde
Tuesday 23 June	Until no later than 2.30pm	The Association of Electoral Administrators
Tuesday 23 June	Until no later than 3pm	The Local Government Boundary Commission for England

Parliamentary Constituencies Bill, *continued*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Witness</i>
Tuesday 23 June	Until no later than 3.30pm	The Electoral Reform Society
Tuesday 23 June	Until no later than 3.50pm	The Democratic Unionist Party
Tuesday 23 June	Until no later than 4.10pm	Dr Jac Larnar, Wales Governance Centre, Cardiff University
Tuesday 23 June	Until no later than 5pm	Professor Charles Pattie, Department of Politics, University of Sheffield Dr David Rossiter

- (3) proceedings on consideration of the Bill in Committee shall be taken in the following order: Clauses 1 to 11, the Schedule, Clause 12, New Clauses, New Schedules, remaining proceedings on the Bill;
- (4) the proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at 5.00pm on Thursday 2 July.

Chloe Smith

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

Chloe Smith

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.

Agreed to

The following witnesses gave oral evidence:

Tony Bellringer, Secretary, Boundary Commission for England.
Isabel Drummond-Murray, Secretary, Boundary Commission for Scotland.
Shereen Williams MBE, Secretary, Boundary Commission for Wales.
Eamonn McConville, Secretary, Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland.
Roger Pratt CBE, Boundary Review Director, Conservative Party.
Tom Adams, Acting Director of Data and Targeting, Labour Party.
Dave McCobb, Deputy Director (Campaigns & Elections), Liberal Democrats.
Scott Martin, Solicitor, Scottish National Party.
Geraint Day, Deputy CEO and Head of Elections Campaigns Unit, Plaid Cymru.
Professor Richard Wyn Jones, Wales Governance Centre.

 Parliamentary Constituencies Bill, *continued*

 [THIRD AND FOURTH SITTINGS]

Chloe Smith

That, the Order of the Committee of 18 June be varied so as to omit the tenth, eleventh and twelfth rows in the table and substitute the following—

Tuesday 23 June	Until no later than 9.55 am	Dr Alan Renwick, The Constitution Unit, University College London Professor Robert Hazell, The Constitution Unit, University College London
Tuesday 23 June	Until no later than 10.20 am	The Green Party

Agreed to

The following witnesses gave oral evidence:

Dr Alan Renwick, Deputy Director, Constitution Unit, University College London.

Professor Robert Hazell, Professor of Government and the Constitution, Constitution Unit, University College London.

Chris Williams, Head of Elections and Field Operations, Green Party.

Professor Ian MacLean, Professor of Politics, Nuffield College.

Professor Sir John Curtice, Professor of Politics, University of Strathclyde.

Peter Stanyon, Chief Executive, Association of Electoral Administrators.

Andrew Scallan, Deputy Chair, Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

Darren Hughes, Chief Executive, Electoral Reform Society.

Gavin Robinson MP, Member of Parliament, Democratic Unionist Party.

Dr Jac Larner, Research Associate, Wales Governance Centre.

Dr David Rossiter, retired research fellow.

Professor Charles Pattie, Professor of Politics, University of Sheffield.

 [FIFTH AND SIXTH SITTINGS]

Cat Smith
Christian Matheson

Withdrawn after debate 2

Clause 1, page 1, line 5, leave out subsection (2)

Member's explanatory statement

This is a paving amendment for Amendment 5, with the aim of maintaining the status quo of parliamentary oversight within the boundary review process.

 Parliamentary Constituencies Bill, *continued*

Cat Smith
Christian Matheson

Not called 3

Clause 1, page 1, line 14, leave out subsection (4)

Member's explanatory statement

This is a paving amendment for Amendment 5, with the aim of maintaining the status quo of parliamentary oversight within the boundary review process.

Cat Smith
Christian Matheson

Not called 4

Clause 1, page 2, line 16, leave out subsection (7)

Member's explanatory statement

This is a paving amendment for Amendment 5, with the aim of maintaining the status quo of parliamentary oversight within the boundary review process.

Clause agreed to.

Cat Smith
Christian Matheson

Not selected 5

Page 2, line 17, leave out Clause 2

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment aims to maintain the status quo of parliamentary oversight within the boundary review process.

Clause agreed to on division.

Clauses 3 to 5 agreed to.

David Linden
Ben Lake

Withdrawn after debate 8

Clause 6, page 4, line 35, before "for" insert "(a)"

Member's explanatory statement

This is linked to amendment 9.

David Linden
Ben Lake

Withdrawn after debate 6

Clause 6, page 4, line 36, leave out "which exist, or are prospective, on the review date"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment removes the restriction on the local government boundaries the Boundary Commissions may take into account, rather than fixing them at a technical level as at the start of the review.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 20 June at 9.25 am