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## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

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*New Amendments handed in are marked thus ★*

☆ *Amendments which will comply with the required notice period at their next appearance*

*Amendments tabled since the last publication: 1 to 5*

## SOCIAL SECURITY (UP-RATING OF BENEFITS) BILL

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**This document includes all amendments tabled to date and includes any withdrawn amendments at the end.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

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Chris Stephens  
Neil Gray  
Ian Blackford  
Kirsten Oswald  
Patrick Grady

- ★ Clause 1, page 1, line 10, leave out from “State” to the end of line 15 and insert—  
“shall lay before Parliament the draft of an order which increases each of the amounts referred to in subsection (1) above by a percentage no less than—
- (a) the difference between the general level of earnings at the beginning of the period under review and the general level of earnings at the end of that period, or
  - (b) the difference between the general level of prices at the beginning of the period under review and the general level of prices at the end of that period, or
  - (c) 2.5%,
- whichever is the greater.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment would require the Secretary of State to up-rate the benefits to which this Act applies in accordance with the “triple lock” of the higher of increases in prices, increases in earnings or 2.5%.*

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**Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill, *continued***

Chris Stephens  
Neil Gray  
Ian Blackford  
Kirsten Oswald  
Patrick Grady

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★ Clause 1, page 1, line 23, at end insert—

“(2C) No draft order laid before Parliament under section (2A) above may be made in the form of the draft until the Secretary of State has laid before Parliament a report containing an assessment of the impact of its effect on levels of poverty.

(2D) The assessment required by paragraph 2C shall, in particular, consider the impact on levels of poverty in—

(a) Scotland, and

(b) Wales.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment would require the Secretary of State to lay before Parliament an assessment of the impact of the up-rating on levels of poverty, including in Scotland and Wales.*

Chris Stephens  
Neil Gray  
Ian Blackford  
Kirsten Oswald  
Patrick Grady

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★ Clause 1, page 1, line 23, at end insert—

“(2C) No draft order laid before Parliament under section (2A) above may be made in the form of the draft until the Secretary of State has laid before Parliament a report containing an assessment of its impact on persons not ordinarily resident in Great Britain, including the impact of exempting any such persons from entitlement to up-rating increases granted by the order.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment would require the Secretary of State to lay before Parliament an assessment of the impact on those overseas pensioners whose pensions are frozen in accordance with Government policy.*

Chris Stephens  
Neil Gray  
Ian Blackford  
Kirsten Oswald  
Patrick Grady

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★ Clause 1, page 1, line 23, at end insert—

“(2C) No power may be exercised under this or any other Act so as to exempt persons not ordinarily resident in Great Britain from entitlement to up-rating increases granted by an order made by virtue of section (2A) of this Act.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment would ensure that this up-rating applied to all overseas pensioners, including those whose pensions have previously been frozen in accordance with Government policy.*

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Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill, *continued*

Chris Stephens  
Neil Gray  
Ian Blackford  
Kirsten Oswald  
Patrick Grady

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★ Clause 1, page 1, line 23, at end insert—

“(2C) No draft order laid before Parliament under section (2A) above may be made in the form of the draft until the Secretary of State has laid before Parliament a report containing an assessment of its impact on those affected by the changes in the state pension age made by the Pensions Act 1995 and the Pensions Act 2011; and that assessment shall, in particular, consider the impact on women born between 6 April 1950 and 5 April 1960.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment would require the Secretary of State to lay before Parliament an assessment of the impact of the up-rating on those whose state pension age was changed by the Pensions Acts 1995 and 2011, including in particular the group known as the “WASPI women”.*

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