
Committee Stage: Thursday 8 July 2021

Rating (Coronavirus) and Directors Disqualification (Dissolved Companies) Bill (Committee Stage Decisions)

This document sets out the fate of each clause, schedule, amendment and new clause considered at committee stage. A glossary with key terms can be found at the end of this document.

First to Third Sittings

FIRST AND SECOND SITTINGS

Agreed to

Luke Hall

That—

1. the Committee shall (in addition to its first meeting at 9.25 am on Tuesday 6 July) meet—
 - (a) at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 6 July;
 - (b) at 11.30 am and 2.00 pm on Thursday 8 July.
2. the Committee shall hear oral evidence in accordance with the following Table:

Date	Time	Witness
Tuesday 6 July	Until no later than 10.30 am	UK Finance
Tuesday 6 July	Until no later than 11:00 am	The Chartered Institute of Credit Management
Tuesday 6 July	Until no later than 11:25 am	Dr John Tribe, University of Liverpool
Tuesday 6 July	Until no later than 2:45 pm	The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy; The Institute of Revenues Rating and Valuation
Tuesday 6 July	Until no later than 3:15 pm	Local Government Association
Tuesday 6 July	Until no later than 4:00 pm	The Transparency Task Force
Tuesday 6 July	Until no later than 4:45 pm	UKHospitality

Date	Time	Witness
Tuesday 6 July	Until no later than 5:15 pm	R3

3. the proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at 5.00 pm on Thursday 8 July.

Paul Scully
Luke Hall

Agreed to

That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication.

Paul Scully
Luke Hall

Agreed to

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.

The following Witnesses gave oral evidence:

Stephen Pegge, Managing Director, Commercial Finance, UK Finance

David Kerr, Fellow, The Chartered Institute of Credit Management

Dr John Tribe, Senior Lecturer in Law, University of Liverpool

Adrian Blaylock, Lead Revenues Advisor, Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, and David Magor OBE IRRV, Chief Executive, Institute of Revenues Rating and Valuation

Sarah Pickup OBE, Deputy Chief Executive, Local Government Association

Andrew Agathangelou, Founder, The Transparency Task Force

Kate Nicholls OBE, Chief Executive, UKHospitality

Duncan Swift, Former President, R3

THIRD SITTING

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

Seema Malhotra
Jeff Smith

Not called NC1

To move the following Clause—

“Duty to report on directors of dissolved companies

- (1) The Secretary of State must lay a report before each House of Parliament no later than three months after the day on which this Act is passed, and during each three month period thereafter.
- (2) Each report under subsection (1) must include the number of former directors of dissolved companies the Insolvency Service has—
 - (a) investigated; and
 - (b) disqualified
 both in the three-month period prior to the report being published, and in total since section 1 came into force.”

Jeff Smith
Seema Malhotra

Negated on division NC2

To move the following Clause—

“Effectiveness of non-domestic rating lists provisions

- (1) The Secretary of State must, no later than the end of the period of one year after the day on which this Act is passed, lay before Parliament an assessment of the effectiveness of the provisions in section 1 of this Act.
- (2) The assessment must include consideration of—
 - (a) the extent to which the provisions have achieved their objectives;
 - (b) the interaction of the provisions with other law and policy relating to coronavirus support for business and business rates; and
 - (c) possible related changes to law and policy.”

Seema Malhotra
Jeff Smith

Negated on division NC3

To move the following Clause—

“Effectiveness of provisions on former directors of dissolved companies

- (1) The Secretary of State must, no later than the end of the period of one year after the day on which sections 2 and 3 come into force, lay before Parliament an assessment of the effectiveness of the provisions in section 2 and 3 of this Act.
- (2) The assessment must include consideration of—

- (a) the extent to which the provisions have achieved their objectives;
- (b) the interaction of the provisions with other law and policy relating to the investigation and disqualification of directors; and
- (c) possible related changes to law and policy.”

Bill to be reported.

Glossary

Added: New Clause agreed without a vote and added to the Bill.

Agreed to: agreed without a vote.

Agreed to on division: agreed following a vote.

Negated: rejected without a vote.

Negated 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.
