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Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill

(Amendment Paper)

This document lists all amendments tabled to the Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill. Any withdrawn amendments are listed at the end of the document. The amendments are arranged in the order in which it is expected they will be decided.

This document should be read alongside the Chairman of Ways and Means provisional Selection and Grouping, which sets out the order in which the amendments will be debated.

Debbie Abrahams

NC1

To move the following Clause—

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“Review of public health and poverty effects

- (1) The Secretary of State must review the public health and poverty effects of the provisions of this Act and lay a report of that review before the House of Commons within six months of the day on which this Act is passed.
- (2) A review under this section must consider—
 - (a) the effects of the provisions of this Act on the levels of relative and absolute poverty in the UK,
 - (b) the effects of the provisions of this Act on socioeconomic inequalities and on population groups with protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010,
 - (c) the effect of uprating benefits in line with price inflation instead of earnings growth under this Act on inter-generational income distribution and fairness,

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- (d) the effects of the provisions of this Act on life expectancy and healthy life expectancy in the UK, and
- (e) the implications for the public finances of the public health effects of the provisions of this Act.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new clause would require a review of the impact of temporarily linking the state pension and other benefits covered by this Bill with price inflation rather than earnings growth.

David Linden

NC2

To move the following Clause—

“Review

- (1) The Secretary of State must, no later than 6 months after the date on which this Act is passed, lay before Parliament a report containing an assessment of the impact of this Act on levels of poverty among pensioners in—
 - (a) Scotland,
 - (b) Wales, and

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(c) England.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new clause would require the Secretary of State to lay before Parliament an assessment of the impact of the uprating next year by price inflation instead of earnings growth on levels of pensioner poverty in Scotland, Wales and England (the Bill does not extend to Northern Ireland).
