
Committee Stage: Thursday 16 September 2021

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 Any withdrawn amendments are listed at the end of the document.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.

★ New Amendments.

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

New Amendment: NC2

Debbie Abrahams

NC1

☆ To move the following Clause—

“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,
 - (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.

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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
 - (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).
