
Committee Stage: Thursday 13 October 2022

Identity and Language (Northern Ireland) Bill [HL] (Amendment Paper)

This document lists all amendments tabled to the Identity and Language (Northern Ireland) Bill [HL]. Any withdrawn amendments are listed at the end of the document.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.

New Amendments: 1 to 5

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Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson

1

Sammy Wilson
Mr Gregory Campbell
Carla Lockhart
Ian Paisley
Jim Shannon

Gavin Robinson

Paul Girvan

★ Clause 3, page 9, line 31, at end insert—

“78RA Duty to have regard to published advice or guidance

- (1) A public authority must, in providing services to the public or a section of the public in Northern Ireland, have due regard to any advice or guidance published pursuant to section 78R(2).
- (2) A public authority must prepare and publish a plan setting out the steps it proposes to take to comply with the duty in subsection (1).
- (3) A public authority—
 - (a) may revise and re-publish the plan if the authority considers it necessary or desirable to do so;
 - (b) must revise and re-publish the plan if relevant revised advice or guidance is published in accordance with section 78R(2).
- (4) In preparing or revising a plan under this section, a public authority must consult the Commissioner.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would place public authorities under a duty to have regard to advice, support and guidance issued by the Commissioner for the Ulster Scots and Ulster British traditions. It would also require authorities to prepare and publish a plan demonstrating how they will adhere to the duty. This mirrors the duty to have regard provision that applies to the Irish Language Commissioner giving expression to the need for public authorities to give expression to the parity of esteem principle in relation to both Commissioners.

Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson

2

Sammy Wilson
Mr Gregory Campbell
Carla Lockhart
Ian Paisley
Jim Shannon

Gavin Robinson

Paul Girvan

★ Clause 3, page 9, line 34, leave out “facilitation”

Member's explanatory statement

See explanatory statement for Amendment 5.

Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson

3

Sammy Wilson
Mr Gregory Campbell
Carla Lockhart
Ian Paisley
Jim Shannon

Gavin Robinson

Paul Girvan

★ Clause 3, page 10, line 17, leave out “facilitation”

Member's explanatory statement

See explanatory statement for Amendment 5.

Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson

4

Sammy Wilson
Mr Gregory Campbell
Carla Lockhart
Ian Paisley
Jim Shannon

Gavin Robinson

Paul Girvan

★ Clause 3, page 10, line 20, leave out “facilitation”

Member's explanatory statement

See explanatory statement for Amendment 5.

Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson

5

Sammy Wilson
Mr Gregory Campbell
Carla Lockhart
Ian Paisley
Jim Shannon

Gavin Robinson

Paul Girvan

★ Clause 3, page 10, leave out lines 24 to 27 and insert—

“(6) In this section “published guidance” means guidance published under section 78R(2)(b).”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would extend the grounds on which an individual can submit a complaint to the Commissioner for the Ulster Scots and Ulster British Traditions to cover the conduct of public authorities in relation to all the guidance issued by the Ulster Scots Ulster British Commissioner, as is already the case with respect to all the guidance issued by the Irish Language Commissioner. It would thus help restore/achieve the parity of esteem.

Order of the House

[12 October 2022]

That the following provisions shall apply to the Identity and Language (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords]:

Committal

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Proceedings in Committee, on Consideration and on Third Reading

2. Proceedings in Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion four hours after the commencement of proceedings in Committee of the whole House.
3. Any proceedings on Consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion five hours after the commencement of proceedings in Committee of the whole House.
4. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings in Committee of the whole House, to any proceedings on Consideration or to proceedings on Third Reading.

Other proceedings

5. Any other proceedings on the Bill may be programmed.