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Report Stage: Wednesday 11 January 2023

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# Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill

## (Amendment Paper)

This document lists all amendments tabled to the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency 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 Any withdrawn amendments are listed at the end of the document.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.

New Amendments: NC1 and NC2

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Liam Byrne  
Mr David Davis

NC1

★ To move the following Clause—

**“Disclosure of information in the public interest likely to be relevant to the investigation of economic crime**

- (1) It is a defence to an action based on the disclosure or publication of information for the defendant to show that—
  - (a) the disclosure or publication complained of was likely to be relevant to the investigation of an economic crime, and
  - (b) the defendant reasonably believed that the disclosure or publication complained of was likely to be relevant to the investigation of an economic crime.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), in determining whether the defendant has shown the matters mentioned in subsection (1), the court must have regard to all the circumstances of the case.
- (3) In determining whether it was reasonable for the defendant to believe that the disclosure or publication complained of was likely to be relevant to the investigation of an economic crime, the court must make such allowance for editorial judgement as it considers appropriate.
- (4) For the avoidance of doubt, the defence under this section may be relied upon irrespective of whether the statement complained of is a statement of fact or a statement of opinion.”

Liam Byrne  
Mr David Davis

NC2

★ To move the following Clause—

**“Economic crime: power to strike out statement of case for abuse of process**

The court may strike out the whole or part of any statement of case which can be reasonably understood as having the purpose of concealing, or preventing disclosure or publication of, any information likely to be relevant to the investigation of an economic crime.”

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## Order of the House

[13 October 2022]

That the following provisions shall apply to the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill:

**Committal**

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

**Proceedings in Public Bill Committee**

2. Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Tuesday 29 November 2022.
3. The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

**Proceedings on Consideration and on Third Reading**

4. Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.
5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.
6. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading.

**Other proceedings**

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