
Lords Message: Tuesday 2 May 2023

Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Bill (Decisions on Motions relating to Lords Amendments)

This document sets out the fate of motions considered in relation to Lords Amendments.
A glossary with key terms can be found at the end of this document.

On Consideration of Lords Amendments to words restored to the Bill

Lords Amendments Nos. **10B, 10C, 10D and 10E**

Secretary Gillian Keegan

Agreed to

To move, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendments 10B, 10C and 10D; disagrees to their Amendment 10E, and do propose in lieu of their Amendment 10E the following Amendment (a) to the words restored to the Bill by Commons disagreement to Lords Amendment 10:—

Page 6, line 27, at end insert—

(a)

- “(2) In subsection (1), “loss” means loss of any kind (pecuniary or non-pecuniary).
- (3) A person may bring proceedings under subsection (1) only if—
 - (a) the person has brought a complaint relating to the same subject matter as the proceedings under a relevant complaints scheme, and
 - (b) a decision has been made under that scheme as to the extent to which the complaint was justified.
- (4) Each of the following is a “relevant complaints scheme”—
 - (a) the scheme provided by virtue of Schedule 6A (the free speech complaints scheme), and
 - (b) the scheme for the review of qualifying complaints (within the meaning of section 12 of the Higher Education Act 2004) that is provided by the designated operator (within the meaning of section 13(5)(b) of that Act).
- (5) Subsection (3) does not apply where the civil proceedings under subsection (1) are for an injunction only.”

Lords Amendments 10B, 10C, 10D accordingly agreed to, Lords Amendment 10E accordingly disagreed to, and amendment (a) in lieu of Lords Amendment 10E accordingly agreed to.

Glossary

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.

Withdrawn after debate: moved and debated but then withdrawn, so not put to a decision.

Not selected: not chosen for debate by the Speaker.