
Committee Stage: Tuesday 16 May 2023

Energy Bill [HL]

(Amendment Paper)

This document lists all amendments tabled to the Energy 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 Any withdrawn amendments are listed at the end of the document.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: NC5 and NC6

Andrew Bowie

To move, That the Bill be considered in the following order, namely, Clauses 1 to 16, Schedule 1, Clauses 17 to 21, Schedule 2, Clauses 22 to 32, Schedule 3, Clauses 33 to 52, Schedule 4, Clauses 53 and 54, Schedule 5, Clauses 55 to 98, Schedule 6, Clause 99 to 132, Schedule 7, Clause 133, Schedule 8, Clauses 134 to 137, Schedule 9, Clauses 138 to 158, Schedule 10, Schedule 11, Clause 159, Schedule 12, Clause 160, Schedule 13, Clause 161, Schedule 14, Clauses 162 to 167, Schedule 15, Clauses 168 to 174, Schedule 16, Clauses 175 to 203, Schedule 17, Clauses 204 to 239, Schedule 18, Clauses 240 to 254, Schedule 19, Clauses 255 to 259, Schedule 20, Clauses 260 to 279, new Clauses, new Schedules, remaining proceedings on the Bill.

Andrew Bowie

That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication.

Anne McLaughlin

Alan Brown
Stephen Flynn
Mhairi Black
Brendan O'Hara

NC1

To move the following Clause—

“Smart meter roll-out for prepayment customers

- (1) The Secretary of State must ensure that all legacy prepayment meters are replaced with smart meters, unless the customer objects in writing, before the end of 2025.
- (2) The Secretary of State must by regulations provide for an end to the practice of self-disconnections, such regulations to come into force within six months of the date on which this Act is passed.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (2) may provide for, but are not limited to—
 - (a) the introduction of a social tariff for prepayment customers,
 - (b) the introduction of mechanisms to apply credit automatically if a prepayment customer runs out of credit, and
 - (c) the introduction of a mechanism to transfer a prepayment customer to credit mode automatically if they run out of credit.”

Anne McLaughlin

NC2

Alan Brown
Stephen Flynn
Mhairi Black
Brendan O'Hara

To move the following Clause—

“Restriction of the use of prepayment meters

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations restrict the installation of new prepayment meters for domestic energy use.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may set conditions for energy suppliers in relation to the installation of new prepayment meters, including—
 - (a) ensuring consumers have given full and informed consent to the installation of a prepayment meter after having been offered access to a recognised debt counselling agency;
 - (b) ensuring vulnerable consumers are not required to use prepayment meters;
 - (c) publishing a non-exhaustive list of circumstances in which a consumer is considered vulnerable, including financially vulnerable; and
 - (d) ensuring consumers have a clear, timetabled route back to standard meters once specified conditions are met.
- (3) In this section “installation of new prepayment meters” includes switching existing energy meters to a prepayment mode.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would allow the Secretary of State to restrict the use of prepayment meters, especially in relation to vulnerable consumers or where consumers are not aware they are being moved over to a prepayment mode.

Caroline Lucas

NC3

To move the following Clause—

“Prohibition of new oil and gas field developments and issuing of exploration and production licences

Within six months of the day on which this Act is passed, the Secretary of State must by regulations prohibit—

- (a) the approval of new oil and gas field developments, and
- (b) the release of new oil and gas exploration and production licences.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would prohibit the approval of new oil and gas field developments and the issuing of new oil and gas exploration and production licenses.

Caroline Lucas

NC4

To move the following Clause—

“Duty to phase down UK petroleum

- (1) Within six months of the day on which this Act is passed, the Secretary of State must make regulations to amend section 9A of the Petroleum Act 1998.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) must—
 - (a) remove the “principal objective” of maximising the economic recovery of UK petroleum;
 - (b) define a new “principal objective”.
- (3) The new “principal objective” referred to in paragraph (2)(b) must provide for—
 - (a) delivery of a managed and orderly phase down of UK petroleum;
 - (b) advancement of the UK’s climate change commitments, including—
 - (i) the target for 2050 set out in section 1 of the Climate Change Act 2008, and
 - (ii) the commitment given by the Government of the United Kingdom in the Glasgow Climate Pact to pursue policies to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius;
 - (c) facilitation of a just transition for oil and gas workers and communities.
- (4) Before making regulations under subsection (1) the Secretary of State must hold a public consultation which must include consultation with—
 - (a) the devolved administrations,
 - (b) relevant trade union and worker representatives,
 - (c) relevant representatives from academia,
 - (d) relevant climate and environmental organisations and representatives,
 - (e) relevant industry representatives of petroleum and renewable energy businesses supporting the transition away from fossil fuels, and

(f) offshore energy training bodies.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would amend the Petroleum Act 1998 to remove the principal objective of maximising the economic recovery of UK petroleum and replace it with a new principal objective to deliver a managed and orderly phase down of UK petroleum, advance the UK's climate targets, and support a just transition for oil and gas workers.

Alan Brown

NC5

Brendan O'Hara

★ To move the following Clause—

“Net Zero compatibility test

The Secretary of State must by regulations make provision, with effect from the date on which this Act is passed, for all future legislative Impact Assessments to include a “Net Zero compatibility test”.”

Alan Brown

NC6

Brendan O'Hara

★ To move the following Clause—

“Just Transition Commission

- (1) Within six months of the date on which this Act is passed the Secretary of State must by regulations establish a body to be known as the “Just Transition Commission”.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) must provide for the purposes of the Just Transition Commission to include—
 - (a) the provision of scrutiny and advice on the ongoing development of just transition plans;
 - (b) the provision of advice on appropriate approaches to monitoring and evaluation; and
 - (c) consultation with such persons as the Secretary of State shall consider appropriate in relation to the delivery and likely impact of just transition planning.
- (3) The Just Transition Commission must produce and lay before Parliament an annual report of its work.”

Order of the House

[9 May 2023]

That the following provisions shall apply to the Energy Bill [Lords]:

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 Thursday 29 June 2023.
3. The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

Consideration and 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.