

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

LORDS AMENDMENTS TO THE SAFETY OF RWANDA (ASYLUM AND IMMIGRATION) BILL

Committee to draw up Reasons for disagreeing to Lords Amendments

WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL 2024

Members present:

Michael Tomlinson, in the Chair

Collen Fletcher
Stephen Kinnock
Scott Mann

Kieran Mullan
James Sunderland
Alison Thewliss

Motion made and Question proposed, That the following Reason be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment 1D to the Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill:

Because the Commons consider that the provisions of the Bill are compliant with domestic and international obligations, and that it is therefore not necessary to refer expressly to having due regard for domestic and international law when setting out the purpose of the Bill. — (*The Chair.*)

Amendment proposed, at end to add “but notes the statement by the Home Secretary that he is unable to confirm that the Bill is compatible with Convention Rights.”— (*Alison Thewliss.*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 1

Noes, 3

Alison Thewliss

James Sunderland
Scott Mann
Kieran Mullan

Question accordingly negatived.

Main Question put.

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 3

Noes, 1

James Sunderland
Scott Mann
Kieran Mullan

Alison Thewliss

Question accordingly agreed to.

Reason to be reported [Standing Order No. 83H(6)].

Motion made and Question proposed, That the following Reason be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment 3E to the Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill:

Because the Commons consider that it is not necessary to refer expressly to the arrangements in the Rwanda Treaty being, and continuing to be, implemented and adhered to; the Bill is clear that it comes into force on the day on which the Rwanda Treaty enters into force and it is not appropriate for the Bill to legislate for Rwanda adhering to its obligations under the Treaty as Rwanda's ongoing adherence to its Treaty obligations will be subject to the monitoring provisions set out in the Treaty.—(*The Chair.*)

Amendment proposed, at end to add “but regrets the absence of a mechanism for Parliament to scrutinise the safety of Rwanda and the assessment of the report of the independent Monitoring Committee.”— (*Alison Thewliss.*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 1	Noes, 3
Alison Thewliss	James Sunderland Scott Mann Kieran Mullan

Question accordingly negated.

Main Question put.

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 3	Noes, 1
James Sunderland Scott Mann Kieran Mullan	Alison Thewliss

Question accordingly agreed to.

Reason to be reported [Standing Order No. 83H(6)].

Motion made and Question proposed, That the following Reason be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment 6D to the Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill:

Because the Commons consider that it is not appropriate to leave out clause 4 of the Bill and insert the new clause in the Amendment, as the Bill allows decision-makers to consider claims that Rwanda is unsafe for an individual due to their particular circumstances. — (*The Chair.*)

Amendment proposed, at end to add “but regrets that this undermines the ability of the Secretary of State, immigration officers, or a court or tribunal to hear objective evidence as to the safety

of Rwanda and the ability of a court or tribunal to grant interim remedies as it sees appropriate.”
— (*Alison Thewliss.*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 1	Noes, 3
Alison Thewliss	James Sunderland Scott Mann Kieran Mullan

Question accordingly negatived.

Main Question put.

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 3	Noes, 1
James Sunderland Scott Mann Kieran Mullan	Alison Thewliss

Question accordingly agreed to.

Reason to be reported [Standing Order No. 83H(6)].

Motion made and Question proposed, That the following Reason be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment 10D to the Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill

Because the Commons consider that it is not necessary as the only way individuals should come to the UK is through safe and legal routes. — (*The Chair.*)

Amendment proposed, at end to add “but accepts that those eligible for ACRS and ARAP have now been waiting for three years for expression of interest to be processed and they they have been unable to avail themselves of safe and legal routes.”— (*Alison Thewliss.*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 1	Noes, 3
Alison Thewliss	James Sunderland Scott Mann Kieran Mullan

Question accordingly negatived.

Main Question put.

The Committee divided.

Ayes, 3

Noes, 1

James Sunderland

Alison Thewliss

Scott Mann

Kieran Mullan

Question accordingly agreed to.

Reason to be reported [Standing Order No. 83H(6)].