

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Committee to draw up Reasons for disagreeing to Lords Amendments

MONDAY, 22 APRIL 2024

Members present:

Michael Tomlinson, in the Chair

Colleen Fletcher	Kieran Mullan
Stephen Kinnock	James Sunderland
Scott Mann	Alison Thewliss

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

Because the Commons consider that it is not necessary as the Bill comes into force on the day on which the Rwanda Treaty enters into force and 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 that there remains no formal means of parliamentary scrutiny of the reports of the Independent Monitoring Committee or the adherence of Rwanda to its obligations under the provisions of the Rwanda Treaty.”— (*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	Alison Thewliss
Scott Mann	
Kieran Mullan	

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 10F 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 notes that Afghans continue to make up a significant proportion of small boat arrivals, and that many have not been able to avail themselves of safe and legal routes including family reunification, the Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy (ARAP) and Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACRS).”— (*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	Alison Thewliss
Scott Mann	
Kieran Mullan	

Question accordingly agreed to.

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