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House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) Bill (Amendment Paper)

This document lists all amendments tabled to the House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) 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 Any withdrawn amendments are listed at the end of the document.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.

This document should be read alongside the provisional Selection and Grouping by the Chairman of Ways and Means, which sets out the order in which the amendments will be debated.

Alex Burghart

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Clause 2, page 1, line 8, at end insert—

“(3) Jurisdiction in relation to claims to hereditary peerages is to be exercised by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment provides explicitly that the jurisdiction in relation to claims to hereditary peerages passes to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

Alex Burghart

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Clause 4, page 2, line 16, leave out from “force” to end of line 17 and insert “only when the House of Commons has agreed a resolution which—

- (a) endorses the conclusions of the report a joint committee appointed for the purpose specified in subsection (3A), and
 - (b) determines accordingly that this Act shall come into force at the end of the Session of Parliament in which this resolution is passed.
- (3A) The purpose of the joint committee of the House of Commons and the House of Lords referred to in subsection (3) is to consider and report upon the Government’s stated plans for reform of the House of Lords, including—
- (a) the removal of the right of excepted hereditary peers to sit and vote in the House of Lords,

- (b) the introduction of a mandatory retirement age for members of the House of Lords,
- (c) a new participation threshold to enable continuing membership of the House of Lords,
- (d) changes to the circumstances in which disgraced members of the House of Lords can be removed, and
- (e) changes to the process of appointment of members of the House of Lords."

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment provides that the Bill would only come into effect after the report of a joint committee on wider reforms of the composition of the House of Lords has been approved by a resolution of the House of Commons.

Sir Ashley Fox

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Clause 4, page 2, line 17, leave out "this Act is passed" and insert "the condition in section [requirement on Government to publish legislative proposals] is met"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment provides that the Bill would only come into effect at the end of the Session of Parliament in which the government publishes legislative proposals meeting the requirements set out in NC19.

Pete Wishart

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Kirsty Blackman

Clause 5, page 2, line 21, leave out "(Hereditary Peers)" and insert "(Appointments and Membership)"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would change the short title of the Bill and is consequential on NC9 and NC10.

Pete Wishart

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Kirsty Blackman

Clause 5, page 2, line 21, leave out "(Hereditary Peers)" and insert "(Abolition)"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would change the short title of the Bill and is consequential on NC18.

Sir Gavin Williamson

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Dr Ben Spencer

Clause 5, page 2, line 21, leave out “(Hereditary Peers)”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on NC3, NC4, NC5 and NC6. It would amend the short title of the Bill.

Sir Gavin Williamson

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Joy Morrissey
Mr Richard Holden
Simon Hoare
Nick Timothy
Gareth Bacon

Dr Ben Spencer
Sir Ashley Fox
Rebecca Paul
Pete Wishart

David Mundell
John McDonnell
Alicia Kearns

Sir Alec Shelbrooke
Graham Stringer
Bob Blackman

Clause 5, page 2, line 21, after “Peers” insert “and Bishops”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on NC1. It would amend the short title of the Bill.

Sarah Olney

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Clause 5, page 2, line 21, after “Peers” insert “and Proposals for a Democratic Mandate”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would change the short title of the Bill and is consequential on NC7.

Sarah Olney

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Clause 5, page 2, line 21, after “Peers” insert “and Appointments”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would change the short title of the Bill and is consequential on NC8.

Pete Wishart

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Kirsty Blackman

Clause 5, page 2, line 21, after “Peers” insert “and Replacement”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would change the short title of the Bill and is consequential on NC15.

Pete Wishart 20
Kirsty Blackman

Clause 5, page 2, line 21, after “Peers” insert “and Allowances”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would change the short title of the Bill and is consequential on NC16 and NC17.

Sir Gavin Williamson 28

Clause 5, page 2, line 21, after “Peers” insert “and Appointments Commission”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on NC21. It would amend the short title of the Bill.

Sir Gavin Williamson NC1

Joy Morrissey
Mr Richard Holden
Simon Hoare
Nick Timothy
Gareth Bacon

Dr Ben Spencer
Sir Ashley Fox
Rebecca Paul
Pete Wishart
Rupert Lowe

David Mundell
John McDonnell
Alicia Kearns
Lee Anderson
Mr Peter Bedford

Sir Alec Shelbrooke
Graham Stringer
Bob Blackman
Richard Tice

To move the following Clause—

“Exclusion of bishops

- (1) No-one shall be a member of the House of Lords by virtue of being a bishop or Archbishop of the Church of England.
- (2) No bishop or Archbishop of the Church of England is entitled to receive, in that capacity, a writ of summons to attend, or sit and vote in, the House of Lords.
- (3) Nothing in this section prevents a person who is, or has been, a bishop or Archbishop of the Church of England from receiving, and exercising the entitlements under, a peerage for life in accordance with section 1 of the Life Peerages Act 1958.
- (4) Nothing in this section prevents a person who is, or has been, a bishop or Archbishop of the Church of England from being permitted to enter the House of Lords for the purpose only of leading prayers in accordance with arrangements made by that House.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause provides that bishops of the Church of England will no longer be entitled to membership of the House of Lords.

Sir Gavin Williamson**NC2**

Joy Morrissey
Mr Richard Holden
Simon Hoare
Nick Timothy
Gareth Bacon

Dr Ben Spencer
Sir Ashley Fox
Rebecca Paul
Pete Wishart

David Mundell
John McDonnell
Alicia Kearns
Mr Peter Bedford

Sir Alec Shelbrooke
Graham Stringer
Bob Blackman

To move the following Clause—

“Exclusion of bishops: consequential amendments etc.

- (1) In the House of Lords Precedence Act 1539—
 - (a) omit section 3 (places of the Archbishops and Bishops);
 - (b) in section 6 (place of the King’s Chief Secretary) omit the words after “aforemencioned”.
- (2) The Bishopricks Act 1878 is repealed.
- (3) In the Welsh Church Act 1914 omit section 2(3) (writs of summons to be issued to bishops not disqualified by the 1914 Act for sitting in the House of Lords).
- (4) In the House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975, in section 1(1) omit paragraph (za) (disqualification of Lords Spiritual).
- (5) In the Northern Ireland Act 1998, in section 36(6) omit paragraph (b) (a person is not disqualified for membership of the Assembly by reason only that he is a Lord Spiritual).
- (6) In the Scotland Act 1998, in section 16(1) omit paragraph (b) (a person is not disqualified from being a member of the Scottish Parliament because he is a Lord Spiritual).
- (7) In the House of Commons (Removal of Clergy Disqualification) Act 2001, in section 1, omit subsection (2) (Lords Spiritual disqualified from being a Member of the House of Commons).
- (8) In the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010, in section 41, omit subsection (6)(b) (members entitled to receive writs of summons to attend the House of Lords by virtue of being an archbishop or bishop); but this subsection is without prejudice to the continued application of that provision in relation to tax years beginning before the commencement of this Act.
- (9) In the House of Lords Reform Act 2014, in section 4(3), omit “or as a Lord Spiritual”.
- (10) The Lords Spiritual (Women) Act 2015 is repealed.

- (11) In the enactment formula used for Acts passed after the passing of this Act, where the phrase “by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons” appears, the phrase “by and with the advice and consent of the Lords and Commons” is to be used instead.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause makes repeals and amendments to other Acts consequential on NC1, as well as providing for changes to words of enactment.

Sir Gavin Williamson

NC3

Dr Ben Spencer

To move the following Clause—

“Mandatory retirement at the age of 80

- (1) A member of the House of Lords who reaches the age of 80 during a Session of Parliament ceases to be a member of the House of Lords at the end of that Session.
- (2) No-one shall be eligible for a peerage for life to be conferred in accordance with section 1 of the Life Peerages Act 1958 after they reach the age of 80.
- (3) A member of the House of Lords who has reached the age of 80 shall not be entitled to receive a writ to attend the House under section 1 of the Life Peerages Act 1958 or by virtue of the dignity conferred by virtue of appointment as a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause provides that peers who are over the age of 80 will no longer be entitled to membership of the House of Lords at the end of the parliamentary session they turn 80 and that no one can be appointed a Life Peer after they reach that age.

Sir Gavin Williamson

NC4

Dr Ben Spencer

To move the following Clause—

“Minimum contribution in the House of Lords

- (1) A member of the House of Lords who is a peer and does not participate in the proceedings of the House of Lords or its committees during a period of eight consecutive sitting weeks ceases to be a member of the House.
- (2) A person participates in the proceedings of the House of Lords for the purposes of subsection (1) if they undertake any activity which qualifies for financial support allowance under the scheme agreed by the House of Lords and then in force.
- (3) Subsection (1) does not apply to a peer if—

- (a) the peer was disqualified from sitting or voting in the House, or suspended from its service, for the whole or part of eight consecutive sitting weeks, or
- (b) they fall within the terms of a Standing Order of the House of Lords providing for exemptions from the provisions of subsection (1) for reasons related to parental leave, illness, bereavement or other specified circumstances.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause provides a minimum participation requirement for members of the House of Lords of one contribution every eight sitting weeks. A member who does not meet the minimum contribution requirement can no longer be a member of the House of Lords.

Sir Gavin Williamson

NC5

Dr Ben Spencer

To move the following Clause—

“Consultation on proposals for an alternative second chamber

- (1) The Secretary of State must, within six months of the passing of this Act, publish a consultation paper examining alternatives to the current House of Lords.
- (2) The consultation shall include, but is not limited to, proposals to—
 - (a) replace the current House of Lords with a wholly or partly elected chamber,
 - (b) abolish the House of Lords with no replacement, and
 - (c) change the appointment process for members of the House of Lords.
- (3) The Secretary of State must, within 18 months of the publication of the paper under subsection (1), lay before both Houses of Parliament—
 - (a) a report on the outcome of the consultation, and
 - (b) a statement setting out the Secretary of State’s response to that outcome.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause instructs the Secretary of State to undertake a consultation on alternative proposals for a second chamber and to report back to Parliament within a designated time period.

Sir Gavin Williamson

NC6

Dr Ben Spencer

To move the following Clause—

“Code of conduct on financial interests

- (1) The Lord Speaker must, within six months of the passing of this Act, lay before the House of Lords a code of conduct relating to the registration of Members

of the House of Lords' financial interests ("the Code of Conduct on Financial Interests") for approval by resolution of the House of Lords.

- (2) If a Code of Conduct on Financial Interests laid before the House of Lords under subsection (1) has not been approved by the House of Lords within three months of being laid, the Lord Speaker must lay a revised Code of Conduct on Financial Interests for approval by resolution of the House of Lords.
- (3) If a revised Code of Conduct on Financial Interests laid under subsection (2) has not been approved by the House of Lords within three months of being laid, the Lord Speaker must lay a further revised Code of Conduct on Financial Interests which shall come into effect as if it had been approved by resolution of the House of Lords.
- (4) The Lord Speaker may, at any time after the approval of the Code of Conduct on Financial Interests, lay before the House of Lords a new Code of Conduct on Financial Interests for approval by resolution of the House of Lords, in respect of which the provisions of subsections (2) and (3) shall also apply.
- (5) The Lord Speaker must, in drawing up and revising the Code of Conduct on Financial Interests, have regard to any rules for the registration of financial interests in the House of Commons then in force.
- (6) The Code of Conduct on Financial Interests laid under subsection (1) must include provision about the registration and disclosure of interests including—
 - (a) employment and earnings;
 - (b) donations received;
 - (c) gifts, benefits and hospitality received;
 - (d) land and property owned; and
 - (e) shareholdings.
- (7) The Lord Speaker must, on the same day as a Code is laid before the House of Lords under subsections (1), (2), (3) or (4), lay a report before the House of Lords on any difference that exists between the Code of Conduct and any rules for the registration of financial interests in the House of Commons.
- (8) Before laying the Code of Conduct on Financial Interests under subsection (1), the Lord Speaker must consult any relevant Committee of the House of Lords."

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would require the Lord Speaker to lay a Code of conduct for Members of the House of Lords' financial interests before the House of Lords for its approval. The Code must be drawn up with regard to any relevant rules in the Commons.

Sarah Olney

Adrian Ramsay
Ellie Chowns
Siân Berry
Carla Denyer

NC7

To move the following Clause—

“Duty to take forward proposals for democratic mandate for House of Lords

- (1) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to take forward proposals to secure a democratic mandate for the House of Lords.
- (2) In pursuance of the duty under subsection (1), the Secretary of State must carry out the steps set out in subsections (3), (5), (6) and (7).
- (3) Within twelve months of the passing of this Act, the Secretary of State must lay before each House of Parliament a consultation paper on methods for introducing directly elected members in the House of Lords.
- (4) After laying the consultation paper under subsection (3), the Secretary of State must seek the views on the matters covered by that paper of—
 - (a) each party and group in the House of Lords,
 - (b) each political party represented in the House of Commons,
 - (c) the Scottish Government,
 - (d) the Welsh Government,
 - (e) the Northern Ireland Executive,
 - (f) local authorities in the United Kingdom,
 - (g) representative organisations for local authorities in the United Kingdom, and
 - (h) such other persons and bodies as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (5) Within sixteen months of the passing of this Act, the Secretary of State must lay before each House of Parliament a report on responses to the consultation.
- (6) Within eighteen months of the passing of this Act, the Secretary of State must lay before each House of Parliament a draft Bill containing legislative proposals on each of the matters mentioned in subsection (3).”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause imposes a duty on Ministers to take forward proposals to secure a democratic mandate for the House of Lords through introduction of directly elected members.

Sarah Olney

NC8

To move the following Clause—

“Life peerages not to be conferred against recommendation of the House of Lords Appointments Commission

- (1) The Life Peerages Act 1958 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 1, after subsection (1) (power to confer life peerages) insert—

“(2A) The power under subsection (1) may not be exercised in relation to a person if the House of Lords Appointments Commission has written to

the Prime Minister to recommend a peerage should not be conferred on that person.””

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would prevent a life peerage being conferred on a person if the House of Lords Appointments Commission has recommended against the appointment.

Pete Wishart

NC9

Kirsty Blackman

To move the following Clause—

“Life peerages only to be conferred on persons who meet propriety standards

- (1) The Life Peerages Act 1958 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 1, after subsection (1) (power to confer life peerages) insert—
 - “(2A) The power under subsection (1) may not be exercised unless the Prime Minister has received a letter from the House of Lords Appointments Commission stating that, in their view, the person on whom a peerage is to be conferred has met appropriate standards of propriety.
 - (2B) For the purposes of this section, “propriety” means—
 - (a) the person is in good standing in the community in general and with the public regulatory authorities in particular; and
 - (b) the past conduct of the person would not reasonably be regarded as bringing the House of Lords into disrepute.””

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would prevent a life peerage being conferred on a person unless the House of Lords Appointments Commission had confirmed to the Prime Minister that the person met the appropriate standards of propriety.

Pete Wishart

NC10

Kirsty Blackman

To move the following Clause—

“Expulsion of peers on grounds of prior propriety advice

- (1) It shall be the duty of the House of Lords Appointments Commission to inform the Lord Speaker by letter of each instance where a peerage has been conferred on a person who has been found in their view not to meet the appropriate standards of propriety.
- (2) For the purposes of this section, “propriety” means—
 - (a) the person is in good standing in the community in general and with the public regulatory authorities in particular; and

- (b) the past conduct of the person would not reasonably be regarded as bringing the House of Lords into disrepute.
- (3) The Lord Speaker must lay before the House of Lords a copy of any letter received under subsection (1) on the next day on which the House of Lords sits.
- (4) Any person who is the subject of a letter under subsection (3) ceases to be a member of the House of Lords on the day after the day on which a copy the letter is laid before the House of Lords.
- (5) Where a person ceases to be a member of the House of Lords in accordance with this section, section 4 of the House of Lords Reform Act 2014 (effect of ceasing to be a member) applies as if that person had ceased to be a member in accordance with that Act."

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would mean that any Member of the House of Lords who had been appointed despite the House of Lords Appointments Commission finding that they didn't meet the appropriate standards of propriety would cease to be a Member of the House of Lords.

Pete Wishart

NC11

Kirsty Blackman

To move the following Clause—

"Expulsion of peers who have made donations to a political party

- (1) A member of the House of Lords who has made one or more donation or loan to a political party with an aggregate value of more than £11,180 since 1 January 2001 ceases to be a member of the House of Lords on 1 February 2026 unless the condition in subsection (2) is met.
- (2) The condition in this subsection is that the political party which received the donations or loans pays to the relevant member of the House of Lords the full aggregate value of those donations or loans on or before 9 January 2026.
- (3) Where a person ceases to be a member of the House of Lords in accordance with this section, section 4 of the House of Lords Reform Act 2014 (effect of ceasing to be a member) applies as if that person had ceased to be a member in accordance with that Act.
- (4) For the purposes of this section—
 - "donation" means a donation which is published by the Electoral Commission in its register of recorded donations under section 69 of the of the Political Parties Elections and Referendums Act 2000;
 - "loan" means a transaction published by the Electoral Commission in its register of recordable transactions under section 71V of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000."

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause provides for a member of the House of Lords who has made registered political donations or loans of over £11,180 since 2001 to cease to be a member of the House of Lords unless those donations and loans were repaid.

Pete Wishart

NC12

Kirsty Blackman

To move the following Clause—

“Life peerages not to be conferred on donors to political parties

- (1) The Life Peerages Act 1958 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 1, after subsection (1) (power to confer life peerages) insert—
 - “(1A) The power under subsection (1) may only be exercised to confer a peerage on a person in respect of whom the conditions in subsections (1B) and (1C) are met.
 - (1B) The condition in this subsection is that the person has provided the Prime Minister with a declaration that, since 1 January 2001, that person—
 - (a) has not donated or loaned more the £11,180 to a political party; or
 - (b) had made such a donation or loan, but that it has been repaid in full.
 - (1C) The condition in this subsection is that the Prime Minister is satisfied that the declaration made under subsection (2) is true.
 - (1D) For the purposes of this section—

“donation” means a donation which is published by the Electoral Commission in its register of recorded donations under section 69 of the Political Parties Elections and Referendums Act 2000;

“loan” means a transaction published by the Electoral Commission in its register of recordable transactions under section 71V of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would prevent a life peerage being conferred on a person unless they had declared that they had not made a donation or loan to a political party of over £10,000.

Pete Wishart

NC13

Kirsty Blackman

To move the following Clause—

“Exclusion of life peers who have recently been members of the House of Commons

- (1) No person who was a member of the House of Commons shall be a member of the House of Lords—
 - (a) during the Parliament in which they were a member of the House of Commons;
 - (b) during the Parliament following the last Parliament in which they were a member of the House of Commons;
 - (c) during a period of five years commencing on the last day on which they were a member of the House of Commons.
- (2) Where a person ceases to be a member of the House of Lords in accordance with this section, section 4 of the House of Lords Reform Act 2014 (effect of ceasing to be a member) applies as if that person had ceased to be a member in accordance with that Act.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause provides that no one who was an MP in the current or previous Parliament, or in the previous five years, is eligible for appointment to, or to remain as a member of, the House of Lords.

Pete Wishart

NC14

Kirsty Blackman

To move the following Clause—

“Removal of power to make political appointments

- (1) The Life Peerages Act 1958 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section (1) (1) (power to confer life peerages) insert—
 - “(2A) No recommendation may be made to His Majesty to confer a peerage except by the House of Lords Appointments Commission.””

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would prevent peerages being conferred under the Life Peerages Act 1958 unless done so on the recommendation of the House of Lords Appointments Commission.

Pete Wishart

NC15

Kirsty Blackman
Adrian Ramsay
Ellie Chowns
Siân Berry
Carla Denyer

To move the following Clause—

“Duty to prepare draft legislation to replace House of Lords with an elected Upper House

- (1) The Secretary of State must, within six months of the coming into force of this Act, publish draft legislation to replace the House of Lords with an Upper House.
- (2) Draft legislation published under subsection (1) must specify that members of the Upper House shall be elected using a proportional voting system.
- (3) The Secretary of State must consult all the following on before any draft legislation is published under subsection (1)—
 - (a) the Scottish Parliament,
 - (b) Scottish Ministers,
 - (c) the Senedd,
 - (d) Welsh Ministers,
 - (e) the Northern Ireland Assembly,
 - (f) Northern Ireland Ministers.
- (4) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to take full account of the views expressed of those consulted in accordance with subsection (3).
- (5) Any submissions made by the consultees under subsection (3) must be published alongside the draft legislation.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would require the Government to publish draft legislation on replacing the House of Lords with an Upper House elected by proportional representation, seeking the views of the devolved parliaments and governments before doing so.

Pete Wishart

NC16

Kirsty Blackman

To move the following Clause—

“Allowances for attendance

No allowance shall be payable to a member of the House of Lords in respect of attendance at the sittings of House of Lords or its committees at Westminster or participation in proceedings under any scheme in place which does not require attendance at Westminster.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause provides that peers will no longer be entitled to an allowance for daily attendance in the House of Lords.

Pete Wishart

NC17

Kirsty Blackman

To move the following Clause—

“Taxation of allowances for attendance

- (1) Any allowance payable to a member of the House of Lords in respect of attendance at the sittings of the House of Lords or its committees at Westminster or participation in proceedings under any scheme in place which does not require attendance at Westminster shall be treated as income for the purposes of the taxation of income.
- (2) Any allowance of the kind mentioned in subsection (1) is therefore a component of income for the purposes of calculating income tax liability in accordance with section 23 of the Income Tax Act 2007.
- (3) This section applies in relation to any tax year beginning after this Act comes into force.”

Pete Wishart

NC18

Kirsty Blackman
Ellie Chowns
Siân Berry
Carla Denyer

To move the following Clause—

“Abolition of the House of Lords

- (1) The House of Lords is abolished.
- (2) Any requirement to consult or obtain agreement of the House of Lords is rescinded.
- (3) The Parliament Acts 1911 and 1949 are repealed.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would abolish the House of Lords and make consequential provision.

Sir Ashley Fox

NC19

To move the following Clause—

“Requirement on Government to publish legislative proposals

The condition in this section is that the Government has published a draft Bill containing—

- (a) provisions to remove bishops and Archbishops of the Church of England from membership of the House of Lords,

- (b) provisions to reduce the number of members of the House of Lords to no more than 650, and
- (c) such other provisions as the Government considers are appropriate to give practical and equitable effect to the provisions mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (b)."

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause requires the Government to publish a draft Bill to remove Bishops from the House of Lords and reduce the membership to 650 or less.

Alex Burghart

NC20

To move the following Clause—

"Purpose of this Act

Whereas it has not been expedient at present for the Government to bring forward legislation to reform the House of Lords, the purpose of this Act is to provide that the Lords Temporal are peers appointed under section 1 of the Life Peerages Act 1958 on the recommendation of the Prime Minister."

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause describes the purpose of the Bill.

Sir Gavin Williamson

NC21

To move the following Clause—

"The House of Lords Appointments Commission

- (1) There is to be a body corporate known as the House of Lords Appointments Commission (referred to in this Act as "the Appointments Commission").
- (2) The objects of the Appointments Commission shall be—
 - (a) to advise the Prime Minister on recommendations to the Crown for the creation of non-party political peerages appointed to the House of Lords under the Life Peerages Act 1958,
 - (b) to provide advice to the Prime Minister on the propriety of any person the Prime Minister wishes to recommend to the Crown for membership of the House of Lords under the Life Peerages Act 1958.
- (3) The Commission may issue guidelines setting out how it will define the criteria of "propriety" established under subsection (2)(b).
- (4) In this section, "Non-party political" is defined as not being a member of a registered political party at the time of the recommendation under subsection (2)(a) is made to the Crown.
- (5) The Commission shall consist of eight members, including a Chair ("Commissioners"), to be appointed by the Prime Minister.

- (6) At least four of the members of the Commission must be independent of any registered political party, including the Chair of the Commission.
- (7) At least three members of the Commission must be appointed with regard to the need to ensure that, where members are affiliated with registered political parties, the Commission is politically balanced.
- (8) A member of the Commission may serve for a non-renewable term of seven years.
- (9) The Appointments Commission must appoint a chief executive.
- (10) The Appointments Commission may appoint other staff.
- (11) The Appointments Commission's expenditure is to be paid out of money provided for by Parliament.
- (12) The Appointments Commission must, for each financial year, prepare accounts in accordance with directions given to it by the Treasury.
- (13) The Appointments Commission's chief executive is its accounting officer.
- (14) As soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each financial year, the Appointments Commission must prepare a report about the performance of its functions during that year and lay that report before both Houses of Parliament.
- (15) Any report laid under subsection (12) must be published by the Appointments Commission."

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would create a statutory Appointments Commission to advise the Prime Minister on who to recommend for appointment as a non-party political peer. The Commission would also advise the Prime Minister about any propriety issues regarding proposed recommendations for membership of the House of Lords.

Sir Gavin Williamson

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Joy Morrissey
Mr Richard Holden
Simon Hoare
Nick Timothy
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Dr Ben Spencer
Sir Ashley Fox
Rebecca Paul
Mr Peter Bedford

David Mundell
John McDonnell
Alicia Kearns

Sir Alec Shelbrooke
Graham Stringer
Pete Wishart

Title, line 2, after first "Lords" insert "to provide for bishops of the Church of England no longer to be entitled to membership of the House of Lords;"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on NC1. It would amend the long title of the Bill.

Sir Gavin Williamson

3

Dr Ben Spencer

Title, line 2, after first "Lords" insert "to make provision for mandatory retirement from the House of Lords;"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on NC3. It would amend the long title of the Bill.

Sir Gavin Williamson

4

Dr Ben Spencer

Title, line 2, after first "Lords" insert "to make provision for the expulsion of Members of the House of Lords for non-participation;"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on NC4. It would amend the long title of the Bill.

Pete Wishart

13

Kirsty Blackman

Title, line 2, after first "Lords" insert "to provide for a requirement for members of the House of Lords to meet standards of propriety;"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would change the long title of the Bill and is consequential on NC9 and NC10.

Pete Wishart

14

Kirsty Blackman

Title, line 2, after first "Lords" insert "to exclude from membership of the House of Lords persons who have made certain political donations or loans;"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would change the long title of the Bill and is consequential on NC 11 and NC12.

Pete Wishart

15

Kirsty Blackman

Title, line 2, after first "Lords" insert "to exclude former members of the House of Commons from membership of the House of Lords for a specified period;"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would change the long title of the Bill and is consequential on NC13.

Pete Wishart

16

Kirsty Blackman

Title, line 2, after first "Lords" insert "to preclude the conferral of life peerages other than upon the recommendation of the House of Lords Appointments Commission;"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would change the long title of the Bill and is consequential on NC14.

Pete Wishart

23

Kirsty Blackman

Title, line 2, after first "Lords" insert "to abolish the House of Lords;"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would change the long title of the Bill and is consequential on NC18.

Sir Gavin Williamson

5

Dr Ben Spencer

Title, line 3, after "peerages" insert "to establish a consultation on proposals for an alternative second chamber;"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on NC5. It would amend the long title of the Bill.

Sir Gavin Williamson

6

Dr Ben Spencer

Title, line 3, after "peerages" insert "to establish a code of conduct on financial interests for Members of the House of Lords;"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on NC6. It would amend the long title of the Bill.

Sarah Olney

9

Title, line 3, after “peerages” insert “to impose a duty in connection with securing a democratic mandate for the House of Lords”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on NC7.

Sarah Olney

11

Title, line 3, after “peerages” insert “to preclude the conferring of life peerages against the recommendation of the House of Lords Appointments Commission;”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would change the long title of the Bill and is consequential on NC8.

Pete Wishart

18

Kirsty Blackman

Title, line 3, after “peerages” insert “to make provision for legislative proposals to replace the House of Lords with an elected body;”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would change the short title of the Bill and is consequential on NC15.

Pete Wishart

19

Kirsty Blackman

Title, line 3, after “peerages” insert “to make provision for the removal of allowances for attendance by members of the House of Lords;”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would change the short title of the Bill and is consequential on NC16.

Pete Wishart

21

Kirsty Blackman

Title, line 3, after “peerages” insert “to make provision about the taxation of allowance for attendance by members of the House of Lords;”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would change the short title of the Bill and is consequential on NC17.

Sir Gavin Williamson

27

Title, line 3, after “peerages” insert “to make provision for the establishment of a House of Lords Appointments Commission;”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on NC21. It would amend the long title of the Bill.

Order of the House

[15 October 2024]

That the following provisions shall apply to the House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) Bill:

Committal

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Proceedings in Committee, on Consideration and on Third Reading

2. Proceedings in Committee of the whole House shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion five hours after their commencement.
3. Any proceedings on Consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion six hours after the commencement of proceedings in Committee of the whole House.
4. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings in Committee of the whole House, to any proceedings on Consideration or to proceedings on Third Reading.

Other proceedings

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