

European Union (Notification of Withdrawal) Bill

AMENDMENT
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After Clause 1

VISCOUNT HAILSHAM

Insert the following new Clause—

“Parliamentary control

- (1) The terms agreed with the European Union in negotiations under Article 50 (the “agreed terms”) must be laid before each House of Parliament, and having been laid before each House—
 - (a) if both Houses pass a resolution approving the agreed terms, the terms may be ratified;
 - (b) if either House declines to ratify the agreed terms, that House may by resolution state its reasons;
 - (c) if both Houses pass a resolution to that effect, the agreed terms must be put to a national referendum on a question to be determined by both Houses of Parliament;
 - (d) if both Houses pass a resolution to that effect, Her Majesty's Government must withdraw the notification under Article 50.
- (2) In the event that Her Majesty's Government is unable to agree transitional or final terms with the European Union under Article 50 within a period of 18 months starting with the passing of this Act, the Government must lay a report before each House of Parliament, explaining the reasons and making a recommendation on how to proceed, and once the report has been laid before each House—
 - (a) the recommendation is subject to approval, amendment or rejection by resolution of each House;
 - (b) if both Houses pass a resolution to that effect, a national referendum must be held to determine what should be the next step, on a question to be determined by both Houses of Parliament;
 - (c) if both Houses pass a resolution to that effect, Her Majesty's Government must withdraw the notification under Article 50.”

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