

Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill

MARSHALLED
LIST OF AMENDMENTS
TO BE MOVED
IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

[Amendments marked ★ are new or have been altered]

Amendment
No.

Clause 1

LORD ADDINGTON

- 1★ Page 1, leave out lines 11 to 16 and insert “must lay before Parliament the draft of an order which increases each of the amounts referred to in subsection (1) above by a percentage no less than—
- (a) the difference between the general level of earnings at the beginning of the period under review and the general level of earnings at the end of that period,
 - (b) the difference between the general level of prices at the beginning of the period under review and the general level of prices at the end of that period, or
 - (c) 2.5%,
- whichever is the greater.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would probe whether the relevant benefits for the tax year 2020-21 should be up-rated in line with the “triple lock” of the higher of increases in prices, increases in earnings or 2.5%.

LORD RANDALL OF UXBRIDGE

- 2 Page 1, line 24, at end insert—
- “(2C) No power may be exercised under this or any other Act so as to exempt persons not ordinarily resident in Great Britain, but who reside in a country with which there is a reciprocal social security arrangement requiring up-rating, from entitlement to up-rating increases granted by an order made by virtue of subsection (2A).”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure that this up-rating applied to all overseas pensioners who reside in a country with a reciprocal social security arrangement, including any whose pensions have previously been frozen in accordance with Government policy.

BARONESS SHERLOCK

3 Page 1, line 24, at end insert –

“(2C) No draft order laid before Parliament under subsection (2A) may be made in the form of the draft unless the Secretary of State has laid before Parliament –

- (a) a report containing an assessment of the existing levels of pensioner poverty in each of the regions and nations of Great Britain, and
- (b) a statement outlining the expected impact of the draft order on pensioners with the lowest incomes.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would prevent a draft order under inserted subsection (2A) from being made unless the Secretary of State has published a report outlining current levels of pensioner poverty across the regions and nations of Great Britain and a statement outlining the expected impact of the Government's chosen policy option on these poverty levels.

After Clause 1

BARONESS JANKE

LORD SHIPLEY

4 Insert the following new Clause –

“Review of the impact of this Act on poverty

- (1) Within six months of the day on which this Act is passed the Secretary of State must lay before Parliament a review of the impact of this Act, and the triple-lock on pensions, on reducing the poverty levels of those in receipt of a state pension.
- (2) The review under subsection (1) must make reference to the impact of the provisions on women in particular.
- (3) The review under subsection (1) must make recommendations as to whether further legislation on pensions up-rating should be brought forward by the Government in light of its findings.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would require the Government to report on the impact of this Act and the triple-lock on pensions on poverty, especially with regards to women.

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