



House of Commons

Tuesday 3 May 2011

PUBLIC BILL COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

WELFARE REFORM BILL

[FIFTEENTH AND SIXTEENTH SITTINGS]

Clause 50 agreed to.

Mr Liam Byrne
Stephen Timms
Ms Karen Buck
Margaret Curran

Negated on division 154

Clause 51, page 35, line 40, leave out '365 days' and insert 'a prescribed number of days, which must be at least 730,'.

Mr Liam Byrne
Stephen Timms
Ms Karen Buck
Margaret Curran

Not called 155

Clause 51, page 35, line 40, after 'period', insert 'since the person was last in the Support Group'.

Mr Liam Byrne
Stephen Timms
Ms Karen Buck
Margaret Curran

Not called 157

Clause 51, page 36, line 11, leave out paragraph (a) and insert—
'(a) does not include any days occurring before the coming into force of this section.'

Mr Liam Byrne
Stephen Timms
Ms Karen Buck
Margaret Curran

Not called 156

Clause 51, page 36, line 14, at end insert—

Welfare Reform Bill, *continued*

‘(c) does not include any days during the assessment phase, except in prescribed circumstances.’.

Jenny Willott

Not called 160

Clause 51, page 36, line 14, at end insert—

‘(c) does not include days in which a claim in respect to Employment and Support Allowance is in the assessment phase.’.

Jenny Willott

Not called 161

Clause 51, page 36, line 14, at end insert—

‘(4) The period of days referred to in subsection (1) shall restart following any period in which a person is a member of the Support Group.’.

Mr Liam Byrne
Stephen Timms
Ms Karen Buck
Margaret Curran

Withdrawn 158

Clause 51, page 36, line 19, at end insert—

‘(3) The Secretary of State shall ensure that the impact of subsection (1) is independently monitored and reported on annually, for at least the five years following its implementation, in order to review their impact on specific groups of people.’.

Clause agreed to.

Mr Liam Byrne
Stephen Timms
Ms Karen Buck
Margaret Curran

Not called 163

Clause 52, page 36, line 21, leave out subsections (1), (2) and (3).

Mr Liam Byrne
Stephen Timms
Ms Karen Buck
Margaret Curran

Not called 164

Clause 52, page 36, line 30, leave out ‘that condition’ and insert ‘the third condition set out in Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Welfare Reform Act 2007 (youth)’.

Mr Liam Byrne
Stephen Timms
Ms Karen Buck
Margaret Curran

Not called 165

Clause 52, page 36, line 32, leave out ‘365 days’ and insert ‘a prescribed number of days, which must be at least 730’.

Welfare Reform Bill, *continued*

Mr Liam Byrne
Stephen Timms
Ms Karen Buck
Margaret Curran

Not called 166

Clause 52, page 36, line 32, after 'days', insert 'since the person was last in the Support Group'.

Mr Liam Byrne
Stephen Timms
Ms Karen Buck
Margaret Curran

Not called 167

Clause 52, page 36, line 34, leave out paragraph (a) and insert—
'(a) does not include any days occurring before the coming into force of this section;'.

Mr Liam Byrne
Stephen Timms
Ms Karen Buck
Margaret Curran

Not called 168

Clause 52, page 36, line 38, at end insert—
'(c) does not include any days during the assessment phase, except in prescribed circumstances.'

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 53 to 55 agreed to.

Mr Liam Byrne
Stephen Timms
Margaret Curran
Ms Karen Buck

Not called 37

Clause 56, page 40, line 35, at end insert ' , which shall include that the claimant is either receiving, recovering from, or expected within 6 months to receive treatment with chemotherapy or radiotherapy'.

George Hollingbery

Not called 33

Clause 56, page 40, line 35, at end insert—
'(e) the claimant is receiving chemotherapy or radiotherapy, is recovering from that treatment or is likely to receive such treatment within 6 months.'

Welfare Reform Bill, *continued*

Mr Liam Byrne
 Stephen Timms
 Ms Karen Buck
 Margaret Curran

Not called 146

Clause 56, page 42, line 43, at end insert—

‘(1A) With respect to claimants who have disabilities, the Secretary of State shall not impose any sanctions without first consulting a Disability Employment Adviser.’.

Mr Liam Byrne
 Stephen Timms
 Ms Karen Buck
 Margaret Curran

Not called 151

Clause 56, page 43, line 10, leave out ‘26’ and insert ‘13’.

Mr Liam Byrne
 Stephen Timms
 Ms Karen Buck
 Margaret Curran

Not called 141

Clause 56, page 43, line 33, at end insert—

‘(9) Regulations will provide for an appeal mechanism.’.

Clause agreed to.

Kate Green

Withdrawn 172

Clause 57, page 45, line 28, at end insert ‘except where that lone parent can demonstrate that they are enrolled in a course of education or training, in which case the age of the child shall be 7.’.

Kate Green

Not called 173

Clause 57, page 45, line 31, at end insert ‘except where that lone parent can demonstrate that they are enrolled in a course of education or training, in which case the age of the child shall be 7.’.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 58 and 59 agreed to.

Kate Green

Not selected 169

Page 47, line 2, leave out Clause 60.

Welfare Reform Bill, *continued*

Clause agreed to.

Kate Green

Not selected 170

Page 47, line 22, leave out Clause 61.

Clause agreed to.

Kate Green

Not selected 171

Page 48, line 6, leave out Clause 62.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 63 to 67 agreed to.

Mr Liam Byrne
Stephen Timms
Ms Karen Buck
Margaret Curran

Withdrawn 174

Clause 68, page 52, line 19, at end add—

- ‘(4) In section 176 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992, in subsection 1(a) (regulations subject to the affirmative resolution procedure), after ‘section 118;’ add ‘section 130A’.’.

Mr Liam Byrne
Stephen Timms
Ms Karen Buck
Margaret Curran

Withdrawn 175

Clause 68, page 52, line 19, at end add—

- ‘(4) In section 130A of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992, after subsection (7) insert—
- “(7A) Regulations under this section shall not permit the AMHB to be less than the actual amount of the liability in a case where a person in the household is in receipt of any component of Disability Living Allowance.”’.

Welfare Reform Bill, *continued*

Mr Liam Byrne
 Stephen Timms
 Ms Karen Buck
 Margaret Curran

Negated on division 176

Clause 68, page 52, line 19, at end add—

‘(4) In section 130A of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992, after subsection (7) insert—

“(7A) Regulations under this section shall not permit the AMHB to be less than the actual amount of the liability in a case where a person has no means of avoiding a housing benefit reduction for under-occupying a property let by a local housing authority or private registered provider of social housing because the person has no reasonable alternative offer.”.

Sheila Gilmore

Withdrawn 189

Clause 68, page 52, line 19, at end add—

‘(4) Insert new subsection (6A)—

“(6A) Regulations are to provide for the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions and the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to review not less than annually the relationship between housing costs in the private rented sector and the liability mentioned in section 130(1)(a) where this liability is an amount other than the actual amount of that liability. Where a review under this subsection finds that the liability mentioned in section 130(1)(a) is an amount less than the amount of the rent at the 30th percentile of the list of rents in some or all localities the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions must amend the determination of the amount of the liability under section 130(1)(a) to correct this.”.

Mr Liam Byrne
 Stephen Timms
 Ms Karen Buck
 Margaret Curran

Not called 190

Clause 68, page 52, line 19, at end add—

‘(4) Regulations under this section shall not permit the AMHB to be less than the actual amount of the liability in a case where a person has provided the relevant authority with such certificates, documents, information or evidence as are sufficient to satisfy the authority that the person is disabled and is living in a property specially adapted or particularly suited to meet the needs of that person.’.

Mr Liam Byrne
 Stephen Timms
 Ms Karen Buck
 Margaret Curran

Withdrawn 192

Clause 68, page 52, line 19, at end add—

‘(4) Regulations under this section shall ensure that the measures in this section are phased in gradually over a five-year period, with certain groups of people, to be determined by regulations, offered transitional protection.’.

Welfare Reform Bill, *continued*

Clause agreed to.

Mr Liam Byrne
Stephen Timms
Ms Karen Buck
Margaret Curran

Negatived on division 177

Clause 69, page 52, line 38, at end insert ‘providing that these amounts are ring-fenced for the purpose set out in that Act’.

Mr Liam Byrne
Stephen Timms
Ms Karen Buck
Margaret Curran

Withdrawn 178

Clause 69, page 52, line 38, at end insert—

- ‘(5A) Where amounts are reallocated to local government, in accordance with subsection (5), the Secretary of State shall put in place appropriate mechanisms to—
- (a) ensure that the quality of service offered to claimants does not significantly differ across the country;
 - (b) ensure that the level of awards made to claimants does not significantly differ across the country; and
 - (c) ensure that there is a uniform national appeals process in place.’.

Mr Liam Byrne
Stephen Timms
Ms Karen Buck
Margaret Curran

Not called 179

Clause 69, page 52, line 38, at end insert—

- ‘(5B) Where amounts are reallocated to local government, in accordance with subsection (5), the Secretary of State shall first publish local connection eligibility rules, which must provide that no person is made ineligible for support solely on the basis of where they live or how long they have lived there.’.

Stella Creasy
Kate Green

Withdrawn 181

Clause 69, page 53, line 4, at end insert—

- ‘(7A) The repeal of section 138(1)(b) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 is without prejudice to the Secretary of State’s duty in section [*Citizen financial safety protection payment fund*] to prevent the financial destitution of those who apply for public assistance.’.

Clause agreed to.

Schedule 8 agreed to.

Welfare Reform Bill, *continued*

Clauses 70 and 71 agreed to.

Tom Greatrex
Anas Sawar
Kate Green

Withdrawn **180**

Clause 72, page 53, line 34, at end add—

- ‘(2) Regulations shall make provision for the payment of a Sure Start Maternity Grant of £500 for each first born baby and in the case of subsequent multiple births, a single payment will be made of £500 for twins, £1,000 for triplets and £1,500 for higher multiples.’.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 73 and 74 agreed to.

[Adjourned until Tuesday 10 May at 10.30 am]