

Public Order Bill

AMENDMENTS
TO BE MOVED
IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

Clause 1

LORD PADDICK
LORD COAKER

Clause 1, page 1, line 16, leave out subsection (2) and insert –

“(2) A person does not commit an offence under this section if they had a reasonable excuse for the act mentioned in paragraph (a) of subsection (1).”

Member's explanatory statement

Clause 1(2) provides for a defence where the person has a reasonable excuse for “locking on”. This amendment ensures that a person is able to access that defence prior to charge.

Clause 3

LORD PADDICK

Clause 3, page 2, line 34, leave out from beginning to “they” in line 35 and insert “A person does not commit an offence under this section if”

Member's explanatory statement

Clause 3(2) provides for a defence, for example, where the person was authorised to create a tunnel. This amendment ensures that a person is able to access that defence prior to charge.

Clause 4

LORD PADDICK

Clause 4, page 3, line 38, leave out from beginning to “they” in line 39 and insert “A person does not commit an offence under this section if”

Member's explanatory statement

Clause 4(2) provides for a defence, for example, where the person was authorised to be present in a tunnel. This amendment ensures that a person is able to access that defence prior to charge.

Clause 6

LORD PADDICK
LORD COAKER

Clause 6, page 5, leave out lines 15 and 16 and insert –

“(2) A person does not commit an offence under this section if –”

Member's explanatory statement

Clause 6(2) provides for a defence where a person has a reasonable excuse or where the acts were done wholly or mainly in contemplation or furtherance of a trade dispute. This amendment ensures that a person is able to access the defence prior to charge.

Clause 7

LORD PADDICK
LORD COAKER

Clause 7, page 7, leave out lines 11 and 12 and insert –

“(2) A person does not commit an offence under subsection (1) if –”

Member's explanatory statement

Clause 7(2) provides for a defence where a person has a reasonable excuse or where the acts were done wholly or mainly in contemplation or furtherance of a trade dispute. This amendment ensures that a person is able to access that defence prior to charge.

Clause 9

LORD BEITH

Clause 9, page 10, line 39, at end insert –

“(2A) A buffer zone does not include any area wholly occupied by a building which is in regular use as a place of worship.”

LORD BEITH

Clause 9, page 11, line 1, leave out paragraph (a)

LORD BEITH

Clause 9, page 11, line 5, leave out paragraph (e)

Clause 16

LORD BEITH

Clause 16, page 17, leave out lines 41 to 44

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment aims to prevent excessively wide use of the power to prevent protests on and around railway stations.

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