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Clause 67

BARONESS NOAKES

Clause 67, page 45, line 36, leave out paragraphs (b) and (c) and insert -

"(b) any body or unincorporated association, wherever incorporated or formed, which is controlled by a foreign power,"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment seeks to restrict foreign principals to those which are controlled by a foreign power. It also extends to bodies incorporated or formed in the UK.

Clause 68

BARONESS NOAKES

Clause 68, page 46, line 25, after "subsection (2)", insert "and not exempted under subsection (2A),"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is a paving amendment for a further amendment to clause 68 creating new subsections (2A) and (2B), which seeks to exempt commercial activities from the definition of political influence activities and to give the Secretary of State power to exempt other activities without national security implications.

BARONESS NOAKES

Clause 68, page 46, line 29, after "communication" insert ", except where it is reasonably clear from the communication that it is made at the direction of the foreign principal,"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment probes why communications within paragraphs (a) and (b) are not treated in the same way if the communication is clear as to the involvement of a foreign principal.

BARONESS NOAKES

Clause 68, page 47, line 7, at end insert –

- "(2A) The exempted activities within this subsection are -
 - (a) activities carried out as a part of a commercial or business activity, or
 - (b) those specified by the Secretary of State in regulations made under subsection (2B).
 - (2B) The Secretary of State may make regulations exempting activities which appear to the Secretary of State to be unlikely to raise any issues of national security."

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment seeks to exempt commercial activities from the definition of political influence activities and to give the Secretary of State power to exempt other activities which do not have national security implications.

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