

National Security Bill

AMENDMENTS

TO BE MOVED

IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

[Supplementary to the Second Marshalled List]

Clause 68

LORD ANDERSON OF IPSWICH

As an amendment to the amendment in the name of Baroness Noakes to Clause 68, page 47, line 7, printed on sheet HL Bill 68 – II(a)

In subsection (2A), after paragraph (a) insert –

- “(aa) activities carried out for regulatory or administrative purposes,
- (ab) activities carried out pursuant to the charitable purposes of UK-registered charities, including but not limited to the furtherance of peace-building, international development, humanitarian assistance, activity relating to climate change and human rights, or”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment supplements the proposed commercial exemption with exemptions for administrative or regulatory dealings and charitable activities.

Schedule 14

LORD WALLACE OF SALTAIRE

Schedule 14, page 183, line 18, at end insert –

“Public health emergencies

- 5A An activity is not a “political influence activity” for the purposes of section 68(1) (meaning of “political influence activity”) if the activity is primarily for the purpose of, or relates to, the combat of, and the mitigation of the effects of, public health emergencies.”

Member's explanatory statement

The Bill currently captures organisations or individuals who may be sharing vital information about the spread of contagious diseases. This probing amendment provides an exemption to allow bodies in this field to share information about public health emergencies.

Clause 82

LORD MARKS OF HENLEY-ON-THAMES

Clause 82, page 55, line 20, at end insert “provided that such evidence or submissions are not merely incidental to the principal issues in the proceedings”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment restricts the definition of ‘national security proceedings’ to correspond with the ordinary meaning of that phrase, and not merely because some national security-related evidence has been adduced. It also prevents a public body from avoiding accountability by categorising proceedings as ‘national security proceedings’.

Clause 83

LORD MARKS OF HENLEY-ON-THAMES

Clause 83, page 56, line 30, at end insert “, or

- (b) where such a reduction would be inconsistent with granting the claimant appropriate access to justice.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment ensures damages may not be reduced where it would be inconsistent with granting the claimant appropriate access to justice.

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