

# Energy Bill [HL]

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**After Clause 166**

LORD TEVERSON

After Clause 166, insert the following new Clause –

**“Smart meter rollout for prepayment customers**

- (1) The Secretary of State must ensure that all legacy prepayment meters are replaced with smart meters before the end of 2025.
- (2) Within three months of the day on which this Act is passed, the Secretary of State must prepare a plan in relation to ending self-disconnections by the end of 2026.
- (3) Such a plan may include but is not limited to –
  - (a) the introduction of a social tariff for prepayment customers,
  - (b) the introduction of mechanisms to apply credit automatically if a prepayment customer runs out of credit,
  - (c) the introduction of a mechanism to transfer a prepayment customer to credit mode automatically if they run out of credit.”

*Member's explanatory statement*

*This amendment places duties on the Secretary of State to ensure prepayment metered customers are prioritised in the smart meter rollout, and to create a plan to stop self-disconnections before the end of 2026.*

LORD TEVERSON

After Clause 166, insert the following new Clause –

**“Restriction of the use of prepayment meters**

- (1) Within 90 days of the day on which this Act is passed the Secretary of State must make regulations prohibiting energy suppliers from authorising or undertaking the installation of new prepayment meters for domestic energy use unless the relevant condition in subsection (2) is met.
- (2) The relevant condition is that the energy supplier has received an explicit request from the consumer for the installation of a prepayment meter.

- (3) In this section “installation of new prepayment meters” includes switching existing energy meters to a prepayment mode.
- (4) The Secretary of State may make subsequent regulations that amend or repeal regulations made under this section.
- (5) Regulations under this section are subject to the affirmative procedure.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would require the Secretary of State to prohibit the installation of new prepayment meters unless consumers explicitly request them.*

**After Clause 244**

BARONESS MCINTOSH OF PICKERING

After Clause 244, insert the following new Clause –

**“Marine habitats: reducing effects of offshore wind developments**

- (1) The Secretary of State may, by regulations, prohibit offshore wind developments in marine protected areas.
- (2) The Secretary of State may, by regulations, prevent consent being granted for an offshore wind development if the mitigation hierarchy has not been followed.
- (3) “Mitigation hierarchy” means a framework for developers to address harms to biodiversity and ecosystems caused by developments, based on the sequential and iterative application of actions to avoid, mitigate, and then compensate for, such harms.
- (4) Subsections (1) and (2) apply to –
  - (a) an offshore installation used for or in connection with wind energy generation;
  - (b) offshore infrastructure, including cables and pipelines, connected to such an installation;
  - (c) infrastructure connected to such an installation that is being decommissioned, has been decommissioned, or has been abandoned.
- (5) Regulations under this section are subject to the affirmative procedure.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This new Clause would strengthen protection for marine protected areas from damage related to energy infrastructure and ensure the mitigation hierarchy is followed.*



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