

Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill

AMENDMENTS

TO BE MOVED

IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

After Clause 5

LORD GERMAN

After Clause 5, insert the following new Clause –

“Six-month review

- (1) The Secretary of State must lay before each House of Parliament a draft statutory instrument stating that in their assessment the Republic of Rwanda continues to be a safe country every six-month review period.
- (2) A statutory instrument under subsection (1) must be approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament within a period of seven sitting days beginning immediately after each six-month review period.
- (3) If either House rejects the statutory instrument laid by the Secretary of State, removals to the Republic of Rwanda under the Rwanda Treaty must cease immediately and may not resume until a draft statutory instrument has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament, stating that, having addressed any issues identified, the Republic of Rwanda is a safe country.
- (4) In this section –
 - “six-month review period” means –
 - (a) the period of six months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed, and
 - (b) each subsequent period of six months;
 - “sitting day” means a day on which the House of Commons is sitting (and a day is only a day on which the House of Commons is sitting of the House begins to sit on that day).”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment requires the Secretary of State to lay a statutory instrument before Parliament stating that in their assessment the Republic of Rwanda continues to be a safe country every six months. If either House rejects the statutory instrument, removals to Rwanda must cease until a subsequent instrument is passed responding to any issues identified.

LORD BLUNKETT

After Clause 5, insert the following new Clause—

“Right to return to the United Kingdom for those granted refugee status

- (1) Those granted refugee status are automatically presumed to have the option of returning to the United Kingdom and, on the individual being granted refugee status, they must be facilitated in relocating to the United Kingdom.
- (2) Section 2 of the Illegal Migration Act 2023 is dis-applied for the purposes of this section.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, along with another amendment in Lord Blunkett's name, seeks to ensure that those granted refugee status are automatically presumed to have the option of returning to the United Kingdom, and that on being granted refugee status, they are facilitated in relocating to the United Kingdom.

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