

Media Bill

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After Clause 7

BARONESS THORNTON

After Clause 7, insert the following new Clause –

“Gaelic language service

The Secretary of State must, within six months of the passage of this Act, review whether a Gaelic language service should be given a public service broadcast remit.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would require the Secretary of State to review whether a Gaelic language service should be given a public service broadcast remit.

BARONESS THORNTON

After Clause 7, insert the following new Clause –

“Review of children’s access to public service broadcast content

Within six months of the passage of this Act, the Secretary of State must prepare and publish a report on how to ensure that children have access to public service broadcast content.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would require a review of how to ensure children have access to public service content.

After Clause 23

LORD BASSAM OF BRIGHTON

After Clause 23, insert the following new Clause—

“Digital rights to listed events

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations amend the Broadcasting Act 1996 to make provision for coverage of listed events which is not live coverage.
- (2) A statutory instrument containing regulations under this section may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.”

Member's explanatory statement

This would give the Secretary of State powers, through regulations, to include the digital rights to events, for example the rights to a digital clip of an Olympic event, as part of the listed events regime.

After Clause 26

BARONESS FRASER OF CRAIGMADDIE

After Clause 26, insert the following new Clause—

“Protection of digital terrestrial television

- (1) The Secretary of State must ensure that—
 - (a) the licensed public service channels continue to be broadcast via digital terrestrial television to as many of their intended audience as is reasonably practicable; and
 - (b) a sufficient number of digital terrestrial television multiplex licences are issued to deliver the licensed public service channels via digital terrestrial television and support a diverse range of commercial digital terrestrial television channels.
- (2) OFCOM shall reserve sufficient frequencies for television broadcasting services accordingly.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would place a responsibility on the Secretary of State to ensure that public service television channels continue to be broadcast via digital terrestrial television (DTT) and that sufficient licences are issued to keep the platform viable. It would also require OFCOM to make spectrum available accordingly.

Clause 48

BARONESS THORNTON

Clause 48, page 90, leave out lines 30 to 37 and insert—

- “(1) In this Part, “radio selection service” means—
- (a) a service provided by means of the internet which enables, or among other things enables, a user of the service—
 - (i) to make a selection between internet radio services provided by different providers, and
 - (ii) to cause a selected internet radio service to play by giving spoken commands that are recorded by equipment connected to the internet, or
 - (b) a service provided by an in-car entertainment system which enables, or among other things enables, a user of the system to cause a selected radio service to play, whether by giving spoken commands which are recorded by equipment or otherwise”

Member's explanatory statement

This would provide that ‘radio selection service’ includes an in-car entertainment system which a person must navigate to access radio while in their car, as well as voice activated speakers.

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