

Water (Special Measures) Bill [HL]

AMENDMENTS
TO BE MOVED
IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

[Supplementary to the Marshalled List]

Amendment
No.

Clause 10

LORD ROBOROUGH

Lord Roborough gives notice of his intention to oppose the Question that Clause 10 stand part of the Bill.

Clause 11

LORD ROBOROUGH

Lord Roborough gives notice of his intention to oppose the Question that Clause 11 stand part of the Bill.

After Clause 12

LORD CAINE

103★ After Clause 12, insert the following new Clause—

“Report on differences between provisions of this Act in England and equivalent provisions in Northern Ireland

The Secretary of State must, within 12 months of the day on which this Act is passed, lay before Parliament a report assessing any differences between the provisions made by this Act for the reduction of water pollution incidents in England and equivalent provisions for the management of such incidents in Northern Ireland.”

LORD GASCOIGNE
LORD ROBOROUGH

104★ After Clause 12, insert the following new Clause –

“Nature recovery

In the Water Industry Act 1991, after section 17FB insert –

“Licence conditions about nature recovery

17FC Nature recovery

- (1) It is a condition of all licences granted under section 17A (water supply licences) that relevant undertakers must give due consideration to nature-based solutions targeted at reducing flood risk, improving water quality and benefiting nature restoration in their catchment area.
- (2) The Authority must not take any action that discourages or prevents a relevant undertaker from making an investment in accordance with subsection (1).”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would make it a condition of all water companies' licences to consider nature-based solutions to flood risk, improving water quality and benefiting nature restoration in their catchment area, and prevent the regulator from discouraging or stopping such investments.

Clause 13

LORD SANDHURST
LORD ROBOROUGH

105★ Clause 13, page 19, line 16, at beginning insert “subject to subsection (5A),”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, together with another in the name of Lord Sandhurst, would prevent section 4 from coming into effect until the Secretary of State has laid a justice impact test regarding the Act before Parliament.

LORD SANDHURST
LORD ROBOROUGH

106★ Clause 13, page 19, line 21, at end insert –

- “(5A) Section 4 (impeding investigations: sentencing and liability) cannot come into force until the Secretary of State has laid a justice impact test before Parliament which includes an assessment of the number of people that are expected to receive a custodial sentence due to an offence created by this Act in the –
- (a) first year after the day on which it is passed, and
 - (b) five years after the day on which it is passed.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would prevent section 4 from coming into effect until the Secretary of State has laid a justice impact test regarding the Act before Parliament.

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