

Great British Energy Bill

FIFTH MARSHALLED
LIST OF AMENDMENTS
TO BE MOVED
IN GRAND COMMITTEE

[Amendments marked ★ are new or have been altered]

Amendment
No.

After Clause 7

LORD OFFORD OF GARVEL
VISCOUNT TRENCHARD

- 111** After Clause 7, insert the following new Clause—
- “Impact assessment of offshore wind energy installations and generation**
- (1) The Secretary of State must assess the impact on—
- (a) the environment, and
 - (b) animal welfare standards
- of offshore wind energy installations and generation which occur under Great British Energy’s functions.
- (2) If an assessment under subsection (4) determines that relevant offshore energy installation and generation—
- (a) is causing environmental damage, or
 - (b) has significant animal welfare issues,
- then Great British Energy must cease facilitating, encouraging or participating in the relevant activity.”

Member's explanatory statement

This would require the Secretary of State to assess the impact on the environment and animal welfare standards of the installation and generation of offshore wind energy technologies.

LORD OFFORD OF GARVEL
VISCOUNT TRENCHARD

112 After Clause 7, insert the following new Clause –

“Impact assessment of decommissioning of oil and gas structures

- (1) The Secretary of State must assess the –
 - (a) environmental, and
 - (b) animal welfare standardsimpact of decommissioning offshore oil and gas structures which occur under Great British Energy’s functions.
- (2) If an assessment under subsection (1) determines that relevant decommissioning of offshore oil and gas structures –
 - (a) is causing environmental damage, or
 - (b) has significant animal welfare issues,then Great British Energy must cease facilitating, encouraging or participating in the relevant activity.”

Member's explanatory statement

This would require the Secretary of State to assess the impact of decommissioning offshore oil and gas structures which occur under Great British Energy’s functions on the environment and animal welfare standards.

LORD FULLER
VISCOUNT TRENCHARD

113 After Clause 7, insert the following new Clause –

“Tidal energy

- (1) The Secretary of State must assess the impact on –
 - (a) the environment, and
 - (b) animal welfare standardsof offshore tidal energy installation and generation which occur under Great British Energy’s functions.
- (2) If the assessment under subsection (4) determines that the relevant offshore energy installation and generation –
 - (a) is causing environmental damage, or
 - (b) has significant animal welfare issues,then Great British Energy must cease facilitating, encouraging or participating in the relevant activity.”

Member's explanatory statement

This would require the Secretary of State to assess the impact on the environment and animal welfare standards of the installation and generation of offshore tidal energy technologies and its associated cabling.

LORD TEVERSON
EARL RUSSELL

114 After Clause 7, insert the following new Clause –

“National infrastructure security

For all offshore developments promoted or part financed by Great British Energy, the company must consult with the Ministry of Defence and other relevant UK security agencies to ensure the resilience of the offshore installation including its pipeline or cable connection.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment requires that the Ministry of Defence and security agencies are consulted to ensure the resilience of our off-shore infrastructure in response to hostile action by state or non-state actors.

LORD TEVERSON
EARL RUSSELL

115 After Clause 7, insert the following new Clause –

“Great British Energy stakeholder relationships

Great British Energy must consult annually with the following marine sectors –

- (a) the commercial shipping sector;
- (b) the fishing industry.”

Member's explanatory statement

This is a probing amendment to understand how Great British Energy will work and coordinate its plans with other users of the marine space.

BARONESS HAYMAN
BARONESS YOUNG OF OLD SCONE
EARL RUSSELL
LORD BOURNE OF ABERYSTWYTH

116 After Clause 7, insert the following new Clause –

“Duty of Great British Energy to contribute to climate change and nature targets

Great British Energy must, in the exercise of its functions, and when delivering the objects in section 3 and statement of strategic priorities in section 5, take all reasonable steps to contribute to –

- (a) the achievement of targets set under Part 1 of the Climate Change Act 2008,
- (b) the achievement of biodiversity targets set under sections 1 to 3 of the Environment Act 2021, and
- (c) adapting to any current or predicted impacts of climate change identified in the most recent report under section 56 of the Climate Change Act 2008.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would give Great British Energy a climate and nature duty requiring it to take all reasonable steps to contribute to the achievement of the Climate Change Act 2008 and Environment Act 2021 targets in exercising its functions and delivering on the objects in clauses 3 and 5.

BARONESS BLOOMFIELD OF HINTON WALDRIST

117 After Clause 7, insert the following new Clause—

“Accountability of Great British Energy to Parliament

- (1) Great British Energy has a duty to account to the relevant Parliamentary Committee or Committees.
- (2) The relevant Parliamentary Committee or Committees are any Committee or Committees of the House of Commons, or House of Lords, or of both Houses, which notify the Secretary of State, in writing, that they have assumed the function of scrutiny of Great British Energy.
- (3) Great British Energy must cooperate with the relevant Parliamentary Committee or Committees to enable it or them to—
 - (a) question and approve the appointments of the Directors of Great British Energy;
 - (b) question the Chair of Great British Energy on the exercise of the functions of Great British Energy;
 - (c) report on the exercise of the functions of Great British Energy;
 - (d) interrogate and report on whether Great British Energy exercise its functions with regard to its objects set out in section 3.
- (4) Directors and the Chair of Great British Energy, when invited, must appear before the Committee or Committees (separately or jointly) for examination, and the Chair must agree to appear before the Committee or Committees (separately or jointly) at least once per calendar year.”

Member's explanatory statement

This would hold Great British Energy accountable to the relevant Parliamentary Committee(s).

BARONESS BLOOMFIELD OF HINTON WALDRIST

118 After Clause 7, insert the following new Clause—

“Nature recovery

- (1) It is a condition of all investments made by Great British Energy in accordance with its objects set out in section (3), that Great British Energy and its partners must make a positive contribution to nature recovery either on the site of its activities or by funding work elsewhere.

- (2) For the purposes of this section, the Secretary of State may set out the metrics used to measure the impact of investments in accordance with subsection (1) by regulations made by statutory instrument.
- (3) A statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (2) 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 amendment would require GB Energy and its partners to only make investments that make a positive contribution to nature recovery.

EARL RUSSELL
LORD MACPHERSON OF EARL'S COURT

118A After Clause 7, insert the following new Clause –

“Community benefits relating to renewable energy

- (1) Within six months of the day on which this Act is passed, the Secretary of State must prepare and lay before Parliament a report setting out proposals for ensuring that local communities benefit from renewable energy projects undertaken by Great British Energy.
- (2) The report under section (1) must set out, but is not limited to, proposals for 5% of the gross revenue from all such renewable energy projects generating over one megawatt to be paid into community benefit funds.
- (3) Of the 5% paid into community benefit funds as proposed in subsection (2), the proposal must state that –
 - (a) from onshore projects, two thirds of that should be paid to the affected council ward, with one third paid to a council infrastructure fund;
 - (b) from offshore projects, all of it should go to a council infrastructure fund;
- (4) The proposals must also state that existing renewable projects over one megawatt taken over by Great British Energy should pay 2% of gross revenue into community benefit funds and divide the funds as outlined in subsection (3)(a) and (b).”

Member's explanatory statement

This is a probing amendment regarding community benefits from GB Energy renewable energy projects.

LORD HAMILTON OF EPSOM

118B After Clause 7, insert the following new Clause –

“Investment in subsidised renewable energy projects

Great British Energy must not invest in any project that relies wholly or in part on subsidies from the UK Government.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would prevent GB Energy from investing in projects which rely on UK Government subsidies.

VISCOUNT TRENCHARD

118C After Clause 7, insert the following new Clause—

“Review: competitiveness of UK nuclear industry

- (1) The Secretary of State must undertake a review of the impact of this Act on the competitiveness of the UK nuclear industry compared to other countries.
- (2) The Secretary of State must lay a copy of the assessment made under subsection (1) before Parliament.”

Member's explanatory statement

This would require the Secretary of State to report on the impact of this Act on the competitiveness of the UK nuclear industry.

Clause 8

BARONESS NOAKES
VISCOUNT TRENCHARD

119 Clause 8, page 4, line 15, leave out subsection (2) and insert—

- “(2) This section and section 5 come into force on the day on which this Act is passed.
- (2A) Other sections in this Act come into force on such a day as the Secretary of State may by regulations appoint, which must not be before the statement of strategic priorities under section 5 has been laid before Parliament.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment defers commencement of other provisions in the Bill until the statement of strategic priorities made under Clause 5 has been laid before Parliament.

BARONESS NOAKES

120 [Withdrawn]

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121 [Withdrawn]

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This amendment corrects an error in Amendment 121

- 121A** Clause 8, page 4, line 15, leave out subsection (2) and insert –
- “(2) This section and section (*Framework document*) come into force on the day on which this Act is passed.
- (2A) Other sections in this Act come into force on such a day as the Secretary of State may by regulations appoint, which must not be before the framework document has been laid before Parliament.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment defers commencement of other provisions in the Bill until after a framework document (see amendment 93 introducing a new clause after Clause 5) has been laid before Parliament.

EARL RUSSELL

- 122** Clause 8, page 4, line 15, leave out subsection (2) and insert –
- “(2) This section and section 5 come into force on the day on which this Act is passed.
- (2A) Sections 1 to 4, 6 and 7 come into force on the day the statement required by section 5(1) is laid before Parliament.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment means the Bill cannot come into force unless the statement of strategic priorities has been laid before Parliament.

EARL RUSSELL

- 123** Clause 8, page 4, line 15, leave out subsection (2) and insert –
- “(2) This section and section 5 come into force on the day on which this Act is passed.
- (2A) Sections 1 to 4, 6 and 7 come into force on the day the statement required by section 5(1) has been approved by both Houses of Parliament, in the form of a motion for resolution under section 5(3A).”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment means the Bill cannot come into force unless the statement of strategic priorities has been laid and approved by Parliament.

EARL RUSSELL

- 124** Clause 8, page 4, line 15, leave out subsection (2) and insert –
- “(2) This section and section 5 come into force on the day on which this Act is passed.
- (2A) Sections 1 to 4, 6 and 7 come into force on the day a document containing thematic headings with details outlining the intent and general approach of the Secretary

of State in relation to the statement of strategic priorities required by section 5(1) is laid before Parliament.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment means the Bill cannot come into force unless a document setting out the thematic headings of the statement of strategic priorities have been laid before Parliament.

LORD OFFORD OF GARVEL
VISCOUNT TRENCHARD

125 Clause 8, page 4, line 15, leave out subsection (2) and insert –

“(2) This section comes into force on the day on which this Act is passed.

(2A) Sections 1 to 4, 6 and 7 come into force two months after a revised Financial Framework Document has been laid before Parliament and the Secretary of State has tabled a motion for resolution on the Financial Framework Document in each House of Parliament.”

Member's explanatory statement

This would require the publication of the Financial Framework Document before the Act is passed.

LORD HAMILTON OF EPSOM
VISCOUNT TRENCHARD

126 Clause 8, page 4, line 15, leave out subsection (2) and insert –

“(2) This section comes into force on the day on which this Act is passed.

(2A) Other sections in this Act come into force on the day the Secretary of State publishes an assessment on the expected impact of this Act on the number of jobs in Aberdeen.”

LORD HAMILTON OF EPSOM
VISCOUNT TRENCHARD

127 Clause 8, page 4, line 15, leave out subsection (2) and insert –

“(2) This section comes into force on the day on which this Act is passed.

(2A) Other sections in this Act come into force on the day the Secretary of State publishes a report on the cost and viability of the Government’s net zero targets.”

BARONESS NOAKES
This amendment replaces Amendment 120

128 Clause 8, page 4, line 15, leave out subsection (2) and insert –

“(2) This section and section 5 come into force on the day on which this Act is passed.

- (2A) Other sections in this Act come into force on such a day as the Secretary of State may by regulations appoint, which must not be before the expiry of the 40-day period referred to in section 5(3A).”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment defers commencement of other provisions in the Bill until the expiry of the 40-day period referred to in section 5(3A).

LORD HAMILTON OF EPSOM

- 129** Clause 8, page 4, line 15, leave out subsection (2) and insert –

“(2) This section comes into force on the day on which this Act is passed.

- (2A) Other sections in this Act come into force on the day the Secretary of State publishes a report on the appropriateness of further Government subsidy for offshore wind developments.”

Member's explanatory statement

This would require a report on the appropriateness of further subsidy made by the Government for offshore wind development before provisions in the Act come into force.

LORD FROST

- 130** Clause 8, page 4, line 15, leave out subsection (2) and insert –

“(2) This section comes into force on the day on which this Act is passed.

- (2A) Other sections in this Act come into force on the day the Secretary of State publishes a comprehensive report with calculations setting out the full costs to the consumer and the taxpayer of the UK renewable energy industry.”

LORD LILLEY

LORD REAY

- 131** Clause 8, page 4, line 15, leave out subsection (2) and insert –

“(2) This section comes into force on the day on which this Act is passed.

- (2A) Other sections in this Act come into force on the day the Secretary of State publishes a report on the projected cost of future investments made by Great British Energy into long duration energy storage.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would require GB Energy to publish a report on the projected cost of long duration energy storage.

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