

Victims and Courts Bill

RUNNING LIST OF ALL AMENDMENTS ON REPORT

*Tabled up to and including
17 February 2026*

[Amendments marked ★ are new or have been altered]

After Clause 7

BARONESS BRINTON

After Clause 7, insert the following new Clause—

“Access to free court transcripts for victims

- (1) Victims of criminal offences shall be entitled to receive, without charge, court transcripts of—
 - (a) judicial summings-up, and
 - (b) bail decisions and conditions,which are relevant to their case.
- (2) The Secretary of State must ensure that such transcripts are provided within 14 days of a request.
- (3) The entitlement under subsection (1) shall apply irrespective of whether the victim gave evidence in the case.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would give victims a right to receive, free of charge, court transcripts of judicial summings-up and bail decisions relevant to their case. It requires that transcripts be provided within 14 days of a request and clarifies that this right applies whether or not the victim gave evidence in the case.

LORD HACKING

★ After Clause 7, insert the following new Clause —

“Victim navigators

- (1) The Secretary of State must, within six months of the passing of this Act, make provision for each police force in England and Wales to have access to one or more independent victim navigators.
- (2) The purpose of an independent victim navigator under subsection (1) is to —
 - (a) liaise between the police force and potential victims of offences relating to slavery or human trafficking, and
 - (b) assist in the provision of specialist advice for either the police force or the potential victims.
- (3) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide further guidance on the functions of independent victim navigators.
- (4) Regulations under this section shall be made by statutory instrument, and may not be made unless a draft has been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause seeks to implement the recommendation of the House of Lords Committee on the Modern Slavery Act 2015 (HL Paper 8) by introducing provisions for Independent Victim Navigators to be in operation on a national level in England and Wales, acting as a liaison between the police and potential victims of slavery or human trafficking in accessing the appropriate support.

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