

Railways Bill

AMENDMENTS TO BE MOVED IN GRAND COMMITTEE

[Supplementary to the Marshalled List]

**Amendment
No.**

Schedule 2

LORD MOYLAN

63A★ Schedule 2, page 70, line 30, at end insert—

“(f) innovation and the adoption of new and improved technology in relation to railways and railway services.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would allow the Secretary of State's funding objectives for Great British Railways to include objectives relating to innovation and the adoption of new technology.

LORD MOYLAN

64A★ Schedule 2, page 71, line 1, at end insert—

“(g) persons providing railway services,
(h) persons who supply goods or services to persons providing railway services.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would require the Secretary of State to consult railway service providers and their supply chain when preparing the statement of objectives for a funding period.

Clause 15

LORD MOYLAN

91A★ Clause 15, page 9, line 9, at end insert—

“(c) encouraging and securing innovation in, and the adoption of new technology across, the rail system including through the publication of a pipeline of planned investment, renewal and procurement.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would require the rail strategy to address innovation and the adoption of new technology, including by giving the supply chain greater visibility of planned investment, renewal and procurement.

Clause 18

LORD MOYLAN

116A★ Clause 18, page 11, line 3, at end insert –

“(ca) so as to promote innovation in, and the adoption of new and improved technology across, the provision of railway services and the management, operation, maintenance, renewal and improvement of railway infrastructure,”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would add innovation and technology adoption to the general duties applying to Ministers, Great British Railways and the Office of Rail and Road when exercising relevant railway functions.

BARONESS LAING OF ELDESLIE

119A★ Clause 18, page 11, line 8, at end insert “and deliver value for money”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment widens the duty on GBR to make efficient use of public funds by adding a “value for money” duty which requires GBR to consider wider cost and benefit factors in the appraisal and prioritisation of spending decisions.

Clause 73

BARONESS LAING OF ELDESLIE

283A★ Clause 73, page 43, line 11, after “company,” insert “ a service designated by Scottish Ministers under section 26, or a company owned jointly by Great British Railways and Scottish Ministers,”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, and another in the name of Baroness Laing of Elderslie, widens the interpretation of “GBR Infrastructure” and “GBR Passenger Service” to ensure that passenger rail services in Scotland designated by Scottish are treated in the same way as GBR-designated passenger services in England.

BARONESS LAING OF ELDESLIE

- 283B★** Clause 73, page 43, line 14, after the second “service” insert “designated by Scottish Ministers under section 26, or”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, and another in the name of Baroness Laing of Elderslie, widens the interpretation of “GBR Infrastructure” and “GBR Passenger Service” to ensure that passenger rail services in Scotland designated by Scottish are treated in the same way as GBR-designated passenger services in England.

Clause 88

LORD MOYLAN

- 305A★** Clause 88, page 55, line 13 at end insert —

“(3) A scheme under this section which makes provision for the transfer of rights and liabilities under, or relating to, a contract of employment must make provision for the orderly transfer of existing employment liabilities from the relevant existing employer to the relevant future employer.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would require a transfer scheme made by the Secretary of State to provide for the orderly transfer of existing employment liabilities from existing employers to future employers.

After Clause 95

LORD MOYLAN

- 330D★** After Clause 95, insert the following new Clause —

“Great British Railways: publication of railway data

- (1) Great British Railways must publish railway data without charge and under an open licence.
- (2) In this section, “railway data” means data held by Great British Railways relating to —
 - (a) timetables and train running,
 - (b) railway service performance,
 - (c) fares and ticket availability,
 - (d) planned and unplanned disruption, and
 - (e) the accessibility of railway passenger services and station services.
- (3) Data published under subsection (1) must be made available —
 - (a) through the Rail Data Marketplace or any successor arrangement,
 - (b) in real time, where reasonably practicable,
 - (c) in machine-readable and interoperable formats, and

- (d) on terms that are fair, reasonable and non-discriminatory.
- (4) The ORR must monitor compliance with this section.
- (5) In this section, “open licence” means a licence which permits the use, reuse and redistribution of data by any person without charge.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new Clause would require Great British Railways to publish key rail data openly, including data on timetables, performance, fares, disruption and accessibility, and would require the Office of Rail and Road to monitor compliance.

LORD MOYLAN

330E★ After Clause 95, insert the following new Clause —

“Review of railway data and smart data schemes

- (1) The Secretary of State must, within 12 months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed, carry out a review of whether data held by Great British Railways in connection with railways and railway services should be subject to regulations made under Part 1 of the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025.
- (2) The Secretary of State must publish a report setting out the conclusions of the review.
- (3) The Secretary of State must lay a copy of the report before Parliament.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new Clause would require the Secretary of State to review whether data held by Great British Railways should be brought within regulations made under Part 1 of the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025.

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