

Animal Welfare (Sentience) Bill [HL]

AMENDMENTS TO BE MOVED IN GRAND COMMITTEE

Clause 1

LORD FORSYTH OF DRUMLEAN

Page 1, line 4, at end insert –

“(1A) The Committee is to subsume the Animal Welfare Committee of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.”

Page 1, line 7, at end insert –

“(4) Before establishing the Committee, the Secretary of State must seek and obtain the approval of each House of Parliament in respect of the –
(a) composition,
(b) budget, and
(c) terms of reference,
of the Committee.”

Clause 2

LORD FORSYTH OF DRUMLEAN

Page 1, line 9, leave out “or has been”

Page 1, line 11, at end insert –

“(1A) The Committee may not report on established government policy.”

Page 1, line 11, at end insert –

“(1A) The Committee must obtain the consent of the Secretary of State before undertaking work to produce a report.”

Page 2, line 3, leave out “government of the United Kingdom” and insert “Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs”

After Clause 2

LORD FORSYTH OF DRUMLEAN

Insert the following new Clause—

“Programme of work and budget

- (1) The Animal Sentience Committee must obtain the approval of the Secretary of State in relation to its annual programme of work, and its annual budget which must be commensurate with the work programme.
- (2) The Secretary of State must provide the Committee with such resources as are necessary to meet the budget.”

After Clause 3

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Insert the following new Clause—

“Duty to prepare an Animal Sentience Strategy

- (1) The Secretary of State must prepare an Animal Sentience Strategy as set out in subsections (2) and (3).
- (2) The Strategy must set out how Her Majesty’s Government plans to have regard to animal sentience including plans to—
 - (a) commission and respond to Animal Sentience Committee reports,
 - (b) require animal welfare impact assessments, and
 - (c) commission any necessary independent research.
- (3) The Strategy must set out upcoming policies that the Secretary of State may ask the Animal Sentience Committee to review.
- (4) The Secretary of State must publish an annual statement on progress on the Animal Sentience Strategy.
- (5) An annual statement under subsection (4) must include a summary of changes in policy or implementation that have occurred in response to an Animal Sentience Committee report over the past year.
- (6) A Minister of the Crown must request parliamentary time for debate on the annual statement in each House of Parliament.
- (7) The Secretary of State must publish a revised Animal Sentience Strategy at the start of each parliamentary session.”

Clause 5

LORD FORSYTH OF DRUMLEAN

Page 2, line 33, leave out subsections (2) to (4)

Page 2, line 40, leave out “and “invertebrate” have the meanings” and insert “has the meaning”

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