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[For Fifth Marshalled List]

Clause 97
LORD TEVERSON
Page 99, line 9, leave out subsection (5) and insert—
“(5) The responsible authority has the duty of implementing the local nature recovery strategy.

(6) Other public authorities have a duty to cooperate with the responsible authority to implement the local nature recovery strategy.”

After Clause 133
BARONESS BENNETT OF MANOR CASTLE
Insert the following new Clause—
“Ecocide
(1) A person who commits ecocide is guilty of an offence.

(2) “Ecocide” means unlawful or wanton acts committed with knowledge that there is a substantial likelihood of severe and either widespread or long-term damage to the environment being caused by those acts.

(3) In subsection (2)—
   “act” includes a failure to act;
   “environment” means the earth, its biosphere, cryosphere, lithosphere, hydrosphere and atmosphere;
   “long-term” means damage which is irreversible or which cannot be redressed through natural recovery within a reasonable period of time;
   “severe” means damage which involves very serious adverse changes, disruption or harm to any element of the environment, including grave impacts on human life or natural, cultural or economic resources;
   “wanton” means with reckless disregard for damage which would be clearly excessive in relation to the social and economic benefits anticipated;
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“widespread” means damage which extends beyond a limited geographic area, crosses state boundaries, or is suffered by an entire ecosystem or species or a large number of human beings.

(4) Where an offence under this section has been committed by a body corporate, and it is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of or to be attributable to neglect on the part of—

(a) a director, manager, secretary or similar officer of the body corporate, or
(b) a person who was purporting to act in such a capacity,

the director, manager, secretary, officer or person, as well as the body corporate, is guilty of the offence and liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

(5) The offence under this section is triable only on indictment.

(6) A person convicted of an offence is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 30 years.”
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