

Environment Bill

AMENDMENTS
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ON REPORT

Before Clause 1

LORD TEVERSON
BARONESS JONES OF WHITCHURCH

Insert the following new Clause –

“Purpose and declaration of biodiversity and climate emergency

- (1) The purpose of this Act is to address the biodiversity and climate emergency domestically and globally.
- (2) As soon as reasonably practicable and no later than one month beginning with the day on which this Act is passed, the Prime Minister must declare that there is a biodiversity and climate emergency domestically and globally.
- (3) The Government must have regard to this purpose and declaration when implementing the provisions of this Act.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would have the effect of the UK Government declaring a climate and biodiversity emergency.

After Clause 54

BARONESS JONES OF WHITCHURCH

Insert the following new Clause –

“Plastics strategy for England

- (1) The Secretary of State must, no later than 31 March 2023, lay a plastics strategy for England before Parliament.
- (2) The strategy must set out –
 - (a) the Secretary of State’s objectives in relation to reducing or eliminating plastic pollution,
 - (b) proposals and policies for meeting the objectives, and
 - (c) the timescales over which those proposals and policies are expected to take effect.

After Clause 54 - continued

- (3) The objectives, principles, proposals and policies referred to in subsection (2) must seek to achieve, among other things –
- (a) a reduction in single use plastics and alternative materials, and an overall reduction plastic use, waste and pollution,
 - (b) objectives in relation to mitigation of and adaptation to climate change, including achieving carbon budgets under Part 1 of the Climate Change Act 2008,
 - (c) avoidance of harmful substitutions, including thorough assessment of the impacts of alternative materials and plans to minimise those impacts and any unnecessary material use, and
 - (d) co-operation with the Scottish Ministers, the Welsh Ministers and the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs in Northern Ireland.
- (4) Before laying the strategy before Parliament, the Secretary of State must publish a draft strategy and consult with –
- (a) such bodies as the Secretary of State considers appropriate,
 - (b) the Scottish Ministers, the Welsh Ministers and the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs in Northern Ireland, and
 - (c) the general public.
- (5) The Secretary of State must, no later than –
- (a) 5 years after laying a strategy before Parliament under subsection (1), and
 - (b) the end of every subsequent period of 5 years,
- lay a revised strategy before Parliament under the terms set out in subsections (2) to (4).
- (6) The Secretary of State must, no later than 3 years after the laying before Parliament of each strategy under this section, lay before Parliament a report on the implementation of that strategy and the progress made in achieving the objectives, principles, proposals and policies under subsection (2).”

Clause 79

THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON
 BARONESS ALTMANN
 LORD OATES
 BARONESS QUIN

Page 71, line 9, at end insert –

- “(2A) A drainage and sewerage management plan must require the undertaker –
- (a) to improve every year the grade of sewage treatment of the sewerage system, and
 - (b) progressively to separate the operation of the sewerage system from the drainage system.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is intended to secure continuous improvement of sewage treatment plants and to secure the eventual separation of drainage systems from the sewerage systems through a legal obligation placed on the water companies.

After Clause 112

LORD RANDALL OF UXBRIDGE

Insert the following new Clause—

“Duty to produce a global footprint target timetable

- (1) The Secretary of State must produce a document specifying the timetable under which the Secretary of State will set a global footprint target in accordance with this section.
- (2) The dates to be specified in this document are the dates on which the Secretary of State will—
 - (a) by regulations set a global footprint target, and
 - (b) require this target to be met.
- (3) The dates to be specified in this document shall be no later than—
 - (a) 31 January 2021, in the case of setting the target, and
 - (b) 31 December 2030, in the case of the date by which the target is required to be met.
- (4) The Secretary of State must—
 - (a) publish the document in such a manner as the Secretary of State thinks fit, and
 - (b) lay the document before Parliament.
- (5) The Secretary of State must take the steps specified in subsection (4) within six months of the day on which this Act is passed.
- (6) For the purposes of this section—
 - (a) “global footprint” means the environmental impact of—
 - (i) goods produced or consumed, and
 - (ii) services receivedin England, wherever the environmental impact occurs.
 - (b) “global footprint target” means a target set by regulations which requires a significant reduction in global footprint.”

Member's explanatory statement

These amendments would strengthen the review provision to ensure that the rights of indigenous peoples are considered, a consultation is held and the Secretary of State takes steps to eliminate forest risk commodities from UK commercial activities.

Schedule 9

BARONESS JONES OF WHITCHURCH

Page 188, line 39, leave out paragraph (b) and insert—

“(b) are made of plastic or any other single use material, and”

Schedule 17

LORD RANDALL OF UXBRIDGE

Page 246, line 18, at end insert –

- “(e) the impact of the relevant provisions on the rights of indigenous peoples and other affected communities, including their efforts to protect their lands and forests;
- (f) whether further action is required to ensure the elimination of the conversion of forest to agricultural use for the purposes of producing commodities, or products derived from commodities, which are used in UK commercial activities.

(2A) As part of a review the Secretary of State must consult persons with relevant expertise on the matters specified in sub-paragraph (2)(a) to (f).”

Member’s explanatory statement

These amendments would strengthen the review provision to ensure that the rights of indigenous peoples are considered, a consultation is held and the Secretary of State takes steps to eliminate forest risk commodities from UK commercial activities.

Page 246, line 25, at end insert –

- “(c) the steps which the Secretary of State will take to ensure the elimination of the conversion of forest to agricultural use for the purposes set out in sub-paragraph (2)(f).”

Member’s explanatory statement

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