

Armed Forces Bill

COMMONS REASONS

[The page and line numbers refer to HL Bill 42, the bill as first printed for the Lords]

Clause 7

LORDS AMENDMENT 1

1 Page 4, line 27, at end insert –

“(4A) Guidance under subsection (3)(a) must provide that where offences of murder, manslaughter, domestic violence, child abuse, rape or sexual assault with penetration are alleged to have been committed in the United Kingdom, any charges brought against a person subject to service law shall normally be tried in a civilian court unless, by reason of specific naval or military complexity involving the service, the Attorney General consents to trial by court martial.”

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The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment 1 for the following Reason –

1A *Because a presumption in favour of the offences in question being heard in the civilian courts is not necessary or justified.*

Clause 8

LORDS AMENDMENT 2

2 Page 9, line 18, at end insert –

“(za) the Secretary of State;”

COMMONS REASON

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment 2 for the following Reason –

2A *Because the Commons do not consider the addition of the Secretary of State as a specified person to be necessary to address any disparity in the delivery of core services across the United Kingdom, or otherwise to achieve the aims of the Bill.*

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