

Energy Bill [HL]

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Clause 112

LORD TEVERSON

Clause 112, page 100, line 22, at end insert –

- “(f) to ensure that the investment required to deliver its plans and strategies in (c) and (d) is realised.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment requires the ISOP not just to strategise and plan but to have a responsibility to deliver.

Clause 113

LORD TEVERSON

Clause 113, page 100, line 24, at end insert –

- “(1A) The person designated under subsection (1) must be a public body with no other roles or interests in the energy sector.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment ensures that the ISOP is a public body, not an individual or a private company, and has no conflicting interests.

Clause 114

LORD TEVERSON

Clause 114, page 101, line 7, leave out paragraph (c) and insert –

- “(c) the energy efficiency objective;
(d) the economic efficiency objective, taking into account the needs of a circular economy.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment ensures that energy efficiency is a core objective of the ISOP and that its plans and strategies take into account a circular economy model.

LORD TEVERSON

Clause 114, page 101, line 14, after the second “security” insert “and adequacy”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment defines security more broadly by including the concept of adequate capacity.

LORD TEVERSON

Clause 114, page 101, line 19, leave out subsection (4) and insert –

- “(4) The energy efficiency objective is to ensure that the efficient use of energy is a core driver in the plans and strategies of the ISOP.
- (5) The economic efficiency objective is the objective of promoting –
 - (a) efficient, co-ordinated, and economical systems for the distribution and transmission of electricity and the conveyance of gas;
 - (b) a circular economy model wherever appropriate.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment ensures that energy efficiency is a core objective of the ISOP and that its plans and strategies take into account, when appropriate, a circular economy model.

Clause 116

LORD TEVERSON

Clause 116, page 102, line 40, leave out subsection (1) and insert –

- “(1) The ISOP once designated must be independent of the Secretary of the State, except by way of having regard to the strategic priorities set out in current strategy and policy statement.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment ensures that the Independent System Operator and Planner is independent.

LORD TEVERSON

Clause 116, page 102, line 41, at end insert –

- “(1A) Within 18 months of its designation, and every year thereafter, the ISOP must report to Parliament on –
 - (a) its delivery against its objectives;
 - (b) the current state of energy networks in Great Britain including inter-connectors; and

(c) its future challenges.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment ensures that there is open and transparent accountability from an independent publicly designated body.

Clause 164

LORD TEVERSON

Leave out Clause 164 and insert the following new Clause –

“Smart meters

- (1) Within six months of the day on which this Act is passed the Secretary of State must lay before Parliament a new plan for the roll out of smart meters.
- (2) The plan outlined in subsection (1) must include provisions to place the responsibility for installing smart meters with the regional Distribution Network Operators (DNOs).
- (3) The plan must also outline a requirement for the DNOs to work with the appropriate local authority in each area to implement “street by street” or “rural cluster” replacement of non-smart meters, and the upgrade of SMETS1 meters.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment requires a new delivery plan for smart meters to be drawn up by the Secretary of State rather than an adjustment of timescales alone. It mandates that the plan is delivered by the regional DNOs rather than, as at present, electricity retailers, in strong coordination with local authorities.

After Clause 237

LORD TEVERSON

After Clause 237, insert the following new Clause –

“Prohibition of new coal mines

Within six months of the day on which this Act is passed, the Secretary of State must by regulations made by statutory instrument prohibit the opening of new coal mines and the licensing of new coal mines by the Coal Authority or its successors, where the purpose of the mines is to provide coal for energy production.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment will prevent the opening of new coal mines in the England, where their purpose is to produce coal for energy production.

LORD TEVERSON

After Clause 237, insert the following new Clause –

“Carbon reduction

Within six months of the day on which this Act is passed the Secretary of State must introduce measures to reduce the carbon intensity of power supplied by the capacity market by prioritising –

- (a) demand side management,
- (b) the supply of renewable energy,
- (c) electricity storage and other non-carbon based energy storage systems.”

Member's explanatory statement

This is a probing amendment to explore the potential of decarbonising the capacity market.

LORD BRUCE OF BENNACHIE

After Clause 237, insert the following new Clause –

“Energy Efficiency Commission

- (1) Within six months of the date on which this Act is passed the Secretary of State must establish an Energy Efficiency Commission.
- (2) The role of the Energy Efficiency Commission is to advise on targets and timetables for effective ways of using energy more efficiently and conserving energy across –
 - (a) generators,
 - (b) industry,
 - (c) commercial developers and real estate managers,
 - (d) households,
 - (e) transport agencies, and
 - (f) any other relevant sectors,to ensure minimal wastage of energy, improved conservation and best practice towards achieving net zero.
- (3) The Energy Efficiency Commission must also advise the Secretary of State on targets set in relation to energy storage.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would seek to establish an Energy Efficiency Commission to advise on targets and timetables for effective ways of using energy more efficiently.

LORD BRUCE OF BENNACHIE

After Clause 237, insert the following new Clause –

“Energy storage targets

- (1) Within six months of the day on which this Act is passed the Secretary of State must introduce energy storage targets.
- (2) The objective of the targets outlined in subsection (1) is to even out fluctuations in demand and generation supply, in particular from wind, solar, wave and tidal generation.
- (3) In setting the energy storage targets the Secretary of State must consult –
 - (a) generators,
 - (b) distributors, and
 - (c) any other relevant bodies with responsibility for advising on energy storage targets.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would require the Secretary of State to set energy storage targets to even out fluctuations in demand and generation supply.

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