

Railways Bill

AMENDMENTS TO BE MOVED IN GRAND COMMITTEE

[Supplementary to the Third Marshalled List]

Clause 17

LORD GRAYLING

Clause 17, page 10, line 10, at end insert –

- “(1A) The target set under subsection (1) must provide for an increase of at least 40% in the use of the railway network in Great Britain for the carriage of goods, measured in net tonne kilometres, by 2040.
- (1B) The increase under subsection (1A) is to be measured against the same baseline as that used for the rail freight growth target announced by the Secretary of State on 8 September 2026.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would place on a statutory footing the Government's target, announced on 8 September 2026, of increasing freight moved by rail in Great Britain by at least 40% in net tonne kilometres by 2040.

Schedule 4

LORD MOYLAN

Schedule 4, page 93, line 25, at end insert –

- “50A In section 19 (The Passengers' Council), after subsection (2) insert –
- “(2A) The Secretary of State may not appoint a person as chairman until the Transport Committee of the House of Commons has completed pre-appointment scrutiny of the preferred candidate.””

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would enact a recommendation of the House of Commons Transport Select Committee by precluding the appointment of a Chair of the Passengers' Council before the Committee has undertaken pre-appointment scrutiny of the preferred candidate.

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