



# House of Commons

## NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS

given up to and including

**Friday 27 November 2015**

*New Amendments handed in are marked thus ★*

☆ *Amendments which will comply with the required notice period at their next appearance*

*Amendments tabled since the last publication: 1 to 2 and NC1*

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

### ARMED FORCES BILL

#### NOTE

**This document includes all amendments tabled to date and includes any withdrawn amendments at the end. The amendments have been arranged in the order in which they relate to the Bill.**

Secretary Michael Fallon

★ Clause 19, page 17, line 1, after “5(3),” insert “(*War pensions committees and armed and reserve forces compensation schemes*),”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment provides that NC1 does not extend to the Isle of Man or the British overseas territories. Like section 25 of the Social Security Act 1989, NC1 is to extend to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland (see clause 18).*

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**Armed Forces Bill, *continued***
*NEW CLAUSE*

Secretary Michael Fallon

NC1

★ To move the following Clause—

**“War pensions committees and armed and reserve forces compensation schemes**

- (1) Section 25 of the Social Security Act 1989 (establishment and functions of war pensions committees) is amended as follows.
- (2) After subsection (1) insert—
  - “(1A) The regulations may give the committees functions relating to one or more of the following—
    - (a) war pensions;
    - (b) war pensioners;
    - (c) AFCS benefits;
    - (d) AFCS benefit recipients.”
- (3) In subsection (2)—
  - (a) omit the words from the beginning to the second “and”,
  - (b) for “it shall be their function” substitute “it is a function of a committee”,
  - (c) in paragraph (a), for “connected with war pensions or affecting war pensioners in their area and, where they think” substitute “connected with war pensions or AFCS benefits or affecting people in its area who are war pensioners or AFCS benefit recipients and, where it thinks”,
  - (d) in paragraph (b), for “to them by persons receiving or claiming war pensions and, if they think” substitute “to it by people receiving or claiming war pensions or AFCS benefits and, if it thinks”,
  - (e) in paragraph (c)—
    - (i) for “them” substitute “it”, and
    - (ii) for “they” substitute “it”, and
  - (f) in paragraph (d), for “war pensioners in their area” substitute “people in its area who are war pensioners or AFCS benefit recipients”.
- (4) After subsection (3) insert—
  - “(3A) The regulations may provide for the committees to have names specified in the regulations (as well as being known as war pensions committees).”
- (5) In subsection (4), before the definition of “war pension” insert—
  - ““AFCS benefit” means a benefit payable under an armed and reserve forces compensation scheme established by order under section 1(2) of the Armed Forces (Pensions and Compensation) Act 2004;
  - “AFCS benefit recipient” means a person in receipt of an AFCS benefit, in the person’s capacity as such.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*War pensions committees established under section 25 of the Social Security Act 1989 may be given functions by the Secretary of State by regulations. This new clause provides that the functions include functions relating to armed and reserve forces compensation schemes established under the Armed Forces (Pensions and Compensation) Act 2004.*

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*Armed Forces Bill, continued*

Secretary Michael Fallon

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- ★ Title, line 2, after “discipline;” insert “to make provision about war pensions committees established under section 25 of the Social Security Act 1989;”

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ORDER OF THE HOUSE [15 OCTOBER 2015]

That the following provisions shall apply to the Armed Forces Bill:

*Select Committee*

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Select Committee.
2. The Select Committee shall report the Bill to the House on or before 17 December 2015.

*Committee of the whole House, Consideration and Third Reading*

3. On report from the Select Committee, the Bill shall be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House.
4. Proceedings in Committee of the whole House on re-committal, any proceedings on Consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall be taken in one day in accordance with the following provisions of this Order.
5. Proceedings in Committee of the whole House and any proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which proceedings in Committee of the whole House are commenced.
6. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.

*Programming committee*

7. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings in Committee of the whole House, to any proceedings on Consideration or to proceedings on Third Reading.

*Other proceedings*

8. Any other proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or on any further messages from the Lords) may be programmed.
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