

MINERS' STRIKE (PARDONS) (SCOTLAND) BILL

AMENDMENTS TO BE MOVED AT STAGE 2

Section 1, Page 1, Line 10	After picket insert < or >
Section 1, Page 1, Line 11	Leave out < or other similar gathering >
Section 1, Page 1, Line 12	After picket insert < or >
Section 1, Page 1, Line 13	Leave out < or other similar gathering >
Section 1, Page 1, Line 16	Leave out < or other similar gathering >
Section 1, Page 1, Line 17	Leave out < intended participation, or >
Section 1, Page 1, Line 18	Leave out < or other similar gathering >

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Section 1, Page 1, Line 10

After picket insert < or >

Effect

Paving amendment

Section 1, Page 1, Line 11

Leave out < or other similar gathering >

Effect

This amendment removes any ambiguity in respect of the eligible circumstances which warrant a pardon.

Reason

The Law Society of Scotland notes that the wording in the Bill as introduced is vague and lacks specificity. The phrase "or other similar gathering" is imprecise and could lead miners and/or their families to mistakenly believe that they have been pardoned for participating in events which are not covered by the Bill, or not intended to be covered by the Bill. Clarification of this phraseology would be welcomed.

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Section 1, Page 1, Line 12

After picket insert < or >

Effect

Paving amendment

Section 1, Page 1, Line 13

Leave out < or other similar gathering >

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Section 1, Page 1, Line 16

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Section 1, Page 1, Line 17

Leave out < intended participation, or >

Effect

This amendment removes dubiety and sharpens the language in Section 1 subsection (3)(b).

Reason

We consider the phrase "intended participation" to be unclear. Further, we are unsure how intended participation in the strikes could or would be assessed almost 40 years after the events. We note that there was discussion, during the Bill's Stage 1 debate, that acknowledges that records and information from the Miners' Strikes is incomplete. We would therefore suggest that a note, or similar, is placed upon the criminal records of those who are eligible to evidence the fact that they have received a pardon.

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Section 1, Page 1, Line 18

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