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**26 November 2013**

MPs debated the remaining stages of the Gambling (Licensing and Advertising) Bill in the House of Commons, with the report stage and third reading of the Bill both taking place on Tuesday 26 November 2013.

James Duddridge opened the debate on report stage. Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Culture Media and Sport, Mrs Helen Grant, responded on behalf of the Government.

New clause 1: facilities for remote gambling, tabled by James Duddridge, was withdrawn.

New clause 11: power to extend the horserace betting levy to overseas bookmakers, tabled by Clive Efford, was negated on division. ([Ayes 213 votes, Noes 271 votes, Division 138](#))

New clause 14: self-exclusion for remote gambling, tabled by Jim Shannon, was negated on division ([Ayes 223 votes, Noes 283 votes, Division 139](#))

The bill passed third reading on question, without a vote.

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### Summary of the Gambling (Licensing and Advertising) Bill

The Bill makes provision about the licensing and advertising of gambling.

Under the Gambling Act 2005, it became possible, for the first time, to offer "remote gambling" from equipment based in Great Britain. The Act defines remote gambling as gambling where customers participate through the use of "remote communication" such as the internet, telephone, television, or radio.

The Gambling (Licensing and Advertising) Bill would amend the 2005 Act so that all remote gambling operators would be required to obtain a licence from the Gambling Commission to enable them to transact with British customers and advertise in Britain.

### Progress of the Bill

The Bill was introduced into the House of Commons on 9 May 2013.

Keep up to date with all the proceedings and documentation, including amendment papers, on the Gambling (Licensing and Advertising) Bill and find out how a Bill becomes an Act of Parliament.

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- [Read Library Briefing Paper: Gambling \(Licensing and Advertising\) Bill](#)

### What is the report stage of a bill?

The report stage gives MPs an opportunity, on the floor of the House, to consider any further amendments (proposals for change) to a bill which has been examined in a public bill committee or on the floor of the House. There is no set time period between the end of committee stage and the start of the report stage.

### What happens at report stage?

All MPs may speak and vote. For lengthy or complex bills, the debates may be spread over several days. All MPs can suggest amendments to the bill or new clauses (parts) that they think should be added.

### What happens after report stage?

Report stage is usually followed immediately by debate on the bill's third reading.

### What happens at third reading?

Debate on the bill is usually short, and limited to what is actually in the bill, rather than, as at second reading, what might have been included.

Amendments (proposals for change) cannot be made to a bill at a third reading in the Commons. At the end of the debate, the House decides whether to approve the third reading of the bill.

### **What happens after third reading?**

If the bill started in the Commons it goes to the House of Lords for its first reading.

If the bill started in the Lords it returns to the House of Lords for consideration of any amendments the Commons has made.

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