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Doesn't really matter if bill passes at second reading. It's after that that the amendments are made, which would, under the govt's own insistence, derail it.

The govt attempt to portray a second reading vote as proof of support is a nonsense - illogical by virtue of its own position.

Labour pro-dealers saying they'd back second reading doesn't mean much, because that is the stage they need to pass for amendments to become possible.