

Dear Jonathan, your vague citation of the House of Lords and the floor of the US Congress do not reveal anything and for sure not the official opinion of those political units. It is much more important to read the final opinions of the UK and US institutions about regulation of "GMOs"

See e.g.

House-of-Commons (2015) Advanced genetic techniques for crop improvement: regulation, risk and precaution, Fifth Report of Session 2014–15, 26 February 2015 House of Commons Science and Technology Committee, 102 pp www.parliament.uk/science AND <http://www.ask-force.org/web/Regulation/British-House-Commons-Advanced-Genetic-Methods-5th-Report-2015.pdf>

And a letter to the UK Government from the UK council of science and Technology:

Walport Mark and Rothwell Nancy (20131121) GM technologies Council for Science and Technology London 4 pp https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/288823/cst-14-634-gm-technologies.pdf AND <http://www.ask-force.org/web/Regulation/Walport-Rothwell-Letter-Prime-Minister-Regulation-20131121.pdf> AND full report <http://www.ask-force.org/web/UK-Parliament/Walport-Advisor-First-Report-Risk-Innovation-full-report-20141119.pdf>

ACRE (2013a) Report 1: Towards an evidence-based regulatory system for GMOs. ACRE, Advisory Committee On Releases To The Environment London 13 pp https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/239839/an-evidence-based-regulatory-system-for-gmos.pdf AND <http://www.ask-force.org/web/Discourse/ACRE-Report-1-Towards-Evidence-Based-Regulatory-GMOs-2013.pdf>

ACRE (2013b) Report 2: Why a modern understanding of genomes demonstrates the need for a new regulatory system for GMOs. ACRE, Advisory Committee On Releases To The Environment London 14 pp 2/2 https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/239852/genomes-and-gm-regulation.pdf AND <http://www.ask-force.org/web/Genomics/ACRE-Report-2-Case-New-Regulatory-System-2013.pdf>

ACRE Advice (2014) ACRE advice: New techniques used in plant breeding 44 pp https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/239542/new-techniques-used-in-plant-breeding.pdf AND <http://www.ask-force.org/web/Regulation/ACRE-new-Techniques-used-in-plant-breeding-4-2014.pdf>

House of Lords and Select Committee on Science and Technology (20151103) Revised Manuscript of evidence taken before The Select Committee on Science and Technology, Inquiry on Genetically Modified Insects. House of Lords London 17 pp <http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/science-and-technology-committee-/genetically-modified-insects/oral/24257.html> AND <http://www.ask-force.org/web/Genomics/House-Lords-Transcript-Evidence-GM-Insects-20151103.pdf>

And the US side: with a rich choice of documents

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/biotechnology/sa_guidance_documents

and my latest input for the new APHIS regulatory system call: (Docket 2015-0057)

<http://www.ask-force.org/web/USDA/Ammann-Niklaus-USDA-APHIS-2015-0057-20170619.docx>

Best, Klaus Ammann