



## **EARLY DAY MOTION SPONSORED BY KAREN BUCK MP**

### **'INJURIES TO AIRPORT BAGGAGE-HANDLERS'**

That this House recognises that airport baggage-handlers frequently experience serious back and other injuries due to the excessive weight and repetitive handling of the baggage they routinely handle; further recognises that on average each bag is handled 10 times from check-in to collection, often in cramped conditions with each worker handling an average of nine tonnes per working shift; agrees with the Health and Safety Executive and the International Air Transport Association that a reduction in the maximum weight of checked-in luggage from 32 kilos to 23 kilos per item would have a positive effect on reducing the risk to workers; congratulates Unite the union on its Lighten Up campaign, which aims to protect the health of baggage-handlers as well as reduce the carbon footprint of aviation; calls on the Health and Safety Executive to regulate on this matter to ensure a uniform standard across the UK aviation sector and government to use its influence wherever possible to ensure that this action is taken.