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The *Business Rate Supplements Bill* was introduced by Hazel Blears on 04 December 2008 and had its second reading in the House of Commons on 12 January 2009. Further information about the progress of the Bill and recent amendments can be accessed via:

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