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The Skills and Post-16 Education Bill, which had its second reading in the Lords last week, has broad support across parties. Universally welcomed, the Bill also has flaws. If the Government is wise, it will take on board some of the concerns that Parliament has.

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The six-hour second reading debate of the Skills and Post-16 Education Bill in the Lords showed widespread support for the Bill, as well as an understanding of its failings.
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