



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday 6 October 2020

**Votes and Proceedings**

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The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care**
- 2 Urgent Question: Economic support available to individuals and businesses in areas of the country subject to additional public health restrictions (Steve Barclay)**
- 3 Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)**

*Ordered,* That leave be given to bring in a Bill to revoke parental or judicial consent which permits the marriage or civil partnership of a child and to criminalise child marriage or civil partnership under the age of 18; and for connected purposes;

That Mrs Pauline Latham, Sarah Champion, Sir Graham Brady, Mr Virendra Sharma, Henry Smith, Philip Davies, Sir Roger Gale, Dr Dan Poulter, Mrs Sheryll Murray, Mrs Heather Wheeler, Ms Nusrat Ghani and Fiona Bruce present the Bill.

Mrs Pauline Latham accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 13 November, and to be printed (Bill 192).

#### **4 Prisoners (Disclosure of Information About Victims) Bill: Programme (No. 2)**

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Prisoners (Disclosure of Information About Victims) Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 11 February 2020 (Prisoners (Disclosure of Information About Victims) Bill (Programme)):

##### *Consideration of Lords Amendments*

(1) Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall (so far as not previously

concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.

*Subsequent stages*

(2) Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

(3) The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.—(*Chris Philp.*)

Question agreed to.

**5 Prisoners (Disclosure of Information About Victims) Bill: Consideration of Lords Amendments**

Lords Amendment 1 disagreed to.

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83H(2)), That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment 1.

That Chris Philp, Tom Pursglove, Neil O'Brien, Julie Marson, Bambos Charalambous and Peter Kyle be members of the Committee.

That Chris Philp be the Chair of the Committee.

That three be the quorum of the Committee.

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(*Rebecca Harris.*)

Question agreed to.

## **6 Prisoners (Disclosure of Information About Victims) Bill: Reasons Committee**

Chris Philp reported that the Committee had agreed the following Reason:

Because it would duplicate existing arrangements to keep victims and family members informed of developments with an offender's sentence.

The Reason was agreed to.

## **7 Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Bill [Lords]: Committee of the whole House**

The House resolved itself into a Committee (Programme Order, 2 September).

(In the Committee)

Clause 1 (Implementation of the 1996, 2005 and 2007 Hague Conventions)

Amendment 2 proposed.—(*Mr Jonathan Djanogly.*)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 2 (Crown application)

Amendment 5 made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 3 (Extent, commencement and short title)

Amendment 6 made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

New Clause NC5—(*Alex Chalk*)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Division No. 126

Ayes: 324 (Tellers: David Rutley, Michael Tomlinson)

Noes: 175 (Tellers: Jessica Morden, Jeff Smith)

Question agreed to.

New Schedule NS4—(*Alex Chalk*)—brought up, read the first time and second time, and added to the Bill.

Amendment 7 made.

Title accordingly amended, as follows: A Bill to implement the Hague Conventions of 1996, 2005 and 2007 and to provide for the implementation of other international agreements on private international law.

The occupant of the Chair left the Chair to report the Bill (Order, 2 September).

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The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Michael Tomlinson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made Amendments.

## **8 Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Bill [Lords]: Consideration**

**of the Bill, as amended in the Committee of the whole House**

No amendments on consideration.

## **9 Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Bill [Lords]: Third Reading**

Bill read the third time, and passed with Amendments.

## **10 Public Health**

Motion made and Question proposed, That the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (No. 2) (England) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 986), dated 13 September 2020, a copy of which was laid before this House on 14 September, be approved.—(*Helen Whately.*)

The Deputy Speaker announced a time limit on backbench speeches (Standing Order No. 47(1)).

Question put.

The House divided.

Division No. 127

Ayes: 287 (Tellers: Michael Tomlinson, David Rutley)

Noes: 17 (Tellers: Craig Mackinlay, Sir Christopher Chope)

Question agreed to.

*Resolved*, That the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (No. 2) (England) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 986), dated 13 September 2020, a copy of which was laid before this House on 14 September, be approved.

## **11 Statutory Instruments: Motion for approval**

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Birmingham, Sandwell and Solihull) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 988), dated 14 September 2020, a copy of which was laid before this House on 14 September, be approved.—(*Edward Argar*.)

Question agreed to.



## 12Public petitions

(1) A public petition from the residents of the United Kingdom relating to funding for Purbeck schools was presented and read by Richard Drax.

(2) A public petition from the residents of the constituency of Glasgow East relating to financial support for the self-employed during COVID-19 was presented and read by David Linden.

## 13Adjournment

Subject: Future of Shotley Bridge community hospital (Mr Richard Holden)

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House do now adjourn— (*James Morris*);

At 7.00 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 9(7)).

*Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn.—  
(*James Morris.*)

Adjourned at 7.03 pm until tomorrow.

## Other Proceedings

### *General Committees: Reports*

#### **14 Overseas Operations (Service Personnel and Veterans) Bill Committee**

David Mundell (Chair) reported:

(1) That the Committee had come to the following Resolution, That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication; and

(2) written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

## **15Second Delegated Legislation Committee**

Sir David Amess (Chair) reported the draft Consumer Protection (Enforcement) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020.

## **16Third Delegated Legislation Committee**

Judith Cummins (Chair) reported the draft Adjacent Waters Boundaries (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2020.

### *General Committees: Appointments*

*The Speaker appoints the Chair of General Committees and members of Programming Sub-Committees, and allocates Statutory Instruments to Delegated Legislation Committees.*

*The Committee of Selection nominates Members to serve on General Committees (and certain Members to serve on Grand Committees).*

## **17Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Consumer Protection (Enforcement)**

## **(Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020)**

Members: James Daly discharged and Antony Higginbotham nominated in substitution.

### *Reports from Select Committees*

#### **18Defence Committee**

(1) *Progress in delivering the British Armies armoured vehicle capability*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 659);

(2) *Foreign involvement in the Defence supply chain*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 699)

(Mr Tobias Ellwood).

#### **19Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee**

(1) *Physical heritage*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 832);

(2) *Online harms and the ethics of data*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 646);

(3) *The future of public service broadcasting*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 156)

(Julian Knight).

## **20Education Committee**

(1) *Accountability hearings*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 262);

(2) *The impact of COVID-19 on education and children's services*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 254);

(3) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to the recruitment of a new Children's Commissioner*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the acting Chief Regulator, Ofqual, relating to the publication of Minutes*: Written evidence, to be published

(Robert Halfon).

## **21European Statutory Instruments Committee**

Eleventh Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 423) (Andrew Jones).

## 22 Finance Committee

Record of the Committee's decisions taken at its meeting on 6 October, to be published (Lilian Greenwood).

## 23 Health and Social Care Committee

(1) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to Long COVID support group*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to MBRRACE-UK*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Safety of maternity services in England*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 677);

(4) *Social Care: funding and workforce*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 206);

(5) *Workforce burnout and resilience in the NHS and Social Care*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 703)

(Jeremy Hunt).

## 24 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

(1) *Black people, racism and human rights*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 559);

(2) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Justice relating to human rights proposals*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Legislative scrutiny: Covert Human Intelligence Sources (Criminal Conduct) Bill*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 847)  
(Ms Harriet Harman).

## **25 International Development Committee**

*Sexual exploitation and abuse in the aid sector: next steps*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 605) (Sarah Champion).

## **26 Privileges (Committee of)**

*Select committees and contempts*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 350) (Chris Bryant).

## **27 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee**

(1) *The Government's Constitution, Democracy and Rights Commission*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 829);

(2) *Data Transparency and Accountability: COVID-19*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 803);

(3) *Responding to COVID-19 and the Coronavirus Act 2020*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 377)

(Mr William Wragg).

## **28 Science and Technology Committee**

*A new UK research funding agency*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 778) (Greg Clark).

## **29 Transport Committee**

*Coronavirus: implications for transport*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 268) (Huw Merriman).

## **30 Treasury Committee**

(1) *Economic impact of coronavirus*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 882);

(2) *Correspondence from the Financial Secretary to the Treasury relating to HMRC Debts: Priority on Insolvency Regulations*: Written evidence, to be published;



(3) *Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary, HM Treasury relating to HM Treasury Annual Report and Accounts 2019–20*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Decarbonisation and green finance*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 147);

(5) *Tax after coronavirus*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 664)

(Mel Stride).

### **31 Foreign Affairs Committee**

(1) *Work of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 253);

(2) *Flying Home: The FCO's consular response to the COVID-19 pandemic*: Government Response to the Committee's Third Report: Seventh Special Report, to be printed (HC 859).

(Tom Tugendhat).

*Lindsay Hoyle*

Speaker

## Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 9.30 am.

Business appointed by the Chairman of Ways and Means (Standing Order No. 10(6))

### **1 Gang-associated girls**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered gang-associated girls.—(*Florence Eshalomi*.)

*The sitting was suspended between 10.26 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).*

### **2 Contribution of theatres, live music venues and other cultural attractions to the local economy**

Motion made and question proposed, That this House has considered the contribution of theatre, live music venues and other cultural attractions to the local economy.—(*Nickie Aiken*.)

The Chair announced a time limit on backbench speeches (under the authority of the Chairman of Ways and Means and Standing Order No. 47(1)).

Question again proposed, That this House has considered the contribution of theatre, live music venues and other cultural attractions to the local economy.—(*Nickie Aiken.*)

At 4.00 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

### **3 Adoption by universities of the IHRA definition of anti-Semitism**

Motion made and question proposed, That this House has considered the adoption by universities of the IHRA definition of anti-Semitism.—(*Christian Wakeford.*)

*The sitting was suspended between 4.19 and 4.31 for a division in the House*

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the adoption by universities of the IHRA definition of anti-Semitism.

#### 4 Energy provision and alternative-fuelled vehicles

Motion made and question proposed, That this House has considered energy provision and alternative-fuelled vehicles.—(*Matt Western.*)

The Chair announced a time limit on backbench speeches (under the authority of the Chairman of Ways and Means and Standing Order No. 47(1)).

Question again proposed, That this House has considered energy provision and alternative-fuelled vehicles

At 5.42pm, the motion lapsed.

Sitting adjourned without Question put (Standing Order No. 10(14)).

Adjourned at 5.42pm until tomorrow.

*Eleanor Laing*

Chairman of Ways and Means

## Papers Laid

### Other papers

#### **1 Government Resources and Accounts**

(1) Accounts and Audit Committee Report of the House of Commons: Members for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 581) (The Speaker)

(2) Report and Accounts of Forestry England for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 781) (Secretary George Eustice)

(3) Report and Accounts of the Forestry Commission for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 797) (Jesse Norman)

#### **2 Health Professions**

Report and Accounts of the Health and Care Professions Council for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor

General (by Statutory Instrument), to be printed (HC 819) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

### **3 National Health Service**

Report and Accounts of Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital NHS Foundation Trust for 2019–20 (by Act) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

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## **SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES**

### **Instruments**

The Speaker has certified, for the purposes of Standing Order No. 83P, and on the basis of material put before him, that, in his opinion, the following instruments relate exclusively to England and are within devolved legislative competence, as defined in Standing Order No. 83P.

Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (No. 2) (England) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2020/986

Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions)  
(Obligations of Hospitality Undertakings)  
(England) Regulations 2020/1008

Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions)  
(North East of England) Regulations  
2020/1010

Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions)  
(Greencore) Regulations 2020/921

Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions)  
(North of England) (Amendment) (No. 2)  
Regulations 2020/931

Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions)  
(Blackburn with Darwen and Bradford)  
(Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020/930

Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions)  
(Blackburn with Darwen and Bradford)  
(Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2020/935

Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions)  
(Blackburn with Darwen and Bradford,  
Leicester, and North of England)  
(Amendment) Regulations 2020/954

Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions)  
(Bolton) Regulations 2020/974

Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions)  
(North East of England) (Amendment)  
Regulations 2020/1012

Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of  
Face Coverings in a Relevant Place and on  
Public Transport) (England) (Amendment)  
(No. 2) Regulations 2020/1021

Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of  
Face Coverings in a Relevant Place and on  
Public Transport) (England) (Amendment)  
(No. 3) Regulations 2020/1026

Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions)  
(No. 2) (England) (Amendment) (No. 5)  
Regulations 2020/1029

Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of  
Face Coverings in a Relevant Place) (England)  
(Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2020/1028

Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions)  
(Birmingham, Sandwell and Solihull)  
Regulations 2020/988

Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions)  
(Leicester) (No. 2) (Amendment) (No. 2)  
Regulations 2020/987



Health Protection (Coronavirus, Collection of Contact Details etc and Related Requirements) Regulations 2020/1005

Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Protected Areas and Linked Childcare Households) (Amendment) Regulations 2020/1019

Draft Apprenticeships (Alternative English Completion Conditions and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020

The Speaker has certified, for the purposes of Standing Order No. 83P, and on the basis of material put before him, that, in his opinion, the following instruments relate exclusively to England and Wales and are within devolved legislative competence, as defined in Standing Order No. 83P.

Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996 (Code of Practice) Order 2020

Draft Debt Respite Scheme (Breathing Space Moratorium and Mental Health Crisis Moratorium) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020

## Voting by proxy

### 1. New pandemic proxy voting arrangements

The Speaker has certified, under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A (Voting by proxy), as amended by the temporary Order of 23 September 2020 (Proxy voting during the pandemic), that the Members listed in the table below are eligible to have a proxy vote cast on their behalf by the nominated proxies listed in the table, starting on the dates specified below and ending on Tuesday 3 November 2020, unless the arrangement is ended or the House otherwise orders.

<b>Member</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Proxy</b>
Jim Shannon	06 October 2020	Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Ms Nadine Dorries	07 October 2020	Stuart Andrew
Andrea Jenkyns	07 October 2020	Stuart Andrew

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Jack Lopresti	07 October 2020	Stuart Andrew
Lucy Powell	07 October 2020	Chris Elmore
Julian Knight	07 October 2020	Stuart Andrew
Simon Hart	07 October 2020	Stuart Andrew
Neil Gray	08 October 2020	Patrick Grady
Alec Shelbrooke	12 October 2020	Stuart Andrew

## 2. Ending pandemic proxy voting arrangements

The Speaker has certified, under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A (Voting by proxy), as amended by the temporary Order of 23 September 2020 (Proxy voting during the pandemic), that the following Member[s] [has/have] given notice that [he/she/they] wish to end [his/her/their] proxy voting arrangement with effect from when the Speaker takes the Chair on the date[s] specified below:

**Member**

Jack Dromey

Margaret

Greenwood

Tommy Sheppard

**From**

07 October 2020

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