



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday 18 November 2020

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

1 Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Wales

(2) the Prime Minister

2 Urgent Questions: (1) Preparations for the implementation of the Northern Ireland Protocol (Mr Robin Walker)

(2) The Towns Fund (Secretary Robert Jenrick)

3 Supported Accommodation: Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave given to bring in a Bill to require developers to disclose for planning purposes an intention to use a building for supported housing or other accommodation that is specified for the purposes of Universal Credit and Housing Benefit; to establish a suitability test for accommodation proposed for such use; to make provision about the fitness of persons to be landlords or managers of supported or other specified accommodation; and for connected purposes;

That Steve McCabe, Jack Dromey, Kerry McCarthy, Dame Diana Johnson, Jim Shannon, Ms Karen Buck, Mr Clive Betts, Gary Sambrook, Shabana Mahmood, Rachel Hopkins, Daisy Cooper and Ian Levy present the Bill.

Steve McCabe accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 15 January, and to be printed (Bill 214).

4 Exiting the European Union (Energy Conservation)

Resolved, That the draft Ecodesign for Energy-Related Products and Energy Information (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, which were laid before this House on 13 October, be approved.—(*Kwasi Kwarteng.*)

5 Exiting the European Union (Building and Buildings)

Resolved, That the draft Construction Products (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, which were laid before this House on 15 October, be approved.—(*Christopher Pincher.*)

6 General Debate on COVID-19

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered COVID-19.—(*Jo Churchill.*)

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

Question put and agreed to.

7 Exiting the European Union (Electronic Communications)

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Audiovisual Media Services (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, which were laid before this House on 15 October, be approved.—(*David Duguid.*)

Question agreed to.

8 Electoral Commission

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that Her Majesty will re-appoint Dame Susan Bruce DBE as an Electoral Commissioner with effect from 1 January 2021 for the period ending on 31 December 2023; and Dame Elan Closs Stephens DBE as an Electoral Commissioner with effect from 13 March 2021 for the period ending on 12 March 2025.—(*David Duguid.*)

Question agreed to.

9 Exiting the European Union (Constitutional Law)

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (Relevant Court) (Retained EU Case Law) Regulations 2020, which were laid before this House on 15 October, be approved.—(*David Duguid.*)

The Deputy Speaker's opinion as to the decision of the Question was challenged.

Division deferred until Wednesday 25 November (Standing Order No. 41A).

10 Virtual participation in substantive proceedings

Motion made, That:

The Order of 4 June 2020 (Virtual Participation in Proceedings During the Pandemic (Temporary Orders)), as amended on 22 October, be further amended by adding at the end the following paragraphs:

(i) The Speaker shall draw up and publish a scheme to permit Members who are certified by a medical practitioner as clinically extremely vulnerable (or equivalent) according to relevant official public health guidance issued in England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland, to participate virtually in such debates as are designated for virtual participation by the Speaker.

(i) The scheme drawn up by the Speaker shall include:

(a) arrangements for demonstrating and registering eligibility for virtual participation in designated debates;

(b) any other provisions the Speaker considers necessary to secure the effective implementation of this Order.

Objection taken (Standing Order No. 9(6)).

11 Public petitions

(1) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Linlithgow and East Falkirk relating to financial support for the self-employed during COVID-19 was presented and read by Martyn Day.

(2) A public petition from the residents of Stroud and the surrounding area relating to accessibility of leisure attractions was presented and read by Siobhan Baillie.

(3) A public petition from the residents of the constituency of Glasgow North relating to the banning of unpaid work trials was presented and read by Patrick Grady.

12 Adjournment

Subject: Solar flares and electricity grid reliance (Paul Maynard)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*David Duguid*.)

Adjourned at 7.28 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

13 Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill

The Lords agree to the Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill without amendment.

General Committees: Reports

14 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee

Derek Twigg (Chair) reported the draft Law Enforcement and Security (Separation Issues Etc.) (EU Exit Regulations) 2020.

15 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee

Philip Davies (Chair) reported the draft Coronavirus Act 2020 (Expiry of Mental Health Provisions) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

16 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee

Sir Edward Leigh reported the draft Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020.

17 Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee

Mr Philip Hollobone (Chair) reported the draft Hazardous Substances and Packaging (Legislative Functions and Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 and the draft Ozone-Depleting Substances and Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020.

18 Tenth Delegated Legislation Committee

Sir David Amess (Chair) reported the draft Bank Recovery and Resolution (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, the draft Securities Financing Transactions, Securitisation and Miscellaneous Amendments (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, the draft Financial Holding Companies (Approval etc.) and Capital Requirements (Capital Buffers and Macro-prudential Measures) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 and the draft Financial Holding Companies (Approval etc.) and Capital Requirements (Capital Buffers and Macro-prudential Measures) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 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).

19 Botulinum Toxin and Cosmetic Fillers (Children) Bill Committee

Chair: Christina Rees

Members: Sarah Atherton, Simon Baynes, Sarah Champion, Alberto Costa, Claire Coutinho, Virginia Crosbie, Judith Cummins, Alex Davies-Jones, Ms Nadine Dorries, Mary Kelly Foy, Carolyn Harris, David Johnston, Fay Jones, Mr Kevan Jones, Sarah Owen, Maggie Throup and Laura Trott

20 National Security and Investment Bill Committee

Chair: Sir Graham Brady and Derek Twigg

Members: Nickie Aiken, Simon Baynes, Andrew Bowie, Katherine Fletcher, Stephen Flynn, Mark Garnier, Jo Gideon, Peter Grant, Andrew Griffith, Stephen Kinnock, Chi Onwurah, Sam Tarry, Michael Tomlinson, Matt Western, Dr Alan Whitehead, James Wild and Nadhim Zahawi

21 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Law Enforcement and Security (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020)

Chair: Sir David Amess

Members: Ms Diane Abbott, Ben Bradley, Anthony Browne, Chris Elmore, Jonathan Gullis, Louise Haigh, Eddie Hughes, Daniel Kawczynski, Mr Virendra Sharma, Mr Barry Sheerman, David Simmonds, Alexander Stafford, Owen Thompson, Edward Timpson, Jon Trickett, Mr Robin Walker and Craig Whittaker

22 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Customs Safety, Security and Economic Operators Registration and Identification (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020)

Chair: Graham Stringer

Members: James Cartlidge, Claire Coutinho, Dr James Davies, Patrick Grady, Gareth Johnson, John McDonnell, Navendu Mishra, Gagan Mohindra, Holly Mumby-Croft, Jesse Norman, Abena Oppong-Asare, Kate Osamor, Christina Rees, David Rutley, Jeff Smith, Mrs Heather Wheeler and James Wild

23 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Business and Planning Act 2020 (London Spatial Development Strategy) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020)

Chair: Mr Philip Hollobone

Members: Mike Amesbury, Paul Bristow, Feryal Clark, Nick Fletcher, Kate Griffiths, Kevin Hollinrake, Eddie Hughes, Jane Hunt, Kim Johnson, Clive Lewis, Tony Lloyd, Shabana Mahmood, Christopher Pincher, Lee Rowley, Lloyd Russell-Moyle, Julian Sturdy and Mike Wood

24 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Immigration (Leave to Enter and Remain) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Order 2020)

Chair: Christina Rees

Members: Rushanara Ali, Scott Benton, Andrew Bowie, Miss Sarah Dines, Chris Elmore, Kevin Foster, Sally-Ann Hart, Sir George Howarth, Simon Jupp, Barbara Keeley, Andrew Lewer, Holly Lynch, Taiwo Owatemi, Tom Pursglove, Gary Sambrook, Owen Thompson and Christian Wakeford

25 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Agricultural Products, Food and Drink (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020)

Chair: Philip Davies

Members: Nickie Aiken, Claire Coutinho, Ben Everitt, Colleen Fletcher, Peter Gibson, Andrew Griffith, Andrew Gwynne, Ms Harriet Harman, Sir Mark Hendrick, Fay Jones, James Morris, Victoria Prentis, Dean Russell, Nick Smith, Owen Thompson, Suzanne Webb and Daniel Zeichner

26 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Veterinary Medicines and Residues (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020) and (draft Aquatic Animal Health and Alien Species in Aquaculture, Animals, and Marketing of Seed, Plant and Propagating Material (Legislative Functions and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020)

Chair: David Mundell

Members: Jack Brereton, Sara Britcliffe, Felicity Buchan, Geraint Davies, Dehenna Davison, Peter Dowd, Yvonne Fovargue, Patrick Grady, Mark Jenkinson, Dame Diana Johnson, Scott Mann, Damien Moore, James Morris, Victoria Prentis, Ms Marie Rimmer, James Sunderland and Daniel Zeichner

27 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Data Protection Privacy and Electronic Communications (Amendments etc) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020)

Chair: Steve McCabe

Members: Ian Byrne, Maria Caulfield, Feryal Clark, Rosie Cooper, John Cryer, Judith Cummins, Laura Farris, Mark Fletcher, Paul Holmes, Paul Howell, Jane Hunt, Tom Hunt, Jerome Mayhew, Neil O'Brien, Chi Onwurah, Owen Thompson and Mr John Whittingdale

28 Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Hazardous Substances and Packaging (Legislative Functions and Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 and the draft Ozone-Depleting Substances and Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020)

Members: Marie Rimmer discharged and Liz Twist nominated in substitution.

29 Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland (Democratic Consent Process) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020)

Chair: Esther McVey

Members: Adam Afriyie, Gareth Bacon, Apsana Begum, Richard Burgon, Dawn Butler, Liam Byrne, Miss Sarah Dines, Chris Elmore, Antony Higginbotham, Eddie Hughes, Dan Jarvis, Danny Kruger, Robert Langan, Anthony Mangnall, Karin Smyth, Jane Stevenson and Mr Robin Walker

30 Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Human Medicines (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020) and (draft Medical Devices (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020)

Chair: Andrew Rosindell

Members: Edward Argar, Shaun Bailey, Margaret Beckett, Mr Clive Betts, Kevin Brennan, Chris Bryant, Rob Butler, Bambos Charalambous, James Daly, Steve Double, Mark Eastwood, Mark Fletcher, Patrick Grady, Darren Henry, Mr Richard Holden, Alex Norris and Maggie Throup

- 31 Tenth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Bank Recovery and Resolution (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, the draft Securities Financing Transactions, Securitisation and Miscellaneous Amendments (EU Exit) Regulations, the draft Financial Holding Companies (Approval etc.) and Capital Requirements (Capital Buffers and Macro-prudential Measures) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 and the draft Bearer Certificates (Collective Investment Schemes) Regulations 2020)**

Members: Simon Jupp discharged and Dehenna Davison nominated in substitution.

Reports from Select Committees

32 Environmental Audit Committee

- (1) *Energy efficiency of existing homes*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 346);
- (2) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Correspondence with UK Export Finance*: Written evidence, to be published (Philip Dunne).

33 Future Relationship with the European Union (Committee on the)

Progress of the negotiations on the UK's future relationship with the EU: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 203) (Hilary Benn).

34 Home Affairs Committee

- (1) *Channel crossings, migration and asylum-seeking routes through the EU*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 705);
- (2) *Correspondence from the Home Office relating to the Windrush Compensation Scheme*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Police conduct and complaints*: Part of the written evidence, to be published (HC 706);
- (4) *The Macpherson Report: twenty-one years on*: Part of the written evidence, to be published (HC 426);
- (5) *The work of the Minister for Future Borders and Immigration*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 919) (Yvette Cooper).

35 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

Ministerial Scrutiny: Human Rights: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 978) (Ms Harriet Harman).

36 International Trade Committee

- (1) *UK-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement*: Second Report, to be published, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 914);
- (2) *UK trade negotiations*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 233);
- (3) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to an update on trade negotiations with New Zealand*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to the trade agreement with Japan*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy relating to the introduction of the National Security and Investment Bill*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *UK trade negotiations: Agreement with Japan*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 914)

(Angus Brendan MacNeil).

37 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

Cross-border co-operation on policing, security and criminal justice after Brexit: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 766) (Simon Hoare).

38 Procedure Committee

Procedure under coronavirus restrictions: participation in debate: Sixth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 905) (Karen Bradley).

39 Science and Technology Committee

UK telecommunications infrastructure and the UK's domestic capability: Written evidence, to be published (HC 450) (Greg Clark).

40 Scottish Affairs Committee

(1) *UK Internal Market Bill*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 986);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for the Constitution and Devolution relating to intergovernmental relations*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *My Scottish Affairs 2020*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 613)

(Pete Wishart).

41 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

Thirty-First Report, to be printed (HC 75-xxxi) (Jessica Morden).

42 Statutory Instruments (Select Committee on)

Twenty-Fourth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 73-xxiv) (Jessica Morden).

43 Transport Committee

Coronavirus: emergency measures for the railways: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 918) (Huw Merriman).

44 Treasury Committee

(1) *Economic impact of coronavirus: the challenges of recovery: Government Response to the Committee's Eighth Report*: Fifth Special Report, to be printed (HC 999);

(2) *Tax after coronavirus*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 664)

(Mel Stride).

45 Women and Equalities Committee and Petitions Committee

Black history and cultural diversity in the curriculum: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 893) (Caroline Nokes).

46 Work and Pensions Committee

(1) *DWP's response to the coronavirus outbreak*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 178);

(2) Correspondence with the Chair of the Health and Safety Executive relating to PPE: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) Correspondence with the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work relating to Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *DWP's preparations for changes in the world of work*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 358)

(Stephen Timms)

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 Future of the Union Learning Fund

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the future of the Union Learning Fund.—(*Lilian Greenwood.*)

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)).

Resolved, That this House has considered the future of the Union Learning Fund.

2 Tackling worker exploitation in the textile industry in Leicester

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the matter of tackling worker exploitation in the textile industry in Leicester.—(*Liz Kendall.*)

At 11.30 am, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

The sitting was suspended between 11.30 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 The future of the aviation industry

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the future of the aviation industry.—(*Chris Grayling.*)

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)).

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

4 Asylum seekers and permission to work

Resolved, That this House has considered asylum seekers and permission to work.—(*Neil Coyle.*)

5 Moorland burning

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the matter of moorland burning.—(*Olivia Blake.*)

At 5.32 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(14)).

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

Adjourned at 5.32 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Exiting the European Union (Immigration and Asylum)

Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Act 2020 (Consequential, Saving, Transitional and Transitory Provisions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1309), dated 17 November 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Priti Patel)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Exiting the European Union (Financial Services and Markets)

Financial Services and Economic and Monetary Policy (Consequential Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1301), dated 17 November 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (John Glen)

3 Exiting the European Union (Taxes)

International Tax Compliance (Amendment) (No. 2) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1300), dated 17 November 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jesse Norman)

Other papers

4 Caribbean and North Atlantic Territories

Cayman Islands Constitution (Amendment) Order (SI, 2020, No. 1283), dated 11 November 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

5 Chemical Weapons

Report by the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy on the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Act 1996 for 2019, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 900) (Secretary Alok Sharma)

6 Civil Aviation

Air Navigation (Isle of Man) (Amendment) Order 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1280), dated 11 November 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

7 Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims

Code of Practice for Victims of Crime in England and Wales (by Act) (Secretary Robert Buckland)

8 Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries

Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order (SI, 2020, No. 1261), dated 11 November 2020 (by Act) (Secretary Ben Wallace)

9 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Cross-government: Lessons learned from Major Programmes for 2020, to be printed (HC 960) (Clerk of the House)

10 Overseas Territories

(1) Afghanistan (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order (SI, 2020, No. 1284), dated 11 November 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

(2) Central African Republic (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order (SI, 2020, No. 1286), dated 11 November 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

(3) Democratic Republic of the Congo (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order (SI, 2020, No. 1281), dated 11 November 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

(4) Lebanon (Sanctions) (Assassination of Rafiq Hariri and others) (Overseas Territories) Order (SI, 2020, No. 1282), dated 11 November 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

(5) Somalia (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order (SI, 2020, No. 1285), dated 11 November 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

(6) South Sudan (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order (SI, 2020, No. 1287), dated 11 November 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

11 Reserve Forces

Report under section 56(7) of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 on the renewal of a call-out order under section 56 (1B) and (3) of that Act, dated 17 November 2020, for operations in response to the impact of severe weather in the United Kingdom (by Act) (James Heappey)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

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 Orders of 23 September 2020 (Proxy voting during the pandemic) and 3 November 2020 (Proxy voting during the pandemic (No. 2)) and extended by the Order of 22 October 2020, 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 below, starting on the dates specified below and ending on Tuesday 30 March 2021, unless the arrangement is ended or the House otherwise orders.

Member	From	Proxy
Sajid Javid	19 November 2020	Stuart Andrew

CORRECTION

Monday 16 November 2020

The following item should have appeared after item 11:

Financial Services Bill (Programming Sub-Committee)

Members: John Glen, Pat McFadden, Angela Richardson, David Rutley, Jeff Smith, Alison Thewliss and Craig Williams.