



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday 23 November 2020

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

1 Royal Assent

The Speaker reported that the Queen had signified Royal Assent to the following Acts under the Royal Assent Act 1967:

Fisheries Act 2020

Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Act 2020

2 Questions to the Secretary of State for Education

3 Statement: COVID-19 update (The Prime Minister)

4 Road Traffic

(1) *Resolved*, That the draft Heavy Commercial Vehicles in Kent (No. 1) (Amendment) Order 2020, which was laid before this House on 22 October, be approved.—(*Rachel Maclean*.)

(2) *Resolved*, That the Heavy Commercial Vehicles in Kent (No. 2) (Amendment) Order 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1155), dated 21 October 2020, a copy of which was laid before this House on 22 October, be approved.—(*Rachel Maclean*.)

5 Exiting the European Union (Agriculture)

(1) *Resolved*, That the draft Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, which were laid before this House on 19 October, be approved.—(*Victoria Prentis*.)

(2) *Resolved*, That the draft Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2020, which were laid before this House on 19 October, be approved.—(*Victoria Prentis*.)

6 Exiting the European Union (European Union)

Resolved, That the draft European Union Withdrawal (Consequential Modifications) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, which were laid before this House on 21 October, be approved.—(*Julia Lopez*.)

7 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Supplementary Protection Certificates (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, which were laid before this House on 14 October, be approved.—(*David Rutley.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Ozone-Depleting Substances and Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, which were laid before this House on 13 October, be approved.—(*David Rutley.*)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Hazardous Substances and Packaging (Legislative Functions and Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, which were laid before this House on 14 October, be approved.—(*David Rutley.*)

Question agreed to.

(4) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, which were laid before this House on 14 October, be approved.—(*David Rutley.*)

Question agreed to.

(5) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Coronavirus Act 2020 (Expiry of Mental Health Provisions) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, which were laid before this House on 21 October, be approved.—(*David Rutley.*)

Question agreed to.

(6) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Bearer Certificates (Collective Investment Schemes) Regulations 2020, which were laid before this House on 28 September, be approved.—(*David Rutley.*)

Question agreed to.

(7) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Financial Holding Companies (Approval etc.) and Capital Requirements (Capital Buffers and Macro-prudential Measures) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, which were laid before this House on 15 October, be approved.—(*David Rutley.*)

Question agreed to.

(8) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Securities Financing Transactions, Securitisation and Miscellaneous Amendments (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, which were laid before this House on 15 October, be approved.—(*David Rutley.*)

Question agreed to.

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

Question agreed to.

(10) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Law Enforcement and Security (Separation Issues etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, which were laid before this House on 13 October, be approved.—(*David Rutley.*)

Question agreed to.

8 Adjournment

Subject: Persecution of Ahmadi (Imran Ahmad Khan)

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

Adjourned at 8.08 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

9 First Delegated Legislation Committee

Sir David Amess (Chair) reported the draft Law Enforcement and Security (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020.

10 Second Delegated Legislation Committee

Graham Stringer (Chair) reported the draft Customs Safety, Security and Economic Operators Registration and Identification (Amendment etc.) (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).

11 National Security and Investment Bill (Programming Sub-Committee)

Members: Simon Baynes, Jo Gideon, Peter Grant, Michael Tomlinson, Matt Western, Dr Alan Whitehead and Nadhim Zahawi

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

Members: Daniel Kawczynski discharged and Adam Afriyie nominated in substitution.

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

Members: Claire Coutinho discharged and Craig Williams nominated in substitution.

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

Members: Paul Bristow, Kate Griffiths and Mike Wood discharged and Paul Holmes, Jerome Mayhew and Greg Smith nominated in substitution.

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

Members: Andrew Bowie discharged and Dehenna Davison nominated in substitution.

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

Members: Claire Coutinho and Peter Gibson discharged and Felicity Buchan and Nicola Richards nominated in substitution.

17 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Veterinary Medicines and Residues (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 and the 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)

Members: Geraint Davies, Peter Dowd and Yvonne Fovargue discharged and Neil Coyle, Meg Hillier and Charlotte Nichols nominated in substitution.

Reports from Select Committees

18 Administration Committee

Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 23 November, to be published (Sir Charles Walker).

19 Defence Committee

Foreign involvement in the defence supply chain: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 699) (Mr Tobias Ellwood).

20 Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

(1) *The future of the planning system in England:* Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 858);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Housing relating to the government response to the Consultation on Changes to the Energy Performance of Building Regulations:* Written evidence, to be published

(Mr Clive Betts).

21 International Development Committee

ICAI's information note on mapping the UK's approach to tackling corruption and illicit financial flows: Oral evidence taken before the Sub-Committee to be published (HC 993) (Theo Clarke).

22 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *The Nuclear Decommissioning Authority's management of the Magnox contract:* Twenty-eighth Report, to be printed, with formal minutes relating to the report (HC 653);

(2) *UK Border 2020: preparedness:* Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 691);

(3) *Correspondence with the Department of Health and Social Care relating to mental health dormitories:* Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence relating to coronavirus enforcement:* Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Home Office Recall:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 678);

(6) *Specialist skills in the Civil Service:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 686)

(Meg Hillier).

23 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

- (1) *Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman scrutiny 2019–20*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 843);
- (2) *Correspondence with the Minister for the Cabinet Office relating to COVID-19 data and local authorities*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *The Government's Constitution, Democracy and Rights Commission*: Written evidence to be published (HC 829);
- (4) *The role and status of the Prime Minister's Office*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 835);
- (5) *The work of the Cabinet Office*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 118);
- (6) *The work of the Electoral Commission*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 488) (Mr William Wragg).

24 Science and Technology Committee and Health and Social Care Committee

Coronavirus: lessons learnt: Written evidence, to be published (HC 877) (Greg Clark).

25 Treasury Committee

- (1) *Bank of England Monetary Policy Reports*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 123);
- (2) *Correspondence from the Economic Secretary to the Treasury relating to statutory reviews of the ring-fencing regime legislation*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Correspondence from the Financial Secretary to the Treasury relating to the Customs Safety and Security Procedures—EU Exit*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) *Correspondence with the Chancellor of the Exchequer relating to Public Sector Procurement*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) *Decarbonisation and green finance*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 147);
- (6) *Economic impact of coronavirus*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 882);
- (7) *Work of the Financial Ombudsman Service*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 968) (Mel Stride).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 4.30 pm.

Debate on e-petitions (Standing Order No. 10(1)(a) and No. 145A(7))

1 COVID-19 restrictions on gyms and sport

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petitions 333869 and 309851 relating to COVID-19 restrictions on gyms and sport.—(Catherine McKinnell.)

2 Nigeria and the sanctions regime

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petition 554150 relating to Nigeria and the sanctions regime.—(*Theresa Villiers*.)

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

Adjourned at 7.17 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers presented and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 20 November 2020 under Standing Orders No. 158 and No. 159

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Public Health

Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (No. 4) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1326), dated 20 November 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Public Health

Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (England) (Amendment) (No. 25) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1323), dated 19 November 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 23 November 2020

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

3 National Health Service

Draft Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

4 Energy

Draft Modifications to the Standard Conditions of Electricity and Gas Supply Licences, the Standard Conditions of Electricity Distribution Licences, the Standard Conditions of Gas Transporters Licences, the Smart Meter Communication Licences, and the Smart Energy Code (Smart Meters No. 4 of 2020) (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Alok Sharma)

5 Exiting the European Union (Intellectual Property)

Patents, Trade Marks and Designs (Address for Service) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Rules 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1317), dated 19 November 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Alok Sharma)

6 National Health Service

National Health Service (Dental Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1335), dated 23 November 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Jo Churchill)

Other papers**7 COVID-19**

COVID-19 Winter Plan (by Command) (CP 324) (The Prime Minister)

8 Government Resources and Accounts

(1) Consolidated Financial Statements of the National Army Museum for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 953) (Clerk of the House)

(2) Report and Accounts of LocatED Property Limited for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 992) (Nick Gibb)

9 Housing, Communities and Local Government

Provisionally Confirmed Hazardous Substances (Planning) Common Framework (by Command) (CP 333) (Secretary Robert Jenrick)

10 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department of Health and Social Care: Supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) during the COVID-19 pandemic (by Act), to be printed (HC 961) (Clerk of the House)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

Voting by proxy

1. New pandemic proxy voting arrangements

The Speaker has certified, under the terms of the Standing Order (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
David Linden	23 November 2020	Patrick Grady
Paula Barker	23 November 2020	Kim Johnson
Jim Shannon	23 November 2020	Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Stewart Hosie	23 November 2020	Patrick Grady
Mark Pawsey	23 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Ben Bradshaw	24 November 2020	Chris Elmore
Robert Langan	24 November 2020	Stuart Andrew

2. Variation of existing pandemic proxy voting arrangements

The Speaker has certified, under the terms of the Standing Order (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 following Member has given notice that he wishes to amend his proxy voting arrangement.

From 24 November 2020 the nominated proxy for Dr Dan Poulter will be Peter Aldous instead of Stuart Andrew.

3. Ending pandemic proxy voting arrangements

The Speaker has certified, under the terms of the Standing Order (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 following Members have given notice that they wish to end their proxy voting arrangement with effect from when the Speaker takes the Chair on the date specified below.

Member	From
Peter Aldous	24 November 2020
Dean Russell	24 November 2020
Apsana Begum	24 November 2020