



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday 14 December 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:

Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Act 2020

Parliamentary Constituencies Act 2020

2 Questions to the Home Secretary

3 Statements: (1) COVID-19 update (Secretary Matt Hancock)

(2) Energy and clean growth: Energy White Paper (Secretary Alok Sharma)

4 COVID-19

Resolved, That this House has considered COVID-19.—(*Jo Churchill*.)

5 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Waste and Environmental Permitting etc. (Legislative Functions and Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, which were laid before this House on 20 October, be approved.—(*David Rutley*.)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2020, which were laid before this House on 22 October, be approved.—(*David Rutley*.)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Chemicals (Health and Safety) and Genetically Modified Organisms (Contained Use) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, which were laid before this House on 15 October, be approved.—(*David Rutley*.)

Question agreed to.

(4) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Unmanned Aircraft (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, which were laid before this House on 3 November, be approved.—(*David Rutley*.)

Question agreed to.

(5) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Animal Welfare and Invasive Non-native Species (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) 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 Customs Safety and Security Procedures (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, which were laid before this House on 26 November, be approved.—(*David Rutley*.)

Question agreed to.

(7) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) (No. 2) Regulations 2020, which were laid before this House on 23 November, be approved.—(*David Rutley*.)

Question agreed to.

(8) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Health Protection (Coronavirus, Testing Requirements and Standards) (England) Regulations 2020, which were laid before this House on 25 November, be approved.—(*David Rutley*.)

Question agreed to.

6 Adjournment

Subject: Government policy on dark skies (Andrew Griffith)

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

Adjourned at 9.45 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

7 United Kingdom Internal Market Bill

The Lords do not insist on certain Amendments to the United Kingdom Internal Market Bill to which the Commons have disagreed, but propose Amendments in lieu to which they desire the agreement of the Commons; they do not insist on their insistence on certain other Amendments to which the Commons have insisted on their disagreement, do not insist on a certain other Amendment to which the Commons have disagreed, and agree to a certain other Amendment, but propose an Amendment to the words so restored to the Bill to which they desire the agreement of the Commons; they do not insist on their insistence on their other Amendments to which the Commons have insisted on their disagreement; they do not insist on their other Amendments to which the Commons have disagreed; and they agree with the Commons in their other Amendments.

*Printing of Lords Messages***8 United Kingdom Internal Market Bill**

Lords Message relating to the United Kingdom Internal Market Bill, to be considered tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 230).

*General Committees: Reports***9 First Delegated Legislation Committee**

David Mundell (Chair) reported the draft Antique Firearms Regulations 2020.

10 Second Delegated Legislation Committee

Dr Rupa Huq (Chair) reported the Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 (Coronavirus) (Suspension of Liability for Wrongful Trading and Extension of the Relevant Period) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1349).

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 Telecommunications (Security) Bill (Programming Sub-Committee)

Members: Maria Caulfield, Feryal Clark, Angela Crawley, John Lamont, James Sunderland, Matt Warman, Catherine West

12 Telecommunications (Security) Bill Committee

Members: Julie Elliott discharged and Catherine West nominated in substitution.

13 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Antique Firearms Regulations 2020)

Members: Matt Vickers discharged and Dr Kieran Mullan nominated in substitution.

14 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 (Coronavirus) (Suspension of Liability for Wrongful Trading and Extension of the Relevant Period) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1349))

Members: Paul Bristow and Mark Fletcher discharged and Jo Gideon and Greg Smith nominated in substitution.

Reports from Select Committees relating to orders for printing made during the adjournment under Standing Order No. 137

Friday 11 December

15 Environmental Audit Committee

Energy efficiency of existing homes: Written evidence, to be published (HC 346) (Philip Dunne).

Reports from Select Committees made on Monday 14 December

16 Defence Committee

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

17 Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

(1) *The impact of COVID-19 on homelessness and the private rented sector:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 309);

(2) *The Spending Review and local government finance:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 924)

(Mr Clive Betts).

18 International Development Committee

The Independent Commission for Aid Impact's review of support for the African Development Bank: Oral evidence taken before the Sub-Committee, to be published (HC 1055) (Theo Clarke).

19 National Security Strategy (Joint Committee on)

Biosecurity and national security:

(i) First Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 611);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 611)

(Margaret Beckett).

20 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *COVID-19: Support for jobs:* Thirty-fourth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 920);

(2) *Improving Broadband:* Thirty-fifth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 688);

(3) *COVID-19: Government procurement and supply of personal protective equipment:* Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 928);

(4) *Correspondence from HM Treasury relating to the independent review of the Loan Charge:* Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from HM Treasury relating to the 2020–21 financial reporting requirements:* Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence from the Cabinet Office relating to the independent review of communications contracts:* Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Correspondence from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and the Department of Health and Social Care relating to COVID-19 indemnities:* Written evidence, to be published;

(8) *Correspondence relating to the Committee's previous Reports:* Written evidence, to be published;

(9) *Department for Transport recall:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 850);

(10) *Gambling regulation: problem gambling and protecting vulnerable people:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 134);

(11) *HM Revenue and Customs Standard Report*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 690);

(12) *Lessons from major projects and programmes*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 694);

(13) *UK Border 2020: preparedness*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 691)
(Meg Hillier).

21 Treasury Committee

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

(2) *Correspondence from the Governor of the Bank of England relating to broad money*: Written evidence, to be published

(3) *Correspondence from the Governor of the Bank of England relating to epi-macro modelling*: Written evidence, to be published;
(Mel Stride).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 4.30pm.

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

1 Financial rewards for government workers and keyworkers

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered e-petitions 306845 and 328754, relating to financial rewards for government workers and keyworkers.—
(*Tonia Antoniazzi*.)

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 e-petitions 306845 and 328754 relating to financial rewards for government workers and keyworkers.

The sitting was suspended between 5.51 pm and 6.00 pm.

2 Vaccination for COVID-19

Resolved, That this has considered e-petition 323442, relating to vaccination for COVID-19.—(*Elliot Colburn*.)

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

Adjourned at 7.14 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers presented and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 11 December 2020 under Standing Orders No. 158 and No. 159:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Exiting the European Union (Sanctions)

Unauthorised Drilling Activities in the Eastern Mediterranean (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1474), dated 7 December 2020, with accompanying reports (by Act), and with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Nigel Adams)

2 Public Health

Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Self-Isolation and Linked Households) (England) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1518), dated 11 December 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

3 Public Health

Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel and Public Health Information) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1517), dated 10 December 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

4 Tax Credits

Tax Credits, Childcare Payments and Childcare (Extended Entitlement) (Coronavirus and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1515), dated 10 December 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jesse Norman)

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 14 December 2020

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

5 Exiting the European Union (Constitutional Law)

Draft Government of Wales Act 2006 (Amendment) Order 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Simon Hart)

6 Public Health

Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (All Tiers) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1533), dated 14 December 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

7 Egypt No. 1 (2020)

Agreement, done at Cairo on 5 December 2020, establishing an Association between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Arab Republic of Egypt (CP 350) (by Command), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

8 Housing

Rent Officers (Housing Benefit and Universal Credit Functions) (Modification) Order 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1519), dated 10 December 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Will Quince)

9 Social Security

Social Security Contributions (Disregarded Payments) (Coronavirus) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1523), dated 11 December 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jesse Norman)

Papers laid under paragraphs 3(3) and 17(3) of Schedule 7 to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

10 Exiting the European Union (Electronic Information)

Proposal for an instrument titled Framework for the Free Flow of Non-Personal Data (Revocation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021, with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Mr John Whittingdale)

Other papers

11 Bank of England

Financial Stability Report by the Financial Policy Committee: December 2020 (by Act) (The Chancellor of the Exchequer)

12 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

(1) The Energy White Paper: Powering our Net Zero Future (by Command) (CP 337) (Secretary Alok Sharma)

(2) United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland's Nationally Determined Contribution (by Command) (Secretary Alok Sharma)

13 Health and Social Care

Government Response to the Seventh Report of the Joint Committee on Human Rights, Session 2019–21, on The Government's response to COVID-19: human rights implications (by Command) (CP 335) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

14 Marine and Coastal Access

Report and Accounts of the Marine Management Organisation for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1056) (Secretary George Eustice)

15 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, Department of Health and Social Care, NHS England and NHS Improvement, and Public Health England: Investigation into preparations for potential COVID-19 vaccines (by Act), to be printed (HC 1071) (Clerk of the House)

16 Parliamentary Standards

First Report in 2020 from the Speaker's Committee for the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority: Appointment of IPSA Board Members (by Act), to be printed (HC 1084) (The Speaker)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES
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
Drew Hendry	14 December 2020	Patrick Grady
Matt Vickers	14 December 2020	Tom Hunt
Mr Toby Perkins	15 December 2020	Chris Elmore
Matthew Pennycook	15 December 2020	Chris Elmore
Rehman Chishti	15 December 2020	Stuart Andrew
Andrew Bowie	15 December 2020	Stuart Andrew
Mr Marcus Jones	15 December 2020	Stuart Andrew
Chris Bryant	16 December 2020	Chris Elmore
Christine Jardine	16 December 2020	Wendy Chamberlain
John Penrose	16 December 2020	Stuart Andrew
Mark Tami	15 December 2020	Chris Elmore
Derek Twigg	15 December 2020	Chris Elmore
Clive Efford	15 December 2020	Chris Elmore
Navendu Mishra	15 December 2020	Chris Elmore

2. Variation of existing 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 following Members have given notice that they wish to amend their proxy voting arrangement:

From 14 December 2020 the nominated proxy for Carla Lockhart will be Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson instead of Ian Paisley.

From 14 December 2020 the nominated proxy for Lee Anderson, Lucy Allan and Penny Mordaunt will be Mark Spencer instead of Stuart Andrew.

From 14 December 2020 the nominated proxy for the following will be Chris Elmore instead of Mark Tami:

Debbie Abrahams	Sarah Jones
Tahir Ali	Darren Jones
Rosena Allin-Khan	Mike Kane
Mike Amesbury	Barbara Keeley
Fleur Anderson	Liz Kendall
Tonia Antoniazzi	Afzal Khan
Jonanthan Ashworth	Stephen Kinnock
Margaret Beckett	Peter Kyle
Clive Betts	David Lammy
Olivia Blake	Clive Lewis
Paul Blomfield	Tony Lloyd
Tracy Brabin	Holly Lynch
Ben Bradshaw	Khalid Mahmood
Kevin Brennan	Shabana Mahmood
Lyn Brown	Seema Malhotra
Karen Buck	Rachael Maskell
Liam Byrne	Kerry McCarthy
Ian Byrne	Andy McDonald
Ruth Cadbury	Pat McFadden
Sarah Champion	Conor McGinn
Feryal Clark	Alison McGovern
Rosie Cooper	Catherine McKinnell
Stella Creasy	Jim McMahon
Jon Cruddas	Anna McMorris
John Cryer	Ed Miliband
Judith Cummins	James Murray

Alex Cunningham	Ian Murray
Janet Daby	Lisa Nandy
Wayne David	Charlotte Nichols
Geraint Davies	Alex Norris
Alex Davies-Jones	Abena Oppong-Asare
Thangam Debbonaire	Taiwo Owatemi
Tan Dhesi	Sarah Owen
Stephen Doughty	Stephanie Peacock
Peter Dowd	Jess Phillips
Jack Dromey	Bridget Phillipson
Rosie Duffield	Lucy Powell
Maria Eagle	Yasmin Qureshi
Angela Eagle	Angela Rayner
Florence Eshalomi	Steve Reed
Bill Esterson	Christina Rees
Chris Evans	Ellie Reeves
Yvonne Fovargue	Rachel Reeves
Vicky Foxcroft	Jonathan Reynolds
Preet Kaur Gill	Marie Rimmer
Mary Glendon	Lloyd Russell-Moyle
Kate Green	Naz Shah
Margaret Greenwood	Mr Virendra Sharma
Lilian Greenwood	Mr Barry Sheerman
Andrew Gwynne	Tulip Siddiq
Louise Haigh	Andy Slaughter
Fabian Hamilton	Nick Smith
Emma Hardy	Cat Smith
Harriet Harman	Karin Smyth
Carolyn Harris	Alex Sobel
Sir Mark Hendrick	Keir Starmer
Margaret Hodge	Jo Stevens
Mrs Sharon Hodgson	Wes Streeting
Kate Hollern	Sam Tarry
Sir George Howarth	Gareth Thomas
Rupa Huq	Emily Thornberry

Dan Jarvis	Karl Turner
Dame Diana Johnson	Catherine West
Gerald Jones	Nadia Whittome
Ruth Jones	Mohammad Yasin

3. 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 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 dates specified below:

Member	From
Nick Thomas-Symonds	14 December 2020
Robbie Moore	14 December 2020
Mick Whitley	14 December 2020
Chris Elmore	14 December 2020
Jonathan Gullis	15 December 2020
Jason McCartney	15 December 2020
Sajid Javid	15 December 2020
Mr Jonathan Djanogly	15 December 2020
Charlotte Nichols	15 December 2020
Dean Russell	15 December 2020
Jeremy Wright	15 December 2020
Robin Millar	15 December 2020
David Linden	15 December 2020
Chris Loder	15 December 2020