



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday 30 December 2020

**Votes and Proceedings**

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*Notice given by the Speaker pursuant to  
Standing Order No. 13 (earlier meeting of the  
House in certain circumstances)*

Whereas Her Majesty's Government have represented to me, Sir Lindsay Hoyle, Speaker of the House of Commons, that the public interest requires the House to meet at an earlier time than 2.30 pm on the 5th day of January 2021 and I am satisfied that the public interest does so require:

Now, therefore, I hereby give notice pursuant to the Standing Order (earlier meeting of the House in certain circumstances) that the House shall meet on the 30th day of December 2020 at 9.30 am.

Given under my hand this 24th day  
of December 2020.

*Lindsay Hoyle*

Speaker

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

**1 Speaker's Statement: recall arrangements**

**2 European Union (Future Relationship) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Michael Gove, supported by the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Dominic Raab, Secretary Priti Patel, Secretary Alok Sharma, the Attorney General, Penny Mordaunt and Julia Lopez, presented a Bill to implement, and make other provision in connection with, the Trade and Cooperation Agreement; to make further provision in connection with the United Kingdom's future relationship with the EU and its member States; to make related provision about passenger name record data, customs and privileges and immunities; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time today, and to be printed (Bill 236) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 236–EN).

### **3 Virtual participation in proceedings during the pandemic (Temporary Orders) (No. 2)**

*Ordered*, That the Order of 4 June, as amended on 22 October, be further amended as follows: (1) leave out paragraph (1) and insert:

( ) Members may participate in proceedings in the Chamber by electronic means approved by the Speaker and in accordance with any scheme drawn up and published by the Speaker;

( ) for the purposes of paragraph (1) “proceedings” includes proceedings on Questions, Urgent Questions and Statements, participation in debate (including moving a motion) and presentation of petitions but does not include divisions, challenging the decision of the Chair as to the decision of a Question, or proceedings for which no notice is required, with the exception of any motion made in accordance with Standing Order No. 44 (Order in debate).

(2) Leave out paragraph (2).—(*Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg.*)

## 4 European Union (Future Relationship) Bill: Business of the House

Motion made and Question proposed, That the following provisions shall apply to the proceedings on the European Union (Future Relationship) Bill:

### *Timetable*

(1) (a) Proceedings on Second Reading and in Committee of the whole House, any proceedings on Consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall be taken at today's sitting in accordance with this Order.

(b) Notices of Amendments, new Clauses or new Schedules to be moved in Committee of the whole House may be accepted by the Clerks at the Table before the Bill has been read a second time.

(c) Proceedings on Second Reading, proceedings in Committee of the whole House, any proceedings on Consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at 2.30 pm.

*Timing of proceedings and Questions to be put*

(2) As soon as the proceedings on the Motion for this Order have been concluded, the Order for the Second Reading of the Bill shall be read.

(3) When the Bill has been read a second time:

(a) it shall, despite Standing Order No. 63 (Committal of bills not subject to a programme order), stand committed to a Committee of the whole House without any Question being put;

(b) proceedings on the Bill shall stand postponed while the Question is put, in accordance with Standing Order No. 52(1) (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), on any financial resolution relating to the Bill;

(c) on the conclusion of proceedings on any financial resolution relating to the Bill, proceedings on the Bill shall be resumed and the Speaker shall leave the chair whether or not notice of an Instruction has been given.

(4) (a) On the conclusion of proceedings in Committee of the whole House, the Chair shall report the Bill to the House without putting any Question.

(b) If the Bill is reported with amendments, the House shall proceed to consider the Bill as amended without any Question being put.

(5) For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph (1), the Chair or Speaker shall forthwith put the following Questions in the same order as they would fall to be put if this Order did not apply:

(a) any Question already proposed from the chair;

(b) any Question necessary to bring to a decision a Question so proposed;

(c) the Question on any amendment, new Clause or new Schedule selected by the Chair or Speaker for separate decision;

(d) the Question on any amendment moved or Motion made by a Minister of the Crown;

(e) any other Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded;

and shall not put any other questions, other than the question on any motion described in paragraph (16)(a) of this Order.

(6) On a Motion so made for a new Clause or a new Schedule, the Chair or Speaker shall put only the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill.

(7) If two or more Questions would fall to be put under paragraph (5)(d) on successive amendments moved or Motions made by a Minister of the Crown, the Chair or Speaker shall instead put a single Question in relation to those amendments or Motions.

(8) If two or more Questions would fall to be put under paragraph (5)(e) in relation to successive provisions of the Bill, the Chair shall instead put a single Question in relation to those provisions, except that the Question shall be put separately on any Clause of or Schedule to the Bill which a Minister of the Crown has signified an intention to leave out.

### *Consideration of Lords Amendments*

(9) (a) Any Lords Amendments to the Bill may be considered forthwith without any Question being put; and any proceedings

interrupted for that purpose shall be suspended accordingly.

(b) Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement; and any proceedings suspended under subparagraph (a) shall thereupon be resumed.

(10) Paragraphs (2) to (7) of Standing Order No. 83F (Programme orders: conclusion of proceedings on consideration of Lords amendments) apply for the purposes of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph (9) of this Order.

### *Subsequent stages*

(11) (a) Any further Message from the Lords on the Bill may be considered forthwith without any Question being put; and any proceedings interrupted for that purpose shall be suspended accordingly.

(b) 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; and any proceedings suspended under subparagraph (a) shall thereupon be resumed.



(12) Paragraphs (2) to (5) of Standing Order No. 83G (Programme orders: conclusion of proceedings on further messages from the Lords) apply for the purposes of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph (11) of this Order.

### *Reasons Committee*

(13) Paragraphs (2) to (6) of Standing Order No. 83H (Programme orders: reasons committee) apply in relation to any committee to be appointed to draw up reasons after proceedings have been brought to a conclusion in accordance with this Order.

### *Miscellaneous*

(14) Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to proceedings on the Bill.

(15) Standing Order No. 82 (Business Committee) shall not apply in relation to any proceedings to which this Order applies.

(16) (a) No Motion shall be made, except by a Minister of the Crown, to alter the order in which any proceedings on the Bill are

taken, to recommit the Bill or to vary or supplement the provisions of this Order.

(b) No notice shall be required of such a Motion.

(c) Such a Motion may be considered forthwith without any Question being put; and any proceedings interrupted for that purpose shall be suspended accordingly.

(d) The Question on such a Motion shall be put forthwith; and any proceedings suspended under sub-paragraph (c) shall thereupon be resumed.

(e) Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to proceedings on such a Motion.

(17) (a) No dilatory Motion shall be made in relation to proceedings to which this Order applies except by a Minister of the Crown.

(b) The Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

(18) No debate may be held under Standing Order No. 24 (Emergency debates) until proceedings on Third Reading of the Bill have been disposed of; and Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to proceedings in respect of any such debate.

(19) Proceedings to which this Order applies shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

(20) At today's sitting the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until—

(a) any Message from the Lords on the Bill has been received and any Committee to draw up Reasons which has been appointed at that sitting has reported;

(b) the Speaker has reported the Royal Assent to any Act agreed upon by both Houses.—(*Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg.*)

Amendment proposed, That, in line 10, paragraph 1, leave out sub-paragraph (c) and insert "(c) Proceedings on Second Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion five hours after the beginning of those proceedings; and proceedings in Committee of the whole House, any proceedings on

Consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion no later than seven hours after the beginning of proceedings on second reading.".—  
(*Patrick Grady.*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Division No. 189

Ayes: 60 (Tellers: Owen Thompson, David Linden)

Noes: 362 (Tellers: Tom Pursglove, James Morris)

Question accordingly negatived.

Main Question put and agreed to.

## **5 European Union (Future Relationship) Bill: Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

Question put.

The House divided.

Division No. 190

Ayes: 521 (Tellers: Mark Spencer, James Morris)

Noes: 73 (Tellers: David Linden, Owen Thompson)

Question agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House (Order, today).

## **6 European Union (Future Relationship) Bill: Money**

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 52(1)(a)), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the European Union (Future Relationship) Bill, it is expedient to authorise:

(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenditure incurred by a Minister of the Crown, government department

or other public authority by virtue of any future relationship agreement,

(b) any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State in making payments to the EU or an EU entity to support the PEACE PLUS programme and any successor programmes,

(c) any other expenditure incurred by a Minister of the Crown, government department or other public authority by virtue of the Act; and

(d) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable by virtue of any other Act out of money so provided;

(2) any charge on the Consolidated Fund or the National Loans Fund, or any other charge on the public revenue, arising by virtue of the Act.—(*Tom Pursglove.*)

Question agreed to.

## **7 European Union (Future Relationship) Bill: Ways and Means**

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 52(1)(a)), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the

European Union (Future Relationship) Bill, it is expedient to authorise:

(1) any taxation, fees or charges, or any other charge on the people, arising by virtue of the Act;

(2) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund or the National Loans Fund.—(*Tom Pursglove*).

Question agreed to.

## **8 European Union (Future Relationship) Bill: Committee of the whole House**

The House resolved itself into a Committee (Order, today).

(In the Committee)

Since it was after 2.30 pm, the Chair put forthwith the Question necessary to bring proceedings on Committee of the whole House to a conclusion (Order, today).

(1) That Clauses 1 to 40 stand part of the Bill and Schedules 1 to 6 be the First to Sixth Schedules to the Bill (Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded).

Question agreed to.

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

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The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Tom Pursglove reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made no amendments.

## **9 European Union (Future Relationship) Bill: Third Reading**

Michael Gove signified Queen's consent, as far as Her Majesty's prerogative and interest are concerned.

Question put forthwith (Order, today), That the Bill be now read the third time.

The House divided.

Division No. 191

Ayes: 521 (Tellers: Mark Spencer, James Morris)

Noes: 73 (Tellers: Owen Thompson, David Linden)

Question agreed to.



Bill accordingly read the third time, and passed.

**10 Statements: (1) COVID-19 (Secretary Matt Hancock)**

**(2) Education return in January (Secretary Gavin Williamson)**

**(3) Business (Leader of the House)**

**11 Business of the House (Today)**

*Ordered, That, at this day's sitting*

(a) notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 16, proceedings on the first of the Motions in the name of a Minister of the Crown relating to five Public Health regulations (SI, 2020, Nos. 1518, 1533, 1572, 1611 & 1646) shall be brought to a conclusion not later than three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the first motion and the Speaker shall then put forthwith the Questions necessary to dispose of each such Motion; and

(b) the Question on the motion in the name of Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg relating to Private Members' Bills shall be put forthwith; and such proceedings, though opposed, may

be continued or entered upon after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(*Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg.*)

## 12Public Health

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

(1) *Resolved*, That the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Self-Isolation and Linked Households) (England) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1518), dated 11 December 2020, a copy of which was laid before this House on 11 December, be approved.—(*Helen Whately.*)

(2) *Resolved*, That the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (All Tiers) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1533), dated 14 December 2020, a copy of which was laid before this House on 14 December, be approved.—(*Rebecca Harris.*)

(3) *Resolved*, That the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (All Tiers and Obligations of Undertakings) (England)

(Amendment) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1611), dated 20 December 2020, a copy of which was laid before this House on 21 December, be approved.—(*Rebecca Harris.*)

(4) *Resolved*, That the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (All Tiers) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1572), dated 17 December 2020, a copy of which was laid before this House on 17 December, be approved.—(*Rebecca Harris.*)

(5) *Resolved*, That the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (All Tiers) (England) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1646), dated 24 December 2020, a copy of which was laid before this House on 29 December, be approved.—(*Rebecca Harris.*)

### **13Deferred divisions**

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 41A(3)), That at this day's sitting, Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply to the Motion in the name of Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg relating to Sitzings of the House.—(*Rebecca Harris.*)

Question agreed to.

## **14Sittings of the House**

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 25), That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until 11 January 2021.—(*Rebecca Harris.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 192

Ayes: 335 (Tellers: Leo Docherty, James Morris)

Noes: 212 (Tellers: Matt Rodda, Meg Hillier)

Question accordingly agreed to.

## **15Business of the House (Private Members' Bills) No. 8**

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Order, today), That:

(1) the Resolution of the House of 16 January 2020 (Business of the House (Private Members' Bills)), as amended by the Orders of the House of 25 March, 22 April, 12 May, 10 June, 1 July and 3 November 2020, is further amended as follows:

leave out "8 January 2021", and leave out "5 March 2021 and 12 March 2021" and

insert “5 March 2021, 12 March 2021 and 26 March 2021”

(2) the Orders for Second Reading of Bills and for subsequent stages having precedence in accordance with Standing Order No. 14(9) on each of the days listed under Day 1 in the table below are read and discharged;

(3) each such Bill is ordered to be read a second time or to be set down for the relevant stage on the corresponding day listed under Day 2 in the table; and

(4) those Bills are so set down on the appropriate Day 2 in the order in which they were so set down on the corresponding Day 1.

#### Day 1

8 January 2021  
15 January 2021  
22 January 2021  
29 January 2021  
5 February 2021  
26 February 2021  
5 March 2021  
12 March 2021

#### Day 2

15 January 2021  
22 January 2021  
29 January 2021  
5 February 2021  
26 February 2021  
5 March 2021  
12 March 2021  
26 March 2021