



## HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday 4 March 2021

# Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

**1 Report of the Holliday Inquiry**

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying That she will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return of the Report, entitled Report of the Holliday Inquiry: inquiry into award of the Magnox decommissioning contract by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, related litigation and its subsequent termination.—(*David Rutley*.)

**2 Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs**

**(2) the right hon. Member representing the Church Commissioners, the right hon. Member representing the House of Commons Commission, the right hon. Member representing the Parliamentary Works Sponsor Body and the hon. Member representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission**

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

**4 Statement: Counter-Daesh update (Secretary Dominic Raab)**

**5 Ways and Means: Income Tax (Charge): Adjourned debate on the Question proposed on 3 March**

Debate resumed (Order, 3 March).

Question again proposed, That income tax is charged for the tax year 2021—22.

And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968.

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

*Ordered*, That the debate be now adjourned.—(*Tom Pursglove*.)

Debate to be resumed on Monday 8 March.

**6 Business of the House (Private Members' Bills)**

*Ordered*, That:

(1) the Order 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, 3 November and 30 December 2020 and 13 January 2021, is further amended as follows: at end, insert "and 12 March 2021";

(2) the Order for Consideration of the Forensic Science Regulator Bill on Friday 5 March be read and discharged;

(3) the Orders for Second Reading of Bills on Friday 12 March be read and discharged and that no Second Readings of Bills be taken that day;

(4) that the following bills be set down for Friday 12 March, and in the following order:

Education (Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms) Bill

British Library Board (Power to Borrow) Bill

Education and Training (Welfare of Children) Bill

Forensic Science Regulator Bill

Botulinum Toxin and Cosmetic Fillers (Children) Bill

Prisons (Substance Testing) Bill

Registers of Births and Deaths Bill

Animal Welfare (Sentencing) Bill.—(*Tom Pursglove.*)

## **7 Adjournment**

Subject: British Council and the Integrated Review (Mr John Baron)

*Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Tom Pursglove.*)

Adjourned at 5.24 pm until Monday 8 March.

## **Other Proceedings**

### *Lords Messages*

## **8 Telecommunications Infrastructure (Leasehold Property) Bill**

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Telecommunications Infrastructure (Leasehold Property) Bill to which the Commons have disagreed; and they agree without amendment to the Amendments made by the Commons in lieu of a Lords Amendment.

### *Changes to Notices Given*

## **9 Conveyancing Standards Bill**

Order for Second Reading on Friday 26 March, read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

### *Reports from Select Committees*

## **10 Backbench Business Committee**

Determination of business to be taken on Thursday 11 March in the Chamber and in Westminster Hall and Tuesday 16 March in Westminster Hall (Ian Mearns).

**11 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee**

*Post-pandemic economic growth: Industrial Strategy*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 674) (Darren Jones).

**12 Defence Committee**

*Women in the armed forces: from recruitment to civilian Life*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1047) (Sarah Atherton).

**13 Environmental Audit Committee**

*Biodiversity and ecosystems*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 636) (Philip Dunne).

**14 Health and Social Care Committee**

*Appointment of the National Data Guardian*: Fourth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1311) (Jeremy Hunt).

**15 Public Accounts (Committee of)**

(1) *COVID-19: Test, track and trace (part 1)*: Forty-seventh Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 932);

(2) *Digital Services at the Border*: Forty-eighth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 936);

(3) *The Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 941);

(4) *Delivering Carrier Strike*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 684) (Meg Hillier).

**16 Scottish Affairs Committee**

*Scotland and the Shared Prosperity Fund*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1089) (Pete Wishart).

**17 Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill**

*Armed Forces Bill*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1281) (James Sunderland).

**18 Welsh Affairs Committee**

(1) *One-off session with the First Minister of Wales*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1255);

(2) *Renewable energy in Wales*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1021) (Stephen Crabb).

**19 Women and Equalities Committee**

*Take up of the COVID-19 vaccines in BAME communities and women*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1224) (Caroline Nokes).

*Lindsay Hoyle*

Speaker

## Papers Laid

### Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

#### 1 Environmental Protection

Draft Single Use Carrier Bags Charges (England) (Amendment) Order 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary George Eustice)

### Papers subject to Negative Resolution

#### 2 Customs

Customs Tariff (Preferential Trade Arrangements) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 241), dated 3 March 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jesse Norman)

#### 3 Housing

Housing (Shared Ownership Leases) (Exclusion from Leasehold Reform Act 1967 and Rent Act 1977) (England) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 212), dated 1 March 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Christopher Pincher)

#### 4 Immigration

Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules (by Act), to be printed (HC 1248) with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Priti Patel)

#### 5 Pensions

Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (General Levy) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 214), dated 1 March 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Guy Opperman)

#### 6 Public Service Pensions

Public Service (Civil Servants and Others) Pensions (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 240), dated 22 February 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Julia Lopez)

#### 7 Social Security

(1) Social Security (Claims and Payments, Employment and Support Allowance, Personal Independence Payment and Universal Credit) (Telephone and Video Assessment) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 230), dated 2 March 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Justin Tomlinson)

(2) Universal Credit (Childcare in Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 228), dated 2 March 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Will Quince)

#### 8 Wildlife

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (Variation of Schedule 9) (England) Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 236), dated 3 March 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary George Eustice)

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Other papers**9 Budget Responsibility and National Audit**

Value for Money Study — Review of the National Audit Office's Finance Function (by Act), to be printed (HC 1277) (Mr Richard Bacon)

**10 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy**

Return to an Address to Her Majesty for a Return of the Report, dated 4 March 2021, of the Holliday Inquiry into award of the Magnox decommissioning contract by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, related litigation, and its subsequent termination (pursuant to Resolution today), to be printed (HC 1280) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

**11 Public Service Pensions**

Report on proposed amendment to the Public Service (Civil Servants and Others) Pensions Regulations 2014 (by Act) (Julia Lopez)

**12 Superannuation**

Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2021 (by Act) (Julia Lopez)

**13 Supply Estimates, 2021–22**

Estimates for which a Vote on Account is required for 2021–22 for the Electoral Commission (by Act), to be printed (HC 1214) (The Speaker)

**14 UK Borders**

Report of the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration: An inspection of the work of Border Force, Immigration Enforcement, and UK Visas and Immigration to identify, investigate, disrupt and prosecute perpetrators of modern slavery and human trafficking: October 2019–April 2020 (by Act) (Secretary Priti Patel)

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Withdrawn papers**15 Environmental Protection**

Draft Single Use Carrier Bags Charges (England) (Amendment) Order 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (laid 4 February 2021)

**16 Supply Estimates, 2021–22**

Estimates for which a Vote on Account is required for 2021–22 for the Electoral Commission (by Act) (HC 1214) (laid 11 February 2021)

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## 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
Tom Pursglove	8 March	Mike Freer
Mark Tami	8 March	Chris Elmore
Maggie Throup	8 March	Mike Freer
Liz Twist	8 March	Chris Elmore
Gill Furniss	8 March	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 Member has given notice that they wish to amend their proxy voting arrangement:

From 8 March the nominated proxy for Gregory Campbell, Gavin Robinson, and Paul Girvan will be Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson instead of Sammy Wilson.

#### 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
Matt Western	8 March
Maria Caulfield	8 March