

Monday 8 March 2021

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions
- 2 Urgent Question: NHS staff pay (Helen Whately)
- 3 Statement: Women's Health Strategy (Ms Nadine Dorries)
- 4 Housing and Homelessness (Local Accommodation Duty): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to place a duty on local authorities to ensure that persons for whom a homeless duty has been accepted are accommodated in the local area, including on discharge into

private rented accommodation; to require local authorities to publish annual reports on steps relating to housing demand and supply taken or intended to be taken to meet that duty; and for connected purposes;

That Ms Karen Buck, Robert Halfon, Bob Blackman, Fleur Anderson, Ms Lyn Brown, Siobhain McDonagh, Dawn Butler, Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi, Feryal Clark and Dame Margaret Hodge present the Bill.

Ms Karen Buck accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 266).

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

Debate resumed (Order, 4 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.—(David T C Davies.)

Debate to be resumed tomorrow.

6 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft National Minimum Wage (Amendment) Regulations 2021, which were laid before this House on 1 February, be approved.—(David T C Davies.)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Authority to Carry Scheme and Civil Penalties Regulations 2021, which were laid before this House on 28 January, be approved.—(David T C Davies.)

Question agreed to.

7 Changes to membership of select committees

Ordered, That Marco Longhi be discharged from the Environmental Audit Committee and James Gray be added.—(Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

8 Adjournment

Subject: Flooding caused by disused mineworks in Skewen (Stephen Kinnock)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.— (David T C Davies.)

Adjourned at 10.20 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

9 First Delegated Legislation Committee

James Gray reported the draft Energy Performance of Buildings (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2021.

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

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10Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

Broadband and the road to 5G: Government Response to Committee's Fourth Report: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1256) (Clerk of the House).

11Education Committee

Correspondence with the Permanent Secretary relating to the Department's use of consultants: Written evidence, to be published (Clerk of the House).

12Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

Legislative scrutiny: Overseas Operations (Service Personnel and Veterans) Bill: Written evidence, to be published (HC 665) (Clerk of the House).

Reports from Select Committees made on

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13Administration Committee

Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 8 March, to be published (Sir Charles Walker).

14Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

- (1) Cladding Remediation: Follow-up: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1249);
- (2) Correspondence from the Minister of State for the Constitution and Devolution relating to local elections: Written evidence, to be published

(Mr Clive Betts).

15Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

Citizenship and passport processes in Northern Ireland: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1111) (Simon Hoare).

16Public Accounts (Committee of)

- (1) COVID-19: housing people sleeping rough: Forty-ninth Report, to be printed, with formal minutes relating to the report (HC 934);
- (2) Environmental tax measures: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 937);
- (3) Asylum accommodation and support transformation programme: Written evidence, to be published (HC 683);
- (4) Correspondence relating to the Committee's previous Reports: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) COVID-19: Planning for a vaccine (Part 1): Written evidence, to be published (HC 930);
- (6) Managing the expiry of PFI contracts: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1114);
- (7) Ministry of Justice recall: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1190);

(8) *UK Border 2021: Update*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1154) (Meg Hillier).

17Treasury Committee

- (1) Budget 2021: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1196);
- (2) Correspondence with the True and Fair Campaign relating to Woodford Investment Management: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) Government Actuary's Department Supplementary Estimates Memorandum 2020–21: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) HM Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor Supplementary Estimates Memorandum 2020–21: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) Statistics Board Supplementary Estimates Memorandum 2020–21: Written evidence, to be published;
- (6) The Financial Conduct Authority's regulation of London Capital & Finance plc: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1191)

(Mel Stride).

Lindsay Hoyle
Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 4.30 pm (Order, 25 February).

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

1 Press freedoms and safety of protesters in India

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered e-petition 563473 relating to press freedoms and safety of protestors in India.—(*Martyn Day*.)

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

The sitting was suspended between 6.00 pm and 6.15 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

2 LGBT conversion therapy

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petition 300976 relating to LGBT conversion therapy.—(Elliot Colburn.)

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

Adjourned at 7.45 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers presented and delivered to the Votes

and Proceedings Office on Friday 5 March 2021 under Standing Orders No. 158 and No. 159:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Public Health

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Wearing of Face Coverings in a Relevant Place and Restrictions: All Tiers) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 247), dated 5 March (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Children and Young Persons

Early Years Foundation Stage (Learning and Development Requirements) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 234), dated 3 March (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Vicky Ford)