

Monday 15 March 2021

Votes and Proceedings

No. 190

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Defence
- 2 Statements: (1) Policing and the prevention of violence against women (Secretary Priti Patel)
 - (2) National bus strategy for England (Secretary Grant Shapps)
- 3 Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill: Second Reading (first day)

Motion made and Question proposed, That the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill be now read a second time. The Deputy Speaker announced a time limit on backbench speeches (Standing Order No. 47(1)).

Ordered, That the debate be now adjourned.—(Michael Tomlinson.)

Debate to be resumed tomorrow.

4 Royal Assent

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

Supply and Appropriation (Anticipation and Adjustments) Act 2021

Telecommunications Infrastructure (Leasehold Property) Act 2021

Non-Domestic Rating (Lists) Act 2021

Contingencies Fund Act 2021

5 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Registration of Marriages

Regulations 2021, which were laid before this House on 22 February, be approved.— (*Michael Tomlinson*.)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Financial Reporting Council (Miscellaneous Provisions) Order 2021, which was laid before this House on 8 February, be approved.—(Michael Tomlinson.)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 (Coronavirus) (Change of Expiry Date) Regulations 2021, which were laid before this House on 11 February, be approved.—(Michael Tomlinson.)

Question agreed to.

6 Adjournment

Subject: Use of critical minerals in the UK's renewables future (Alexander Stafford)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.— (Michael Tomlinson.)

Adjourned at 10.29 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

7 Contingencies Fund (No. 2) Bill

The Lords agree to the Contingencies Fund (No. 2) Bill without amendment.

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).

8 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Grants to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2021)

Members: David Duguid discharged and Andrew Selous nominated in substitution.

9 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Extradition Act 2003 (Codes of Practice and Transit Code of Practice) Order 2021)

Members: David Duguid discharged and David T C Davies nominated in substitution.

10Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Wearing of Face Coverings in a Relevant Place and Restrictions: All Tiers) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 247))

Members: David Duguid discharged and David T C Davies nominated in substitution.

Reports from Select Committees

11Administration Committee

Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 15 March, to be published (Sir Charles Walker).

12Public Accounts (Committee of)

- (1) Managing the expiry of PFI contracts: Fifty-first Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1114);
- (2) COVID-19: Local Government finance: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 945);
- (3) Asylum accommodation and support transformation programme: Written evidence, to be published (HC 683);
- (4) Correspondence from HM Treasury relating to the Contingencies Fund (No. 2) Bill 2021: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) Correspondence from the Cabinet Office relating to the attempted takeover of G4S: Written evidence, to be published;

- (6) Correspondence relating to the Committee's previous Reports: Written evidence, to be published;
- (7) COVID-19: Free School Meals Voucher Scheme: Written evidence, to be published (HC 689);
- (8) COVID-19: Planning for a vaccine (Part 1): Written evidence, to be published (HC 930);
- (9) COVID-19: Supply of ventilators: Written evidence, to be published (HC 685);
- (10) COVID-19: Supporting the vulnerable during lockdown: Written evidence, to be published (HC 938);
- (11) HMRC performance in 2019–20: Written evidence, to be published (HC 690);
- (12) *Immigration enforcement*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 407);
- (13) Ministry of Defence: Single living accommodation for service personnel: Written evidence, to be published (HC 940) (Meg Hillier).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 4.30 pm.

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

1 Vaccine passports

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-petition 569957, relating to vaccine passports.—(Mike Hill.)

The sitting was suspended between 6.00 pm and 6.15 pm (Order, 25 February).

2 Impact of COVID-19 on education

Motion made and Question proposed,
That this House has considered e-petitions

564696, 548778, 573621 and 564209, relating to the impact of COVID-19 on education.— (*Tom Hunt*.)

At 7.45 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(14) and Order, 25 February).

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 subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Capital Gains Tax

- (1) Draft Double Taxation Relief (Federal Republic of Germany) Order 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jesse Norman)
- (2) Draft Double Taxation Relief (Sweden) Order 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory

Memorandum (by Command) (Jesse Norman)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Education

Higher Education (Registration Fees) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 304), dated 12 March 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Michelle Donelan)

3 Pensions

- (1) Armed Forces and Reserve Forces (Compensation Scheme) (Amendment) Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 285), dated 8 March 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Johnny Mercer)
- (2) Personal Injuries (Civilians) Scheme (Amendment) Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 292), dated 10 March 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Johnny Mercer)

4 Social Security

- (1) Social Security Benefits Up-rating Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 312), dated 15 March 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Will Quince)
- (2) Social Security Contributions (Intermediaries) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 308), dated 12 March 2021 (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

5 Exiting the European Union (Education)

Proposal for an instrument titled European Union (European Schools) Regulations 2021, with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Nick Gibb)

6 Exiting the European Union (Highways)

Proposal for an instrument titled Road Tunnel Safety (Amendment) Regulations

2021, with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

Other papers

7 National Audit

- (1) Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department for Education: Support for children's education during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic (by Act), to be printed (HC 1239) (Clerk of the House)
- (2) Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Timeliness of local auditor reporting on local government in England, 2020 (by Act), to be printed (HC 1243) (Clerk of the House)

8 Transport

High Speed Rail (West Midlands - Crewe) Act 2021: Government Response to the consultation on the draft class approval for matters ancillary to development under Schedule 17 (by Command) (CP 402) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

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
Bambos	16 March	Mark Tami
Charalambous		

Lloyd 17 March Mark Tami Russell-Moyle

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 16 March:

the nominated proxy for Dr Kieran Mullan and Lee Anderson will be Robbie Moore instead of Chris Loder.

the nominated proxy for Colum Eastwood will be Ben Lake instead of Owen Thompson.