



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday 24 March 2021

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to (1) the Minister for Women and Equalities
(2) the Prime Minister**

- 2 Statements: (1) New Plan for Immigration (Secretary Priti Patel)
(2) Liverpool City Council (Secretary Robert Jenrick)**

- 3 Coronavirus (No. 2) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Dawn Butler, supported by Rebecca Long Bailey, Clive Lewis, Caroline Lucas, Bell Ribeiro-Addy, Layla Moran, Geraint Davies and Lloyd Russell-Moyle, presented a Bill to make provision in connection with coronavirus; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 279).

- 4 Gaming Hardware (Automated Purchase and Resale): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)**

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit the automated purchase and resale of games consoles and computer components; and for connected purposes;

That Douglas Chapman, Ronnie Cowan, Carol Monaghan, Margaret Ferrier, Martyn Day, Drew Hendry, Steven Bonnar, Alison Thewliss, Joanna Cherry and John McNally present the Bill.

Douglas Chapman accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 280).

- 5 Backbench Business**

(1) Online anonymity and anonymous abuse

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

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered online anonymity and anonymous abuse.—(*Siobhan Baillie*.)

Question put and agreed to.

(2) Support for the hospitality industry throughout the COVID-19 pandemic

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered support for the hospitality industry throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.—(*Selaine Saxby*.)

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

Question put and agreed to.

6 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Administration (Restrictions on Disposal etc. to Connected Persons) Regulations 2021, which were laid before this House on 24 February, be approved.—(*Scott Mann*.)

Question agreed to.

7 Public petitions

A public petition from residents of the constituency of York Central relating to privatisation of York Hospital's Emergency Department was presented and read by Rachael Maskell.

8 Adjournment

Subject: Waste incinerators (*Robbie Moore*)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Scott Mann*.)

Adjourned at 7.30 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Disqualification of a Member

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Notification, laid upon the Table by the Speaker, That the Chancellor of the Exchequer had today appointed Neil Charles Gray, Member for Airdrie and Shotts, to be Steward and Bailiff of Her Majesty's Manor of Northstead in the county of York.

Lords Messages

10 Trade Bill

The Lords do not insist on their disagreement to certain Commons Amendments to the Trade Bill and do not insist on their remaining Amendment, to which the Commons have disagreed.

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 Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill Committee

Members: Duncan Baker, Aaron Bell, Kirsty Blackman, Dawn Butler, Virginia Crosbie, Mark Fletcher, Stephen Flynn, Gill Furniss, Jane Hunt, Jerome Mayhew, Stephen Metcalfe, Chi Onwurah, Sarah Owen, Angela Richardson, Amanda Solloway, Michael Tomlinson and Daniel Zeichner

12 First Delegated Legislation Committee (Cathedrals Measure (HC 1260) and the Diocesan Boards of Education Measure (HC 1259))

Members: Tahir Ali, Olivia Blake, Maria Caulfield, Neil Coyle, Leo Docherty, David Duguid, Chris Elmore, Rebecca Harris, Scott Mann, Grahame Morris, James Morris, Tom Pursglove, Lloyd Russell-Moyle, David Rutley, Andrew Selous, Mark Tami and Maggie Throup

13 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Nuclear Safeguards (Fissionable Material and Relevant International Agreements) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2021)

Members: Maria Caulfield, Stella Creasy, Leo Docherty, Dame Angela Eagle, Chris Elmore, Mark Fletcher, Rebecca Harris, Scott Mann, James Morris, Kate Osborne, Tom Pursglove, David Rutley, Jamie Stone, Richard Thomson, Maggie Throup, Anne-Marie Trevelyan and Dr Alan Whitehead

14 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Recognised Auction Platforms (Amendment and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2021 and draft Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme Auctioning Regulations 2021)

Members: Kemi Badenoch, Mr Clive Betts, Maria Caulfield, Rosie Duffield, David Duguid, Colleen Fletcher, Rebecca Harris, Scott Mann, James Morris, Abena Oppong-Asare, David Rutley, Andy Slaughter, Richard Thomson, Maggie Throup, Michael Tomlinson, Mick Whitley and Craig Williams

15 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft International Accounting Standards (Delegation of Functions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021)

Members: Debbie Abrahams, Maria Caulfield, David T C Davies, David Duguid, Colleen Fletcher, Mary Kelly Foy, Barry Gardiner, Jo Gideon, Rebecca Harris, Darren Jones, Scott Mann, James Morris, Tom Pursglove, Paul Scully, Richard Thomson, Maggie Throup and Dr Alan Whitehead

Reports from Select Committees

16 Armed Forces Bill (Select Committee on the)

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

17 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

(1) *The future of UK music festivals*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 886);

(2) *The future of public service broadcasting*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 156) (Julian Knight).

18 Education Committee

The impact of COVID-19 on education and children's services: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 254) (Robert Halfon).

19 Environmental Audit Committee

(1) *Next steps for deposit return schemes:* Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1221);

(2) *Biodiversity and ecosystems:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 636);

(3) *Green jobs and the just transition:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 903);

(4) *Water quality in rivers:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 902)

(Philip Dunne).

20 European Scrutiny Committee

(1) *Northern Ireland Protocol: Withdrawal Agreement Joint Committee Decisions and declarations of 17 December 2020:* Forty-first Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1343);

(2) Forty-second Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 229-xxxvi);

(3) *Ministerial correspondence:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 229)

(Sir William Cash).

21 Home Affairs Committee

(1) *Policing and organisation of vigils relating to the safety of women in public places:* Oral and part of the written evidence, to be published (HC 1334);

(2) *Police conduct and complaints:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 706)

(Yvette Cooper).

22 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

The Government's Independent Human Rights Act Review: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1161) (Ms Harriet Harman).

23 Justice Committee

(1) *Court capacity:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 284);

(2) *The future of legal aid:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 289)

(Sir Robert Neill).

24 Liaison Committee

Evidence from the Prime Minister: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1285) (Sir Bernard Jenkin).

25 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

(1) *Compensation for victims of Gaddafi-sponsored IRA attacks:* Part of the oral evidence, to be published (HC 1283);

(2) *Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 767);

(3) *Citizenship and Passport Processes in Northern Ireland:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 1111)

(Simon Hoare).

26 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

Government transparency and accountability during Covid 19: The data underpinning decisions: Written evidence to be published (HC 803) (Mr William Wragg).

27 Science and Technology Committee

The role of hydrogen in achieving Net Zero: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1066) (Greg Clark).

28 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

Forty-Fifth Report, to be printed (HC 75-xlv) (Jessica Morden).

29 Transport Committee

The impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the coach sector: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1284) (Huw Merriman).

30 Work and Pensions Committee

(1) *Protecting pension savers—five years on from the pension freedoms: Pension scams:*

(i) Fifth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 648);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 648)

(2) *Disability employment gap:* Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 957);

(3) *Correspondence with the Chief Executive of the Health and Safety Executive relating to the Preston New Road fracking site:* Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Minister for Pensions and Financial Inclusion relating to underpayments of State Pension:* Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *DWP's response to the coronavirus outbreak:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 178);

(6) *The Work of the Health and Safety Executive:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 39)

(Stephen Timms).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 9.25 am (Order, 25 February).

Business appointed by the Chairman of Ways and Means (Standing Order No. 10(6))

1 NHS pay

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered NHS pay.—(*Paula Barker.*)

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 NHS pay.

2 Planned expansion of Luton Airport

Resolved, That this House has considered the planned expansion of Luton Airport.—(*Daisy Cooper.*)

The sitting was suspended between 11.25 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 Science and Discovery Centres' support for education in science and careers in STEM subjects

Resolved, That this House has considered the Science and Discovery Centres' support for education in science and careers in STEM subjects.—(*Dr Ben Spencer.*)

The sitting was suspended between 3.53 pm and 4.05 pm (Order, 25 February).

4 Government funding for the Bakerloo Line extension

Resolved, That this House has considered Government funding for the Bakerloo Line extension.—(*Neil Coyle.*)

The sitting was suspended between 4.23 pm and 4.50 pm (Order, 25 February).

5 Implementation of the UK Rare Diseases Framework

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the matter of the implementation of the UK Rare Diseases Framework.—(*Liz Twist.*)

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 the matter of the implementation of the UK Rare Diseases Framework.

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

Adjourned at 5.49 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Insolvency

Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 (Coronavirus) (Extension of the Relevant Period) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 375), dated 22 March 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Customs

(1) Customs (Tariff etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 380), dated 23 March 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jesse Norman)

(2) Customs Tariff (Preferential Trade Arrangements and Tariff Quotas) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 382), dated 23 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

3 Exiting The European Union (Environmental Protection)

Proposal for an instrument titled Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021, with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary George Eustice)

4 Exiting the European Union (Professional Qualifications)

Proposal for an instrument titled Draft Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021, with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

5 Financial Services and Markets

Proposal for an instrument titled Capital Requirements Regulation (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021, with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (John Glen)

Other papers

6 Bank of England

Recommendations for the Prudential Regulation Committee: March 2021 (by Act) (The Chancellor of the Exchequer)

7 Covent Garden Market

Report and Accounts of the Covent Garden Market Authority (by Act) (Secretary George Eustice)

8 Environmental Protection

Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Single Use Carrier Bags Charges (England) (Amendment) Order 2021 (by Command) (Secretary George Eustice)

9 Financial Services and Markets

Recommendations for the Financial Conduct Authority: March 2021 (by Act) (The Chancellor of the Exchequer)

10 Government Trading Funds

Treasury Minute, dated 31 March 2021, concerning the setting of the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency's further financial objectives (by Act) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

11 Home Office

New Plan for Immigration: Policy Statement (by Command) (CP 412) (Secretary Priti Patel)

12 National Citizen Service

Report and Accounts of the National Citizen Service Trust for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1313) (Secretary Oliver Dowden)

13 National Heritage

Report and Accounts of the Board of Trustees of the Royal Armouries for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 807) (Caroline Dinenage)

14 Postal Services

Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Post Office Limited for 2019–20 (by Act) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

15 Public Health

Explanatory Memorandum to the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Steps) (England) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 364) (by Command) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

16 Scotland

(1) Ninth Report by the Scottish Government on the Implementation and Operation of Part 3 (Financial Provisions) of the Scotland Act 2012 and Fifth Report by the Scottish Government on the Implementation of the Scotland Act 2016 (by Act) (Secretary Alister Jack)

(2) Ninth Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland on the Implementation and Operation of Part 3 (Financial Provisions) of the Scotland Act 2012 and Fifth Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland on the Implementation of the Scotland Act 2016 (by Act) (Secretary Alister Jack)

17 Sovereign Grant

Sovereign Grant Act 2011: Report of the Royal Trustees on the Sovereign Grant 2021–22 (by Act) (The Chancellor of the Exchequer)

Withdrawn papers**18 Environmental Protection**

Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Single Use Carrier Bags Charges (England) (Amendment) Order 2021 (laid 4 March)

19 Public Health

Explanatory Memorandum to the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Steps) (England) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 364), dated 22 March 2021 (laid 22 March)

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
Jim Shannon	25 March	Ian Paisley

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 25 March 2021 the nominated proxy for Bob Seely will be Mark Harper instead of Stuart Andrew.

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
Mark Harper	25 March
Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown	25 March

Liz Twist	25 March
Mr Alistair Carmichael	25 March
Jackie Doyle-Price	25 March