



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday 13 April 2021

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

2 Speaker's Statement: Death of a Member and of former Members

The Speaker made the following communication to the House:

I regret to have to report to the House the death of the right honourable Cheryl Gillan, the Member for Chesham and Amersham. I know hon. Members in all parts of the House, including the Deputy Speakers, are, like myself, in shock. They were great friends of Dame Cheryl. I know the House will join me in mourning the loss of a colleague and in extending our sympathy to the right honourable Member's family and friends.

Cheryl was a Member of this House for nearly 30 years. In that time she made an outstanding contribution from both the Back Benches and the Front Benches, and as the first woman to be appointed as Secretary of State for Wales. She was a doughty defender of her constituents' interests, most notably in her long campaign against the High Speed 2 rail line, and she was the champion of the private Member's Bill that led to the Autism Act 2009. Above all, she will be remembered as a friend and mentor to many Members—especially new Members—on all sides of the House.

I also take the opportunity to pay tribute to five former Members who passed away while the House was in recess: Peter Ainsworth, Ian Gibson, Robert Howarth, Paul Marland and Baroness Williams of Crosby. Our thoughts are with their families.

3 Urgent Questions: (1) Process by which Greensill Capital was approved as a lender for the Coronavirus Large Business Interruption Loan Scheme (Paul Scully)

(2) Recent sanctions imposed by the Chinese Government on UK citizens (Nigel Adams)

4 Statement: Northern Ireland update (Secretary Brandon Lewis)

5 Road User Charging (Outer London): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide that the Mayor of London may not impose charges for driving in Outer London; and for connected purposes;

That Gareth Johnson, Henry Smith, Sir Roger Gale, Gareth Bacon, Bob Blackman, Kelly Tolhurst, Damian Green, Gordon Henderson, Craig Mackinlay, Dean Russell and Felicity Buchan present the Bill.

Gareth Johnson accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 283).

6 Finance (No. 2) Bill: Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed that the Finance (No. 2) Bill be now read a second time.

Amendment moved, to leave out from 'That' to the end of the Question and add 'this House declines to give a Second Reading to the Finance (No. 2) Bill because it derives from a Budget that failed to guarantee a pay rise for NHS workers after their unparalleled service over the last year; because it undermines the country's economic recovery, targeting household finances by freezing income tax allowances before increasing the rate of corporation tax; because it does nothing to mitigate the effect on family finances of the sharp council tax rise in April; because it contains measures connected with a cut to social security later in the year; and because it fails to set out the ambitious plan for jobs and growth that is needed to help the country emerge strongly from the worst economic crisis of any major economy.'—(*James Murray.*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Division No. 247

Ayes: 268 (Tellers: Colleen Fletcher, Gill Furniss)

Noes: 358 (Tellers: Leo Docherty, Maggie Throup)

Question accordingly negated.

Question, That the Bill be now read a second time, put forthwith (Standing Order No. 62(2)).

The House divided.

Division No. 248

Ayes: 358 (Tellers: Leo Docherty, Maggie Throup)

Noes: 262 (Tellers: Colleen Fletcher, Gill Furniss)

Question accordingly agreed to and Bill read a second time.

7 Finance (No. 2) Bill: Programme

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Finance (No. 2) Bill:

Committal

(1) The following shall be committed to a Committee of the whole House—

- (a) Clauses 1 to 5 (income tax charge, rates etc);
- (b) Clauses 6 to 14 and Schedule 1 (corporation tax charge and rates, rate of diverted profits tax and capital allowances: super-deductions etc);
- (c) Clauses 24 to 26 (employment income: provisions relating to coronavirus);
- (d) Clause 28 (pensions: freezing the standard lifetime allowance);
- (e) Clause 30 and Schedule 6 (construction industry scheme);
- (f) Clauses 31 to 33 (coronavirus support payments etc);
- (g) Clause 36 and Schedule 7 (corporation tax: hybrid and other mismatches);
- (h) Clause 40 (capital gains tax: annual exempt amount);
- (i) Clause 41 (capital gains tax: hold-over relief for foreign controlled companies);
- (j) Clause 86 (inheritance tax: rate bands for tax years 2021-22 to 2025-26);

- (k) Clauses 87 to 89 and Schedules 16 and 17 (stamp duty land tax);
 - (l) Clauses 90 and 91 (annual tax on enveloped dwellings);
 - (m) Clauses 92 to 96 and Schedule 18 (value added tax);
 - (n) Clause 97 and Schedule 19 (customs duty);
 - (o) Clauses 109 to 111 and Schedules 21 and 22 (freeports);
 - (p) Clause 115 and Schedule 27 (follower notice penalties);
 - (q) Clauses 117 to 121 and Schedules 29 to 32 (avoidance and conditionality);
 - (r) Clauses 128 to 130 (banking);
 - (s) any new Clauses or new Schedules relating to—
 - (i) the impact of any provision on the financial resources of families or to the subject matter of Clauses 1 to 5, 24 to 26, 28, 31 to 33, 40 and 86;
 - (ii) the subject matter of Clauses 6 to 14 and Schedule 1;
 - (iii) the impact of any provision on regional economic development;
 - (iv) tax avoidance or evasion;
 - (v) the subject matter of Clauses 87 to 89 and Schedules 16 and 17 and Clauses 90 and 91;
 - (vi) the subject matter of Clauses 92 to 96 and Schedule 18, Clause 97 and Schedule 19 and Clauses 128 to 130.
- (2) The remainder of the Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.
- Proceedings in Committee of the whole House*
- (3) Proceedings in Committee of the whole House shall be completed in two days.
- (4) The proceedings—
- (a) shall be taken on each of those days in the order shown in the first column of the following Table, and
 - (b) shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the times specified in the second column of the Table.

Proceedings**Time for conclusion of proceedings****First day**

Clauses 1 to 5, 24 to 26, 28, 31 to 33, 40 and 86; any new Clauses or new Schedules relating to the impact of any provision on the financial resources of families or to the subject matter of those Clauses

2 hours from commencement of proceedings on the Bill on the first day

Clauses 6 to 14 and Schedule 1; any new Clauses or new Schedules relating to the subject matter of those Clauses and Schedule

4 hours from commencement of proceedings on the Bill on the first day

Clauses 109 to 111 and Schedules 21 and 22; and new Clauses or new Schedules relating to the impact of any provision on regional economic development

6 hours from commencement of proceedings on the Bill on the first day

Second day

Clause 30 and Schedule 6; Clause 36 and Schedule 7; Clause 41; Clause 115 and Schedule 27; Clauses 117 to 121 and Schedules 29 to 32; any new Clauses or new Schedules relating to tax avoidance or evasion.

2 hours from commencement of proceedings on the Bill on the second day

Clauses 87 to 89 and Schedules 16 and 17; Clauses 90 and 91; any new Clauses or new Schedules relating to the subject matter of those Clauses and Schedules

4 hours from commencement of proceedings on the Bill on the second day

Clauses 92 to 96 and Schedule 18; Clause 97 and Schedule 19; Clauses 128 to 130; any new Clauses or new Schedules relating to the subject matter of those Clauses and Schedules

6 hours from commencement of proceedings on the Bill on the second day

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee etc

(5) Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 6 May 2021.

(6) The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

(7) When the provisions of the Bill considered, respectively, by the Committee of the whole House and by the Public Bill Committee have been reported to the House, the Bill shall be proceeded with as if it had been reported as a whole to the House from the Public Bill Committee.

Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading

(8) Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which proceedings on Consideration are commenced.

(9) Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.

Programming committee

(10) Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings in Committee of the whole House or to proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading.—*(David T C Davies.)*

Question agreed to.

8 Deferred Divisions

Ordered, That at this day's sitting, Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply to the Motion in the name of the Chancellor of the Exchequer relating to Finance (No. 2) Bill: Carry-over.—*(David T C Davies.)*

9 Finance (No. 2) Bill: Carry-over

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 80B(1)(a)), That if, at the conclusion of this Session of Parliament, proceedings on the Finance (No. 2) Bill have not been completed, they shall be resumed in the next Session.—*(David T C Davies.)*

Question agreed to.

10 Adjournment

Subject: Decisions on cardiopulmonary resuscitation during the COVID-19 outbreak (Danny Kruger)

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

Adjourned at 9.03 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

11 First Delegated Legislation Committee

James Gray (Chair) reported the Cathedrals Measure (HC 1260), and the Diocesan Boards of Education Measure (HC 1259).

12 Second Delegated Legislation Committee

Graham Stringer (Chair) reported the draft Nuclear Safeguards (Fissionable Material and Relevant International Agreements) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2021.

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).

13 Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill (Programming Sub-Committee)

Members: Aaron Bell, Mark Fletcher, Stephen Flynn, Gill Furniss, Chi Onwurah, Amanda Solloway, and Michael Tomlinson.

Reports from Select Committees

14 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

(1) *Work of the Department and Government Response to coronavirus*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 301);

(2) *Mineworkers' Pension Scheme*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1331);

(3) *Correspondence with the Minister for Equalities relating to the Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities Report*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to the Energy Policy Update*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Decarbonising heat in homes*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 851)

(Darren Jones).

15 Defence Committee

(1) *Defending Global Britain in a competitive age*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1333);

(2) *Armed Forces and veterans mental health: follow-up*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1133);

(3) *Women in the Armed Forces: from recruitment to civilian life*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1047)

(Mr Tobias Ellwood).

16 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

(1) *Sport in our communities*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 869);

(2) *Economics of music streaming*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 868)
(Julian Knight).

17 Education Committee

(1) *Regional Schools Commissioners*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1330);

(2) *Correspondence from the Independent Schools Council relating to reports of sexual abuse in schools*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Equalities relating to the publication of the Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities Report*: Written evidence, to be published
(Robert Halfon).

18 Finance Committee

Record of the Committee's decisions taken at its meeting on 13 April, to be published
(Lilian Greenwood).

19 Foreign Affairs Committee

(1) *Xinjiang detention camps*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 800);

(2) *Correspondence relating to the Committee's inquiry into Environmental diplomacy*:
Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary relating to Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) funding*: Written evidence, to be published

(Tom Tugendhat).

20 Health and Social Care Committee

(1) *Treatment of autistic people and individuals with learning disabilities*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1195);

(2) *Children and young people's mental health*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1194);

(3) *Department's White Paper on health and social care*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1274);

(4) *Safety of maternity services in England*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 677);

(5) *Workforce burnout and resilience in the NHS and social care*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 703)

(Jeremy Hunt).

21 International Development Committee

- (1) *COVID-19 in developing countries: secondary impacts: Government Response to the Committee's Eighth Report: Eighth Special Report*, to be printed (HC 1351);
 - (2) *Future of UK aid*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1141);
 - (3) *Correspondence with the Foreign and Development Secretary relating to changes to the UK aid budget*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (4) *Humanitarian crises monitoring: Ethiopia's Tigray region*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1289);
 - (5) *Sexual exploitation and abuse in the aid sector: next steps*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 605)
- (Sarah Champion).

22 Science and Technology Committee

- (1) *The role of technology, research and innovation in the COVID-19 recovery*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 697);
 - (2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Science, Research and Innovation, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (3) *Correspondence from the Interim President & Principal of King's College London relating to research on parliamentarians and their responsiveness to constituents*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (4) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy relating to science funding*: Written evidence, to be published
- (Greg Clark).

23 Transport Committee

- (1) *Correspondence from the Minister of State, relating to HS2*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (2) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, relating to e-scooter rental trials*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (3) *Correspondence with the Permanent Secretary relating to Supplementary Estimates 2020–21*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (4) *High Speed 2: Update*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1105);
 - (5) *The roll-out and safety of smart motorways*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1275);
 - (6) *Zero emission vehicles and road pricing*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1106)
- (Huw Merriman).

24 Women and Equalities Committee

- (1) *Gender Sensitive Parliament*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1269);
- (2) *Reform of the Gender Recognition Act*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 884)
- (3) *The role of the GEO: embedding equalities across Government*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1139);
- (4) *Correspondence from practitioners and researchers on current concerns relating to work on ending violence against women for onwards transmission*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Chief Executive of Agenda relating to a cross-cutting equality agenda*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence from the Minister for Equalities relating to the publication of the Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities Report*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Correspondence from the Minister for Care relating to the temporary Coronavirus Act provisions affecting disabled people*: Written evidence, to be published;

(8) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Children and Families relating to the temporary Coronavirus Act provisions affecting disabled people*: Written evidence, to be published

(Caroline Nokes).

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 Global human security

Resolved, That this House has considered global human security.—(*Wera Hobhouse*.)

2 Proposal for the Bay local authority in North Lancashire and South Cumbria

Resolved, That this House has considered a proposal for the Bay local authority in North Lancashire and South Cumbria.—(*Cat Smith*.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.24 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 Repealing and replacing the Vagrancy Act 1824

Resolved, That this House has considered repealing and replacing the Vagrancy Act 1824.—(*Nickie Aiken*.)

The sitting was suspended between 3.45 pm and 4.05 pm (Order, 25 February).

4 Strengthening the Criminal Cases Review Commission

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the matter of strengthening the Criminal Cases Review Commission.—(*Mr Barry Sheerman*.)

At 4.35 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

The sitting was suspended between 4.35 pm and 4.50 pm (Order, 25 February).

5 UK asylum system and asylum seekers' mental health

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 UK asylum system and asylum seekers' mental health.—(*Carol Monaghan*.)

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 Negative Resolution

1 County Court

Civil Proceedings and Gender Recognition Application Fees (Amendment) Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 462), dated 12 April 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Robert Buckland)

2 Magistrates' Courts

Magistrates' Courts (Amendment) Rules 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 459), dated 8 April 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Robert Buckland)

3 Road Traffic

Removal and Disposal of Vehicles (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 461), dated 12 April 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

4 Social Security

Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 456), dated 8 April 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Will Quince)

Other papers

5 Health and Social Care

(1) Department of Health and Social Care Minute, dated 13 April 2021, concerning the notification of the contingent liability arising from Phase 2 COVID-19 Vaccine Deployment (by Command) (Nadhim Zahawi)

(2) Department of Health and Social Care Minute, dated 13 April 2021, concerning the notification of the contingent liability arising from the contract with Moderna for COVID-19 Vaccine (by Command) (Nadhim Zahawi)

6 Loans to Ireland

Report under section 2 of the Loans to Ireland Act 2010: 1 October 2020 to 31 March 2021 (by Act) (John Glen)

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 Orders of 22 October 2020 and 25 March 2021, 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 21 June 2021, unless the arrangement is ended or the House otherwise orders.

Member	From	Proxy
Lee Anderson	14 April	Stuart Andrew
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson	15 April	Jim Shannon
Sammy Wilson	15 April	Jim Shannon
Steve Brine	15 April	Stuart Andrew
Chris Green	3 May	Stuart Andrew

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 Orders of 22 October 2020 and 25 March 2021, that the following Members have given notice that they wish to amend their proxy voting arrangement:

From 15 April the nominated proxy for Gregory Campbell, Ian Paisley, Gavin Robinson, Paul Girvan will be Jim Shannon instead of Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson.

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 Orders of 22 October 2020 and 25 March 2021, 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
David Duguid	14 April
Jessica Morden	14 April
Kenny MacAskill	14 April
Neale Hanvey	14 April
John Spellar	19 April