

Thursday 20 May 2021

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

1 Death of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh (Answer to Address)

The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That the Address of 12 April 2021 had been presented to Her Majesty, and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously and had given the following Answer:

I thank you most sincerely for your expression of sympathy in the great loss which I have sustained by the death of my beloved husband, the Duke of Edinburgh.

I am greatly moved by your kind comments and by your sincere condolences, which bring me comfort at this time.

- 2 Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport
 - (2) the Attorney General
- 3 Business Question (Leader of the House)
- 4 Statement: The future of Britain's railways (Secretary Grant Shapps)
- 5 Restoration and renewal of the Palace of Westminster

Resolved, That this House has considered the restoration and renewal of the Palace of Westminster.—(Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg.)

6 Regulatory Reform Committee: Transfer of functions

Ordered, That-

- (1) The Regulatory Reform Committee be abolished and its functions transferred to the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee.
- (2) The following amendments be made to Standing Orders:
- (a) In Standing Order No. 18 (Consideration of draft legislative reform orders etc.),
- (i) in paragraph (1), line 1, leave out "Regulatory Reform Committee" and insert "Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee", and
- (ii) leave out "Standing Order No. 141 (Regulatory Reform Committee)" in each case where it occurs and insert "Standing Order No. 141 (Scrutiny of regulatory and legislative reform orders etc)".

- (b) In Standing Order No. 83P (Certification of instruments), in paragraph (9) leave out "Regulatory Reform Committee" and insert "Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee".
- (c) In Standing Order No. 83Q (Deciding the question on motions relating to certified instruments), in paragraph (1) leave out "Regulatory Reform Committee" and insert "Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee".
- (d) In Standing Order No. 141 (Regulatory Reform Committee),
- (i) leave out the title and insert "Scrutiny of regulatory and legislative reform orders etc",
- (ii) leave out "There shall be a select committee, called the Regulatory Reform Committee," and insert "The Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee shall be the select committee".
- (iii) leave out from the end of sub-paragraph 3(I) to the end of paragraph (3),
- (iv) leave out paragraphs (10) and (11),
- (v) leave out paragraph (12) and insert "In undertaking functions under this order, the committee and any sub-committee of it shall have the assistance of Counsel to the Speaker.",
- (vi) leave out paragraph (13) and insert "In undertaking functions under this order, the committee and any sub-committee of it shall have shall have power to invite Members of the House who are not members of the committee to attend meetings at which witnesses are being examined in relation to matters within paragraphs (1)(i) to (iii) and such Members may, at the discretion of the chair, ask questions of those witnesses; but no Member not being a member of the committee shall otherwise take part in the proceedings of the committee or sub-committee, or be counted in the quorum."
- (e) In Standing Order No. 142 (Localism Act 2011, etc: scrutiny of certain orders and draft orders),
- (i) in paragraph (1) leave out "Regulatory Reform Committee" and insert "Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee",
- (ii) after paragraph (13) add
 - "(14) In undertaking functions under this order, the committee and any subcommittee of it shall
 - (i) have the assistance of Counsel to the Speaker, and
 - (ii) have power to invite Members of the House who are not members of the committee to attend meetings at which witnesses are being examined in relation to matters within paragraph (1) and such Members may, at the discretion of the chair, ask questions of those witnesses; but no Member not being a member of the committee shall otherwise take part in the proceedings of the committee or subcommittee, or be counted in the quorum.".
- (3) In the Resolution of 19 March 2013 (Positions for which additional salaries are payable for the purposes of Section 4A(2) of the Parliamentary Standards Act 2009), as amended on 26 March 2015, 11 October 2016, 4 July and 12 September 2017 and 30 January 2018 and 16 January 3 February and 2 March 2020, leave out "Regulatory Reform Committee".
- (4) In the Order of 20 May 2020 (Liaison (Membership)), leave out "Regulatory Reform".—(Maggie Throup.)

7 Changes to membership of select committees

- (1) Ordered, That Anne McLaughlin be discharged from the Committee on Standards and Allan Dorans be added.—(Maggie Throup.)
- (2) Ordered, That Anne McLaughlin be discharged from the Committee of Privileges and Allan Dorans be added.—(Maggie Throup.)

8 Adjournment

Subject: Transport infrastructure for the North of England (Dan Jarvis)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Maggie Throup.)

Adjourned at 4.59 pm until Monday 24 May.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

9 Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill Committee

Sir Charles Walker (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

10 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee

Ms Esther McVey (Chair) reported the draft Mobile Homes (Requirement for Manager of Site to be Fit and Proper Person) (England) (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).

11 First Delegated Legislation Committee (Motion in the name of Grant Shapps relating to financial assistance to industry)

Chair: Mr Laurence Robertson

12 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (Motion in the name of Paul Scully relating to financial assistance to industry)

Chair: James Gray

13 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (Global Anti-Corruption Sanctions Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 488))

Chair: Yvonne Fovarque

14 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Mobile Homes (Requirement for Manager of Site to be Fit and Proper Person) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021)

Members: Mike Amesbury discharged and Ruth Cadbury nominated in substitution.

15 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Investigative Powers of Prosecutors: Code of Practice) Order 2021, draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Search, Seizure and Detention of Property: Code of Practice) (Northern Ireland) Order 2021, draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Cash Searches: Code of Practice) Order 2021, draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Investigations: Code of Practice) Order 2021 and draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Recovery of Listed Assets: Code of Practice) Regulations 2021)

Chair: Clive Efford

16 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Pollution Prevention and Control (Fees) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2021)

Chair: Sir David Amess

17 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (Myanmar (Sanctions) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 496))

Chair: Mrs Maria Miller

Reports from Select Committees

18 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee, Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Scottish Affairs Committee and Welsh Affairs Committee

The Dunlop Review and the UK Government's union capability: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 39) (Mr William Wragg).

19 Petitions Committee

- (1) Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions relating to child food poverty: Written evidence, to be published;
- (2) *Public engagement on e-petitions*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 243) (Catherine McKinnell).

20 Public Accounts (Committee of)

- (1) COVID-19: Support for children's education: Third Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 240);
- (2) COVID-19: Local government finance: Fourth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 239);
- (3) Timeliness of local auditor reporting on local government in England 2020: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 171);
- (4) Correspondence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government relating to the Redmond Review: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) COVID-19: PPE Suppliers: Written evidence, to be published (HC 172) (Meg Hillier).

21 Regulatory Reform Committee

Correspondence from the Treasury Solicitor relating to the Government's regulatory response to Brexit and the COVID-19 pandemic: Written evidence, to be published (Stephen McPartland).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Immigration

Draft Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Juxtaposed Controls) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Priti Patel)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Terms and Conditions of Employment

Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) (Transfer of Staff to the Civil Aviation Authority) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 595), dated 18 May 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

Other papers

3 European Union (Withdrawal)

Report on the European Union (Withdrawal) Act and Common Frameworks for the period 26 December 2020 to 25 March 2021 (by Act) (Chloe Smith)

4 Finance

Second Report of the Office of Tax Simplification on Capital Gains Tax Review: Simplifying practical, technical and administrative issues (by Act) (The Chancellor of the Exchequer)

5 Independent Expert Panel

Report by the Independent Expert Panel: The Conduct of Mr Mike Hill (by Standing Order), to be printed (HC 12) (Clerk of the House)

6 Transport

Great British Railways: The Williams-Shapps Plan for Rail (by Command) (CP 423) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

Withdrawn papers

7 Food

Explanatory Memorandum to the Draft Calorie Labelling (Out of Home Sector) (England) Regulations 2021 (Jo Churchill) (laid 13 May 2021)

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
Gill Furniss	24 May	Chris Elmore
Neale Hanvey	24 May	Kenny Macaskill
Hywel Williams	24 May	Ben Lake
Chris Loder	24 May	Anthony Mangnall

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 24 May the nominated proxy for Colum Eastwood, Claire Hanna, and Liz Saville Roberts will be Ben Lake instead of Hywel Williams.

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
Allan Dorans	21 May
Ben Lake	24 May