

Thursday 23 September 2021

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 09.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office
- 2 Urgent Questions: (1) Gas prices and energy suppliers (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)
 - (2) Coronavirus: Education setting attendance and support for pupils (Alex Burghart)
- 3 Business Question (Leader of the House)
- **4 Backbench Business**
 - (1) Baby Loss Awareness Week

Resolved, That this House has considered Baby Loss Awareness Week.—(Cherilyn Mackrory.)

(2) Human rights in Kashmir

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House notes with grave concern the escalation of tensions between India and Pakistan, two nuclear powers, following the revocation of Articles 370 and 35A from the Indian Constitution in August 2019; further notes the United Nations reports of 14 June 2018 and 8 July 2019 on human rights violations in Indian-administered Kashmir and Pakistan-administered Kashmir; and calls on the Government to work with the United Nations, Commonwealth and wider international community to help ensure that international law is upheld and human rights are protected throughout India, Kashmir and Pakistan.—(Debbie Abrahams.)

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

At 5.00 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 9(3)).

5 Independent Expert Panel recommendations for sanctions and the Recall of MPs Act 2015

Objection taken (Standing Order No. 9(6)).

6 Environmental Audit Committee (Virtual Participation)

Resolved, That, on 13 October 2021, members of the Environmental Audit Committee may participate in meetings of that Committee through such electronic means of communication as have been approved by the Speaker, providing a quorum of the Committee is physically present at any such meeting.—(Rebecca Harris.)

7 Adjournment

Subject: Contribution of horse racing to the economy (Matt Hancock)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.— (Rebecca Harris.)

Adjourned at 5.29 pm until Monday 18 October (Resolution, 23 June).

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

8 Building Safety Bill Committee

Clive Efford (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

9 Health and Care Bill Committee

Steve McCabe (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

10Nationality and Borders Bill Committee

Sir Roger Gale (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

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).

11Education (Careers Guidance in Schools) Bill Committee

Chair: Mr Clive Betts

12First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Internal Markets Information System Regulation (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2021)

Chair: Graham Stringer

13Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Airports Slot Allocation (Alleviation of Usage Requirements) (No. 2) Regulations 2021)

Chair: Geraint Davies

14Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Charities Act 2011 (Exempt Charities) (British Council) Regulations 2021)

Chair: Mr Laurence Robertson

Members: Rebecca Harris discharged and Michael Tomlinson nominated in substitution.

15Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Heavy Commercial Vehicles in Kent (No.1) (Amendment) Order 2021) and (The Heavy Commercial Vehicles in Kent (No. 2) (Amendment) Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 988))

Chair: Andrew Rosindell

16Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft National Security and Investment Act 2021 (Monetary Penalties) (Turnover of a Business) Regulations 2021) and (draft National Security and Investment Act 2021 (Notifiable Acquisition) (Specification of Qualifying Entities) Regulations 2021)

Chair: Sir George Howarth

Members: Ben Bradley discharged and Tom Randall nominated in substitution.

Reports from Select Committees

17Backbench Business Committee

Determination of business to be taken on Thursday 21 October in the Chamber and in Westminster Hall (Ian Mearns).

18Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

Online safety and online harms: Oral evidence taken before the Sub-Committee, to be published (HC 620) (Julian Knight).

19Draft Online Safety Bill (Joint Committee on)

Draft Online Safety Bill: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 609) (Damian Collins).

20Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

Moving animals across borders: First Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 79) (Neil Parish).

21Home Affairs Committee

Correspondence from the Home Secretary relating to the Afghan Citizens' Resettlement Scheme: Written evidence, to be published (Yvette Cooper).

22Public Accounts (Committee of)

- (1) *School funding*: Twenty-first Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 183);
- (2) Challenges in implementing digital change: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 637)

(Dame Meg Hillier).

23Science and Technology Committee

The role of technology, research and innovation in the COVID-19 recovery: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 95) (Greg Clark).

24Welsh Affairs Committee

- (1) One-off session on Wylfa Newydd: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 622);
- (2) The benefits system in Wales: Written evidence, to be published (HC 337) (Stephen Crabb).

25Women and Equalities Committee

Correspondence from Paul Scully MP, Minister for Small Business, Consumers and Labour Markets relating to flexible working and carers leave: Written evidence, to be published (Caroline Nokes).

26Work and Pensions Committee

Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to the publication of NatCen research: Written evidence, to be published (Stephen Timms).

Lindsay Hoyle Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 1.30 pm

Business determined by the Backbench Business Committee (Standing Orders No. 10(7) and No. 14(4))

1 Violence against Christians in central African countries

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of violence against Christians in central African countries.—(Jim Shannon.)

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

Adjourned at 3.28 pm until Monday 18 October.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Exiting the European Union (Financial Services)

Markets in Financial Instruments, Benchmarks and Financial Promotions (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1074), dated 22 September 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (John Glen)

2 Income Tax

Income Tax (Digital Requirements)
Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1076),
dated 23 September 2021 (by Act), with an
Explanatory Memorandum (by Command)
(Lucy Frazer)

Other papers

3 Independent Expert Panel

Report by the Independent Expert Panel: The Conduct of Mr Keith Vaz (by Standing Order), to be printed (HC 731) (Clerk of the House)

* This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings from Monday 18 October 2021 for details

Withdrawn papers

4 Energy

Impact Assessment to the draft Green Gas Support Scheme Regulations 2021 (laid 9 September)

CORRECTION

Tuesday 21 September

Item 29 (Other proceedings) should have read:

Science and Technology Committee and Health and Social Care Committee

Coronavirus: lessons learned to date: Third Report of the Science and Technology Committee and, Sixth Report of the Health and Social Care Committee to be printed, with the Formal Minutes relating to the Report (HC 92)

(Greg Clark).