



House of Commons

Tuesday 19 October 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 Statement: Net Zero Strategy—Heat and Buildings Strategy (Greg Hands)

3 Company Transparency (Carbon in Supply Chains) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Karen Bradley presented a Bill to require companies to prepare an annual statement on carbon in their supply chains; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 3 December, and to be printed (Bill 169).

4 Devolution (Employment) (Scotland) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Gavin Newlands presented a Bill to amend the Scotland Act 1998 to grant legislative competence for employment matters to the Scottish Parliament.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 22 October, and to be printed (Bill 170).

5 Bereavement Leave and Pay (Stillborn and Miscarried Babies): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend entitlement to parental bereavement leave and pay to parents of babies miscarried or stillborn during early pregnancy; and for connected purposes;

That Sarah Owen, Jeremy Hunt, Olivia Blake, Bell Ribeiro-Addy, Jim Shannon, Taiwo Owatemi and Alex Davies-Jones present the Bill.

Sarah Owen accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 25 February 2022, and to be printed (Bill 171).

6 Business of the House (Today)

Ordered, That, at this day's sitting—

(1) the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the motion in the name of Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg relating to the Independent Expert Panel recommendations for sanctions and the Recall of MPs Act 2015 not later than one hour after the commencement of proceedings on the motion for this Order; such Questions

shall include the Questions on any Amendments selected by the Speaker which may then be moved; and the business may be proceeded with, though opposed, after the moment of interruption; and

(2) notwithstanding paragraph (2)(c)(i) of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the business in the name of the Leader of the Opposition may be entered upon at any hour and may be proceeded with, though opposed, for three hours; and proceedings shall then lapse if not previously disposed of;

and, in respect of both items of business, Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(*Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg.*)

7 Independent Expert Panel Recommendations for sanctions and the Recall of MPs Act 2015

Motion made and Question proposed, That—

(1) the following Standing Order be made:

“IEP recommendations for sanctions and the Recall of MPs Act 2015

(1) The Chair of the IEP shall send to the Chair and Members of the Committee on Standards and to the Clerk of that Committee any report from a sub-panel of the IEP which he has referred to the Clerk of the House under subparagraph (5)(d) of Standing Order No. 150A (Independent Expert Panel) and which contains a determination for a sanction that would, if made by the Committee on Standards, engage the provisions of the Recall of MPs Act 2015.

(2) Where a report has been sent to the Committee on Standards in accordance with paragraph (1) of this Order the Committee of Standards shall make a report to the House in relation to the Member named in that report, setting out a recommendation for a suspension equal to that recommended by the sub-panel to run concurrently with any sanction imposed as a result of the sub-panel’s determination.

(3) Reports under paragraph (2) must be made no later than on the third sitting day after the report of the IEP sub-panel is sent to members of the Committee on Standards, save that the day on which the report is sent shall not be counted in calculating this period.

(4) If the Committee on Standards is unable to meet within 3 sitting days, the Chair shall, if satisfied that the report from the IEP sub-panel has been sent to all members of the Committee, make the report to the House from the Committee required under paragraph (2).”

(2) The following amendments to Standing Orders be made:

(a) In Standing Order No. 149 (Committee on Standards), paragraph (1), at the end insert

“(c) in accordance with Standing Order No. (IEP recommendations for sanctions and the Recall of MPs Act 2015) to report to the House recommendations for sanctions to run concurrently with sanctions determined by a sub-panel of the IEP and implemented by the House.”

(b) In Standing Order No. 150D (Motions consequent on the ICGS), paragraph (1), at the end, insert

“() a motion under paragraph (1) of this Order includes a motion to implement a sanction recommended by the Committee on Standards under Standing Order No. (IEP recommendations for sanctions and the Recall of MPs Act 2015), or a motion to implement both such a sanction and a sanction determined by a sub-panel of the IEP”.—(*Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg.*)

Amendment moved, at end to add:

"(3) The provisions of Standing Order (IEP recommendations for sanctions and the Recall of MPs Act) shall be applied in respect of any report from the Independent Expert Panel published before this Order is agreed which contains a determination for a sanction that, if it had been made by the Committee on Standards, would have engaged the provisions of the Recall of MPs Act 2015, save that, notwithstanding the provisions of that Standing Order, the sanction recommended by the Committee on Standards in such a case, shall be limited to 14 days and the provisions of Standing Order No. 45A shall not apply in respect of any suspension imposed in consequence of such a recommendation, and the provisions of the Standing Order shall be interpreted as if the day this Order is agreed had been the day on which the Report was sent to Members of the Committee on Standards in accordance with that Standing Order."—(*Thangam Debbonaire*.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Division No. 84

Ayes: 213 (Tellers: Colleen Fletcher, Mary Glindon)

Noes: 297 (Tellers: Mrs Heather Wheeler, Michael Tomlinson)

Question accordingly negated.

Main Question put and agreed to.

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8 Coronavirus Act 2020 (Review of temporary provisions) (No. 3)

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

Resolved, That the temporary provisions of the Coronavirus Act 2020 should not yet expire.—(*Secretary Sajid Javid.*)

9 Opposition Day: Leader of the Opposition (7th allotted day: first part (Standing Order No. 14 and Order, today))

Supporting small business

Motion made and Question put, That this House recognises the importance of British businesses to high streets and communities across the UK and the exceptional challenges they face due to the pandemic and rising costs; regrets the Government's current plan to end all temporary support for businesses from April 2022; and calls on the Government to support businesses by freezing the business rates multiplier and extending the threshold for small business rates relief from £15,000 rateable value to £25,000 in 2022–23; and further calls on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to update the House in person before January 2022 on his Department's assessment of the impact that removing the temporary business support will have on small businesses.—(*Rachel Reeves.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 85

Ayes: 215 (Tellers: Colleen Fletcher, Mary Glendon)

Noes: 298 (Tellers: Mrs Heather Wheeler, Michael Tomlinson)

Question accordingly negatived.

10 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Water and Sewerage Undertakers (Exit from Non-Household Retail Market) (Consequential Provision) Regulations 2021, which were laid before this House on 20 July, be approved.—(*Scott Mann.*)

Question agreed to.

11 Changes to membership of select committees

(1) *Ordered*, That Damian Hinds and Mrs Heather Wheeler be discharged from the Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee and Simon Jupp and Jane Stevenson be added.—(*Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(2) *Ordered*, That David Johnston and David Simmonds be discharged from the Education Committee and Miriam Cates and Brendan Clarke-Smith be added.—(*Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(3) *Ordered*, That Ian Levy be discharged from the Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee and Matt Vickers be added.—(*Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(4) *Ordered*, That Andrew Griffith be discharged from the Science and Technology Committee and Dehenna Davison be added.—(*Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(5) *Ordered*, That Steve Baker be discharged from the Treasury Committee and Gareth Davies be added.—(*Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

12 Public petitions

A public petition from residents of the United Kingdom relating to NatWest Crouch End and Hornsey branch was presented and read by Catherine West.

13 Adjournment

Subject: Regulation of investments in the fossil fuel industry (Zarah Sultana)

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

Adjourned at 8.03 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Changes to Notices Given

14 Electric Vehicle Charging Points (New Buildings) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 19 November, read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

Lords Messages

15 Compensation (London Capital & Finance plc and Fraud Compensation Fund) Bill

The Lords agree to the Compensation (London Capital & Finance plc and Fraud Compensation Fund) Bill without amendment.

General Committees: Reports

16 Building Safety Bill Committee

Mrs Maria Miller (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

17 Elections Bill Committee

Sir Edward Leigh (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

18 Health and Care Bill Committee

Julie Elliott (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

19 Nationality and Borders Bill Committee

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

Written evidence to be published.

20 Second Delegated Legislation Committee

Geraint Davies (Chair) reported the draft Airports Slot Allocation (Alleviation of Usage Requirements) (No. 2) 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).

21 Fifth 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)

Members: Gareth Davies discharged and Peter Gibson nominated in substitution.

*Reports from Select Committees***22 Backbench Business Committee**

Transcript of representations made on Tuesday 19 October to be published (Ian Mearns).

23 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

(1) *The impact of supply chain delays on UK businesses and consumers*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 777);

(2) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to CF Industries UK LTD*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to the Downstream Oil Protocol*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to flexible working and carers' leave*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to fusion energy regulation*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Liberty Steel and the future of the UK steel industry*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 118);

(7) *Pre-legislative scrutiny: Downstream Oil Resilience Bill*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 384)

(Darren Jones).

24 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

(1) *Sport in our communities: Government Response to the Committee's Fourth Report: Third Special Report*, to be printed (HC 761);

- (2) *Major cultural and sporting events*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 259);
- (3) *EU visa arrangements for creative workers*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 47);
- (4) *Online safety and online harms*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 620);
- (5) *Sport in our communities*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 45);
- (6) *What next for the National Lottery?*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 619) (Julian Knight).

25 Education Committee

- (1) *Children's Homes*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 83);
- (2) *COVID-19 and the vaccination of children*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 720) (Robert Halfon).

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Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

- (1) *Animals Abroad Bill*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 511);
- (2) *Labour shortages and the food and farming sector*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 713);
- (3) *Tree planting and woodlands*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 356) (Neil Parish)

27 Finance Committee

Record of the Committee's decisions taken at its meeting on 21 September and 19 October, to be published (Nick Brown).

28 Foreign Affairs Committee

- (1) *Sovereignty for sale: the FCDO's role in protecting strategic British assets: Government Response to the Committee's Third Report*: Fourth Special Report, to be printed (HC 807);
- (2) *Government policy on Afghanistan*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 685) (Tom Tugendhat).

29 Health and Social Care Committee

- (1) *Supporting people with dementia and their carers*: Seventh Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 96);
- (2) *Clearing the backlog caused by the pandemic*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 599);
- (3) *Cancer services*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 551) (Jeremy Hunt).

30 International Development Committee

- (1) *Global Britain in demand: UK climate action and international development around COP26*:
 - (i) Second Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 99);
 - (ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 99);

(2) *Assessing DFID's results in nutrition Review: Report from the Sub-Committee on the work of ICAI: Government Response to the Committee's First Report: Third Special Report*, to be printed (HC 780);

(3) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs relating to escalations in Northwest Syria*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *The philosophy and culture of aid*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 101) (Sarah Champion).

31 Justice Committee

(1) *Women in prison*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 73);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Justice*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State*: Written evidence, to be published (Sir Robert Neill).

32 Petitions Committee

* This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings from Tuesday 24 May 2022 for details.

(1) Record of the Committee's decisions relating to e-petitions, to be published;

(2) List of closed e-petitions presented to the House, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Home Secretary relating to e-petition 580647*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Tackling online abuse*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 766) (Catherine McKinnell).

33 Transport Committee

(1) *Zero emission vehicles: Government Response to Committee's First Report: Fifth Special Report*, to be published (HC 759);

(2) *Airlines and airports: supporting recovery in the UK aviation sector*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 683);

(3) *Correspondence from the Chair of the Transport Committee relating to Southeastern rail franchise*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Chief Executive Officer of the ORR relating to the follow-up letter to the rollout and safety of Smart Motorways evidence session*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Minister of State relating to the South Eastern Railway franchise*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to the International Travel Update*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to UK Government plans to further simplify the international travel system in England*: Written evidence, to be published

(8) *Decarbonising transport*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 698);

(9) *Jet skis: safety, regulation and environmental effects*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 623);

(10) *Work of the Secretary of State*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 626); (Huw Merriman).

34 Treasury Committee

Correspondence with the Financial Conduct Authority relating to prosecutions for money laundering offences: Written evidence, to be published (Mel Stride).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 9.30 am.

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

1 Effect of post office closures on local communities

Resolved, That this House has considered the effect of post office closures on local communities.—(*Marion Fellows*.)

2 Regenerative farming and tackling climate change, restoring nature and producing nutritious food

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of regenerative farming and tackling climate change, restoring nature and producing nutritious food.—(*Anthony Mangnall*.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.29 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 Iran's compliance with the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action

The sitting was suspended between 2.46 pm and 3.07 pm for a division in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

Resolved, That this House has considered Iran's compliance with the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action.—(*Stephen Crabb*.)

4 Inclusion of greenbelt land in local plans

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of the inclusion of greenbelt land in local plans.—(*Dean Russell*.)

5 Support for UK high streets

Resolved, That this House has considered support for UK high streets.—(*Janet Daby*.)

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

Adjourned at 5.46 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Food

Draft Eggs (England) Regulations 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary George Eustice)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Albania No. 3 (2021)

Agreement, done at London on 26 July 2021, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Republic of Albania on the transfer of sentenced persons (by Command) (CP 523), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary Elizabeth Truss)

3 Pensions

Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Disclosure of Information) (Statements of Benefits: Money Purchase Benefits) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1150), dated 14 October 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Guy Opperman)

Papers laid under paragraphs 3(3) and 17(3) of Schedule 7 to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

4 Exiting the European Union (Consumer Protection)

Proposal for an instrument titled Product Safety and Metrology etc. (Amendment) Regulations 2021, with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

Other papers

5 Armed Forces' Pay

Fiftieth Report of the Armed Forces' Pay Review Body (by Command) (CP 546) (Secretary Ben Wallace)

6 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

Heat and Buildings Strategy (by Command) (CP 388) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

7 Cabinet Office

Government Response to the Consultation on Government Engagement with Business and Civil Society Groups on the Implementation of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement (by Command) (CP 529) (Michael Ellis)

8 Climate Change

(1) Government Response to the Report by the Climate Change Committee on Progress in adapting to climate change (by Act) (Secretary George Eustice)

(2) Government Response to the Report by the Climate Change Committee on Progress in reducing emissions (by Act) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

(3) Net Zero Strategy: Build Back Greener (by Act) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

9 Government Resources and Accounts

Report and Accounts of East West Railway Company Limited for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 769) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

10 House of Commons Commission

Report of the House of Commons Commission on Governance of the Independent Complaints and Grievance Scheme, to be printed (HC 809) (The Speaker)

11 Industrial Training

Report and Accounts of the Construction Industry Training Board for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 615) (Alex Burghart)

12 Inquiries

(1) Children in the care of Lambeth Council – Report of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (by Act), to be printed (HC 704) (Secretary Priti Patel)

(2) Child protection in religious organisations and settings – Report of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (by Act), to be printed (HC 705) (Secretary Priti Patel)

(3) Institutional responses to allegations of child sexual abuse involving the late Lord Janner of Braunstone QC – Report of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (by Act), to be printed (HC 729) (Secretary Priti Patel)

13 National Health Service

(1) Report and Accounts of Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust for 2020–21 (by Act) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

(2) Report and Accounts of East London NHS Foundation Trust for 2020–21 (by Act) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

(3) Report and Accounts of Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for 2020–21 (by Act) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

(4) Report and Accounts of Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for 2020–21 (by Act) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

(5) Report and Accounts of South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust for 2020–21 (by Act) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

(6) Report and Accounts of Stockport NHS Foundation Trust for 2020–21 (by Act) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

(7) Report and Accounts of The Royal Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust for 2020–21 (by Act) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

(8) Report and Accounts of University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust for 2020–21 (by Act) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

(9) Report and Accounts of University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust for 2020–21 (by Act) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

(10) Report and Accounts of Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for 2020–21 (by Act) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

14 Prison Service Pay

Twentieth Report of the Prison Service Pay Review Body for England and Wales (by Command) (CP 544) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

15 Statutory Instruments (Notification)

Notification to Parliament of a published draft instrument pursuant to paragraph 14 of Schedule 8 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:

Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES**Voting by proxy****New proxy voting arrangement**

The Speaker has certified, under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A (Voting by proxy), as amended on 13 July 2021, that Kwasi Kwarteng is eligible to have a proxy vote cast on his behalf, starting on 20 October 2021 and finishing on 29 October 2021. The nominated proxy is Stuart Andrew.