

Monday 8 November 2021

Votes and Proceedings

No. 68

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions
- 2 Statement: David Fuller case (Secretary Sajid Javid)
- 3 Speaker's Statement: Consequences of the decision of the House of 3 November relating to standards
- 4 Emergency Debate (Standing Order No. 24)

Consequences of the decision of the House of 3 November relating to standards

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of the consequences of the decision of the House of 3 November relating to standards.—(Wendy Chamberlain.)

5 Environment Bill: Consideration of Lords Message

The House proceeded to consider the Lords Message received on 27 October relating to the Environment Bill (Programme Order, 20 October).

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House insists on its Amendments 31A and 31B and disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 31C.—(*Rebecca Pow.*)

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

One hour after the commencement of proceedings on consideration of the Lords Message, the debate was interrupted (Programme Order, 20 October).

The Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on the Lords Message to a conclusion (Programme Order, 20 October).

The following Questions were put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83G).

(1) That this House insists on its Amendments 31A and 31B and disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 31C (Question already proposed from the Chair).

The House divided.

Division No. 103

Ayes: 279 (Tellers: Mrs Heather Wheeler, Alan Mak) Noes: 162 (Tellers: Colleen Fletcher, Mary Glindon) Question agreed to.

Commons Amendments 31A and 31B accordingly insisted upon and Lords Amendment 31C accordingly disagreed to.

(2) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 33B and proposes Amendments (a) and (b) in lieu (Question on any motion moved by a Minister of the Crown).—(Rebecca Pow.)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 33B accordingly disagreed to and Amendments (a) and (b) accordingly made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment 33B.

(3) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 45B and proposes Amendments (a) and (b) in lieu (Question on any motion moved by a Minister of the Crown).—(Rebecca Pow.)

The House divided.

Division No. 104

Ayes: 283 (Tellers: Mrs Heather Wheeler, Alan Mak)

Noes: 163 (Tellers: Colleen Fletcher, Mary Glindon)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 45B accordingly disagreed to and Amendments (a) and (b) accordingly made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment 45B.

(4) That this House insists on its Amendments 75A and 75B and disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 75C (Question on any motion moved by a Minister of the Crown).— (Rebecca Pow.)

Question agreed to.

Commons Amendments 75A and 75B accordingly insisted upon and Lords Amendment 75C accordingly disagreed to.

(5) That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendments 85D and 85E (Single Question to agree with all remaining Lords Amendments).

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendments 85D and 85E accordingly agreed to.

Motion made, and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83H(2)), That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for insisting on Commons Amendments 31A and 31B and disagreeing to Lords Amendment 31C, and for insisting on Commons Amendments 75A and 75B and for disagreeing to Lords Amendment 75C.

That Deidre Brock, Jo Gideon, Mary Glindon, Ruth Jones, Rebecca Pow, Selaine Saxby and Mrs Heather Wheeler be members of the Committee.

That Rebecca Pow be the Chair of the Committee.

That three be the quorum of the Committee.

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Rebecca Harris.)

Question agreed to.

6 Telecommunications (Security) Bill: Programme (No. 3)

Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the Telecommunications (Security) Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 30 November 2020 in the last Session of Parliament (Telecommunications (Security) Bill (Programme)), as varied by the Order of

17 December 2020 in that Session (Telecommunications (Security) Bill (Programme) (No. 2)):

Consideration of Lords Amendments

- (1) Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.
- (2) The proceedings shall be taken in the following order: Lords Amendments 4, 5, 1, 2, 3.

Subsequent stages

- (3) Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question being put.
- (4) The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.—(Rebecca Harris.)

7 Telecommunications (Security) Bill: Consideration of Lords Amendments

Lords Amendment 4

Motion made, and Question proposed, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 4.—(Julia Lopez.)

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

One hour after the commencement of proceedings on consideration of the Lords Amendments, the debate was interrupted (Programme Order, today).

The Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on the Lords Amendments to a conclusion (Programme Order, today).

The following Questions were put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83F).

(1) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 4 (Question already proposed from the Chair).

The House divided.

Division No. 105

Ayes: 276 (Tellers: Mrs Heather Wheeler, Alan Mak)

Noes: 161 (Tellers: Colleen Fletcher, Mary Glindon)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 4 accordingly disagreed to.

(2) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 5 (Question on any motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to disagree with a Lords Amendment).—(Julia Lopez.)

The House divided.

Division No. 106

Ayes: 273 (Tellers: Alan Mak, Mrs Heather Wheeler)

Noes: 161 (Tellers: Mary Glindon, Colleen Fletcher)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 5 accordingly disagreed to.

(3) That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendments 1, 2 and 3 (Single Question to agree with all remaining Lords Amendments).

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendments 1, 2 and 3 accordingly agreed to.

Motion made, and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83H(2)), That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments 4 and 5.

That Duncan Baker, Stephen Flynn, Julia Lopez, Jessica Morden, Lia Nici, Chi Onwurah and Mrs Heather Wheeler be members of the Committee.

That Julia Lopez be the Chair of the Committee.

That three be the quorum of the Committee.

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Craig Whittaker.)

Question agreed to.

8 Road Traffic

(1) Motion made and Question put, That the draft Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2021, which were laid before this House on 16 September, be approved.—(*Trudy Harrison*.)

The Deputy Speaker's opinion as to the decision of the Question was challenged.

Division deferred until Wednesday 17 November (Standing Order No. 41A).

(2) Resolved, That the draft Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2021, which were laid before this House on 18 October, be approved.—(Trudy Harrison.)

9 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Green Gas Support Scheme Regulations 2021, which were laid before this House on 9 September, be approved.—(Craig Whittaker).

Question agreed to.

10 Environment Bill: Reasons Committee

Rebecca Pow reported that the Committee had agreed the following Reasons:

Commons Amendments 31A and 31B and Lords Amendment 31C

Because the Bill and Amendments 31A and 31B make appropriate provision in relation to guidance and the independence of the OEP.

Commons Amendments 75A and 75B and Lords Amendment 75C

Because the Bill and Amendments 75A and 75B make appropriate provision in relation to guidance and the independence of the OEP.

The Reasons were agreed to.

11 Telecommunications (Security) Bill: Reasons Committee

Julia Lopez reported that the Committee had agreed the following Reasons:

Lords Amendment 4

Because the Commons consider it appropriate and sufficient for oversight and scrutiny of decisions made by the Secretary of State for DCMS in relation to telecommunications diversification to be conducted by the departmental select committee.

Lords Amendment 5

Because the Commons consider it inappropriate to specify the steps to be taken by the Secretary of State where decisions in relation to telecommunications vendors are taken on national security grounds by other countries.

The Reasons were agreed to.

12 Public petitions

A public petition from residents of the constituency of the Cities of London and Westminster relating to Chiltern Railways was presented and read by Felicity Buchan.

13 Adjournment

Subject: UK vaccine strategy (Sir Paul Beresford)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Craig Whittaker.)

Adjourned at 11.18 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Disqualification of a Member

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Notification, laid upon the Table by the Speaker, That Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer had on 5 November appointed Owen William Paterson, Member for North Shropshire, to be Steward and Bailiff of Her Majesty's Manor of Northstead in the county of York.

Lords Messages

15 Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill

The Lords agree to the Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill with Amendments to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

Printing of Lords Amendments

16 Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill

Lords Amendments to the Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill to be considered tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 188) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 188–EN).

General Committees: Reports

17 First Delegated Legislation Committee

James Gray (Chair) reported the draft Antique Firearms (Amendment) Regulations 2021.

18 Second Delegated Legislation Committee

Mr Philip Hollobone (Chair) reported the draft Conformity Assessment (Mutual Recognition Agreements) (Construction Products) (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).

19 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Antique Firearms (Amendment) Regulations 2021)

Members: Andy Carter and Dr James Davies discharged and Dr Kieran Mullan and Tom Randall nominated in substitution.

20 Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill (Programming Sub-Committee)

Members: Dave Doogan, Mary Glindon, James Grundy, Victoria Prentis, Selaine Saxby, Mrs Heather Wheeler and Daniel Zeichner

21 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Conformity Assessment (Mutual Recognition Agreements) (Construction Products) (Amendment) Regulations 2021)

Members: Jeremy Wright discharged and Craig Tracey nominated in substitution.

Reports from Select Committees relating to orders for printing made during the adjournment under Standing Order No. 137

Friday 5 November

22 Treasury Committee

Economic crime: Written evidence, to be published (HC 145) (Clerk of the House).

Reports from Select Committees made on Monday 8 November

23 Administration Committee

Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 8 November, to be published (Sir Charles Walker).

24 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

Pre-Legislative Scrutiny: Downstream Oil Resilience Bill: Written evidence, to be published (HC 384) (Darren Jones).

25 Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

- (1) Work of the Department (2021): Oral evidence, to be published (HC 818);
- (2) Correspondence from the Minister for Rough Sleeping and Housing relating to the private rented sector reform: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) Correspondence from the Secretary of State: Written evidence, to be published (Mr Clive Betts).

26 Treasury Committee

Autumn Budget and Spending Review 2021: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 825) (Mel Stride).

27 Work and Pensions Committee

- (1) DWP's preparations for changes in the world of work: Government Response to the Committee's First Report: Third Special Report, to be printed (HC 834);
- (2) Protecting pension savers—five years on from the Pension Freedoms: Accessing pension savings: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 237);
- (3) Correspondence from the Pensions Minister relating to delays to state pension payments: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) Correspondence relating to the publication of NatCen research: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) DWP's response to the coronavirus outbreak: Written evidence, to be published (HC 235)

(Stephen Timms).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 4.30 pm.

Debate on e-petitions (Standing Orders No. 10(1)(a) and No. 145A(7))

1 Sale and use of fireworks

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petition 319891, relating to the sale and use of fireworks.—(*Elliot Colburn*.)

2 Safety at nightclubs

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petition 598986, relating to safety at nightclubs.—(*Tonia Antoniazzi*.)

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

Adjourned at 7.26 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers presented and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 5 November 2021 under Standing Orders No. 158 and No. 159:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Road Traffic

Road Vehicle Carbon Dioxide Emission Performance Standards (Cars and Vans) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1242), dated 4 November 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 8 November 2021

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

2 Constitutional Law

Draft Consumer Scotland Act 2020 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Alister Jack)

3 Transport

Draft Renewable Transport Fuel Obligations (Amendment) Order 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

4 Miscellaneous Series No. 6 (2021)

International Convention, done at London on 13 February 2004, for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 (as amended) (CP 557) (by Command), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary Elizabeth Truss)

5 Pensions

Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Conditions for Transfers) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1237), dated 3 November 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Guy Opperman)

6 Sports Grounds and Sporting Events

Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1239), dated 4 November 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Nigel Huddleston)

Other papers

7 Chelsea Hospital

Report and Accounts of the Royal Hospital Chelsea for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 798) (Clerk of the House)

8 Housing

Explanatory Memorandum to the Housing (Right to Buy) (Designated Rural Areas and Designated Regions) (England) Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1222), dated 1 November 2021 (by Command) (Christopher Pincher)

9 Treasury

Treasury Minutes on the Seventh and Thirteenth to the Sixteenth Reports of the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2021–22, including a copy of the BBC's separate and independent response on the Second Report from Session 2021–22 (by Command) (CP 550) (Helen Whately)

Withdrawn papers

10 Exiting the European Union (Medicines)

Draft Human Medicines (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (laid 2 November)

11 Housing

Explanatory Memorandum to the Housing (Right to Buy) (Designated Rural Areas and Designated Regions) (England) Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1222), dated 1 November 2021 (laid 2 November)