



House of Commons

Tuesday 9 November 2021

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

1 North Shropshire Writ

Ordered, That the Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County Constituency of North Shropshire in the room of Owen William Paterson, who since his election for the said County Constituency has been appointed to the Office of Steward and Bailiff of Her Majesty's Manor of Northstead in the County of York.—(*Mark Spencer.*)

2 Questions to the Secretary of State for Justice

3 Urgent Questions: (1) Bosnia and Herzegovina (James Cleverly)
(2) Racism in cricket (Chris Philp)

4 Statement: COVID-19 update (Secretary Sajid Javid)

5 Commercial Rent (Coronavirus) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Paul Scully, supported by the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Michael Gove, Secretary Dominic Raab, Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng, Secretary Nadine Dorries, Secretary Sajid Javid and Secretary George Eustice, presented a Bill to make provision enabling relief from payment of certain rent debts under business tenancies adversely affected by coronavirus to be available through arbitration; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 189) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 189–EN).

6 Recognition of Armenian Genocide: Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require Her Majesty's Government formally to recognise the Armenian genocide of 1915–23; and for connected purposes;

That Tim Loughton, Sir Iain Duncan Smith, John Spellar, Chris Law, Christine Jardine, James Gray, Jim Shannon, Andrew Rosindell, Dr Rupa Huq, Wera Hobhouse, Alan Brown and Chris Stephens present the Bill.

Tim Loughton accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 18 March 2022, and to be printed (Bill 190).

7 Backbench Business

(1) Giving every baby the best start in life

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of giving every baby the best start in life.—(*Sarah Olney*.)

(2) Provision of school-based counselling services

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the provision of school-based counselling services.—(*Mr Nicholas Brown*.)

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

8 Royal Assent

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Queen had signified Royal Assent to the following Act under the Royal Assent Act 1967:

Environment Act 2021

9 Backbench Business (resumed)

(2) Provision of school-based counselling services

The House resumed the debate.

Resolved, That this House has considered the provisions of school-based counselling services.

10 Business of the House

Ordered, That notices of Amendments, new Clauses and new Schedules to be moved in Committee in respect of the Critical Benchmarks (References and Administrators' Liability) Bill [Lords] may be accepted by the Clerks at the Table before it has been read a second time.—(*Mrs Heather Wheeler*.)

11 Public petitions

A public petition from residents of the constituency of Ealing Central and Acton relating to Ocado Zoom was presented and read by Dr Rupa Huq.

12 Adjournment

Subject: Fire safety in retirement communities (Mr Kevan Jones)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Mrs Heather Wheeler*.)

Adjourned at 7.30 pm until Monday 15 November (Resolution, 21 June).

Other Proceedings

Explanatory Notes to Bills

13 Acquired Brain Injury Bill

Explanatory Notes to the Bill to be printed (Bill 28–EN).

*Lords Messages***14 Environment Bill**

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Environment Bill to which the Commons have disagreed and agree to the Amendments proposed by the Commons.

*General Committees: Reports***15 Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill Committee**

Esther McVey (Chair) reported:

(1) That the Committee had come to the following Resolution, That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication; and

(2) written evidence.

Written evidence to be published.

16 Judicial Review and Courts Bill Committee

Sir Mark Hendrick (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).

17 Cultural Objects (Protection from Seizure) Bill Committee

Chair: Stewart Hosie

Members: Rushanara Ali, Kevin Brennan, Steve Brine, Chris Bryant, Felicity Buchan, Caroline Dinéage, Dame Angela Eagle, Mark Garnier, Nigel Huddleston, John Lamont, Mr Jonathan Lord, Alison McGovern, Angela Richardson, Jim Shannon, Mel Stride, Giles Watling and Sammy Wilson

18 Nuclear Energy (Financing) Bill Committee

Members: Simon Baynes, Kirsty Blackman, Alan Brown, Anthony Browne, Alun Cairns, Virginia Crosbie, James Daly, Rosie Duffield, Simon Fell, Mark Fletcher, Greg Hands, Mark Jenkinson, Sarah Owen, Matthew Pennycook, Dr Alan Whitehead, Mick Whitley and Craig Whittaker

19 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Food (Promotion and Placement) (England) Regulations 2021)

Chair: Graham Stringer

Members: Saqib Bhatti, Ben Bradley, Richard Burgon, Gareth Davies, Caroline Dinéage, Steve Double, Dame Angela Eagle, Gill Furniss, Gordon Henderson, Fay Jones, Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck, Clive Lewis, Alex Norris, Angela Richardson, Henry Smith, Maggie Throup and Derek Twigg

20 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (Value Added Tax (Distance Selling and Miscellaneous Amendments No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1165) and Customs Tariff (Establishment and Suspension of Import Duty) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1191))

Chair: Christina Rees

Members: Paul Bristow, Dawn Butler, Dr James Davies, Chris Elmore, Lucy Frazer, Mr Richard Holden, Jane Hunt, Andrea Jenkyns, Darren Jones, James Murray, Bell Ribeiro-Addy, Mary Robinson, Mr Virendra Sharma, Richard Thomson, Martin Vickers, Craig Williams and Mike Wood

Reports from Select Committees

21 Defence Committee

(1) *Work of the Chief of Defence Staff*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 842);

(2) *Defending Global Britain in a competitive age*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 166);

(3) *Women in the Armed Forces: from recruitment to civilian life*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 154)

(Tobias Ellwood).

22 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

(1) *Online safety and online harms*: Oral evidence taken before the Sub-Committee, to be published (HC 620);

(2) *Influencer culture*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 258);

(3) *Major cultural and sporting events*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 259)

(Julian Knight).

23 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

Labour shortages in the food and farming sector: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 713) (Neil Parish).

24 European Statutory Instruments Committee

Seventh Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 591) (Andrew Jones).

25 Foreign Affairs Committee

(1) *Government Response to the Committee's Second Report: Never Again: The UK's Responsibility to Act on Atrocities in Xinjiang and Beyond*: Fifth Special Report, to be printed (HC 840);

(2) *Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary relating to Giulio Regeni*: Written evidence, to be published

(Tom Tugendhat).

26 Health and Social Care Committee

- (1) *Cancer services*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 551);
- (2) *Clearing the backlog caused by the pandemic*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 599)
- (Jeremy Hunt).

27 International Development Committee

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

28 International Trade Committee

- (1) *Correspondence from the Chair*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (2) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State*: Written evidence, to be published (Angus Brendan MacNeil).

29 Justice Committee

- (1) *The Future of Legal Aid: Government Response to the Committee's Third Report*: Fourth Special Report, to be printed (HC 843);
- (2) *Open justice: court reporting in the digital age*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 596);
- (3) *Correspondence from the London Prisons Mission*: Written evidence, to be published (Sir Robert Neill).

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 National memorial to the Photographic Reconnaissance Unit

Resolved, That this House has considered a national memorial to the Photographic Reconnaissance Unit.—(Andrew Bowie.)

The sitting was suspended between 10.14 am and 11.00 am.

2 East to West Chesterfield cycle route

Resolved, That this House has considered the East to West Chesterfield cycle route.—(Mr Toby Perkins.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.26 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 Access to finance for small and medium-sized enterprises

Resolved, That this House has considered access to finance for small and medium-sized enterprises.—(*Peter Gibson*.)

The sitting was suspended between 3.52 pm and 4.00 pm.

4 Shrewsbury town centre redevelopment

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of Shrewsbury town centre redevelopment.—(*Daniel Kawczynski*.)

5 Funding for nuclear power

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of funding for nuclear power.—(*Virginia Crosbie*.)

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

Adjourned at 5.21 pm until Monday 15 November (Resolution, 21 June).

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 National Health Service

Draft Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

Other papers

2 European Union (Withdrawal)

Report on the European Union (Withdrawal) Act and Common Frameworks for the period 26 March to 25 June 2021 (by Act) (Secretary Michael Gove)

3 Health and Social Care

(1) Impact Assessment for the draft Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2021 (by Command) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

(2) Statement of Impact - Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (by Command) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

4 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General: The local government finance system in England: overview and challenges (by Act), to be printed (HC 858) (Clerk of the House)

5 Treasury

Financial Services Future Regulatory Framework Review: Proposals for Reform (by Command) (CP 548) (John Glen)