



House of Commons

Monday 15 November 2021

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Defence

2 Statements: (1) COVID-19 update (Secretary Sajid Javid)

(2) COP26 (The Prime Minister)

3 Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill: Consideration of Lords Amendments

Lords Amendment 1

Motion made and Question put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 1.—(*Guy Opperman.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 107

Ayes: 300 (Tellers: Gareth Johnson, Michael Tomlinson)

Noes: 229 (Tellers: Jessica Morden, Mary Glendon)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 1 accordingly disagreed to.

As it was more than one hour after the commencement of proceedings on consideration of the Lords Amendments, the Deputy Speaker put the Question necessary to bring proceedings on the Lords Amendments to a conclusion (Programme Order, 20 September).

The following Question was put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83F).

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

The House divided.

Division No. 108

Ayes: 299 (Tellers: Gareth Johnson, Michael Tomlinson)

Noes: 53 (Tellers: Martyn Day, Marion Fellows)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 2 accordingly disagreed to.

Motion made, and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83H(2)), That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments 1 and 2.

That Gareth Bacon, Mrs Flick Drummond, Gareth Johnson, David Linden, Guy Opperman, Jonathan Reynolds and Mark Tami be members of the Committee.

That Guy Opperman be the Chair of the Committee.

That three be the quorum of the Committee.

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(*Scott Mann.*)

Question agreed to.

4 Skills and Post-16 Education Bill [Lords]: Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, That the Skills and Post-16 Education Bill [Lords] be now read a second time.

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

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

5 Skills and Post-16 Education Bill [Lords]: Programme

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Skills and Post-16 Education Bill [Lords]:

Committal

(1) The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee

(2) Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Tuesday 7 December 2021.

(3) The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading

(4) Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.

(5) Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.

(6) Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading.

Other proceedings

(7) Any other proceedings on the Bill may be programmed.—(*Secretary Nadhim Zahawi.*)

Question agreed to.

6 Skills and Post-16 Education Bill [Lords]: Money

Queen's Recommendation signified.

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 52(1)(a)), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Skills and Post-16 Education Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of:

- (1) any expenditure incurred under or by virtue of the Act by the Secretary of State; and
- (2) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided.—(*Secretary Nadhim Zahawi*.)

Question agreed to.

7 Skills and Post-16 Education Bill [Lords]: Ways and Means

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 52(1)(a)), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Skills and Post-16 Education Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the charging of fees under the Act.—(*Secretary Nadhim Zahawi*).

Question agreed to.

8 Committee on Standards

Motion made, That, notwithstanding the practice of this House relating to questions already decided in the same Session, this House:

- (1) rescinds the resolution and order of 3 November 2021 relating to the Third Report of the Committee on Standards (HC 797) and the appointment of a new select committee;
- (2) approves the Third Report of the Committee on Standards (HC 797); and
- (3) notes that Mr Owen Paterson is no longer a Member of this House.—(*Stuart Andrew*.)

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

9 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Antique Firearms (Amendment) Regulations 2021, which were laid before this House on 14 September, be approved.—(*Steve Double*.)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Conformity Assessment (Mutual Recognition Agreements) (Construction Products) (Amendment) Regulations 2021, which were laid before this House on 16 September, be approved.—(*Steve Double*.)

Question agreed to.

10 Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill: Reasons Committee

Guy Opperman reported that the Committee had agreed the following Reason:

Lords Amendments 1 and 2

Because Lords Amendment 1 would alter the financial arrangements made by the Commons and Lords Amendment 2 is consequential on that Amendment; and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.

The Reason was agreed to.

11 Adjournment

Subject: Closure of Amnesty International offices in Hong Kong (Andrew Rosindell)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Steve Double.)

Adjourned at 10.28 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Changes to Notices Given

12 Electricity Grid (Review) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 3 December, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 28 January 2022.

13 Leader of the House of Commons (Election) Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 26 November.

14 General Election (Leaders' Debates) Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 26 November.

15 Hospitals (Parking Charges and Business Rates) Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 26 November.

16 Voter Registration Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 26 November.

17 Asylum Seekers (Return to Safe Countries) Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 26 November.

18 Plastics (Wet Wipes) Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 26 November.

General Committees: Reports

19 First Delegated Legislation Committee

Graham Stringer (Chair) reported the draft Food (Promotion and Placement) (England) 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).

20 Nuclear Energy (Financing) Bill Committee

Members: Simon Baynes, James Daly and Simon Fell discharged and Duncan Baker, Jackie Doyle-Price and Dr Jamie Wallis nominated in substitution.

21 Nuclear Energy (Financing) Bill (Programming Sub-Committee)

Members: Alan Brown, Virginia Crosbie, Mark Fletcher, Greg Hands, Sarah Owen, Dr Alan Whitehead and Craig Whittaker

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

Members: Gareth Davies discharged and Aaron Bell nominated in substitution.

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

Thursday 11 November

23 Draft Online Safety Bill (Joint Committee on)

Draft Online Safety Bill: Written evidence, to be published (HC 609) (Clerk of the House).

Reports from Select Committees made on Monday 15 November

24 Administration Committee

Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 15 November, to be published (Sir Charles Walker).

25 Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

Work of Homes England: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 819) (Mr Clive Betts).

26 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

Correspondence from the Financial Secretary to the Treasury relating to a memorandum on the Finance Bill provisions: Written evidence, to be published (Ms Harriet Harman).

27 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) Lessons from Greensill Capital: accreditation to business support schemes:

(i) Twenty-sixth Report, to be printed, with formal minutes relating to the report (HC 169);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 169);

(2) *NHS supply chain finance:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 745);

(3) *BBC's strategic financial management:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 187);

(4) *Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care relating to Treasury minute progress reports—November 2021*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence relating to the Committee's previous Reports*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence with the Department of Health and Social Care relating to an extension to the Designated Settings Indemnity Support (DSIS)*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *COVID-19: Local Government Finance*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 239);

(8) *DCMS recall*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 743);

(9) *Environmental Land Management Scheme*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 639);

(10) *Initial lessons from the Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 175);

(11) *Timeliness of local auditor reporting on local government in England*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 171)

(Dame Meg Hillier).

28 Scottish Affairs Committee

(1) *Welfare policy in Scotland: UK and Scottish Government Responses to the Committee's Second Report*: First Special Report, to be printed (HC 790);

(2) *Public broadcasting in Scotland*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 574);

(3) *COP26: delivering a successful COP26 in Glasgow*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 784);

(4) *Correspondence with the First Minister of Scotland relating to an invitation to give oral evidence*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to the 2021 Spending Review*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Defence in Scotland*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 611)

(Pete Wishart).

29 Treasury Committee

(1) *Bank of England Monetary Policy Reports*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 142);

(2) *Autumn Budget and Spending Review 2021*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 825);

(3) *Economic crime*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 145)

(Mel Stride).

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 Road traffic offences for fatal collisions

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petitions 323926 and 575620, relating to road traffic offences for fatal collisions.—(*Christina Rees*.)

2 Discharge of sewage by water companies

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered e-petition 582336, relating to the discharge of sewage by water companies.—(*Tonia Antoniazzi*.)

The Chair announced a time limit on backbench speeches (under the authority of the Chairman of Ways and Means and Standing Order No. 47(1)).

The sitting was suspended between 6.45 pm and 7.10 pm for divisions in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petition 582336, relating to the discharge of sewage by water companies.

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

Adjourned at 7.55 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers presented and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates during the adjournment under Standing Orders No. 158 and No. 159:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

Thursday 11 November 2021

1 Copyright

Copyright and Performances (Application to Other Countries) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1258), dated 10 November 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

2 Exiting the European Union (Financial Services)

Financial Services (Gibraltar) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1252), dated 9 November 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (John Glen)

Other papers

Wednesday 10 November 2021

3 Health and Social Care

Explanatory Memorandum to the The Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2021 (by Command) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

Thursday 11 November 2021

4 HM Treasury

(1) Progress statement on the development of new permanent market access arrangements for financial services firms between the UK and Gibraltar (by Statutory Instrument) (John Glen)

(2) Treasury Minutes Progress Report on the Government responses to the Committee of Public Accounts on Sessions: 2010–12, 2012–13, 2013–14, 2014–15, 2015–16, 2016–17, 2017–19, 2019, 2019–21 and 2021–22 (by Command) (CP 549) (Helen Whately)

Withdrawn papers

Wednesday 10 November 2021

5 Health and Social Care

Explanatory Memorandum to the The Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2021 (laid 22 June 2021)

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 15 November 2021

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

6 Civil Aviation

(1) Draft Air Traffic Management and Unmanned Aircraft Act 2021 (Airspace Change Directions) (Determination of Turnover for Penalties) Regulations 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

(2) Draft Transport Act 2000 (Air Traffic Services Licence Modification Appeals) (Prescribed Aerodromes) Regulations 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

7 Exiting The European Union (Customs)

Draft Customs Safety and Security Procedures (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Lucy Frazer)

8 Exiting the European Union (Financial Services)

Draft Solvency 2 (Group Supervision) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (John Glen)

9 Road Traffic

Heavy Commercial Vehicles in Kent (No. 2) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2021, dated 15 November 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution**10 Agriculture**

Private Storage Aid for Pigmeat (England) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1269), dated 11 November 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) and a Declaration (by Act) (Secretary George Eustice)

11 Miscellaneous Series No. 7 (2021)

International Labour Organisation: Violence and Harassment Convention, 2019 (No. 190), done at Geneva on 21 June 2019 (CP 555) (by Command), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary Elizabeth Truss)

12 National Security

National Security and Investment Act 2021 (Procedure for Service) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1267), dated 15 November 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

Other papers**13 Charities**

Report by the Department of Health and Social Care on the usage of Section 70 of the Charities Act 2006 (by Act) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

14 Government Resources and Accounts

Report and Accounts of the Defence Electronics and Components Agency for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 613) (Secretary Ben Wallace)

15 Health and Social Care

Department of Health and Social Care Minute, dated 15 November 2021, concerning a contingent liability relating to the COVID-19 Booster Vaccination Programme (by Command) (Maggie Throup)

16 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on HM Revenue and Customs: Managing tax debt through the pandemic (by Act), to be printed (HC 799) (Clerk of the House)

17 Reserve Forces

(1) Report under section 56(7) of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 on the renewal of a call-out order for Operations in response to the impact of severe weather in the United Kingdom (by Act) (James Heappey)

(2) Report under section 56(7) of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 on the renewal of a call-out order in support of HMG's Cyber and Electromagnetic Activities (by Act) (James Heappey)

18 Social Security

Explanatory Memorandum to the Universal Credit (Exceptions to the Requirement not to be receiving Education) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1224) (by Command) (Chloe Smith)

Withdrawn papers

19 Social Security

Explanatory Memorandum to the Universal Credit (Exceptions to the Requirement not to be receiving Education) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1224) (laid 4 November)

CORRECTION

Monday 18 October 2021

The following item should have appeared under Other Proceedings (Reports from Select Committees relating to orders for printing made during the adjournment under Standing Order No. 137):

International Trade Committee

UK trade negotiations: Written evidence to be published (HC 127) (Clerk of the House).