

Thursday 25 November 2021

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office
- 2 Urgent Question: Independent fan-led review of football governance (Nigel Huddleston)
- 3 Business Question (Leader of the House)
- 4 Statements: (1) Army restructuring: Future Soldier (Secretary Ben Wallace)
 - (2) English Channel small boats incident (Secretary Priti Patel)

5 Backbench Business

(1) Freedom of religion or belief and the 40th anniversary of the UN Declaration on the elimination of religious intolerance

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered freedom of religion or belief and the 40th anniversary of the UN Declaration on the elimination of religious intolerance.—(Fiona Bruce.)

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

Question put and agreed to.

(2) Alcohol harm

Resolved, That this House notes the grave harm to society caused by excessive alcohol consumption and alcohol addiction; further notes that alcohol-specific deaths in 2020 were the highest ever recorded by the Office for National Statistics across many parts of the UK; and calls on the Government to commission an independent review of alcohol harm.—(Derek Thomas.)

6 Adjournment

Subject: Potential merits of ring-fenced funding for tidal energy generation (Ian Blackford)

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Andrea Jenkyns.)

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Andrea Jenkyns.)

Adjourned at 5.26 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Changes to Notices Given

7 Full Employment Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 26 November, read and discharged. Bill to be read a second time on Friday 3 December.

8 Health and Safety at Work Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 26 November, read and discharged. Bill to be read a second time on Friday 3 December.

9 Corporate Homicide Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 26 November, read and discharged. Bill to be read a second time on Friday 3 December.

10 Workers (Rights and Definition) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 26 November, read and discharged. Bill to be read a second time on Friday 3 December.

General Committees: Reports

11 Nuclear Energy (Financing) Bill Committee

Mr James Gray (Chair) reported:

- (1) written evidence submitted to the Committee; and
- (2) the Bill without amendment.

Written evidence to be published.

Bill, not amended, to be considered tomorrow.

12 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee

Christina Rees (Chair) reported the draft Double Taxation Relief and International Tax Enforcement (Taiwan) Order 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).

13 Commercial Rent (Coronavirus) Bill Committee

Chairs: Stewart Hosie and Mrs Sheryll Murray

14 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Act 2008 (Amendment to Schedule 3) (England) Order 2021)

Chair: Dame Angela Eagle

15 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (Motion in the name of Grant Shapps relating to Airport and Ground Operations Support Scheme Winter 2021–22 Renewal)

Chair: Caroline Nokes

16 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Renewable Transport Fuel Obligations (Amendment) Order 2021)

Chair: Graham Stringer

17 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Double Taxation Relief and International Tax Enforcement (Taiwan) Order 2021)

Members: Natalie Elphicke discharged and Angela Richardson nominated in substitution.

18 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Coronavirus Act 2020 (Early Expiry) (No. 2) Regulations 2021)

Chair: Stewart Hosie

19 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures Act 2011 (Continuation) Order 2021)

Chair: Christina Rees

Members: Christian Wakeford discharged and Selaine Saxby nominated in substitution.

20 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Financial Services Act 2021 (Prudential Regulation of Credit Institutions and Investment Firms) (Consequential Amendments and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2021)

Chair: Julie Elliott

21 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2021)

Chair: Mr Virendra Sharma

Members: Tim Loughton and Mark Tami discharged and Sally-Ann Hart and Ian Murray nominated in substitution.

Reports from Select Committees

22 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

Influencer culture: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 258) (Julian Knight).

23 Draft Online Safety Bill (Joint Committee on)

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

24 Environmental Audit Committee

Technological innovations and climate change: negative emissions technologies: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 738) (Philip Dunne).

25 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

- (1) The Cabinet Office freedom of information clearing house: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 505);
- (2) Correspondence relating to nationality on electoral registration forms: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) The work of the UK Statistics Authority: scrutiny session: Written evidence, to be published (HC 781)

(Mr William Wragg).

26 Science and Technology Committee

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

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 International Men's Day

Resolved, That this House has considered International Men's Day.—(Nick Fletcher.) Sitting adjourned without Question put (Standing Order No. 10(14)).

Adjourned at 2.54 pm until Monday 29 November.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Constitutional Law

Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Act 2021 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1310), dated 24 November 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Alister Jack)

2 Customs

Customs Importation (Miscellaneous Provisions and Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1312), dated 24 November 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Lucy Frazer)

3 Kenya No. 1 (2021)

Agreement, done at London on 27 July 2021, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Kenya on Defence Cooperation (CP 567) (by Command), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary Elizabeth Truss)

4 Pensions

Occupational Pensions (Revaluation) Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1308), dated 23 November 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Guy Opperman)

Other papers

5 Church Commissioners

- (1) Annual Report of the Church Commissioners for 2019 (by Measure) (Secretary Dominic Raab)
- (2) Annual Report of the Church Commissioners for 2020 (by Measure) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

6 Coronavirus

Two monthly report on the status of the non-devolved provisions of the Coronavirus Act 2020 (by Act) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

7 Environment

Report and Accounts of the Environment Agency for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 768) (Secretary George Eustice)

8 Government Resources and Accounts

- (1) Report and Accounts of National Forest Company for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Statutory Instrument), to be printed (HC 848) (Secretary George Eustice)
- (2) Report and Accounts of the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 808) (Lucy Frazer)
- (3) Report and Accounts of the Food Standards Agency Westminster for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 887) (Lucy Frazer)
- (4) Report and Consolidated Accounts of the Food Standards Agency for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 886) (Lucy Frazer)

9 Public Health

Explanatory Memorandum to the Draft Coronavirus Act 2020 (Early Expiry) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (by Command) (Maggie Throup)

10 UK Borders

Report of the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration: An Inspection of UK Visas and Immigration Front End Services: August 2020–June 2021 (by Act) (Secretary Priti Patel)

Withdrawn papers

11 Public Health

Explanatory Memorandum to the Draft Coronavirus Act 2020 (Early Expiry) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (laid 27 October)