

Tuesday 30 November 2021

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs
- 2 Microplastic Filters (Washing Machines): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require manufacturers to fit microplastic-catching filters to new domestic and commercial washing machines; to make provision about the promotion of the use of microplastic-catching filters in washing machines and raising awareness about the consequences of microplastics from washing machines for pollution in rivers and seas; and for connected purposes;

That Alberto Costa, Philip Dunne, Caroline Lucas, Tim Loughton, Derek Thomas, Mr Jonathan Lord, Mrs Pauline Latham, Alexander Stafford, Andrew Selous, Jim Shannon, Patrick Grady and Holly Lynch present the Bill.

Alberto Costa accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 21 January 2022, and to be printed (Bill 205).

3 Business of the House (Today)

Ordered, That, at this day's sitting,

(1) notwithstanding paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 16 (Proceedings under an Act or on European Union documents), the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the motions in the name of Maggie Throup relating to (a) the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings) (England) Regulations 2021 and (b) the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Self-Isolation) (England) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2021 not later than three hours after the commencement

of proceedings on the motion for this Order;"(2) notwithstanding paragraph (2)(c) of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the business in the name of lan Blackford 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.*)

4 Public Health

(1) Motion made and Question put, That the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings) (England) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1340), dated 29 November 2021, a copy of which was laid before this House on 29 November, be approved.— (Maggie Throup.)

The House divided.

Division No. 123

Ayes: 434 (Tellers: Mr Marcus Jones, Rebecca Harris)

Noes: 23 (Tellers: Mr Philip Hollobone, Craig Mackinlay)

Question accordingly agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put, That the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Self-Isolation) (England) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1338), dated 29 November 2021, a copy of which was laid before this House on 29 November, be approved.—(Craig Whittaker.)

The House divided.

Division No. 124

Ayes: 431 (Tellers: Andrea Jenkyns, Amanda Solloway)

Noes: 36 (Tellers: Mr Philip Hollobone, Craig Mackinlay)

Question accordingly agreed to.

5 Opposition Day: Leader of the second largest opposition party (9th allotted day,

1st part (Standing Order No. 14 and Order, today))

Conduct of the Rt Hon Member for Uxbridge and South Ruislip

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House censures the Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Member for Uxbridge and South Ruislip, for frequently violating the sixth Principle of Public Life, for seeking to undermine the recommendations of the Standards Committee on Owen Paterson, for regularly ignoring independent advice on matters such as international treaties and breaches of the Ministerial Code by his ministers, for putting forward proposals to diminish the powers of the Electoral Commission, for ignoring independent advice concerning the granting of peerages to Conservative party donors and nominations to public bodies such as Ofcom; and further calls for his ministerial salary to be reduced by £41,567 per year.—(Ian Blackford.)

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

Question put.

The House divided.

Division No. 125

Ayes: 214 (Tellers: Marion Fellows, Richard Thomson)

Noes: 321 (Tellers: Andrea Jenkyns, Amanda Solloway)

Question accordingly negatived.

6 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Act 2008 (Amendment to Schedule 3) (England) Order 2021, which was laid before this House on 1 November, be approved.—(*Mr Marcus Jones*.)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Renewable Transport Fuel Obligations (Amendment) Order 2021, which was laid before this House on 8 November, be approved.—(*Mr Marcus Jones*.)

Question agreed to.

7 Financial Assistance to Industry

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6) and Order, 17 November), That this House authorises the Secretary of State to undertake to pay, and to pay by way of financial assistance under section 8 of the Industrial Development Act 1982, sums exceeding £30 million with an estimated total sum of £44 million, to be made available, through the extended Airport and Ground Operations Support Scheme announced in the Budget, to eligible commercial airports and ground operators to compensate for the continuing damage caused by Covid-19 to the aviation sector, on the basis of business rates liabilities or Covid-19 losses, whichever is lower, from October 2021–March 2022, subject to certain conditions and a cap of £4 million per eligible company.—(Mr Marcus Jones.)

Question agreed to.

8 Changes to membership of select committees

Ordered, That Kemi Badenoch be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts and Helen Whately be added.—(Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

9 Adjournment

Subject: Patient access to NICE-approved products (Anne Marie Morris)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.— (Mr Marcus Jones.)

Adjourned at 8.09 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Changes to Notices Given

10BBC Licence Fee (Abolition) Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 10 December.

11Homeless People (Current Accounts) Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 10 December.

12Electoral Candidates (Age) Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 10 December.

13Leader of the House of Commons (Election) Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 10 December.

14Electoral Commission (Abolition) Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 10 December.

15General Election (Leaders' Debates) Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 10 December.

16Hospitals (Parking Charges and Business Rates) Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 10 December.

17Voter Registration Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 10 December.

18Asylum Seekers (Return to Safe Countries) Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 10 December.

Lords Messages

19Armed Forces Bill

The Lords agree to the Armed Forces Bill with Amendments, to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

Printing of Lords Amendments

20Armed Forces Bill

Lords Amendments to the Armed Forces Bill to be considered tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 206) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 206–EN).

General Committees: Reports

21Skills and Post-16 Education Bill Committee

Clive Efford (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.

22Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee

Stewart Hosie (Chair) reported the draft Coronavirus Act 2020 (Early Expiry) (No. 2) Regulations 2021.

23Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee

Christina Rees (Chair) reported the draft Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures Act 2011 (Continuation) 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).

24Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2021)

Members: Chris Elmore discharged and Sarah Owen nominated in substitution.

Reports from Select Committees

* This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings from Wednesday 1 December 2021 for details

25Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

- (1) Post-pandemic economic growth: Levelling up: Government Response to the Committee's Third Report: Seventh Special Report, to be printed (HC 924);
- (2) Correspondence from KREAB Worldwide relating to offshore wind farms: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) Correspondence from the Minister of State for Energy, Clean Growth, and Climate Change relating to Bulb Energy Limited: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) Correspondence from the Minister of State for Small Businesses, Consumers and Labour Markets relating to the Pubs Code: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport relating relating to the acquisition of Arm by NVIDIA: Written evidence, to be published;
- (6) Correspondence from the Secretary of State for International Trade relating to export licensing: Written evidence, to be published;

- (7) Net Zero Governance: Written evidence, to be published (HC 486);
- (8) Post-pandemic economic growth: State Aid and Post-Brexit Competition Policy: Written evidence, to be published (HC 742) (Darren Jones).

26Defence Committee

- (1) Protecting those who protect us: Women in the Armed Forces from recruitment to civilian life: Government Response to the Committee's Second Report: Fourth Special Report, to be printed (HC 904);
- (2) Defending Global Britain in a competitive age: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 166);
- (3) *The Navy: purpose and procurement*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 168) (Tobias Ellwood).

27 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

What next for the National Lottery?: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 619) (Julian Knight).

28Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

- (1) *Plastic waste*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 556);
- (2) Labour shortages in the food and farming sector: Written evidence, to be published (HC 713)

(Neil Parish).

29Health and Social Care Committee

- (1) Children and young people's mental health:
 - (i) Eighth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 17);
 - (ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 17);
- (2) The Health and Social Care Committee's Expert Panel Report: evaluation of the Government's commitments in the area of mental health services in England:
 - (i) Second Special Report, to be printed (HC 612);
 - (ii) Written evidence, to be published

(HC 612);

- (3) Cancer services: Written evidence, to be published (HC 551);
- (4) Clearing the backlog caused by the pandemic: Written evidence, to be published (HC 599);
- (5) NHS litigation reform: Written evidence, to be published (HC 740)

(Jeremy Hunt).

30International Development Committee

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

31Justice Committee

- (1) The work of the Ministry of Justice: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 598);
- (2) Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Justice: Written evidence, to be published;

- (3) Correspondence from the Minister of State for Justice: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Justice: Written evidence, to be published

(Sir Robert Neill).

32Petitions Committee

- (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 with the Minister of State for Transport relating to road traffic offences for fatal collisions: Written evidence, to be published

(Catherine McKinnell).

33Privileges (Committee of)

Select committees and contempts: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 826) (Chris Bryant).

34Transport Committee

- (1) Airlines and airports: supporting recovery in the UK aviation sector: Written evidence, to be published (HC 683);
- (2) Road freight supply chain: Written evidence, to be published (HC 828) (Huw Merriman).

35Women and Equalities Committee

The Government's consultation on conversion therapy: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 878) (Caroline Nokes).

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 Allocations to UK-EU fisheries following the UK's departure from the EU

Resolved, That this House has considered allocations to UK-EU fisheries following the UK's departure from the EU.—(Jim Shannon.)

2 Wales's contribution to the UK armed forces

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered Wales's contribution to the UK armed forces.—(Fay Jones.)

At 11.30 am, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

The sitting was suspended between 11.30 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1) (b)).

3 Empowering community energy schemes

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the matter of empowering community energy schemes.— (Wera Hobhouse.)

The sitting was suspended between 3.49 pm and 4.17 pm for divisions in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of empowering community energy schemes.

4 Securing employment and community benefit in the offshore renewables wind sector

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the matter of securing employment and community benefit in the offshore renewables wind sector.—(Kenny MacAskill.)

At 4.58 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

5 Wellbeing economy approach to meeting climate goals

Resolved, That this House has considered a wellbeing economy approach to meeting climate goals.—(Caroline Lucas.)

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

Adjourned at 5.57 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Enterprise

Draft Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 and Pubs Code etc. (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Income Tax

Income Tax (Exemption of Social Security Benefits) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1341), dated 29 November 2021 (by Act),

with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Lucy Frazer)

3 National Health Service

National Health Service (Charges, Primary Medical Services and Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) (Coronavirus) (Further Amendments) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1346), dated 24 November 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Maria Caulfield)

4 Social Security

- (1) State Pension Debits and Credits (Revaluation) Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1319), dated 25 November 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Guy Opperman)
- (2) State Pension Revaluation for Transitional Pensions Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1320), dated 25 November 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Guy Opperman)

Other papers

5 Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board

Report and Accounts of the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Statutory Instrument), to be printed (HC 767) (Secretary George Eustice)

6 Government Resources and Accounts

- (1) Report and Accounts of the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 492) (Clerk of the House)
- (2) Report and Accounts of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 909) (Lucy Frazer)
- (3) Report and Accounts of the Department for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office Overseas

Superannuation for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 661) (Lucy Frazer)

7 Health and Social Care

Department of Health and Social Care Minute, dated 30 November 2021, concerning a contingent liability relating to the COVID-19 Booster Vaccination Programme (by Command) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

8 Isle of Man

Commissioners of HM Revenue and Customs in Account with the Government of the Isle of Man for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 876) (Lucy Frazer)

9 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on HM Treasury and Cabinet Office: Evaluating government spending (by Act), to be printed (HC 860) (Clerk of the House)

10National Health Service

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

11National Heritage

Report and Accounts of Historic England for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 888) (Nigel Huddleston)

12Treasury

Tax administration and maintenance: Autumn 2021 (CP 577) (by Command) (Lucy Frazer)

CORRECTION

Monday 29 November 2021

This item should have appeared before item 15 (Other Proceedings):

Skills and Post-16 Education Bill (Programming Sub-Committee)

Members: Alex Burghart, Rachel Hopkins, Tom Hunt, David Johnston, Mr Toby Perkins, Michael Tomlinson and Matt Western