



House of Commons

Monday 6 December 2021

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

1 Introduction of new Member

Louie Thomas French, Member for Old Bexley and Sidcup, was sworn.

2 Questions to the Secretary of State for Education

3 Urgent Question: Power outages caused by Storm Arwen (Greg Hands)

4 Statements: (1) Child safeguarding and the death of Arthur Labinjo-Hughes (Secretary Nadhim Zahawi)

(2) COVID-19 update (Secretary Sajid Javid)

(3) Ten-year drugs strategy (Kit Malthouse)

5 Armed Forces Bill: Programme (No. 4)

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Armed Forces Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 8 February 2021 in the last Session of Parliament (Armed Forces Bill: Programme), as varied by the Orders of 23 June 2021 (Armed Forces Bill: Programme (No. 2)) and 13 July 2021 (Armed Forces Bill: Programme (No. 3)):

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.

Subsequent stages

(2) Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

(3) 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.—(Leo Docherty.)

Question agreed to.

6 **Armed Forces Bill: Consideration of Lords Amendments**

Lords Amendment 1

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

The House divided.

Division No. 132

Ayes: 302 (Tellers: Alan Mak, Scott Mann)

Noes: 221 (Tellers: Colleen Fletcher, Jessica Morden)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 1 accordingly disagreed to.

As it was more than one hour after the commencement of proceedings on Lords Amendments, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on 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 2 (Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to disagree with Lords Amendments).—(*Leo Docherty.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 133

Ayes: 305 (Tellers: Alan Mak, Scott Mann)

Noes: 215 (Tellers: Colleen Fletcher, Jessica Morden)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 2 accordingly disagreed to.

(2) That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendments 3 to 50 (Single Question to agree with all remaining Lords Amendments).

Question 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 1 and 2.

That Leo Docherty, Alan Mak, Carol Monaghan, Stephen Morgan, James Sunderland, Liz Twist and Suzanne Webb be members of the Committee.

That Leo Docherty be the Chair of the Committee.

That three be the quorum of the Committee.

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(*Steve Double.*)

Question agreed to.

7 **Dormant Assets Bill [Lords]: Second Reading**

Bill read a second time.

8 Dormant Assets Bill [Lords]: Programme

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Dormant Assets 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 Thursday 13 January 2022.

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

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.—(Steve Double.)

Question agreed to.

9 Dormant Assets 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 Dormant Assets Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of sums required by the Treasury for the purpose of making loans to, or in respect of, an authorised reclaim fund.—(Steve Double.)

Question agreed to.

10 Business of the House (Today)

Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to bring to a conclusion proceedings on the Motion in the name of Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg relating to the Parliamentary Partnership Assembly not later than one hour after the commencement of proceedings on the motion for this Order; such Questions shall include the Questions on any Amendments selected by the Speaker which may then be moved; proceedings on the motion relating to the Parliamentary Partnership Assembly may be entered upon and continue, though opposed, after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(Steve Double.)

11 Parliamentary Partnership Assembly

Resolved, That this House:

(1) notes the provision in Article 11 of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the United Kingdom and the European Union for the establishment of a Parliamentary Partnership Assembly (PPA) consisting of Members of the European Parliament and of

Members of the Parliament of the United Kingdom as a forum to exchange views on the partnership, which:

(a) may request relevant information regarding the implementation of that agreement and any supplementing agreement from the EU-UK Partnership Council, which shall then supply the Assembly with the requested information;

(b) shall be informed of the decisions and recommendations of the Partnership Council; and

(c) may make recommendations to the Partnership Council;

(2) agrees that a delegation from the UK Parliament consisting of 35 members should participate in such an Assembly; and

(3) confirms that the procedures currently applying to the nomination, support and funding of delegations to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the NATO Parliamentary Assembly and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly should apply to the delegation to the EU-UK PPA.—(*Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg.*)

12 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Financial Services Act 2021 (Prudential Regulation of Credit Institutions and Investment Firms) (Consequential Amendments and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2021, which were laid before this House on 28 October, be approved.—(*Gareth Johnson.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2021, which was laid before this House on 18 October, be approved.—(*Gareth Johnson.*)

Question agreed to.

13 Armed Forces Bill: Reasons Committee

Leo Docherty reported that the Committee had agreed the following Reasons:

Lords Amendment 1

Because a presumption in favour of the offences in question being heard in the civilian courts is not necessary or justified.

Lords Amendment 2

Because the Commons do not consider the addition of the Secretary of State as a specified person to be necessary to address any disparity in the delivery of core services across the United Kingdom, or otherwise to achieve the aims of the Bill.

The Reasons were agreed to.

14 Adjournment

Subject: UN International Day of Persons with Disabilities (Dr Lisa Cameron)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Gareth Johnson.*)

Adjourned at 11.28 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

15 First Delegated Legislation Committee

Yvonne Fovargue (Chair) reported the Heavy Commercial Vehicles in Kent (No. 2) (Amendment) (No. 2) 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).

16 Commercial Rent (Coronavirus) Bill (Programming Sub-Committee)

Members: Scott Benton, Felicity Buchan, Ruth Cadbury, Colleen Fletcher, Seema Malhotra, Paul Scully and Craig Whittaker

17 Leasehold Reform (Ground Rent) Bill (Programming Sub-Committee)

Members: Mike Amesbury, Lillian Greenwood, Eddie Hughes, Scott Mann, Jeff Smith, Martin Vickers and Jacob Young

18 First Delegated Legislation Committee (Heavy Commercial Vehicles in Kent (No. 2) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2021)

Members: Gareth Bacon discharged and Dr Ben Spencer nominated in substitution.

19 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Solvency 2 (Group Supervision) (Amendment) Regulations 2021)

Members: Danny Kruger discharged and Mrs Flick Drummond nominated in substitution.

20 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Customs Safety and Security Procedures (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2021)

Members: Giles Watling discharged and Andrew Lewer nominated in substitution.

21 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Electric Vehicles (Smart Charge Points) Regulations 2021)

Chair: James Gray discharged and Mr Laurence Robertson appointed in substitution.

22 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Consumer Scotland Act 2020 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2022)

Members: Fiona Bruce and Alex Cunningham discharged and Miriam Cates and Bill Esterson nominated in substitution.

*Reports from Select Committees***23 Administration Committee**

Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 6 December, to be published (Sir Charles Walker).

24 Draft Online Safety Bill (Joint Committee on)

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

25 Procedure Committee

Voting by proxy: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 722) (Chris Elmore).

26 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *Challenges in implementing digital change*: Thirtieth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 637);

(2) *DWP employment support: Kick-start scheme*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 655);

(3) *Correspondence from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office relating to superannuation accounts*: Written evidence, to be published;

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

(5) *Correspondence with the Department for Health and Social Care relating to the Community Pharmacy Indemnity Support and expansion of the COVID-19 vaccination programme*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Crossrail: A progress update*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 184);

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

(8) *Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities recall (homelessness and housing)*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 744);

(9) *HS2 Summer 2021*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 329);

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

(11) *NHS supply chain finance*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 745) (Dame Meg Hillier).

27 Scottish Affairs Committee

(1) *Secretary of State for Scotland—6 December 2021*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 941);

(2) *Airports in Scotland*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 601);

(3) *Labour shortages in Scotland*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 879);

(4) *Public broadcasting in Scotland*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 574) (Pete Wishart).

28 Treasury Committee

(1) *Future of financial services*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 147);

(2) *Correspondence from the Economic Secretary to the Treasury relating to the call for evidence on the UK's appointed representatives regime*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Payment Systems Regulator relating to card payment fees*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *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 an e-petition (Standing Orders No. 10(1)(a) and No. 145A(7))

1 Research into Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petition 590405, relating to research into Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva.—(*Elliot Colburn*.)

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

Adjourned at 5.45 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing
Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Public Health

Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel and Operator Liability) (England) (Amendment) (No. 22) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1367), dated 5 December 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Maria Caulfield)

Other papers

2 Cabinet Office

Government Response to the consultation on Transforming Public Procurement (by Command) (CP 556) (Michael Ellis)

3 Free Trade Agreements (Communication)

Communication from the Secretary of State for International Trade to the Speaker of the House of Commons relating to the presentation of Free Trade Agreements to Parliament) (The Speaker)

4 Government Resources and Accounts

Report and Accounts of United Kingdom Anti-Doping Limited for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Statutory Instrument), to be printed (HC 712) (Nigel Huddleston)

5 Justice

Report to the Joint Committee on Human Rights on the Government's response to human rights judgments 2020–21 (by Command) (CP 562) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

6 Law Commissions

Report of the Law Commission on Hate Crime Laws: Final Report (by Act), to be printed (HC 942) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

7 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department for International Trade: Progress with trade negotiations (by Act), to be printed (HC 862) (Clerk of the House)

8 Oil and Pipelines

Accounts of the Oil and Pipelines Agency for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 943) (Clerk of the House)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES**Voting by proxy****New proxy voting arrangement**

The Speaker has certified, under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A (Voting by proxy), as amended on 13 July 2021, that Liz Kendall is eligible to have a proxy vote cast on her behalf, starting from Saturday 1 January 2022 and finishing on Sunday 31 July 2022. The nominated proxy is Pat McFadden.