

Monday 13 December 2021

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions
- 2 Urgent Question: Metropolitan Police and the inquest into the deaths of Anthony Walgate, Gabriel Kovari, Daniel Whitworth and Jack Taylor (Kit Malthouse)
- 3 Statement: COVID-19 update (Secretary Sajid Javid)
- 4 Hares (Closed Season) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Richard Fuller, supported by Mr Robert Goodwill, Simon Hoare and Alicia Kearns, presented a Bill to establish a closed season during which the killing or taking of hares is prohibited; to repeal the seasonal prohibition of the sale of hares in the Hares Preservation Act 1892; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 21 January 2022, and to be printed (Bill 217).

5 Armed Forces Bill: Consideration of Lords Message

The House proceeded to consider the Lords Message received on 9 December relating to the Armed Forces Bill (Programme Order, 6 December).

Lords Amendment 1B disagreed to.

Lords Amendment 2B disagreed 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 1B and 2B.

That Leo Docherty, Stephen Kinnock, Alan Mak, Carol Monaghan, 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.—(Andrea Jenkyns.)

Question agreed to.

6 Subsidy Control Bill: Programme (No. 2)

Ordered, That the Order of 22 September 2021 (Subsidy Control Bill (Programme)) be varied as follows:

- (1) Paragraphs (4) and (5) of the Order shall be omitted.
- (2) Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order.
- (3) Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion four hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order.—(Paul Scully.)

7 Subsidy Control Bill: Consideration of the Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee

New Clause NC1—(Kirsty Blackman)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Division No. 146

Ayes: 31 (Tellers: Richard Thomson, Steven Bonnar)

Noes: 292 (Tellers: Craig Whittaker, Alan Mak)

Question accordingly negatived.

Amendment 19 proposed.—(Seema Malhotra.)

Question put, that the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Division No. 147

Ayes: 180 (Tellers: Taiwo Owatemi, Colleen Fletcher)

Noes: 292 (Tellers: Craig Whittaker, Alan Mak)

Question accordingly negatived.

Amendment 16 proposed.—(Seema Malhotra.)

Question put, that the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Division No. 148

Ayes: 178 (Tellers: Taiwo Owatemi, Colleen Fletcher)

Noes: 292 (Tellers: Craig Whittaker, Alan Mak)

Question accordingly negatived.

8 Subsidy Control Bill: Third Reading

Mark Spencer signified Queen's consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned.

Bill read the third time, and passed.

9 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Electric Vehicles (Smart Charge Points) Regulations 2021, which were laid before this House on 28 October, be approved.—(*Michael Tomlinson*.)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Customs Safety and Security Procedures (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2021, which were laid before this House on 15 November, be approved.—(*Michael Tomlinson*.)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Consumer Scotland Act 2020 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2022, which was laid before this House on 8 November, be approved.—(*Michael Tomlinson*.)

Question agreed to.

10 Armed Forces Bill: Reasons Committee

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

Lords Amendment 1B

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

Lords Amendment 2B

Because the proposed legal duty is unnecessary having regard to the Government's existing obligations.

The Reasons were agreed to.

11 Adjournment

Subject: Creation of a national lost trawlermen's memorial day (Karl Turner)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Michael Tomlinson.)

Adjourned at 9.56 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

12 First Delegated Legislation Committee

Mr Peter Bone (Chair) reported the draft Network and Information Systems (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2021.

13 Second Delegated Legislation Committee

Caroline Nokes (Chair) reported the draft Wine (Amendment) Regulations 2021.

14 Third Delegated Legislation Committee

Peter Dowd (Chair) reported the draft Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 5) 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).

15 Finance (No. 2) Bill Committee

Additional Chairs: Dr Rupa Hug and Philip Davies

Members: Tonia Antoniazzi discharged and Clive Efford nominated in substitution.

16 Finance (No. 2) Bill (Programming Sub-Committee)

Members: Stuart Anderson, Rob Butler, Lucy Frazer, Alan Mak, James Murray, Alison Thewliss and Liz Twist

17 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Wine (Amendment) Regulations 2021)

Members: Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown and Fay Jones discharged and Danny Kruger and Jane Stevenson nominated in substitution.

18 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Civil Jurisdiction and Judgements (2005 Hague Convention and 2007 Hague Convention) (Amendment) Regulations 2022)

Members: Laura Trott discharged and Angela Richardson nominated in substitution.

19 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Companies (Strategic Report) (Climate-related Financial Disclosure) Regulations 2021)

Members: Olivia Blake and Owen Thompson discharged and Anum Qaisar and Dr Alan Whitehead nominated in substitution.

Reports from Select Committees

20 Home Affairs Committee

- (1) Investigation and prosecution of rape: Oral evidence and part of the written evidence, to be published (HC 193);
- (2) Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Justice relating to the consultation on the Victims Bill: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) Police conduct and complaints: Written evidence, to be published (HC 140);
- (4) Spiking: Written evidence, to be published (HC 967)

(Tim Loughton).

21 Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee

(1) Long-term funding of adult social care: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 35);

- (2) Correspondence from the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, UK Finance and Building Societies Association: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) Correspondence with the Minister for Building Safety and Fire: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) Correspondence with the Secretary of State: Written evidence, to be published (Mr Clive Betts).

22 National Security Strategy (Joint Committee on)

- (1) Critical national infrastructure and climate adaptation: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 985);
- (2) Correspondence to the Prime Minister relating to the UK's national security machinery: Written evidence, to be published

(Margaret Beckett).

23 Procedure Committee

- (1) Correspondence from the Liaison Committee relating to Chairs' staff: Written evidence, to be published;
- (2) Correspondence with the Leader of the House relating to written parliamentary questions: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Voting by proxy*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 722) (Karen Bradley).

24 Public Accounts (Committee of)

- (1) *Environmental Land Management*: Thirty-first Report, to be printed, with formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 639);
- (2) Reducing the backlog in criminal courts: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 643);
- (3) Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care relating to the rollout of treatments for COVID-19 this winter: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) Correspondence from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office relating to the India Green Guarantee: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) Correspondence with the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport relating to a contingent liability arising from the policy to support TV and film production: Written evidence, to be published;
- (6) EU Exit: UK Border: Written evidence, to be published (HC 746);
- (7) Fraud and error: Written evidence, to be published (HC 253);
- (8) The underpayment of state pension: Written evidence, to be published (HC 654) (Dame Meg Hillier).

25 Treasury Committee

- (1) Jobs, growth, and productivity after coronavirus: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 150);
- (2) Bank of England Monetary Policy Reports: Written evidence, to be published (HC 142);
- (3) Correspondence with the Competition and Markets Authority relating to an enclosed report on Open Banking: Written evidence, to be published;

- (4) Economic crime: Written evidence, to be published (HC 145);
- (5) Future of Financial Services: Written evidence, to be published (HC 147) (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 Regulation of online animal sales

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered e-petition 587654, relating to regulation of online animal sales.—(*Christina Rees.*)

At 6.00 pm the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

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

Adjourned at 6.00 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Plastic Packaging

Plastic Packaging Tax (Descriptions of Products) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1417), dated 13 December 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Helen Whately)

2 Public Health

- (1) Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Entry to Venues and Events) (England) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1416), dated 13 December 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Maggie Throup)
- (2) Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Self-Isolation) (England) (Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1415), dated 13 December 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Maggie Throup)

3 Sanctions

Burundi (Sanctions) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1404), dated 8 December 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Vicky Ford)

Other papers

4 Climate Change

State of the Estate in 2020–21 (by Act) (Michael Ellis)

5 Financial Services and Markets

Review of the Securitisation Regulation: Report and call for evidence response (by Act) (John Glen)

6 Health Professions

Report and Accounts of the Health and Care Professions Council for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Statutory Instrument), to be printed (HC 918) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

7 Immigration

- (1) United Kingdom Labour Market Enforcement Strategy 2020–21 (by Act) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)
- (2) United Kingdom Labour Market Enforcement Strategy 2020–21: Executive Summary (by Act) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)
- (3) United Kingdom Labour Market Enforcement Strategy 2020–21 (by Act) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)
- (4) United Kingdom Labour Market Enforcement Strategy 2021–22: Executive Summary (by Act) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

8 Treasure

Treasure Act Report (by Act) (Nigel Huddleston)