

No.112



House of Commons

Tuesday 1 February 2022

Votes and Proceedings

No. 112

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to the Chancellor of the Exchequer**
- 2 Social Housing (Emergency Protection of Tenancy Rights): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)**

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give social housing tenants the right to continuity of secure tenancy in circumstances when they have to move because of a threat to the personal safety of the tenant or someone in their household; to place associated responsibilities on local authorities and social housing providers; and for connected purposes;

That Helen Hayes, Mr Clive Betts, Bob Blackman, Ms Karen Buck, Stella Creasy, John Cryer, Florence Eshalomi, Robert Halfon, Dr Rupa Huq, Caroline Lucas, Luke Pollard and Christina Rees present the Bill.

Helen Hayes accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 25 February, and to be printed (Bill 243).

3 Opposition Day: Leader of the Opposition (11th allotted day (Standing Order No. 14))

(1) Tackling fraud and preventing Government waste

Resolved, That this House agrees with the remarks of Lord Agnew of Oulton in his resignation letter that the Government's record on tackling fraud is lamentable; recognises the vast amount of taxpayers' money that has been lost to waste and fraud since the start of the coronavirus pandemic, including the estimated £4.3 billion recently written off from Treasury-backed Covid business support schemes; notes the Government's unacceptable record of poor procurement over the last decade, including

£13 billion wasted on defence projects; further notes the warnings the Chancellor received in 2020 regarding the serious weaknesses allowing for public funds to be diverted to criminal enterprises; calls on the Government to set out a strategy to recover all taxpayers' money obtained by criminal groups and to fully engage with a thorough National Crime Agency investigation into all issues related to the fraudulent exploitation of the COVID-19 support schemes; and further calls on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to make a statement to this House before 31 March 2022 detailing how much taxpayers' money has been successfully retrieved.—(*Rachel Reeves.*)

(2) Windfall tax on oil and gas company profits

Motion made and Question put, That this House notes the cost-of-living crisis hitting families across the country and that the energy price cap is predicted to rise by 50 per cent from April; recognises that rocketing energy prices are hitting businesses as well as household budgets; calls on the Government to introduce a windfall tax on the profits of North Sea oil and gas producers; and further calls on the

Government to use that windfall tax to help fund a package of support for families and businesses facing the energy price crisis.—
(*Edward Miliband.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 179

Ayes: 192 (Tellers: Colleen Fletcher, Gerald Jones)

Noes: 0 (Tellers: Lilian Greenwood, Mark Tami)

Question agreed to.

Resolved, That this House notes the cost-of-living crisis hitting families across the country and that the energy price cap is predicted to rise by 50 per cent from April; recognises that rocketing energy prices are hitting businesses as well as household budgets; calls on the Government to introduce a windfall tax on the profits of North Sea oil and gas producers; and further calls on the Government to use that windfall tax to help fund a package of support for families and businesses facing the energy price crisis.

4 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2022, which was laid before this House on 6 January, be approved.—(*Scott Mann.*)

Question agreed to.

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the Plastic Packaging Tax (Descriptions of Products) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1417), dated 13 December 2021, a copy of which was laid before this House on 13 December 2021, be approved.—(*Scott Mann.*)

Question agreed to.

5 Public petitions

(1) A public petition from the residents of the United Kingdom relating to the proposed spur between Aylesbury and Milton Keynes was presented and read by Rob Butler.

(2) A public petition from the residents of Linlithgow and East Falkirk relating to the Acorn Project was presented and read by Martyn Day.

6 Adjournment

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—
(*Scott Mann.*)

Adjourned at 7.14 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

7 Third Delegated Legislation Committee

Stewart Hosie (Chair) reported the draft Non-Domestic Rating (Levy and Safety Net) (Amendment) Regulations 2022.

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).*

**8 Third Delegated Legislation Committee
(draft Non-Domestic Rating (Levy and Safety
Net) (Amendment) Regulations 2022)**

Members: Derek Thomas discharged and Sir
Desmond Swayne nominated in substitution.

**9 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee
(draft Passenger, Crew and Service
Information (Civil Penalties) (Amendment)
Regulations 2022)**

Members: Sarah Jones discharged and Holly
Lynch nominated in substitution.

10Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Microchipping of Dogs (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2022)

Members: Elliot Colburn discharged and Jerome Mayhew nominated in substitution.

Reports from Select Committees

11Backbench Business Committee

Transcript of representations made on Tuesday 1 February to be published (Ian Mearns).

12Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

(1) *Post-pandemic economic growth: State Aid and post-Brexit competition policy*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 742);

(2) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to regulatory measures in the energy sector*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to the better regulation*

framework: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to Sizewell C*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Net Zero Governance*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 486);

(6) *Post Office and Horizon*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 106)

(Darren Jones).

13 Defence Committee

(1) *Armed Forces Covenant Report 2021*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1108);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Defence Procurement relating to Annington Property Limited*: Written evidence, to be published

(Tobias Ellwood).

14 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

(1) *Influencer culture*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 258);

(2) *Online safety and online harms*: Oral evidence taken before the Sub-Committee, to be published (HC 620)

(Julian Knight).

15 Education Committee

(1) *Children's Homes*: Part of the oral evidence, to be published (HC 83);

(2) *The Government's Catch-up programme*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 940)

(Robert Halfon).

16 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

(1) *Work of the Department*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1027);

(2) *Animal Welfare (Sentience) Bill*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 277);

(3) *Australia FTA: Food and Agriculture*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 870);

(4) *Labour shortages in the food and farming sector*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 713);

(5) *Plastic waste*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 556);

(6) *Tree planting and woodlands*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 356)

(Neil Parish).

17European Statutory Instruments Committee

Eleventh Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 936) (Andrew Jones).

18Finance Committee

Record of the Committee's decisions taken at its meeting on 1 February, to be published (Nick Brown).

19Foreign Affairs Committee

The situation in Ukraine and the UK's response: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1089) (Tom Tugendhat).

20Health and Social Care Committee

(1) *NHS litigation reform*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 740);

(2) *Pre-appointment hearing for the position of Chair of the Care Quality Commission:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 1091);

(3) *The future of General Practice:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 892)

(Jeremy Hunt).

21 International Development Committee

(1) *International climate finance: UK aid for halting deforestation and preventing irreversible biodiversity loss: report from the Sub-Committee on the Work of ICAI:* Fourth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 730);

(2) *The UK's approach to tackling modern slavery through the aid programme: report from the Sub-Committee on the Work of ICAI:* Government Response to the Third Report of the Committee, Session 2021–22: Fifth Special Report, to be printed (HC 1021);

(3) *Afghanistan:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 919);

(4) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, relating to Gender*

equality in UK aid spending: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Promoting dialogue and preventing atrocities: the UK government approach*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 931);

(6) *UK aid to Pakistan*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 102)

(Sarah Champion).

22Justice Committee

(1) *Mental health in prison: Government Response to the Committee's Fifth Report*: Fifth Special Report, to be printed (HC 1117);

(2) *Human Rights Act Reform*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1087);

(3) *Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Attorney General*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State*: Written evidence, to be published.

(6) *Correspondence with the Minister of State for Justice*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Correspondence with the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State and Assistant Government Whip*: Written evidence, to be published

(Sir Robert Neill).

23 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

(1) *The experience of minority ethnic and migrant people in Northern Ireland*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 159);

(2) *UK immigration policy and the Common Travel Area*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 795)

(Simon Hoare).

24 Petitions 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 to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs relating to breed specific legislation: Written evidence, to be published

(Catherine McKinnell).

25Scottish Affairs Committee

Airports in Scotland: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 601) (Pete Wishart).

26Transport Committee

(1) Correspondence from the Chair to the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport relating to London Southeastern rail franchise: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to international travel: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) Fuelling the future: motive power and connectivity: Written evidence, to be published (HC 973);

(4) Great British Railways: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1076);

(5) *HS2: progress update*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 487);

(6) *Integrated rail plan*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 974)

(Huw Merriman).

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 Food production and the Environmental Land Management Scheme

Resolved, That this House has considered food production and the Environmental Land Management Scheme.—(*Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown*.)

2 Social prescribing in England

Resolved, That this House has considered social prescribing in England.—(*Alexander Stafford*.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.27 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1) (b)).

3 Disability benefits assessments and the Government's health and disability green paper

Resolved, That this House has considered disability benefits assessments and the Government's health and disability green paper.—(*Marsha De Cordova*.)

4 Hadrian's Wall in Newcastle's West End

Resolved, That this House has considered Hadrian's Wall in Newcastle's West End.—(*Chi Onwurah*.)

5 Criminality within and regulation of the waste management industry

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered criminality within

and regulation of the waste industry.—
(*Aaron Bell.*)

At 5.30 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(14)).

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

Adjourned at 5.30 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Agriculture

Draft Agriculture (Financial Assistance) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary George Eustice)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 France No. 2 (2022)

Agreement, done at London and Paris on 09 and 22 December 2021, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the French Republic concerning Train Driving Licences and Complementary Certificates in respect of Rail Transport through the Channel Fixed Link (CP 610), (by Command), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary Elizabeth Truss)

3 Government Trading Funds

Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency Trading Fund (Revocation) Order 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 90), dated 31 January 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Edward Argar)

4 Immigration

Immigration and Police (Passenger, Crew and Service Information) (Amendment)

Order 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 84), dated 27 January 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Priti Patel)

5 Pensions

Pension Protection Fund and Occupational Pension Schemes (Levy Ceiling) Order 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 88), dated 28 January 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Chloe Smith)

6 Road Traffic

(1) Proposed alterations of the Highway Code Rule 149 concerning using mobile phones while driving 2022 (SI, 2022), (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

(2) Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 81), dated 26 January 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

Other papers

7 Inquiries

Investigation Report of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse on child sexual exploitation by organised networks (by Act), to be printed (HC 1059) (Secretary Priti Patel)

8 National Health Service

Report and Accounts of the NHS Trust Development Authority for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1112) (Edward Argar)

9 Parliamentary Constituencies

(1) Boundary Commission for England: 2023 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies: Report on progress during 2021 (by Act) (The Speaker)

(2) Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland: 2023 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies: Progress Report 2021 (by Act) (The Speaker)

(3) Boundary Commission for Scotland: 2023
Review of Parliamentary constituencies:
Report on Progress during 2021 (by Act) (The
Speaker)

(4) Boundary Commission for Wales: 2023
Review of Parliamentary Constituencies
Wales: Report on progress during 2021
(by Act) (The Speaker)