



# House of Commons

Monday 7 February 2022

## Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

**1 Introduction of new Member**

Annalissa Firth, Member for Southend West, was sworn.

**2 Speaker's Statement: 70th anniversary of Her Majesty The Queen's accession**

**3 Questions to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions**

**4 Urgent Questions: (1) Elective care recovery in England (Edward Argar)**

**(2) Prime Minister's Chief of Staff appointment (Michael Ellis)**

**5 Energy Company Obligation (Cavity Wall Insulation) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Paul Maynard presented a Bill to require energy companies to remove and replace incorrectly installed cavity wall insulation; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 18 March, and to be printed (Bill 247).

**6 Parliamentary Elections (Optional Preferential Vote) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Paul Maynard presented a Bill to introduce the optional preferential voting system for Parliamentary elections; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 18 March, and to be printed (Bill 248).

**7 Ministerial Competence (External Review) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Paul Maynard presented a Bill to make provision for an annual appraisal of the performance and competence of individual Ministers, conducted outside the Cabinet Office, to inform the Prime Minister in recommending ministerial appointments; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 18 March, and to be printed (Bill 249).

**8 Charities (Income Source Statements) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Paul Maynard presented a Bill to require the Charity Commission to publish statistics of the proportion of income of each registered charity which is derived from public expenditure; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 18 March, and to be printed (Bill 250).

**9 Local Welfare Assistance (Statements) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Paul Maynard presented a Bill to require local authorities to publish statements of expenditure and the numbers of grants made to residents through the local welfare assistance scheme; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 18 March, and to be printed (Bill 251).

**10 Business of the House (Today)**

*Ordered*, That, at this day's sitting, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 16(1) (Proceedings under an Act or on European Union documents), proceedings on the Motion in the name of David Rutley relating to the draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2022 and the Motion in the name of Guy Opperman relating to the draft Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 2022, shall be brought to a conclusion three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the motion for this order; the Speaker shall then put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on those Motions forthwith; such Questions, though opposed, may be put after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(*Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg.*)

**11 Social Security**

Motion made and Question put, That the draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2022, which was laid before this House on 17 January, be approved.—(*David Rutley.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 185

Ayes: 298 (Tellers: Andrea Jenkyns, Gareth Johnson)

Noes: 29 (Tellers: Andy McDonald, Bell Ribeiro-Addy)

Question accordingly agreed to.

**12 Pensions**

*Resolved*, That the draft Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 2022, which was laid before this House on 17 January, be approved.—(*David Rutley.*)

**13 Northern Ireland (Ministers, Elections and Petitions of Concern) Bill: Programme (No. 3)**

*Ordered*, That the following provision shall apply to the Northern Ireland (Ministers, Elections and Petitions of Concern) Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 22 June 2021 (Northern Ireland (Ministers, Elections and Petitions of Concern) Bill (Programme)), as varied by the Order of 26 October 2021 (Northern Ireland (Ministers, Elections and Petitions of Concern) Bill (Programme) (No. 2)):

*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.—(*Craig Whittaker.*)

**14 Northern Ireland (Ministers, Elections and Petitions of Concern) Bill: Consideration of Lords Amendments**

Lords Amendment 1

Motion made and Question proposed, that this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment 1.

After one hour, the debate was interrupted (Programme Order, today).

The Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments to a conclusion (Programme Order, today).

The following Questions were put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83F).

(1) That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment 1 (Question already proposed from the Chair).

Question agreed to.

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

Question agreed to.

**15 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval**

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Passenger, Crew and Service Information (Civil Penalties) (Amendment) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 6 January, be approved.—(*David T C Davies.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Microchipping of Dogs (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 6 January, be approved.—(*David T C Davies.*)

Question agreed to.

**16 Business of the House (9 February)**

*Ordered*, That at the sitting on Wednesday 9 February, notwithstanding the provisions 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—

(1) the Motion in the name of Secretary Priti Patel relating to Police Grant Report not later than three hours after the commencement of proceedings on that Motion, and

(2) the Motions in the name of Secretary Michael Gove relating to Local Government Finance not later than three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the first such Motion or six hours after the commencement of proceedings relating to Police Grant Report, whichever is the later;

proceedings on those Motions may continue, though opposed, after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(*David T C Davies.*)

**17 Adjournment**

Subject: Support for the dentist industry and NHS backlogs (Andy Carter)

*Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn.—(*David T C Davies*.)

Adjourned at 9.30 pm until tomorrow.

## Other Proceedings

### *Lords Messages*

**18 Wellbeing of Future Generations Bill [Lords]**

The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision for a public consultation to inform a set of national wellbeing goals; to require public bodies to act in pursuit of the United Kingdom's environmental, social, economic and cultural wellbeing by meeting wellbeing objectives, publishing future generations impact assessments and accounting for preventative spending; to establish a futures and forecasting report; to establish a Commission for Future Generations for the United Kingdom; to extend the duty of the Office of Budget Responsibility to consider wellbeing and the future generations principle in their work; to add onto a Minister in each government department's portfolio a duty to promote the future generations principle across government policy; to establish a Joint Parliamentary Committee on Future Generations; and for connected purposes, to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

**19 Leasehold Reform (Ground Rent) Bill [Lords]**

The Lords agree to the Amendments made by the Commons to the Leasehold Reform (Ground Rent) Bill [Lords] without amendment.

### *Changes to Notices Given*

**20 Dogs (DNA Databases) Bill**

Order for Second Reading on Friday 18 March, read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

### *General Committees: Reports*

**21 First Delegated Legislation Committee**

Mr Laurence Robertson (Chair) reported the draft Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (Amendment) Regulations 2022.

**22 Second Delegated Legislation Committee**

Dr Rupa Huq (Chair) reported the draft Representation of the People (Proxy Vote Applications) (Coronavirus) (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).*

**23 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (Amendment) Regulations 2022)**

Members: Emma Hardy discharged and Debbie Abrahams nominated in substitution.

**24 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2022)**

Members: Adam Holloway and Sarah Jones discharged and Stephen Kinnock and Bob Stewart nominated in substitution.

### *Reports from Select Committees*

**25 Administration Committee**

Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 7 February, to be published (Sir Charles Walker).

**26 Health and Social Care Committee**

(1) *Supporting those with dementia and their carers: Government Response to the Committee's Seventh Report: Third Special Report*, to be printed (HC 1125);

(2) *Cancer services*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 551);

(3) *Expert panel: evaluation of the Government's commitments in the area of cancer services in England*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1025);

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

(5) *Workforce: recruitment, training and retention in health and social care*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 893)

(Jeremy Hunt).

**27 Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee**

(1) *The regulation of social housing*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 874);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Rough Sleeping and Housing*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State*: Written evidence, to be published (Mr Clive Betts).

**28 National Security Strategy (Joint Committee on)**

*Critical national infrastructure and climate adaptation*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 985) (Margaret Beckett).

**29 Public Accounts (Committee of)**

- (1) *Future of the advanced gas-cooled reactors*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1050);
  - (2) *Academies Sector Annual Report and Accounts 2019–20*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 994);
  - (3) *Correspondence relating to the Committee's previous Reports*: Written evidence, to be published;
  - (4) *Correspondence with NHS England relating to the ministerial direction regarding contracts with independent sector providers*: Written evidence, to be published;
  - (5) *Correspondence with the Ministry of Defence relating to the Accounting Officer's Assessment about joining the Government Major Projects Portfolio*: Written evidence, to be published;
  - (6) *COVID-19: Cost Tracker update*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 173);
  - (7) *COVID-19: Government support for charities*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 250);
  - (8) *DCMS recall (Broadband)*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 743);
  - (9) *Fraud and error*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 253);
  - (10) *HMRC's management of tax debt*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 953);
  - (11) *Initial lessons from the government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 175);
  - (12) *Reducing the backlog in criminal courts*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 643);
  - (13) *Test and Trace update*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 182)
- (Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown).

**30 Scottish Affairs Committee**

- (1) *Access to cash in Scotland*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1023);
  - (2) *Welfare policy in Scotland*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 55)
- (Pete Wishart).

**31 Treasury Committee**

- (1) *Jobs, growth, and productivity after coronavirus*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 150);
  - (2) *Correspondence from the Chancellor of the Exchequer relating to the Energy Bills Rebate*: Written evidence, to be published;
  - (3) *The work of the Treasury*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 912)
- (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 Laboratory animals and the Animal Welfare Act

*Resolved*, That this House has considered e-petition 591775, relating to laboratory animals and the Animal Welfare Act.—(*Martyn Day*.)

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

Adjourned at 6.08 pm until tomorrow.

*Eleanor Laing*

Chairman of Ways and Means

## Papers Laid

### Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

#### 1 Electricity

Draft Electricity Supplier Payments (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

#### 2 Exiting the European Union

Customs (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 109), dated 7 February 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Lucy Frazer)

#### 3 Local Government Finance

(1) Local Government Finance Report (England) 2022–23 (by Act), to be printed (HC 1080) (Secretary Michael Gove)

(2) Referendums relating to council tax increases (Principles) (England) Report 2022–23 (by Act), to be printed (HC 1081) (Secretary Michael Gove)

#### 4 Medical Devices

Draft Commissioner for Patient Safety (Appointment and Operation) (England) Regulations 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Maria Caulfield)

#### 5 Medicines

(1) Draft Human Medicines (Amendments Relating to the Early Access to Medicines Scheme) Regulations 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

(2) Draft Human Medicines (Coronavirus and Influenza) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

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Papers subject to Negative Resolution

**6 Education**

School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-Ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 105), dated 4 February 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Robin Walker)

**7 Financial Services and Markets**

Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Exemption) (Amendment) Order 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 100), dated 3 February 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (John Glen)

**8 Parking**

Code of Practice for Private Parking (by Act) (Neil O'Brien)

**9 Social Security**

Universal Credit and Jobseeker's Allowance (Work Search and Work Availability Requirements - limitations) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 108), dated 7 February 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Thérèse Coffey)

**10 Stamp Duty**

Stamp Duty and Stamp Duty Reserve Tax (LCH SA) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 102), dated 3 February 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (John Glen)

Other papers

**11 Commonwealth Games**

Birmingham Commonwealth Games Act Report: June 2020 to March 2021 (by Act) (Nigel Huddleston)

**12 National Audit**

(1) Estimates for which a Vote on Account is required for the National Audit Office for 2022–23 (by Act), to be printed (HC 1126) (Mr Richard Bacon)

(2) Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on HM Revenue and Customs: Investigation into the implementation of IR35 tax reforms (by Act), to be printed (HC 1103) (Clerk of the House)