

Monday 21 February 2022

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

- 1 Speaker's Statements: (1) Visit of Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of US House of Representatives
 - (2) Death of Christopher Stalford MLA
- 2 Questions to the Secretary of State for Defence
- 3 Statements: (1) Ukraine update (Secretary Ben Wallace)
 - (2) Living with COVID-19 (The Prime Minister)
 - (3) Storm Eunice (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)
 - (4) Business Statement (Leader of the House)
- 4 Skills and Post-16 Education Bill [Lords]: Consideration of the Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee

New Clause NC12—(Alex Burghart)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

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

Question put and agreed to.

Clause added to the Bill.

New Clause NC14—(Caroline Lucas)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Division No. 187

Ayes: 154 (Tellers: Jessica Morden, Gerald Jones)

Noes: 298 (Tellers: David T C Davies, Michael Tomlinson)

Question accordingly negatived.

As it was after one hour before the moment of interruption, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on consideration to a conclusion (Programme Order, 15 November 2021).

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

(1) That Amendment 14 be made (Amendment selected by the Speaker for separate decision).—(Mr Toby Perkins.)

The House divided.

Division No. 188

Ayes: 154 (Tellers: Jessica Morden, Gerald Jones)

Noes: 298 (Tellers: David T C Davies, Michael Tomlinson)

Question accordingly negatived.

(2) That Amendment 13 be made (Amendment selected by the Speaker for separate decision).—(Mr Toby Perkins.)

The House divided.

Division No. 189

Ayes: 158 (Tellers: Jessica Morden, Gerald Jones)

Noes: 291 (Tellers: David T C Davies, Michael Tomlinson)

Question accordingly negatived.

(3) That Amendments 9 and 10 be made (single Question on Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown).—(Alex Burghart.)

Question agreed to.

Title accordingly amended, as follows:

A Bill to make provision about local skills improvement plans; to make provision relating to further education; to make provision about functions of the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education and relating to technical education qualifications and apprenticeships; to make provision about student finance and fees; to make provision about assessments and publication of certain matters by the Office for Students; to make provision about the funding of certain post-16 education or training providers; to create offences relating to completing assignments on behalf of students; to make provision about designating 16 to 19 Academies as having a religious character; and for connected purposes.

5 Skills and Post-16 Education Bill [Lords]: Third Reading

Bill read the third time, and passed with Amendments.

6 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Waste and Agriculture (Legislative Functions) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 13 January, be approved.—(Steve Double.)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2022, which was laid before this House on 12 January, be approved.—(Steve Double.)

Question agreed to.

7 Adjournment

Subject: Social care in Nottinghamshire (Ben Bradley)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Steve Double.)

Adjourned at 10.21 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Changes to Notices Given

8 Bereavement Leave and Pay (Stillborn and Miscarried Babies) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 25 February, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 18 March.

9 Homeless People (Current Accounts) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 25 February, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 18 March.

10 Electoral Candidates (Age) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 25 February, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 18 March.

11 Leader of the House of Commons (Election) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 25 February, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 18 March.

General Committees: Reports

12 First Delegated Legislation Committee

Mark Pritchard (Chair) reported the Draft North Yorkshire (Structural Changes) Order 2022.

13 Second Delegated Legislation Committee

David Mundell (Chair) reported the draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Collective Money Purchase Schemes) 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).

14 British Sign Language Bill Committee

Members: Anthony Browne discharged and Craig Williams nominated in substitution.

15 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft North Yorkshire (Structural Changes) Order 2022)

Members: Mr Clive Betts and Rosie Duffield discharged and Charlotte Nichols and Valerie Vaz nominated in substitution.

16 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Self-Isolation) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 72))

Members: Paula Barker, Apsana Begum, Jake Berry, Fiona Bruce, Dawn Butler, Dr James Davies, Steve Double, Sir David Evennett, Lilian Greenwood, Andrew Gwynne, Dan Jarvis, Ian Levy, Paul Maynard, Robin Millar, John Spellar, Maggie Throup and Matt Vickers discharged.

17 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Social Security (Contributions) (Rates, Limits and Thresholds Amendments and National Insurance Funds Payments) Regulations 2022 and the draft Tax Credits, Child Benefit and Guardian's Allowance Up-rating Regulations 2022)

Members: Rob Butler and Dr Andrew Murrison discharged and Claire Coutinho and Laura Farris nominated in substitution.

18 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 and the draft Mesothelioma Lump Sum Payments (Conditions and Amounts) (Amendment) Regulations 2022)

Members: Gareth Bacon, David Duguid, Navendu Mishra and Royston Smith discharged and Jack Brereton, Mrs Flick Drummond, Lilian Greenwood and Henry Smith nominated in substitution.

19 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Somerset (Structural Changes) Order 2022)

Members: Sarah Atherton and Barbara Keeley discharged and Peter Dowd and Fay Jones nominated in substitution.

20 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Early Legal Advice Pilot Scheme Order 2022)

Chair: Andrew Rosindell in place of Christina Rees.

Members: Miriam Cates, Alberto Costa and Julie Marson discharged and James Daly, Jane Hunt and Selaine Saxby nominated in substitution.

Reports from Select Committees relating to orders for printing made during the adjournment under Standing Order No. 137

Tuesday 15 February

21 International Trade Committee

UK trade negotiations: Written evidence, to be published (HC 127) (Clerk of the House).

Reports from Select Committees made on Monday 21 February

22 Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee

- (1) Building safety: Remediation and funding: Oral and Written evidence, to be published (HC 1063);
- (2) Correspondence with the Secretary of State: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) Council tax collection: Written evidence, to be published (HC 889);

(4) The regulation of social housing: Written evidence, to be published (HC 874) (Mr Clive Betts).

23 Public Accounts (Committee of)

- (1) Excess Votes 2020–21: Fortieth Report, to be printed, with formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1099);
- (2) Lessons from implementing IR35 reforms: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1051);
- (3) BBC efficiency and reform: Written evidence, to be published (HC 995);
- (4) Bounce Back Loan Scheme: Follow-up: Written evidence, to be published (HC 951);
- (5) Correspondence from HS2 Limited relating to the HS2 award of the rolling stock contracts: Written evidence, to be published;
- (6) Crossrail: A progress update: Written evidence, to be published (HC 184);
- (7) COVID-19: Local government finance: Written evidence, to be published (HC 239);
- (8) Future of the advanced gas-cooled reactors: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1050);
- (9) Improving outcomes for women in the criminal justice system: Written evidence, to be published (HC 997);
- (10) Progress with trade negotiations: Written evidence, to be published (HC 993);
- (11) Regulation of private renting: Written evidence, to be published (HC 996) (Dame Meg Hillier).

24 Scottish Affairs Committee

- (1) Defence in Scotland: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 611);
- (2) Public broadcasting in Scotland: Written evidence, to be published (HC 574);
- (3) Storm Arwen: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1024);
- (4) *Universities and Scotland*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 54) (Pete Wishart).

25 Treasury Committee

- * This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings from Tuesday 1 March 2022 for details.
- (1) The appointment of Professor David Miles to the Budget Responsibility Committee of the Office for Budget Responsibility: Government's response to the Committee's Ninth report of Session 2021–22: Sixth Special Report, to be printed (HC 1158);
- (2) Future of financial services: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 147);
- (3) Correspondence from the Chancellor of the Exchequer relating to the launch of recruitment campaigns for the Court of the Bank of England: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) Correspondence from the Financial Conduct Authority relating to the stronger nudge trials: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) Correspondence from the Payment Systems Regulator relating to card payment fees: Written evidence, to be published;

- (6) HM Revenue & Customs Supplementary Estimate Memorandum 2021–21: Written evidence, to be published;
- (7) HM Treasury Supplementary Estimate Memorandum 2021–22: Written evidence, to be published;
- (8) National Savings and Investments Supplementary Estimates Memorandum 2021–22: Written evidence, to be published;
- (9) The Government Actuary's Department Supplementary Estimate Memorandum 2021–22: Written evidence, to be published;
- (10) *The work of HMRC*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1095) (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 Reform of the Gender Recognition Act

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered e-petition 327108, relating to reform of the Gender Recognition Act.—(Elliot Colburn.)

The Chair announced a time limit on backbench speeches (under the authority of the Chairman of Ways and Means and Standing Order No. 47(1)).

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petition 327108 relating to reform of the Gender Recognition Act.

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

Adjourned at 7.28 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers presented and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates during the adjournment under Standing Orders No. 158 and No. 159:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

Friday 11 February 2022

1 Council Tax

Council Tax (Demand Notices and Reduction Schemes) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 127), dated 10 February 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Michael Gove)

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2 Competition

Competition Act 1998 (Health Services for Patients in England) (Coronavirus) (Public Policy Exclusion) Order 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 124), dated 10 February 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

3 Merchant Shipping

Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Entry into Enclosed Spaces) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 96), dated 8 February 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

4 Sports Grounds and Sporting Events

Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation) (Amendment) (England) Order 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 122), dated 8 February 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Nigel Huddleston)

Thursday 17 February 2022

5 Agriculture

Countryside Stewardship (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 141), dated 16 February 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary George Eustice)

6 Exiting The European Union

Pesticides (Revocation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 144), dated 9 February 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary George Eustice)

7 Home Office

Statement of changes in Immigration Rules (CP 632) (by Command), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Priti Patel)

Other papers

Friday 11 February 2022

8 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

Government response to the Report of the House of Lords National Plan for Sport and Recreation Committee, Session 2021–22, on a national plan for sport, health and wellbeing (by Command) (CP 615) (Nigel Huddleston)

Tuesday 15 February 2022

9 Health and Social Care

Government Response to the Second Report of the Health and Social Care Committee, Session 2021–22, on Workforce Burnout and Resilience in the NHS and Social Care (by Command) (CP 620) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

Thursday 17 February 2022

10 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

- (1) Fisheries Management and Support Common Framework: Provisional Framework Outline Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding (by Command) (CP 616) (Secretary George Eustice)
- (2) Food Compositional Standards and Labelling Common Framework: Provisional Framework Outline Agreement and Concordat (by Command) (CP 592) (Secretary George Eustice)
- (3) Ozone-Depleting Substances and Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases Common Framework: Provisional Framework Outline Agreement and Concordat (by Command) (CP 594) (Secretary George Eustice)

11 Medicines

- (1) Explanatory Memorandum to the Draft Human Medicines (Amendments Relating to the Early Access to Medicines Scheme) Regulations 2022 (by Command) (Secretary Sajid Javid)
- (2) Explanatory Memorandum to the Draft Human Medicines (Coronavirus and Influenza) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (by Command) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

Withdrawn papers

Thursday 17 February 2022

12 Medicines

- (1) Explanatory Memorandum to the Draft Human Medicines (Amendments Relating to the Early Access to Medicines Scheme) Regulations 2022 (laid 7 February)
- (2) Explanatory Memorandum to the Draft Human Medicines (Coronavirus and Influenza) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (laid 7 February)

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 21 February 2022

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

13 Agriculture

Draft Food and Feed Safety (Miscellaneous Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Maggie Throup)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

14 Agriculture

Milk and Milk Products (Pupils in Educational Establishments) Aid Applications (England and Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 160), dated 17 February 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary George Eustice)

15 Energy

Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme and Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 159), dated 17 February 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

16 Pensions

Occupational Pension Schemes (Schemes that were Contracted-out) (No. 2) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 158), dated 17 February 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Guy Opperman)

17 Social Security

Jobseeker's Allowance (Schemes for Assisting Persons to Obtain Employment) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 154), dated 17 February 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Mims Davies)

Other papers

18 Health and Social Care

Government Response to the Seventh Report of the House of Lords Economic Affairs Committee, Session 2017–19, on Social Care Funding: time to end a national scandal (by Command) (CP 608) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

19 Mental Health

Report of the Care Quality Commission: Monitoring the Mental Health Act in 2020–21 (by Act) (Gillian Keegan)

20 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Ministry of Defence: The Equipment Plan 2021 to 2031 (by Act), to be printed (HC 1105) (Clerk of the House)

21 National Museums Liverpool

Report and Accounts of National Museums Liverpool for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Statutory Instrument), to be printed (HC 1136) (Nigel Huddleston)

22 Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions

Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Hong Kong Locally Engaged Ratings' Service Pensions Increase) Order (by Act) (Secretary Ben Wallace)

23 Small Business, Enterprise and Employment

Report on Better Regulation: Government's Annual Report (by Act) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

24 Treaty Series No. 3 (2022)

Agreement, done at Bern on 1 June 2021, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Swiss Confederation on the Mutual Recognition of their Authorised Economic Operator Programmes (by Command) (CP 622) (Secretary Elizabeth Truss)

Withdrawn papers

25 Small Business, Enterprise and Employment

Report on Better Regulation: Government's Annual Report (laid 13 January)

MEMORANDUM

Pursuant to Standing Order No. 118(1), the Speaker has rescinded the allocation of the following instrument, made on Wednesday 9 February, to the delegated legislation committee cited.

Third Delegated Legislation Committee (the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Self-Isolation) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 72))

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), that Simon Fell is eligible to have a proxy vote cast on his behalf, starting from 22 February 2022 and finishing on 7 March 2022. The nominated proxy is Christopher Pincher.

CORRECTION

Wednesday 2 February 2022

The following item should have appeared under SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

Finance (No. 2) Bill

The Speaker has certified that the Finance (No. 2) Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.