

Thursday 17 March 2022

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Transport
- 2 Urgent Question: DWP: office closures (David Rutley)
- 3 Speaker's Statement: Ukraine
- 4 Business Question (Leader of the House)
- 5 Statements: (1) Strategic lawsuits against public participation (Secretary Dominic Raab)
 - (2) Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities (Kemi Badenoch)
- 6 Select Committee Statement (Standing Order No. 22D): Publication of the Fourth Report from the Education Committee, Is the Catch-up Programme fit for purpose?, HC 940 (Robert Halfon)
- 7 Online Safety Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Secretary Nadine Dorries, supported by the Prime Minister, Secretary Dominic Raab, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Priti Patel, Secretary Sajid Javid, Chris Philp, Julia Lopez and Mr Damian Hinds, presented a Bill to make provision for and in connection with the regulation by OFCOM of certain internet services; for and in connection with communications offences; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 285) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 285–EN).

8 Backbench Business

(1) The Irish diaspora in Britain

Resolved, That this House has considered the Irish diaspora in Britain.—(Tony Lloyd.)

(2) Introduction of paid miscarriage leave

Resolved, That this House calls on the Government to introduce paid miscarriage leave; notes that in the UK, two weeks parental bereavement leave and pay is in place after stillbirth, however there is no such support for anyone who has experienced a miscarriage before 24 weeks of pregnancy; believes that miscarriage is an extremely traumatic experience and that more support should be provided to families that experience such a loss; understands that the New Zealand Parliament unanimously approved legislation to give people who experience a miscarriage paid leave, no matter what stage a loss

of pregnancy occurs; and further believes that the Government should follow suit and provide paid leave for people that experience miscarriage and allow families to grieve for their profound loss.—(Angela Crawley.)

9 Statement: P&O Ferries (Robert Courts)

10 Adjournment

Subject: Potential merits of reform of educational assessments (Mrs Flick Drummond)

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

Adjourned at 5.56 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Changes to Notices Given

11 Public Bodies (Representation from Devolved Nations) Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 6 May.

12 Community Wealth Fund Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 6 May.

13 Unsolicited Explicit Images and Deepfake Pornography Bill

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

Bill withdrawn.

14 Education (Assemblies) Bill [Lords]

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 6 May.

15 Planning (Street Plans) Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 6 May.

16 Local Authority Boundaries (Referendums) Bill

Order for resuming on Friday 18 March the adjourned debate on the Question proposed on 25 February, That the Bill be now read a second time, read and discharged.

Debate to be resumed on Friday 6 May.

17 Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (Status) (No. 2) Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 6 May.

18 Marine Protected Areas (Bottom Trawling) Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 6 May.

19 Kinship Care (Parental Leave) Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 6 May.

20 Rule of Law (Enforcement by Public Authorities) Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 6 May.

21 Registers of Births and Deaths Bill

Order for resuming on Friday 18 March the adjourned debate on the Question proposed on 26 November 2021, That the Bill be now read a second time, read and discharged.

Debate to be resumed on Friday 6 May.

22 Workers (Rights) (No. 2) Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 6 May.

23 Decarbonisation and Economic Strategy Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 6 May.

24 Climate and Ecology Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 6 May.

25 Abuse of Public-facing Workers (Offences) Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 6 May.

General Committees: Reports

26 Product Security and Telecommunications Infrastructure Bill Committee

Graham Stringer (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

27 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee

Christina Rees (Chair) reported the draft Food and Feed Safety (Miscellaneous Amendments and Transitional Provisions) 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).

28 First Delegated Legislation Committee (Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2022, (SI, 2022, No. 203), Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations 2022, (SI, 2022, No. 205) and Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 241)).

Chair: Derek Twigg

Reports from Select Committees

29 Backbench Business Committee

Determination of business to be taken on Thursday 24 March in the Chamber and Thursday 24 and Tuesday 29 March in Westminster Hall (Ian Mearns).

30 European Scrutiny Committee

- (1) Ministerial correspondence: Written evidence, to be published (HC 121);
- (2) Retained EU law: Where next?: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1113) (Sir William Cash).

Lindsay Hoyle
Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 1.30 pm.

Business determined by the Backbench Business Committee (Standing Orders Nos. 10(7) and 14(4))

1 Gender specific religious persecution

Resolved, That this House has considered gender specific religious persecution.—(Jim Shannon.)

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

Adjourned at 3.00 pm until Monday 21 March.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Public Service Pensions

Judicial Pensions Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 319), dated 17 March 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

2 Social Security

Draft Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Lucy Frazer)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

3 National Health Service

- (1) National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 318), dated 17 March 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Edward Argar)
- (2) National Health Service (Clinical Commissioning Groups) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 316), dated 16 March 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Edward Argar)

4 Pensions

- (1) Armed Forces and Reserve Forces (Compensation Scheme) (Amendment) Order 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 267), dated 8 March 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Leo Docherty)
- (2) Personal Injuries (Civilians) Scheme (Amendment) Order 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 294), dated 10 March 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Leo Docherty)

5 Public Health

Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel and Operator Liability) (Revocation) (England) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 317), dated 17 March 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Maggie Throup)

Other papers

6 Cabinet Office

Government response to the House of Lords Risk Assessment and Risk Planning Committee Report, Session 2021–22, on Preparing for Extreme Risks: Building a Resilient Society (by Command) (CP 641) (Michael Ellis)

7 Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate

Report of HM Chief Inspector of the Crown Prosecution Service for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1161) (Suella Braverman)

8 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

Government response to the Report of the Joint Committee on the Draft Online Safety Bill (by Command) (CP 640) (Secretary Nadine Dorries)

9 Equalities

Government response to the Report of the Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities: Inclusive Britain (by Command) (CP 625) (Kemi Badenoch)

10 Health and Social Care

- (1) Department of Health and Social Care Minute, dated 17 March 2022, concerning notification of a contingent liability in relation to an indemnity granted for the Fuller Inquiry (by Command) (Maria Caulfield)
- (2) Government response to the Eighth Report from the Health and Social Care Committee, Session 2021–22, on Children and young people's mental health (by Command) (CP 629) (Secretary Sajid Javid)
- (3) Government response to the Second Special Report of the Health and Social Care Committee's Expert Panel, Session 2021–22, on Evaluation of the Government's progress against its policy commitments in the area of mental health services in England (by Command) (CP 642) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

11 Parliamentary Standards

Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority: The Scheme of MPs' Staffing and Business Costs 2022–23 (fourteenth edition) (by Act), to be printed (HC 1111) (The Speaker)

12 Social Security Administration

Government Actuary's Quinquennial Review of the National Insurance Fund as at April 2020 (by Act) (Lucy Frazer)