



House of Commons

Wednesday 25 May 2022

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 **Questions to the Secretary of State for Wales**
- 2 **Speaker's Statement: Nick Munting MBE**
- 3 **Questions to the Prime Minister**
- 4 **Statement: Findings of Second Permanent Secretary's investigation into alleged gatherings on Government premises during COVID restrictions (the "Sue Gray Report") (The Prime Minister)**

5 **Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Secretary George Eustice, supported by the Prime Minister, Steve Barclay, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Sajid Javid, Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng and Jo Churchill, presented a Bill to make provision about the release and marketing of, and risk assessments relating to, precision bred plants and animals, and the marketing of food and feed produced from such plants and animals; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 11) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 11–EN).

6 **Product Security and Telecommunications Infrastructure Bill: Programme (No. 2)**

Ordered, That the Order of 26 January 2022 in the last Session of Parliament (Product Security and Telecommunications Infrastructure 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 two 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 three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order.—(*David T C Davies.*)

7 **Product Security and Telecommunications Infrastructure Bill: Consideration of the Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee**

New Clause NC1—(*Julia Lopez*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC2—(*Julia Lopez*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Amendments 1 to 3 made.

Amendment 14 proposed.—(*Chris Elmore*.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Division No. 9

Ayes: 163 (Tellers: Colleen Fletcher, Navendu Mishra)

Noes: 280 (Tellers: David T C Davies, Steve Double)

Question accordingly negatived.

Amendments 4 to 8 made.

Consideration completed.

8 Product Security and Telecommunications Infrastructure Bill: Third Reading

James Cleverly signified Queen's consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned.

Bill read the third time and passed.

9 Ukraine

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered Ukraine.—(*Jeremy Quin*.)

10 Deputy Speaker's Statement: Election of the Chair of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

The Deputy Speaker announced that Sir Robert Goodwill had been elected as Chair of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee (Standing Order No. 122B).

11 Ukraine (resumed)

The House resumed the debate.

Resolved, That this House has considered Ukraine.

12 Statutory Instruments: Motion for Approval

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Pollution Prevention and Control (Fees) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 25 April in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(*Rebecca Harris*.)

Question agreed to.

13 Adjournment

Subject: Operation of the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953 (Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Rebecca Harris*.)

Adjourned at 6.38 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

14 Third Delegated Legislation Committee

Stewart Hosie (Chair) reported the draft Public Procurement (International Trade Agreements) (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).

15 Public Order Bill Committee

Members: Lee Anderson, Andrew Bridgen, Wendy Chamberlain, Alex Cunningham, Jackie Doyle-Price, Chris Elmore, Mrs Natalie Elphicke, Paul Holmes, Tom Hunt, Dr Rupa Huq, Sarah Jones, Marco Longhi, Kerry McCarthy, Anne McLaughlin, Kit Malthouse, Scott Mann and Matt Vickers

16 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Pharmacy (Preparation and Dispensing Errors - Hospital and Other Pharmacy Services) Order 2022 and draft Pharmacy (Responsible Pharmacists, Superintendent Pharmacists etc.) Order 2022)

(1) Chair: Mr Laurence Robertson

(2) Members: Debbie Abrahams, Simon Baynes, Aaron Bell, Steven Bonnar, Ian Byrne, Maria Caulfield, Feryal Clark, Chris Clarkson, Virginia Crosbie, Dr James Davies, Steve Double, Lilian Greenwood, Kate Griffiths, Jonathan Gullis, Robert Langan, Clive Lewis and Tony Lloyd

17 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 9) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 477))

(1) Chair: Mrs Sheryll Murray

(2) Members: Paula Barker, Brendan Clarke-Smith, Theo Clarke, James Cleverly, Elliot Colburn, Dr James Davies, Dave Doogan, Stephen Doughty, Maria Eagle, Mr Marcus Fysh, Peter Gibson, Rebecca Harris, Gerald Jones, Mrs Pauline Latham, Lloyd Russell-Moyle, Dean Russell and Mr Barry Sheerman

18 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Public Procurement (International Trade Agreements) (Amendment) Regulations 2022)

Members: Michael Tomlinson discharged and Gareth Johnson nominated in substitution.

19 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Import of Animals and Animal Products and Approved Countries (Amendment) Regulations 2022)

(1) Chair: Yvonne Fovargue

(2) Members: Gareth Bacon, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Liam Byrne, Miss Sarah Dines, Mr Louie French, Richard Fuller, Jo Gideon, Mary Glendon, Chris Green, Margaret Greenwood, James Grundy, Danny Kruger, John McNally, Rachael Maskell, Victoria Prentis, Selaine Saxby and Daniel Zeichner

*Select Committees: Reports***20 Environmental Audit Committee**

- (1) *Preparations for UNFCCC COP27*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 247);
 - (2) *Accelerating the transition from fossil fuels and securing energy supplies*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 109);
 - (3) *Technological innovations and climate change: green steel*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 108)
- (Philip Dunne).

21 European Scrutiny Committee

- (1) Second Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 119-ii);
 - (2) *Ministerial correspondence*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 119)
- (Sir William Cash).

22 Home Affairs Committee

- (1) *The Macpherson Report: twenty-two years on: Government Response to the Committee's Third Report of Session 2021–22*: First Special Report, to be printed (HC 274);
 - (2) *Drugs*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 198);
 - (3) *Home Office Main Estimate Memorandum 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (4) *National Crime Agency Main Estimate Memorandum 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (5) *Police conduct and complaints*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 210);
 - (6) *Violence against Women and Girls*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 203);
 - (7) *Work of the Home Office*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 200)
- (Dame Diana Johnson).

23 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

- (1) *The right to family life: adoption of children of unmarried women 1949–1976*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 270);
 - (2) *Protecting human rights in care settings*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 216);
 - (3) *Correspondence from the Home Secretary relating to the UK's Asylum Partnership Arrangement with Rwanda*: Written evidence, to be published
- (Ms Harriet Harman).

24 International Trade Committee

- (1) *UK trade negotiations: Agreement with New Zealand*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 78);
- (2) *Correspondence from the Chair of the Trade Remedies Authority relating to proposed measures to protect the UK aluminium extrusions industry from dumping*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *UK trade negotiations*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 15);

(4) *UK trade negotiations: Agreement with Australia*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 117)

(Angus Brendan MacNeil).

25 Justice Committee

(1) *Prisons update*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 233);

(2) *Correspondence from the Chair of the Bar Council relating to income inequality*: Written evidence, to be published;

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

(4) *Correspondence from the Minister for Justice and Tackling Illegal Migration relating to lasting powers of attorney*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Justice relating to Rainsbrook Secure Training Centre*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Justice relating to residential women's centres*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Justice relating to youth justice system investment*: Written evidence, to be published;

(8) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State relating to Bexleyheath Tribunals Centre*: Written evidence, to be published;

(9) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State relating to the acquisition of 7 Newgate Street*: Written evidence, to be published

(10) *Correspondence with the Attorney General relating to the Serious Fraud Office*: Written evidence, to be published;

(11) *Women in Prison*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 265)

(Sir Robert Neill).

26 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

(1) *Investment in Northern Ireland*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 85);

(2) *Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 285);

(3) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Levelling Up, the Union and Constitution*: Written evidence, to be published;

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

(5) *Northern Ireland Office Main Estimate Memorandum 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *The effect of paramilitaries on society in Northern Ireland*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 24)

(Simon Hoare).

27 Procedure Committee

Accountability hearings: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 277) (Karen Bradley).

28 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *Armoured Vehicles: the Ajax programme*: Seventh Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 259);

(2) *Secure training centres and secure schools*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 30)

(Dame Meg Hillier).

29 Science and Technology Committee

(1) *Fusion*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 230);

(2) *Diversity and inclusion in STEM*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 95);

(3) *The right to privacy: digital data*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 97);

(4) *The role of technology, research and innovation in the COVID-19 recovery*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 96);

(5) *UK science, research and technology capability and influence in global disease outbreaks*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 98)

(Greg Clark).

30 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

Third Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 4-iii)
(Jessica Morden).

31 Transport Committee

Maritime 2050: objectives, implementation and effects: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 160) (Huw Merriman).

32 Treasury Committee

The work of the Payment Systems Regulator: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 144)
(Mel Stride).

33 Welsh Affairs Committee

(1) *Wales as a global tourist destination*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 220);

(2) *Wales Office Main Estimate Memorandum 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published
(Stephen Crabb).

34 Women and Equalities Committee

(1) *Media reporting of women in Parliament*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 89);

(2) *Correspondence with the Minister for Women and Equalities relating to the Equality and Human Rights Commission's budget 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Equality in the heart of democracy: A gender sensitive House of Commons*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 205);

(4) *Mental health of men and boys follow-up*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 90)
(Caroline Nokes).

35 Work and Pensions Committee

(1) *Health assessments for benefits*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 128);

(2) *Correspondence with the Minister for Pensions and Financial Inclusion relating to the payment of arrears to members of the Financial Assistance Scheme*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Minister for Welfare Delivery relating to Universal Credit fraud*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Protecting pension savers – five years on from the pension freedoms: Saving for later life*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 126)

(Stephen Timms).

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 Foreign lobbying in the UK

Resolved, That this House has considered foreign lobbying in the UK.—(Bob Seely.)

The sitting was suspended between 10.48 am and 11.00 am.

2 Potential merits of a video games enterprise zone in Stoke-on-Trent

Resolved, That this House has considered the potential merits of a video games enterprise zone in Stoke-on-Trent.—(Jonathan Gullis.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.30 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 Fiscal approach to tackling rises in the cost of living

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the fiscal approach to tackling rises in the cost of living.—(Dan Jarvis.)

The sitting was suspended between 2.58 pm and 3.11 pm for a division in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

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 the fiscal approach to tackling rises in the cost of living.

4 Impact of India's foreign contribution law on NGOs

Resolved, That this House has considered the impact of India's foreign contribution law on NGOs.—(Stephen Timms.)

5 Recruitment support for the agriculture sector

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of recruitment support for the agriculture sector.—(Wendy Chamberlain.)

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

Adjourned at 5.37 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Local Government

Draft Local Government (Exclusion of Non-commercial Considerations) (England) Order 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Kemi Badenoch)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Local Government

(1) Draft Amber Valley (Electoral Changes) Order 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (The Speaker)

(2) Draft Charnwood (Electoral Changes) Order 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (The Speaker)

(3) Draft Mid Sussex (Electoral Changes) Order 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (The Speaker)

Other papers

3 Air Force (Constitution)

Queen's Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Sixth Edition) (Amendment 2) (by Act) (James Heappey)

4 Coronavirus

Two Monthly Report on the status on the non-devolved provisions of the Coronavirus Act 2020 (by Act) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

5 Justice

(1) Delivering justice for victims: Consultation response (by Command) (CP 664) (Dominic Raab)

(2) Draft Victims Bill (by Command) (CP 687) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

6 Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction

Report and Accounts of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England for 2021–22, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 177) (The Speaker)

7 Social Security

Explanatory Memorandum to the Employment Allowance (Increase of Maximum Amount) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 364) (by Command) (Lucy Frazer)

Withdrawn papers

8 Social Security

Explanatory Memorandum to the Employment Allowance (Increase of Maximum Amount) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 364) (laid 23 March 2022)