



House of Commons

Thursday 1 December 2022

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 **Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport**
(2) the Chairman of the Public Accounts Commission, the hon. Member representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission, the hon. Member representing the Church Commissioners and the Right hon. Member representing the Parliamentary Works Sponsor Body
- 2 **Urgent Question: Rail cancellations and service levels (Huw Merriman)**
- 3 **Business Question (Leader of the House)**
- 4 **Counsellors of State Bill [Lords]: Allocation of Time Motion**
Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the proceedings on the Counsellors of State Bill [Lords]:
Timetable
(1) (a) Proceedings on Second Reading and in Committee of the whole House, any proceedings on Consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall be taken at today's sitting in accordance with this Order.
(b) Proceedings on Second Reading 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.
(c) Proceedings in Committee of the whole House, any proceedings on Consideration and 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.
Timing of proceedings and Questions to be put
(2) When the Bill has been read a second time:
(a) it shall, despite Standing Order No. 63 (Committal of bills not subject to a programme order), stand committed to a Committee of the whole House without any Question being put;
(b) the Speaker shall leave the Chair whether or not notice of an Instruction has been given.
(3) (a) On the conclusion of proceedings in Committee of the whole House, the Chair shall report the Bill to the House without putting any Question.

(b) If the Bill is reported with amendments, the House shall proceed to consider the Bill as amended without any Question being put.

(4) For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph (1), the Chair or Speaker shall forthwith put the following Questions in the same order as they would fall to be put if this Order did not apply:

(a) any Question already proposed from the Chair;

(b) any Question necessary to bring to a decision a Question so proposed;

(c) the Question on any amendment moved or Motion made by a Minister of the Crown;

(d) the Question on any amendment, new Clause or new Schedule selected by the Chair or Speaker for separate decision;

(e) any other Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded;

and shall not put any other Questions, other than the Question on any motion described in paragraph (13)(a) of this Order.

(5) On a Motion so made for a new Clause or a new Schedule, the Chair or Speaker shall put only the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill.

(6) If two or more Questions would fall to be put under paragraph (4)(c) on successive amendments moved or Motions made by a Minister of the Crown, the Chair or Speaker shall instead put a single Question in relation to those amendments or Motions.

(7) If two or more Questions would fall to be put under paragraph (4)(e) in relation to successive provisions of the Bill, the Chair shall instead put a single Question in relation to those provisions, except that the Question shall be put separately on any Clause or Schedule to the Bill which a Minister of the Crown has signified an intention to leave out.

Messages from the Lords

(8) (a) Any Message from the Lords on the Bill may be considered forthwith without any Question being put; and any proceedings interrupted for that purpose shall be suspended accordingly.

(b) Proceedings on any Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement; and any proceedings suspended under sub-paragraph (a) shall thereupon be resumed.

(9) Paragraphs (2) to (5) of Standing Order No. 83G (Programme orders: conclusion of proceedings on further messages from the Lords) apply for the purposes of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph (8) of this Order.

Reasons Committee

(10) Paragraphs (2) to (6) of Standing Order No. 83H (Programme orders: reasons committee) apply in relation to any committee to be appointed to draw up reasons after proceedings have been brought to a conclusion in accordance with this Order.

Miscellaneous

(11) Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to proceedings on the Bill.

(12) Standing Order No. 82 (Business Committee) shall not apply in relation to any proceedings to which this Order applies.

(13) (a) No Motion shall be made, except by a Minister of the Crown, to alter the order in which any proceedings on the Bill are taken, to recommit the Bill or to vary or supplement the provisions of this Order.

(b) No notice shall be required of such a Motion.

(c) Such a Motion may be considered forthwith without any Question being put; and any proceedings interrupted for that purpose shall be suspended accordingly.

(d) The Question on such a Motion shall be put forthwith; and any proceedings suspended under sub-paragraph (c) shall thereupon be resumed.

(e) Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to proceedings on such a Motion.

(14) (a) No dilatory Motion shall be made in relation to proceedings to which this Order applies except by a Minister of the Crown.

(b) The Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

(15) (a) The start of any debate under Standing Order No. 24 (Emergency debates) to be held on a day on which the Bill has been set down to be taken as an Order of the Day shall be postponed until the conclusion of any proceedings on that day to which this Order applies.

(b) Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to proceedings in respect of such a debate.

(16) Proceedings to which this Order applies shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

(17) (a) Any private business which has been set down for consideration at a time falling after the commencement of proceedings on this Order or on the Bill on a day on which the Bill has been set down to be taken as an Order of the Day shall, instead of being considered as provided by Standing Orders or by any Order of the House, be considered at the conclusion of the proceedings on the Bill on that day.

(b) Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to the private business so far as necessary for the purpose of securing that the business may be considered for a period of three hours.—(*Stuart Anderson.*)

5 Counsellors of State Bill [Lords]: Second Reading

Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House (Order, today).

6 Counsellors of State Bill [Lords]: Committee of the whole House

The House resolved itself into a Committee (Order, today).

(In the Committee)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 agreed to.

The occupant of the Chair left the Chair to report the Bill (Order, today).

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Stuart Anderson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made no amendment.

7 Counsellors of State Bill [Lords]: Third Reading

Bill read the third time, and passed without amendment.

8 Backbench Business

World AIDS Day

Resolved, That this House has considered World AIDS Day.—(*Lloyd Russell-Moyle*.)

9 Adjournment

Subject: Unadopted roads and facilities for new housing estates (Andrew Selous)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Fay Jones*.)

Adjourned at 2.46 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Disqualification of a Member

10 Disqualification of a Member

Notification, laid upon the Table by the Speaker, That on 30 November the Chancellor of the Exchequer appointed Rosie Cooper, Member for West Lancashire, to be Steward and Bailiff of Her Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Burnham in the county of Buckingham.

Lords Messages

11 Ballot Secrecy Bill [Lords]

The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision for ensuring the secrecy of ballots cast in polling stations at elections; and for connected purposes, to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

First Reading and Printing of Lords Bills

12 Ballot Secrecy Bill [Lords]

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 9 December, and to be printed (Bill 208).

General Committees: Reports

13 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee

Carolyn Harris (Chair) reported the draft Export Control (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2022.

14 Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee

Sir Robert Syms (Chair) reported the draft Internal Market Information System Regulation (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2021.

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 Employment Relations (Flexible Working) Bill

Chair: Philip Davies

16 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Animals and Animal Health, Feed and Food, Plants and Plant Health (Amendment) Regulations 2022) and (draft Trade in Animals and Related Products (Amendment and Legislative Functions) Regulations 2022)

Chair: Stewart Hosie

17 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (the Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (High-Risk Countries) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2022 (SI 2022, No. 1183))

Chair: Sir Gary Streeter

18 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Dentists, Dental Care Professionals, Nurses, Nursing Associates and Midwives (International Registrations) Order 2022)

Chair: Mr Peter Bone

19 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Architects Act 1997 (Amendment) Regulations 2022)

Chair: Mr Laurence Robertson

20 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Product Safety and Metrology (Amendment and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2022)

Chair: Mrs Pauline Latham

21 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Extraterritorial US Legislation (Sanctions against Cuba, Iran and Libya) (Protection of Trading Interests) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2022)

Chair: Carolyn Harris

22 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Export Control (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2022)

Members: Tracey Crouch discharged and David Duguid nominated in substitution.

23 Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Internal Market Information System Regulation (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2021)

Members: Jo Churchill and Anthony Mangnall discharged and Joy Morrissey and Angela Richardson nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

24 Backbench Business Committee

Determination of business to be taken on Thursday 8 December in the Chamber and Thursday 8 and Tuesday 13 December in Westminster Hall (Ian Mearns).

25 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

The work of the BBC: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 382) (Julian Knight).

26 Public Accounts (Committee of)

Progress combatting fraud: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 40)
(Dame Meg Hillier).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 1.30 pm

Business determined by the Backbench Business Committee (Standing Orders No. 10(7) and No. 14(4))

1 Permit variation processes for waste incineration facilities

Resolved, That this House has considered permit variation processes for waste incineration facilities.—(*Elliot Colburn.*)

The sitting was suspended between 2.39 pm and 3.00 pm.

2 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

Resolved, That this House has considered the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.—(*Karin Smyth.*)

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

Adjourned at 4.29 pm until Monday 5 December.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Education

Education (School Teachers' Qualifications and Induction Arrangements) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 1256), dated 29 November 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Nick Gibb)

2 Exiting The European Union Education Employment and Training

EU Agencies (Revocations) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 1241), dated 28 November 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Robert Halfon)

3 Miscellaneous Series No. 10 (2022)

Protocol, done at Strasbourg on 22 November 2017, amending the Additional Protocol to the Convention on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons 2002 (by Command) (CP 762), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary James Cleverly)

Other papers**4 Charities**

Report by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office on the usage of Section 70 of the Charities Act 2006 (by Act) (David Rutley)

5 Government Resources and Accounts

(1) Report and Accounts of the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport for 2021–22, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 742) (Victoria Atkins)

(2) Report and Accounts of Valuation Office Agency for 2021–22, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 768) (Victoria Atkins)

6 Health Professions

Fitness to Practise Report of the Health and Care Professions Council for 2021–22 (by Statutory Instrument), to be printed (HC 919) (Secretary Steve Barclay)

7 Justice and Security

Report on the operation of closed material procedure under the Justice and Security Act 2013 (by Act) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

8 Mental Health

Report of the Care Quality Commission: Monitoring the Mental Health Act in 2021–22 (by Act) (Maria Caulfield)

9 Northern Ireland

Report of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission and the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland on the implementation of Protocol Article 2 (by Act) (Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris)

10 Railways

(1) Railways Act 2005 Statement: High Level Output Specification (by Act), to be printed (HC 868) (Secretary Mark Harper)

(2) Railways Act 2005 Statement: Statement of Funds Available (by Act), to be printed (HC 869) (Secretary Mark Harper)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE**MONEY BILL****Finance Bill**

The Speaker has certified that the Finance Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.