



House of Commons

Wednesday 7 December 2022

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

1 Questions to the Attorney General

2 Speaker's Statement: Visit of His Majesty the King to Parliament

3 Questions to the Prime Minister

4 Urgent Question: Continued involvement by UK companies in Russia (James Cartlidge)

5 Statement: Post Office: Group Litigation Order Compensation Scheme (Secretary Grant Shapps)

6 Pre-Payment Meters (Temporary Prohibition) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Wera Hobhouse, supported by Richard Foord, Mr Alistair Carmichael and Wendy Chamberlain, presented a Bill to prohibit the installation of new pre-payment meters for domestic energy customers before 31 March 2023; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 3 February 2023, and to be printed (Bill 212).

7 Local Authority Boundaries: Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision about changing local authority boundaries in cases where there is public support for such changes; and for connected purposes;

That Robbie Moore, Philip Davies, James Grundy, Mr William Wragg, Damien Moore, Anthony Higginbotham, Matt Vickers, Duncan Baker, Chris Clarkson, Dr Kieran Mullan and Sarah Atherton present the Bill.

Robbie Moore accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 24 March 2023, and to be printed (Bill 213).

8 Financial Services and Markets Bill: Consideration of the Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee

New Clause NC17—(*Andrew Griffith*)—brought up and read the first time.

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

9 Deferred Divisions

The Deputy Speaker announced the results of the Divisions which had been deferred to this day (Standing Order No. 41A).

(1) Landlord and Tenant

That the draft Agricultural Holdings (Fee) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 20 October, be approved.

Division No. 112

Ayes: 291

Noes: 159

Question accordingly agreed to.

(2) Local Government

That the draft Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) (Amendment) Order 2022, which was laid before this House on 3 November, be approved.

Division No. 113

Ayes: 289

Noes: 12

Question accordingly agreed to.

(3) Local Government

That the draft Local Authorities (Mayoral Elections) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 3 November, be approved.

Division No. 114

Ayes: 289

Noes: 12

Question accordingly agreed to.

(4) Police

That the draft Police and Crime Commissioner Elections and Welsh Forms (Amendment) Order 2022, which was laid before this House on 1 November, be approved.

Division No. 115

Ayes: 289

Noes: 13

Question accordingly agreed to.

10 Financial Services and Markets Bill: Consideration of the Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee (resumed)

The House resumed the debate.

Question put and agreed to.

As it was 6.00 pm, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on Consideration to a conclusion (Programme Order, 7 September, as amended 22 September).

(1) That NC17 be added to the Bill (Question necessary to bring to a decision a question already proposed from the Chair).—(*Andrew Griffith.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) That New Clauses NC18, NC19 and NC20 be added to the Bill (single Question on new Clauses moved by a Minister of the Crown).—(*Andrew Griffith.*)

Question agreed to.

(3) That New Clause NC1 be added to the Bill (new Clause selected by the Speaker for separate decision).—(*Tulip Siddiq.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 116

Ayes: 205 (Tellers: Liz Twist, Mary Glindon)

Noes: 282 (Tellers: Steve Double, Fay Jones)

Question accordingly negated.

(4) That New Clause NC2 be added to the Bill (new Clause selected by the Speaker for separate decision).—(*Tulip Siddiq.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 117

Ayes: 204 (Tellers: Liz Twist, Mary Glindon)

Noes: 278 (Tellers: Steve Double, Fay Jones)

Question accordingly negated.

(5) That New Clause NC7 be added to the Bill (new Clause selected by the Speaker for separate decision).—(*Siobhain McDonagh.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 118

Ayes: 206 (Tellers: Liz Twist, Mary Glindon)

Noes: 271 (Tellers: Steve Double, Fay Jones)

Question accordingly negated.

(6) That Amendments 8 to 18 be made (single Question on amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown).—(*Andrew Griffith.*)

Question agreed to.

Consideration completed.

11 Financial Services and Markets Bill: Third Reading

Bill read the third time, and passed.

12 Statutory Instruments: Motion for Approval

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Dentists, Dental Care Professionals, Nurses, Nursing Associates and Midwives (International Registrations) Order 2022, which was laid before this House on 11 October, be approved.—(*Robert Langan.*)

Question agreed to.

13 Public Petitions

A public petition from residents of the United Kingdom relating to park homes energy support was presented and read by Anne McLaughlin.

14 Adjournment

Subject: Fatalities relating to foetal valproate spectrum disorder (Caroline Nokes)

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Robert Langan.*)

At 7.00 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 9(3)).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Robert Langan.*)

Adjourned at 7.22 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

15 Draft Mental Health Bill (Joint Committee on)

The Lords have passed a Resolution that, notwithstanding the Resolution of their House of 4 July, it be an instruction to the Joint Committee on the draft Mental Health Bill that it should report by 13 January 2023 instead of 16 December 2022.

General Committees: Reports

16 Employment Relations (Flexible Working) Bill Committee

Philip Davies (Chair) reported the Bill without amendment.

Bill, not amended, to be considered on Friday 24 February 2023.

17 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee

Mr Laurence Robertson (Chair) reported the draft Architects Act 1997 (Amendment) Regulations 2022.

18 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee

Mrs Pauline Latham (Chair) reported the draft Product Safety and Metrology (Amendment 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).

19 Employment Relations (Flexible Working) Bill Committee

Members: Selaine Saxby and Iain Stewart discharged and Robert Courts and Rebecca Harris nominated in substitution.

20 Child Support Collection (Domestic Abuse) Bill Committee

Members: Tahir Ali, Kevin Brennan, Chris Bryant, Wendy Chamberlain, Chris Clarkson, Robert Courts, Mims Davies, Anna Firth, Sarah Green, Sally-Ann Hart, Rachel Maclean, Wendy Morton, Jess Phillips, Yasmin Qureshi, Nicola Richards, Dean Russell and Selaine Saxby

21 Online Safety (Re-committed Clauses and Schedules) Bill Committee

Members: Caroline Ansell, Shaun Bailey, Saqib Bhatti, Kirsty Blackman, Steven Bonnar, Paul Bristow, Damian Collins, Alex Davies-Jones, Nick Fletcher, Kim Leadbeater, Rachel Maclean, Charlotte Nichols, Sarah Owen, Stephanie Peacock, Dean Russell, Paul Scully and Mike Wood

22 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Immigration (Persons Designated under Sanctions Regulations) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2022)

Members: Shaun Bailey, Aaron Bell, Conor Burns, Miss Sarah Dines, Samantha Dixon, Martin Docherty-Hughes, Chris Elmore, Daniel Kawczynski, Stephen Kinnock, Kate Kniveton, Jack Lopresti, Scott Mann, Paul Maynard, Dr Matthew Offord, Kate Osborne, Karin Smyth and Valerie Vaz

23 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Parliamentary Works Sponsor Body (Abolition) Regulations 2022)

Members: Duncan Baker, Olivia Blake, Ian Byrne, Alberto Costa, Thangam Debbonaire, Marsha De Cordova, Richard Drax, Sally-Ann Hart, Kim Johnson, Julie Marson, Penny Mordaunt, Lia Nici, Nicola Richards, Alec Shelbrooke, Greg Smith, Mark Tami and Sam Tarry

24 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (England) Regulations 2022)

Members: Debbie Abrahams, Sarah Atherton, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Peter Gibson, Mrs Helen Grant, Lilian Greenwood, Jane Hunt, Dan Jarvis, Simon Jupp, Sarah Owen, Dr Dan Poulter, Lee Rowley, Royston Smith, John Spellar, Karl Turner, Giles Watling and Jacob Young

25 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Restriction of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Exemptions) (Fees) Regulations 2022)

Members: Siobhan Baillie, Steven Bonnar, Ben Bradley, Dan Carden, Barry Gardiner, Mary Glendon, Antony Higginbotham, Fay Jones, Ruth Jones, Karl McCartney, Stephen Metcalfe, Robbie Moore, Anne Marie Morris, Kate Osamor, Rebecca Pow, Bell Ribeiro-Addy and Mr Robin Walker

26 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Public Contracts (Amendment) Regulations 2022)

Members: Adam Afriyie, Mr Richard Bacon, Anthony Browne, Alex Burghart, John Cryer, James Daly, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Florence Eshalomi, Mrs Paulette Hamilton, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Julie Marson, Navendu Mishra, Dr Kieran Mullan, Mr Barry Sheerman, Nick Smith, Justin Tomlinson and Suzanne Webb

27 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) (Threshold Amount) Order 2022)

Members: Shaun Bailey, Robert Courts, Chris Elmore, Luke Hall, Adam Holloway, Mr David Jones, Rebecca Long Bailey, Holly Lynch, John McDonnell, Scott Mann, Mr Gagan Mohindra, Zarah Sultana, Derek Thomas, Richard Thomson, Maggie Throup, Tom Tugendhat and Beth Winter

28 Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Conformity Assessment (Mutual Recognition Agreements) (Amendment) Regulations 2022)

Members: Andy Carter, Dr Luke Evans, Jo Gideon, Kevin Hollinrake, Tom Hunt, Ian Levy, Clive Lewis, David Linden, Andy McDonald, Seema Malhotra, Damien Moore, Jessica Morden, Joy Morrissey, Lloyd Russell-Moyle, Gary Sambrook, Nadia Whittome and Sir Jeremy Wright

29 Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Revision of Code A) Order 2022)

Members: Shaun Bailey, Paul Blomfield, Rob Butler, Alun Cairns, Jon Cruddas, Rosie Duffield, Chris Elmore, Ben Everitt, Margaret Greenwood, Dame Meg Hillier, Sarah Jones, Kit Malthouse, Scott Mann, Mark Menzies, Chris Philp, Angela Richardson and David Simmonds

30 Tenth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Investigatory Powers (Communications Data) (Relevant Public Authorities and Designated Senior Officers) Regulations 2022)

Members: Shaun Bailey, Hilary Benn, Sir James Duddridge, Ruth Edwards, Chris Elmore, Mr Louie French, Damian Green, Sir Oliver Heald, Gordon Henderson, Kate Hollern, Dr Neil Hudson, Holly Lynch, Stuart C McDonald, Scott Mann, Taiwo Owatemi, Cat Smith and Tom Tugendhat

Select Committees: Reports

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31 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to Post Office Horizon compensation: Written evidence, to be published (Darren Jones).

32 Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and International Trade Committee

Strategic export controls and Russia: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 927) (Mark Garnier).

33 Education Committee

Accountability hearings: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 58) (Mr Robin Walker).

34 Environmental Audit Committee

Sustainable timber and deforestation: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 637) (Philip Dunne).

35 European Scrutiny Committee

(1) Eleventh Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 119-x);

(2) *Ministerial correspondence:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 119)

(Sir William Cash).

36 Home Affairs Committee

(1) *Migration and asylum*: Part of oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 197);

(2) *Correspondence from His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services relating to training and exercising*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Head of UK Public Policy, Twitter relating to online harms*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Clandestine Channel Threat Commander, Home Office, relating to channel crossings and conditions at Manston asylum facility*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with the Home Secretary relating to channel crossings, asylum claims and policing*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence with the Home Secretary relating to the Director General of the Independent Office for Police Conduct*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Policing priorities*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 635)

(Dame Diana Johnson).

37 International Trade Committee

(1) *UK trade negotiations: Agreement with the Gulf Cooperation Council*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 79);

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

(3) *UK trade negotiations: CPTPP accession*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 13)

(Angus Brendan MacNeil).

38 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

(1) *Cost of living in Northern Ireland*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 716);

(2) *The effectiveness of the institutions of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 781)

(Simon Hoare).

39 Science and Technology Committee

(1) *R&D statistics*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 946);

(2) *Delivering nuclear power*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 626);

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

(Greg Clark).

40 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

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

41 Transport Committee

Work of the Secretary of State for Transport: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 163)
(Karl McCartney).

42 Treasury Committee

(1) *The crypto-asset industry:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 615);
(2) *Correspondence from the Payment Systems Regulator relating to economic crime:*
Written evidence, to be published
(Dame Angela Eagle).

43 Welsh Affairs Committee

(1) *Broadcasting in Wales:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 620);
(2) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy:* Written evidence, to be published;
(3) *Responsibilities of the Secretary of State for Wales:* Written evidence, to be published
(HC 219)
(Stephen Crabb).

44 Women and Equalities Committee

(1) *So-called Honour-based abuse:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 831);
(2) *Correspondence relating to racial harassment and discrimination in higher education:*
Written evidence, to be published;
(3) *Correspondence with the Chair of the Administration Committee relating to the Gender Sensitive Parliament report:* Written evidence, to be published;
(4) *Correspondence with the Leader of the House relating to the Gender Sensitive Parliament report:* Written evidence, to be published;
(6) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for International Trade relating to equalities in trade negotiations:* Written evidence, to be published
(Caroline Nokes).

45 Work and Pensions Committee

(1) *Defined benefit pensions with liability driven investments:* Oral and Written evidence, to be published (HC 826);
(2) *Children in Poverty: Child Maintenance Service:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 272);
(3) *Correspondence with the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work relating to the National Disability Strategy:* Written evidence, to be published;
(4) *Correspondence with the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work and the Minister for Energy and Climate relating to Electricity Supply Emergency Code:* Written evidence to be published;
(5) *Correspondence with the Minister for Pensions:* Written evidence, to be published
(Sir 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 Government support for marine renewables

Resolved, That this House has considered Government support for marine renewables.—
(Mr Alistair Carmichael.)

2 Remuneration for songwriters and composers

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of remuneration for songwriters and composers.—(Kevin Brennan.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.29 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 Sovereignty of the British Indian Ocean Territory

Resolved, That this House has considered the Sovereignty of the British Indian Ocean Territory.—(Daniel Kawczynski.)

The sitting was suspended between 3.52 pm and 4.00 pm.

4 Free bus travel for care leavers

Resolved, That this House has considered free bus travel for care leavers.—(Steve McCabe.)

The sitting was suspended between 4.26 pm and 4.30 pm.

5 Employment and the high street

Resolved, That this House has considered employment and the high street.—(Kevin Hollinrake.)

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

Adjourned at 5.29 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

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Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Immigration

Draft Immigration (Leave to Enter and Remain) (Amendment) Order 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Suella Braverman)

2 Income Tax

Van Benefit and Car and Van Fuel Benefit Order 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 1288), dated 5 December 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (James Cartlidge)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

3 Customs

(1) Customs (Tariff and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 1286), dated 6 December 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Victoria Atkins)

(2) Customs (Tariff Quotas) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 1283), dated 6 December 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Victoria Atkins)

4 Pensions

Pensions Act 2004 (Disclosure of Restricted Information by the Pensions Regulator) (Amendment of Specified Persons) Order 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 1285), dated 5 December (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Laura Trott)

5 Representation of the People

Assistance with Voting for Persons with Disabilities (Principal Area, Parish and Greater London Authority Elections) (Amendments) Rules 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 1284), dated 5 December 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Lee Rowley)

6 Sanctions

Haiti (Sanctions) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 1281), dated 5 December 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (David Rutley)

Other papers

7 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Home Office: Investigation into the performance of HM Passport Office (by Act), to be printed (HC 949) (Clerk of the House)

8 Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland (Extension of Period for Making Ministerial Appointments) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 1296), dated 7 December (by Act) (Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris)

9 Northern Ireland (Stormont Agreement and Implementation Plan)

Fifth Report of the Independent Reporting Commission (by Act), to be printed (HC 893) (Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris)

10 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums

(1) Report of The Electoral Commission on Performance Standards for Electoral Registration Officers (by Act) (Secretary Michael Gove)

(2) Report of The Electoral Commission on Performance Standards for Returning Officers in Great Britain (by Act) (Secretary Michael Gove)

11 Social Security

Explanatory Memorandum to the Social Security Additional Payments (Second Qualifying Day) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 1011) (by Command) (Secretary Mel Stride)

Withdrawn papers

12 Social Security

Explanatory Memorandum to the Social Security Additional Payments (Second Qualifying Day) Regulations 2022 (laid 24 October)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

Voting by proxy

1 Variation of proxy arrangements

(1) The Speaker has certified, further to the certificate of 22 October, under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A(7) (Voting by proxy), that Amy Callaghan has given notice that she wishes to vary her proxy voting arrangement. The nominated proxy will be Martin Docherty-Hughes with effect from 8 December.

(2) The Speaker has certified, further to the certificate of 7 November, under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A(7) (Voting by proxy), that Allan Dorrans has given notice that he wishes to vary his proxy voting arrangement. The nominated proxy will be Martin Docherty-Hughes with effect from 8 December.

(3) The Speaker has certified, further to the certificate of 22 November, under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A(7) (Voting by proxy), that JJohn Nicolson has given notice that he wishes to vary his proxy voting arrangement. The nominated proxy will be Martin Docherty-Hughes with effect from 8 December.

CORRECTION

Tuesday 6 December 2022

The following item should have appeared after item 33 (Select Committees: Reports):

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

- (1) *Work of the Department*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 705);
 - (2) *Food security*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 622);
 - (3) *Marine mammals*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 697)
- (Sir Robert Goodwill).