



House of Commons

Tuesday 13 December 2022

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs

2 Statement: Illegal Immigration (The Prime Minister)

3 Coal Extraction and Use Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Tim Farron, supported by Ed Davey, Daisy Cooper, Wendy Chamberlain and Wera Hobhouse, presented a Bill to require Parliamentary approval of coal extraction from new coal mines commissioned after November 2022; to require the Secretary of State to set targets for phasing out the extraction and use of coal and to report to Parliament on performance against those targets; to require the Secretary of State to publish a strategy for increasing the use of renewable energy sources for steel production in place of coal; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 24 March 2023, and to be printed (Bill 215).

4 Free School Meals (Primary Schools): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend eligibility for free school meals to all children in state primary schools; and for connected purposes;

That Zarah Sultana, Ian Byrne, Kim Johnson, Sir Stephen Timms, Caroline Lucas, Daisy Cooper, Munira Wilson, Apsana Begum, Richard Burgon, Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck, Andy McDonald and Lloyd Russell-Moyle present the Bill.

Zarah Sultana accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 20 January 2023, and to be printed (Bill 214).

5 Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill: Further consideration of Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee (second day)

New Clause NC48—(*Lucy Frazer*)—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)).

At 6.00 pm, the debate was interrupted (Programme Order, 23 November).

The Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on new Clauses and new Schedules relating to Part 3, 4, 5, 6 or 11 and any other new Clauses and new Schedules, amendments to Parts 3, 4, 5, 6 and 11, and remaining proceedings on Consideration to a conclusion (Programme Order, 23 November).

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

(1) That New Clause NC48 be read a second time (Question already proposed from the Chair).

Question agreed to.

(2) That New Clause NC48 be added to the Bill (Question to bring to a decision a question already proposed from the Chair).

Question agreed to.

(3) That New Clauses NC49 to NC60, NC63, NC64, NC67 to NC69, NC77 to NC79, NC118 and NC119 be added to the Bill (single Question on new Clauses moved by a Minister of the Crown).—(*Lucy Frazer.*)

Question agreed to.

(4) That New Clause NC98 be added to the Bill (Question on any new Clause selected by the Speaker for separate decision).—(*Matthew Pennycook.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 126

Ayes: 174 (Tellers: Liz Twist, Mary Glindon)

Noes: 322 (Tellers: Jacob Young, Amanda Solloway)

Question accordingly negated.

(5) That New Clause NC120 be added to the Bill (Question on any new Clause selected by the Speaker for separate decision).—(*Tim Farron.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 127

Ayes: 172 (Tellers: Liz Twist, Mary Glindon)

Noes: 321 (Tellers: Jacob Young, Amanda Solloway)

Question accordingly negated.

(6) That New Schedule NS1 be added to the Bill (Question on any new Schedule moved by a Minister of the Crown).—(*Lucy Frazer.*)

Question agreed to.

(7) That Amendment 78 be made (Question on any amendment selected by the Chair for separate decision).—(*Matthew Pennycook.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 128

Ayes: 171 (Tellers: Liz Twist, Mary Glindon)

Noes: 320 (Tellers: Jacob Young, Amanda Solloway)

Question accordingly negated.

(8) That Amendments 57, 58, 27, 24, 59, 28, 34 to 36, 30, 52, 99, 33, 100, 53, 31, 65, 101, 60, 48, 51, 25, 55, 50, 54, 26, 56, 32, 66, 49, 61 and 102 be made (single Question on any amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown).—(*Lucy Frazer.*)

Question agreed to.

(9) That Amendment 84 be made (Question on any amendment selected by the Chair for separate decision).—(*Matthew Pennycook*.)

The House divided.

Division No. 129

Ayes: 171 (Tellers: Liz Twist, Mary Glindon)

Noes: 319 (Tellers: Jacob Young, Amanda Solloway)

Question accordingly negated.

(10) That Amendments 37 to 39, 67, 103, 68 and 62 be made (single Question on any amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown).—(*Lucy Frazer*.)

Question agreed to.

Title accordingly amended, as follows: A Bill to make provision for the setting of levelling-up missions and reporting on progress in delivering them; about local democracy; about town and country planning; about Community Infrastructure Levy; about the imposition of Infrastructure Levy; about environmental outcome reports for certain consents and plans; about nutrient pollution standards; about regeneration; about the compulsory purchase of land; about information and records relating to land, the environment or heritage; about the registration of short-term rental properties; for the provision for pavement licences to be permanent; about governance of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors; about the charging of fees in connection with marine licences; and for connected purposes.

Consideration completed.

6 Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill: Third Reading

Secretary Michael Gove signified King's consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned.

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Motion made and Question proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time—(*Secretary Michael Gove*.)

At 7.00 pm the debate was interrupted (Programme Order, 23 November).

The Chair put the Question necessary to bring proceedings on Third Reading to a conclusion (Programme Order, 23 November).

The following Question was put forthwith (Standing Orders No. 83E):

That the Bill be now read the third time (Question already proposed from the Chair).

Question agreed to and Bill accordingly read the third time, and passed.

7 Business of the House (14 December)

Ordered, That, on Wednesday 14 December:-

(a) the motion in the name of the Prime Minister on the situation in Ukraine may last for up to 2 hours or until 2.50 pm, whichever is the earlier, at which time the motion shall lapse, unless previously disposed of;

(b) notwithstanding Standing Order No. 9 (Sittings of the House) and Standing Order No. 14(2)(c) (Arrangement of public business) Opposition business shall begin at 4.00 pm or as soon as may be possible thereafter and may continue for up to three hours, and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply and the day shall be an opposition half day for the purposes of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business); and

(c) notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1)(b) of Standing Order No. 10 (Westminster Hall), the sitting in Westminster Hall shall be suspended from 11.30 am until 4.15 pm, and may then continue for up to 90 minutes.—(*Andrew Stephenson.*)

8 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Immigration (Persons Designated under Sanctions Regulations) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 1 November, be approved.—(*Andrew Stephenson.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Parliamentary Works Sponsor Body (Abolition) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 22 November, be approved.—(*Andrew Stephenson.*)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (England) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 23 November, be approved.—(*Andrew Stephenson.*)

Question agreed to.

(4) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Restriction of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Exemptions) (Fees) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 18 October, be approved.—(*Andrew Stephenson.*)

Question agreed to.

(5) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Public Contracts (Amendment) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 8 November, be approved.—(*Andrew Stephenson.*)

Question agreed to.

(6) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) (Threshold Amount) Order 2022, which was laid before this House on 19 October, be approved.—(*Andrew Stephenson.*)

Question agreed to.

(7) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Conformity Assessment (Mutual Recognition Agreements) (Amendment) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 21 November, be approved.—(*Andrew Stephenson.*)

Question agreed to.

(8) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Revision of Code A) Order 2022, which was laid before this House on 13 October, be approved.—(*Andrew Stephenson.*)

Question agreed to.

(9) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Investigatory Powers (Communications Data) (Relevant Public Authorities and Designated Senior Officers) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 7 November, be approved.—(*Andrew Stephenson.*)

Question agreed to.

9 Changes to membership of select committees

(1) *Ordered*, That Dame Eleanor Laing be discharged from the Finance Committee and Mr Nigel Evans be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(2) *Ordered*, That Paul Blomfield be added to the Health and Social Care Committee.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(3) *Ordered*, That Wayne David, Antony Higginbotham, Grahame Morris, Holly Mumby-Croft, Gavin Newlands, Andrew Percy and Martin Vickers be members of the High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill Select Committee.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(4) *Ordered*, That Christian Wakeford be discharged from the Transport Committee and Mike Amesbury be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

10 Public petitions

(1) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Stoke-on-Trent North, Kidsgrove and Talke relating to the use by Serco of hotels in Stoke-on-Trent to house migrants was presented and read by Jonathan Gullis.

(2) A public petition from residents of Erewash relating to the Twenty-One bus route was presented and read by Maggie Throup.

11 Adjournment

Subject: Potential harms of vaccines (Andrew Bridgen)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Andrew Stephenson.*)

Adjourned at 7.33 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

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

Dame Angela Eagle (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

13 Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee

Derek Twigg (Chair) reported the draft Conformity Assessment (Mutual Recognition Agreements) (Amendment) Regulations 2022.

14 Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee

Mrs Pauline Latham (Chair) reported the draft Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Revision of Code A) Order 2022.

15 Tenth Delegated Legislation Committee

Hannah Bardell (Chair) reported the draft Investigatory Powers (Communications Data) (Relevant Public Authorities and Designated Senior Officers) 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).

16 Child Support Collection (Domestic Abuse) Bill Committee

Members: Chris Clarkson discharged and James Wild nominated in substitution.

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

Members: Shaun Bailey discharged and James Sunderland nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

18 Backbench Business Committee

Transcript of representations made on Tuesday 13 December to be published (Ian Mearns).

19 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

(1) *The work of the BEIS Department*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 529);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Business, Energy and Corporate Responsibility relating to a consultation on boiler standards and efficiency*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Enterprise, Markets and Small Business*: Written evidence, to be published;

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

20 Defence Committee

(1) *Cultural Defence Diplomacy*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 792);

(2) *Women in the Armed Forces: follow-up*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 726) (Tobias Ellwood).

21 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

(1) *Sport governance*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 812);

(2) *Connected tech: smart or sinister?*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 157) (Julie Elliott).

22 Education Committee

(1) *The future of post-16 qualifications*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 55);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Skills, Apprenticeships and Higher Education relating to traineeships*: Written evidence, to be published (Mr Robin Walker).

23 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

- (1) *Food security*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 622);
- (2) *Avian influenza*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 890);
- (3) *Sealife mortality off the north east coast*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 796)
(Sir Robert Goodwill).

24 Foreign Affairs Committee

- (1) *Refreshing our approach? Updating the Integrated Review*:
 - (i) Fifth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 882);
 - (ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 882);
- (2) *Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 961);
- (3) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Defence relating to former RAF pilots*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) *Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary relating to UK Overseas Territories*: Written evidence, to be published
(Alicia Kearns).

25 Health and Social Care Committee

- (1) *IMMDS Review follow up one off session*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC689);
- (2) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to outstanding correspondence: recruitment, training and retention*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Expert Panel: Evaluation of Government commitments made on the digitisation of the NHS*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 780)
(Steve Brine).

26 International Development Committee

- (1) *Aid spending in the UK*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 898);
- (2) *Correspondence with the Minister for Development and Africa relating to UK support to the Syrian American Medical Society*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's Annual Report and Accounts*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 765)
(Sarah Champion).

27 Justice Committee

- (1) *Bailiffs: enforcement of debt: Government Response to the Committee's Seventeenth Report of Session 2017–19*: Fifth Special Report, to be printed (HC 979);
- (2) *Public opinion and understanding of sentencing*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 305);
- (3) *Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Justice relating to the evaluation of section 28 pre-recorded cross-examination*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Justice*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Pre-appointment hearing: Chair of the Judicial Appointments Commission*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 925)

(Sir Robert Neill).

28 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

(1) *Planning for the future of the Government's estates*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 793);

(2) *Correspondence with the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster relating to the Government's COVID-19 policy and polling*: Written evidence to be published

(Mr William Wragg).

29 Science and Technology Committee

(1) *Correspondence with the Minister of State for Crime, Policing and Fire relating to biometrics and forensics*: Written evidence, to be published;

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

(3) *Governance of artificial intelligence*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 945)

(Greg Clark).

30 Transport Committee

(1) *HS2: progress update*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 641);

(2) *Self-driving vehicles*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 519);

(3) *Work of the British Transport Police*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 520)

(Iain Stewart).

31 Treasury Committee

Authorised push payment fraud reimbursement scheme: Oral and written evidence, taken before the Sub-Committee on Financial Services Regulations, to be published (HC 939) (Harriett Baldwin).

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 Business Rates and Levelling Up

Resolved, That this House has considered business rates and levelling up.—(Peter Aldous.)

The sitting was suspended from 10.53 am to 11.00 am.

2 Government funding for research into motor neurone disease

Resolved, That this House has considered Government funding for research into motor neurone disease.—(*Karl Turner*.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.23 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 DWP policy on benefit sanctions

Resolved, That this House has considered DWP policy on benefit sanctions.—(*Chris Stephens*.)

4 The effectiveness of the Marine Management Organisation

Resolved, That this House has considered the effectiveness of the Marine Management Organisation.—(*Giles Watling*.)

The sitting was suspended from 4.18 pm to 4.28 pm.

5 Patient pathways and research funding for aortic dissection

Resolved, That this House has considered patient pathways and research funding for aortic dissection.—(*Mrs Pauline Latham*.)

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

Adjourned at 5.24 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Customs

Customs (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 1312), dated 12 December 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Victoria Atkins)

Other papers

2 Bank of England

(1) Financial Stability Report by the Financial Policy Committee: December 2022 (by Act) (The Chancellor of the Exchequer)

(2) Remit and recommendations for the Financial Policy Committee: Response from the Financial Policy Committee (by Act) (The Chancellor of the Exchequer)

3 Domestic Abuse

Report of the Domestic Abuse Commissioner: Safety Before Status: The Solutions (by Act) (Clerk of the House)

4 Education and Inspections

Report of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills for 2021–22, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 894) (Nick Gibb)

5 Government Resources and Accounts

(1) Client Funds Account of the 1993 and 2003 Child Maintenance Schemes for 2021–22, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 930) (Secretary Mel Stride)

(2) Client Funds Account: 2012 Child Maintenance Scheme for 2021–22, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 929) (Secretary Mel Stride)

6 Justice and Security

Report of the Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament for 2021–22 (by Act), to be printed (HC 922) (Clerk of the House)

7 Law Commission

Report of The Law Commission for 2021–22 (by Act), to be printed (HC 960) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

8 National Heritage

Report and Accounts of the Board of Trustees of the Royal Armouries for 2021–22, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 913) (Stuart Andrew)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES**Voting by proxy****1 Variation of proxy voting arrangement**

The Speaker has certified, further to the certificate of 14 November, under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A (Voting by proxy), that Mark Logan has given notice that he wishes to vary his proxy vote arrangement to finish on 8 February 2023.