



House of Commons

Wednesday 11 January 2023

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

1 Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Scotland

(2) the Prime Minister

2 Renewable Liquid Heating Fuel: Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to reduce the duty charged on renewable liquid heating fuel; to provide for the imposition of obligations on suppliers of heating fuel in relation to the supply of renewable fuel; and for connected purposes;

That George Eustice, Sir Gary Streeter, Kevin Foster, Anne Marie Morris, Mr David Jones, Jim Shannon, Ben Lake, Sir Mike Penning, Mr Robin Walker, Selaine Saxby, Ian Paisley and Derek Thomas present the Bill.

George Eustice accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 3 March, and to be printed (Bill 224).

3 Opposition Day: Leader of the Opposition (11th allotted day (Standing Order No. 14))

(1) Fair Taxation of Schools and Education Standards Committee

Motion made and Question put, That the following Standing Order shall have effect until 31 December 2023:

Fair Taxation of Schools and Education Standards Committee

(1) There shall be a select committee, to be called the Fair Taxation of Schools and Education Standards Committee, to consider reforming the tax status of private schools in order to raise funding for measures to increase educational standards across the state sector, including the recruitment of new teachers, additional teacher training, and careers advice and work experience for all pupils;

(2) It shall be an instruction to the committee that it shall make a first report to the House no later than 20 July 2023;

(3) The committee shall consist of eleven members of whom ten shall be nominated by the Committee of Selection in the same manner as those select committees appointed in accordance with Standing Order No. 121;

(4) The chair of the committee shall be a backbench member of a party represented in His Majesty's Government and shall be elected by the House under arrangements approved by the Speaker.

(5) Unless the House otherwise orders, each member nominated to the committee shall continue to be a member of it until the expiration of this Order.

(6) The committee shall have power—

(a) to send for persons, papers and records, to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House, to adjourn from place to place, and to report from time to time; and

(b) to appoint specialist advisers to supply information which is not readily available or to elucidate matters of complexity within the committee's order of reference.

(7) The committee shall have power to appoint a sub-committee, which shall have power to send for persons, papers and records, to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House, to adjourn from place to place, and to report to the committee from time to time.

(8) The committee shall have power to report from time to time the evidence taken before the sub-committee.—(*Bridget Phillipson.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 136

Ayes: 197 (Tellers: Colleen Fletcher, Navendu Mishra)

Noes: 303 (Tellers: Scott Mann, Julie Marson)

Question accordingly negated.

(2) A long-term strategy for the National Health Service

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House condemns the Government for failing to recognise the current crisis in the National Health Service; regrets that, as a result of Government mismanagement, hundreds of lives may be being lost every week due to the collapse of emergency care while patients are finding it impossible to get a GP appointment, ambulance or operation when they need one; calls on the Prime Minister to acknowledge the crisis and act with the necessary urgency to mitigate the impact on patients; and further calls on the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to ensure the NHS is never in this situation again by bringing forward a long-term strategy which will end delayed hospital discharges, provide the NHS with the necessary staff to treat every patient in good time, and reform primary and community care to reduce the number of people needing hospital treatment.—(*Wes Streeting.*)

Amendment proposed, in line 1, to leave out from 'House' to the end of the Question and add 'pays tribute to the work done by the National Health Service and recognises that there are pressures on health systems around the world; recognises that all parts of the UK are facing pressures; welcomes that the Government has committed to reduce waiting times in England as part of its strategy to strengthen the NHS and care system with up to £14.1 billion additional funding being made available by government over the next two years to improve urgent and emergency care and tackle the backlog—the highest spend on health and care in any government's history; and regrets that the Scottish and Welsh governments have refused to make similar such commitments.'—(*Steve Barclay.*)

The Deputy Speaker announced a time limit on backbench speeches (Standing Order No. 47(1)).

Question put, That the original words stand part of the Question (Standing Order No. 31(2)).

The House divided.

Division No. 137

Ayes: 176 (Tellers: Colleen Fletcher, Navendu Mishra)

Noes: 296 (Tellers: Scott Mann, Julie Marson)

Question accordingly negated.

Question, That the proposed words be there added, put forthwith (Standing Order No. 31(2)).

The House divided.

Division No. 138

Ayes: 289 (Tellers: Scott Mann, Julie Marson)

Noes: 0 (Tellers: Sir Robert Goodwill, Amanda Milling)

Question accordingly agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker declared the Main Question, as amended, agreed to (Standing Order No. 31(2)).

Resolved, That this House pays tribute to the work done by the National Health Service and recognises that there are pressures on health systems around the world; recognises that all parts of the UK are facing pressures; welcomes that the Government has committed to reduce waiting times in England as part of its strategy to strengthen the NHS and care system with up to £14.1 billion additional funding being made available by government over the next two years to improve urgent and emergency care and tackle the backlog—the highest spend on health and care in any government’s history; and regrets that the Scottish and Welsh governments have refused to make similar such commitments.

4 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft National Health Service (NHS Payment Scheme – Consultation) (No. 2) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 16 November 2022, be approved.—(*Andrew Stephenson.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the Energy Bill Relief Scheme Pass-through Requirement (Heat Suppliers) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 1280), dated 5 December 2022, a copy of which was laid before this House on 6 December 2022, be approved.—(*Andrew Stephenson.*)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Pensions Appeal Tribunals (Late Appeal) (Amendment) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 17 November 2022, be approved.—(*Andrew Stephenson.*)

Question agreed to.

(4) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft State Immunity Act 1978 (Remedial) Order 2022, which was laid before this House on 7 September 2022, be approved.—(*Andrew Stephenson.*)

Question agreed to.

5 Adjournment

Subject: Upgrade of Pokesdown railway station (Mr Tobias Ellwood)

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

Adjourned at 7.40 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

6 Supported Housing (Regulatory Oversight) Bill

Clive Efford (Chair) reported the Bill without Amendment.

Bill, not amended, to be considered on Friday 3 March.

7 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee

Philip Davies (Chair) reported the draft Climate Change (Targeted Greenhouse Gases) Order 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).

8 Seafarers' Wages Bill [Lords]

(1) Chairs: Philip Davies and Carolyn Harris

(2) Members: Robert Courts, Virginia Crosbie, Jackie Doyle-Price, Mrs Natalie Elphicke, Sir John Hayes, Mr Richard Holden, Mike Kane, Simon Lightwood, David Linden, Grahame Morris, Jill Mortimer, Dr Kieran Mullan, Gavin Newlands, Lia Nici, Karl Turner, Christian Wakeford and Jacob Young

9 Hunting Trophies (Import Prohibition) Bill

Chair: Sir Mark Hendrick

10 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2023)

(1) Chair: Mr Peter Bone

(2) Members: Bim Afolami, Mike Amesbury, Miriam Cates, Brendan Clarke-Smith, Alberto Costa, John Lamont, Robert Langan, Robin Millar, Navendu Mishra, Robbie Moore, Gavin Newlands, Kate Osborne, Sir Mike Penning, Dean Russell, Karin Smyth, Jon Trickett and Liz Twist

11 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Health and Social Care Information Centre (Transfer of Functions, Abolition and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2023)

(1) Chair: Mrs Pauline Latham

(2) Members: Caroline Ansell, Duncan Baker, John Cryer, Chris Green, Andrew Gwynne, Dan Jarvis, Dame Diana Johnson, Danny Kruger, Brandon Lewis, Marco Longhi, Craig Mackinlay, Neil O'Brien, Bell Ribeiro-Addy, Amanda Solloway, Sir Desmond Swayne, Sam Tarry and Christian Wakeford

12 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (The Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Non-Domestic Rating Multipliers) (England) Order 2022)

(1) Chair: Sir Robert Syms

(2) Members: Victoria Atkins, Elliot Colburn, Damian Collins, Rosie Duffield, Mrs Paulette Hamilton, Paul Howell, John McDonnell, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Paul Maynard, David Morris, James Murray, Dr Dan Poulter, Alec Shelbrooke, Andrew Stephenson, Justin Tomlinson, Liz Twist and Mohammad Yasin

13 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Civil Legal Aid (Housing and Asylum Accommodation) Order 2023)

(1) Chair: Graham Stringer

(2) Members: Tonia Antoniazzi, Aaron Bell, Samantha Dixon, Mike Freer, Richard Fuller, Emma Hardy, Dame Meg Hillier, Paul Holmes, Eddie Hughes, Afzal Khan, Kate Kniveton, Scott Mann, Holly Mumby-Croft, Dr Matthew Offord, Ms Marie Rimmer, Chris Skidmore and Andrew Western

14 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (Transfer of Functions) Order 2023)

(1) Chair: Sir George Howarth

(2) Members: Lucy Allan, Richard Burgon, Dan Carden, Mrs Flick Drummond, Colleen Fletcher, Mr Marcus Fysh, Barry Gardiner, Mr Richard Holden, Sir Greg Knight, Ian Lavery, Simon Lightwood, Dr Kieran Mullan, John Penrose, Selaine Saxby, Mick Whitley, Craig Whittaker and Jacob Young

15 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Climate Change (Targeted Greenhouse Gases) Order 2022)

Members: Graham Stuart discharged and Kevin Hollinrake nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

16 Defence Committee

(1) *Defence Space: through adversity to the stars? Government Response to the Committee's Third Report of Session 2022–23: Fourth Special Report of Session 2022–23, to be printed (HC 1031);*

(2) *Land acquisition:* Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 978);

(3) *Aviation procurement:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 178);

(4) *Correspondence with the National Audit Office relating to Defence Space:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 182)

(Tobias Ellwood).

17 Draft Mental Health Bill (Joint Committee on the)

Draft Mental Health Bill 2022: Report, to be printed, with the Formal Minutes relating to the Report (HC 696) (Sir Charles Walker).

18 Environmental Audit Committee

Technological innovations and climate change: onshore solar energy: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 856) (Philip Dunne).

19 European Scrutiny Committee

- (1) Twelfth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 119-xi);
- (2) *Regulating after Brexit*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 125);
- (3) *Ministerial correspondence*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 119);
- (4) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, relating to Brexit opportunities*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 125) (Sir William Cash).

20 Health and Social Care Committee

- (1) *Digital transformation in the NHS*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 223);
- (2) *Coronavirus: lessons learnt*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 908);
- (3) *Correspondence with the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Primary Care and Public Health relating to the future of General Practice*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) *IMMDS Review follow up one-off session*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 689) (Steve Brine).

21 Home Affairs Committee

- (1) *Correspondence from the Minister for Safeguarding relating to spiking*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (2) *Migration and asylum*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 197);
- (3) *Policing priorities*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 635) (Dame Diana Johnson).

22 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

- Human Rights of Asylum Seekers in the UK*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 821) (Joanna Cherry).

23 International Trade Committee

- (1) *Correspondence from the Chair of the Trade Remedies Authority*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Levelling Up relating to the Annual Report on the Freeports Programme*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Media, Data and Digital Infrastructure relating to the UK-Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein Free Trade Agreement and mobile roaming*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) *Correspondence with the Leader of the House relating to the establishment of a Select Committee on Arms Export Controls*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) *The work of the Department for International Trade*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 16);
- (6) *UK trade negotiations*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 15) (Angus Brendan MacNeil).

24 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

(1) *Implications of the Bill of Rights for Northern Ireland*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 678);

(2) *Cost of living in Northern Ireland*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 716);

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

(Simon Hoare).

25 Petitions Committee

Correspondence with the Minister for Women and Equalities, relating to e-petition 623243: Written evidence, to be published (Catherine McKinnell)

26 Speaker's Conference

Employment conditions of Members' staff: Written evidence, to be published (HC 692) (Mr Speaker).

27 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

Twenty-Second Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 4-xxii) (Jessica Morden).

28 Statutory Instruments (Select Committee on)

Ninth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 5-ix) (Jessica Morden).

29 Transport Committee

Rail strikes: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 581) (Iain Stewart).

30 Women and Equalities Committee

(1) *So-called honour-based abuse*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 831);

(2) *Equality and the UK asylum process*: Written evidence, to be published (Kim Johnson)

31 Work and Pensions Committee

(1) *DWP's Annual Report and Accounts 2021–22*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 971);

(2) *Children in Poverty: Child Maintenance Service*: Part of the written evidence, to be published (HC 272);

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Disabled People, Health and Work relating to the Personal Independence Payment administrative exercise*: Written evidence to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Energy and Climate relating to household energy support*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with the Minister for Energy and Climate relating to the Electricity Supply Emergency Code*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence with the Minister for Social Mobility, Youth and Progression relating to DWP office closures*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Correspondence with the Minister of State for Immigration relating to No Recourse to Public Funds*: Written evidence, to be published;

(8) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions relating to Universal Credit*: Written evidence, to be published;

(9) *Defined benefit pensions with Liability Driven Investments*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 826)

(Sir Stephen Timms).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 9.30 am.

Business appointed by the First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means (Standing Order No. 10(6) and Order, 19 December 2022)

1 Fossil fuels and increases in the cost of living

Resolved, That this House has considered fossil fuels and increases in the cost of living.—
(*Caroline Lucas*.)

2 Improving driver safety

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of improving driver safety.—(*Andrea Leadsom*.)

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

3 Prevention of spiking incidents

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the prevention of spiking incidents.—(*Richard Graham*.)

The sitting was suspended between 3.30 pm and 3.42 pm for a division in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

At 4.12 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

4 British Council contractors in Afghanistan

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered British Council contractors in Afghanistan.—(*Mr John Baron*.)

At 4.42 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

5 Potential merits of improvements to junction 28 of the M1

Resolved, That this House has considered the potential merits of improvements to junction 28 of the M1.—(*Mark Fletcher*.)

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

Adjourned at 5.30 pm until tomorrow.

Rosie Winterton

First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Energy

(1) Energy Bill Relief Scheme (Non-Standard Cases) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 9), dated 10 January 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

(2) Energy Bills Support Scheme and Alternative Fuel Payment Pass-through Requirement (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 10), dated 10 January 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Immigration

(1) Immigration (Restrictions on Employment etc.) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 12), dated 9 January 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Suella Braverman)

(2) Immigration and Nationality (Fees) and Passport (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 15), dated 11 January 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Suella Braverman)

3 Italy No. 1 (2023)

Agreement, done at Rome on 22 September 2022, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Italian Republic concerning Mutual Recognition of Driving Licences for the Purposes of Exchange (CP 776), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary James Cleverly)

4 Rating and Valuation

Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rating (Demand Notices) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 13), dated 9 January 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Lee Rowley)

5 Road Traffic

M42 Motorway (Junction 3) (50 Miles Per Hour Speed Limit) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 11), dated 9 January 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Mark Harper)

Other papers

6 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on HM Revenue and Customs: Administration of Scottish income tax 2021–22 (by Act), to be printed (HC 1022) (Clerk of the House)

7 Social Security

Explanatory Memorandum to the Universal Credit (Administrative Earnings Threshold) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 7) (laid 9 January) (by Command) (Guy Opperman)

Withdrawn papers**8 Social Security**

Explanatory Memorandum to the Universal Credit (Administrative Earnings Threshold) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 7) (laid 9 January)

CORRECTION

Tuesday 10 January 2023

The following item should have appeared after item 29:

Science and Technology Committee

- (1) Coronavirus Lessons Learnt: Written evidence, to be published (HC 908);
 - (2) Delivering nuclear power: Written evidence, to be published (HC 626);
 - (3) Governance of artificial intelligence: Written evidence, to be published (HC 945);
 - (4) Correspondence with George Freeman MP, relating to Horizon Europe: Written evidence, to be published
- (Greg Clark).