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House of Commons

Tuesday 24 January 2023

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care**
- 2 Urgent Questions: (1) Missing unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (Robert Jenrick)**
(2) Equal marriage in the Church of England (Andrew Selous, representing the Church Commissioners)

3 Statement: Probation Service: Inspectorate reviews into serious further offences (Damian Hinds)

4 Climate Education Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Nadia Whittome, supported by Philip Dunne, Mr Robin Walker, Darren Jones, Greg Clark, Caroline Lucas, Layla Moran, Mhairi Black, Rebecca Long Bailey, Zarah Sultana, Clive Lewis and Jeremy Corbyn, presented a Bill to require matters relating to climate change and sustainability to be integrated throughout the curriculum in primary and secondary schools and included in vocational training courses; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 24 March, and to be printed (Bill 233).

5 Defamation, Privacy, Freedom of Expression, Data Protection, Legal Services and Private Investigators: 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 defamation;

to make provision about costs awarded in civil cases; to make provision about the application of the rights to privacy and to freedom of expression in civil cases on matters of public interest; to make provision about the regulation of lawyers acting in civil cases; to make provision about data protection; to make provision for the regulation of private investigators; to make provision for the purpose of reducing the use of lawsuits for strategic purposes; and for connected purposes;

That Bob Seely, Mr David Davis, Liam Byrne, Stella Creasy, Sir Iain Duncan Smith, Dame Margaret Hodge, Tim Loughton, Simon Fell, Sir Chris Bryant, Dame Angela Eagle and Graham Stringer present the Bill.

Bob Seely accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 24 March, and to be printed (Bill 232).

6 Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill: Programme (No. 2)

Ordered, That the Order of 13 October 2022 (Economic Crime and Corporate

Transparency Bill: Programme) be varied as follows:

(1) Paragraphs (4) and (5) of the Order shall be omitted.

(2) Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading shall be taken in two days in accordance with the following provisions of this Order.

(3) Proceedings on Consideration—

(a) shall be taken in the order shown in the first column of the following Table, and

(b) shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the times specified in the second column of the Table.

TABLE

Proceedings

Time for conclusion
of proceedings

New Clauses and new Schedules relating to Parts 1, 2 and 3; amendments to Parts 1, 2 and 3.

The moment of interruption on the first day.

New Clauses and new Schedules relating to Parts 4, 5 and 6; amendments to Parts 4, 5 and 6; any other new Clauses and new Schedules; remaining proceedings on Consideration.

One hour before the moment of interruption on the second day.

(4) Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on the second day.—(*Andrew Stephenson.*)

7 Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill: Consideration of the Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee (first day)

New Clause NC8—(*Kevin Hollinrake*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC9—(*Kevin Hollinrake*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC10—(*Kevin Hollinrake*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC11—(*Kevin Hollinrake*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC12—(*Kevin Hollinrake*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC13—(*Kevin Hollinrake*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC15—(*Kevin Hollinrake*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC22—(*Seema Malhotra*)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Division No. 151

Ayes: 232 (Tellers: Gerald Jones, Colleen Fletcher)

Noes: 296 (Tellers: Robert Largan, Steve Double)

Question accordingly negatived.

New Clause NC34—(*Seema Malhotra*)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Division No. 152

Ayes: 234 (Tellers: Gerald Jones, Colleen Fletcher)

Noes: 291 (Tellers: Robert Largan, Steve Double)

Question accordingly negatived.

New Clause NC36—(*Alison Thewliss*)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Division No. 153

Ayes: 233 (Tellers: Peter Grant, Marion Fellows)

Noes: 290 (Tellers: Robert Largan, Steve Double)

Question accordingly negatived.

As it was after 7.00 pm, the Deputy Speaker put the questions necessary to bring proceedings on new Clauses and new Schedules relating to Parts 1, 2 and 3 and amendments to Parts 1, 2 and 3 to a conclusion (Programme Order, today).

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

That Amendments 1 to 43 and 52 to 56 be made (single Question on Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown).—(*Kevin Hollinrake*.)

Question agreed to.

Bill to be further considered tomorrow.

8 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Immigration (Leave to Enter and Remain) (Amendment) Order 2023, which was laid before this House on 7 December 2022, be approved.—(*Fay Jones.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Environmental Targets (Biodiversity) (England) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 19 December 2022, be approved.—(*Fay Jones.*)

The Deputy Speaker's opinion as to the decision of the Question was challenged.

Division deferred until tomorrow (Standing Order No. 41A).

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Environmental Targets (Woodland and Trees Outside Woodland) (England) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 20 December 2022, be approved.—(*Fay Jones.*)

The Deputy Speaker's opinion as to the decision of the Question was challenged.

Division deferred until tomorrow (Standing Order No. 41A).

(4) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Environmental Targets (Water) (England) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 19 December 2022, be approved.—(*Fay Jones.*)

The Deputy Speaker's opinion as to the decision of the Question was challenged.

Division deferred until tomorrow (Standing Order No. 41A).

(5) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Environmental Targets (Marine Protected Areas) Regulations 2022, which

were laid before this House on 19 December 2022, be approved.—(*Fay Jones.*)

Question agreed to.

(6) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Environmental Targets (Fine Particulate Matter) (England) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 19 December 2022, be approved.—(*Fay Jones.*)

The Deputy Speaker's opinion as to the decision of the Question was challenged.

Division deferred until tomorrow (Standing Order No. 41A).

(7) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Environmental Targets (Residual Waste) (England) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 19 December 2022, be approved.—(*Fay Jones.*)

The Deputy Speaker's opinion as to the decision of the Question was challenged.

Division deferred until tomorrow (Standing Order No. 41A).

(8) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 17) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 1331), dated 14 December 2022, a copy of which was laid before this House on 15 December 2022, be approved.—(*Fay Jones.*)

Question agreed to.

9 Changes to membership of select committees

(1) *Ordered*, That Gareth Davies, Felicity Buchan and Harriett Baldwin be discharged from the Finance Committee and Craig Mackinlay, Nigel Mills and Mary Robinson be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(2) *Ordered*, That James Davies, John Lamont and Sir Robert Syms be discharged from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments and Damien Moore, Gareth Johnson and Maggie Throup be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

10Adjournment

Subject: Government support for animal welfare in overseas tourism (Henry Smith)

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

Adjourned at 7.35 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

11Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee

Peter Dowd (Chair) reported the draft Bereavement Benefits (Remedial) 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).

12 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Bereavement Benefits (Remedial) Order 2022)

Members: Sir Geoffrey Cox discharged and Stephen Hammond nominated in substitution.

13 Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (Legal Aid: Family and Domestic Abuse) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2023)

Members: Ellie Reeves discharged and Anna McMorris nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

14 Backbench Business Committee

Transcript of representations made on Tuesday 24 January, to be published (Ian Mearns).

15 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

(1) *Post-pandemic economic growth: State aid and post-Brexit competition policy: Responses to the Committee's Fourth Report: Third Special Report*, to be printed (HC 1078);

(2) *Decarbonisation of the power sector*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 283);

(3) *Correspondence from the Director of Nuclear Power and Commissioning, BEIS, relating to nuclear third party liability insurance*: Written evidence, to be published;

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

(5) *Royal Mail and the Post Office*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1045)

(Darren Jones).

16 Defence Committee

(1) *Defence and climate change*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 179);

(2) *Cultural defence diplomacy*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 792)

(Tobias Ellwood).

17 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

(1) *Misinformation and trusted voices*: Oral evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Online Harms and Disinformation, to be published (HC 597);

(2) *Correspondence with the BBC Chair*: Written evidence, to be published

(Damian Green).

18 Education Committee

Careers education, information, advice and guidance: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 54) (Mr Robin Walker).

19 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

(1) *The price of plastic: ending the toll of plastic waste: Government Response to the Committee's Third Report: Fourth Special Report*, to be printed (HC 1044);

(2) *Food security*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 622);

(3) *Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary relating to post-implementation reviews*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Marine mammals*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 697);

(5) *Sealife mortality off the North East coast*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 796);

(6) *Species reintroduction*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 849)

(Sir Robert Goodwill).

20 Foreign Affairs Committee

(1) *Responding to illicit and emerging finance*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 168)

(Alicia Kearns);

(2) *The FCDO's approach to state-level hostage situations*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 166)

21 Health and Social Care Committee

(1) *The situation in accident and emergency departments*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1056);

(2) *Coronavirus: lessons learnt*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 908);

(3) *Correspondence with the GMB National Secretary relating to Pay Review Body participation and reform*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice relating to the Personal Injury Discount Rate*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to Government responses to Committee Reports*: Written evidence, to be published

(Steve Brine).

22 International Development Committee

(1) *Investment for development: The UK's strategy towards Development Finance Institutions*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 884);

(2) Correspondence with the Minister for Development and Africa relating to the UK's response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine:
Written evidence, to be published
(Sarah Champion).

23Justice Committee

(1) Appointment of the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman:

(i) Eighth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 926);

(ii) Oral evidence, to be published (HC 926);

(2) Correspondence from the Chief Executive of HM Courts & Tribunals Service relating to HMCTS Estates Strategy: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) Correspondence from the Criminal Bar Association relating to criminal legal aid: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) Correspondence from the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales relating to the evidence session on 8 November 2022: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Justice relating to call for evidence on Personal Injury Discount Rate: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Justice relating to Legal Aid Means Test Instrument Change: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) Public opinion and understanding of sentencing: Written evidence, to be published (HC 305);

(8) The prison operational workforce: Written evidence, to be published (HC 917)

(Sir Robert Neill).

24 Petitions Committee

(1) Record of the Committee's decisions relating to e-petitions, to be published;

(2) List of closed e-petitions presented to the House, to be published;

(3) *Public engagement on e-petitions*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 73)

(Catherine McKinnell).

25 Standards (Committee on)

(1) *Precautionary exclusion*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1049);

(2) *All-Party Parliamentary Groups consultation*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 228)

(Sir Chris Bryant).

26 Treasury Committee

(1) *Appointment of Professor Randall Kroszner to the Financial Policy Committee*:

(i) Twelfth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1029);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 1029);

(2) *The crypto-asset industry*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 615);

(3) *The work of HMRC*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1095)

(Harriett Baldwin).

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 Restoring Your Railway Fund

Resolved, That this House has considered the Restoring Your Railway Fund.—(Kevin Foster.)

The sitting was suspended between 10.40 am and 11.00 am.

2 Nuclear power at Dungeness

Resolved, That this House has considered nuclear power at Dungeness.—(Damian Collins.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.22 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 Closure of the Lachin Corridor and the humanitarian situation in Nagorno-Karabakh

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the closure of the Lachin Corridor and the humanitarian situation in Nagorno-Karabakh.—(*Tim Loughton.*)

At 4.00 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

4 Increased particulate matter testing during MOTs

Resolved, That this House has considered increased particulate matter testing during MOTs.—(*Mr Barry Sheerman.*)

The sitting was suspended between 4.21 pm and 4.25 pm.

5 Government support for apprenticeships

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the matter of Government support for apprenticeships.—(*Karin Smyth.*)

The Chair announced a time limit on backbench speeches (under the authority of the First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means and Standing Order No. 47(1)).

Resolved, That this House has considered government support for apprenticeships.

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

Adjourned at 5.27 pm until tomorrow.

Rosie Winterton

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Other papers

1 Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board

Report and Accounts of the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board for 2021–22, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Statutory Instrument),

to be printed (HC 693) (Secretary Thérèse Coffey)

2 Government Resources and Accounts

Report and Accounts of Sir John Soane's Museum for 2021–22, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 953) (Stuart Andrew)

3 National Lottery etc.

Report and Financial Statements of British Film Institute Group and National Lottery for 2021–22, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1064) (Julia Lopez)

4 Parliamentary Buildings (Restoration and Renewal)

*This item has been corrected since publication. See the correction in the Votes and Proceedings relating to Wednesday 25 January 2023.

Report of the House of Commons Commission on Members of the R&R Programme Board: Nomination of Candidates (by Act) (HC 1071) (The Speaker)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

MONEY BILL

Northern Ireland Budget Bill

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

CORRECTIONS

1 Monday 7 February 2022

The following item should have appeared after item 12 in Papers Laid:

Sessional Returns, 2019–21

Returns to an Order (25 May 2021) for Returns for Session 2019–21 of information and statistics relating to:—(1) Business of the House; (2) Closure of Debate, Proposal of Question and Allocation of Time (including Programme Motions); (3) Sittings of the House; (4) Private Bills and Private Business; (5) Public Bills; (6) Delegated Legislation and Legislative Reform Orders; (7) European

Legislation, etc; (8) Grand Committees; (9) Panel of Chairs; and (10) Select Committees (by Order); to be printed (HC (2021–22) 1) (Clerk of the House).

2 Monday 28 November 2022

The following item should have appeared after item 7 in Papers Laid:

Sessional Returns, 2021–22

Returns to an Order (19 May 2022) for Returns for Session 2021–22 of information and statistics relating to:—(1) Business of the House; (2) Closure of Debate, Proposal of Question and Allocation of Time and Programming of Bills; (3) Sittings of the House; (4) Private Bills and Private Business; (5) Public Bills; (6) Delegated Legislation and Legislative Reform Orders; (7) European Legislation, etc; (8) Grand Committees and the Regional Affairs Committee; (9) Panel of Chairs; and (10) Select Committees (by Order); to be printed (HC (2022–23) 1) (Clerk of the House).

3 Monday 23 January 2023

(1) Item 12 should not have appeared.

(2) The following item should have appeared in Other Proceedings:

Public petitions

(1) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Macclesfield relating to coal, oil and gas extraction was presented by David Rutley.

(2) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Macclesfield relating to climate finance was presented by David Rutley.