



House of Commons

Wednesday 25 January 2023

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

1 Questions to (1) the Minister for Women and Equalities

(2) the Prime Minister

2 Urgent Questions: (1) UK sanctions regime: Yevgeny Prigozhin (James Cartlidge)

(2) Self-disconnection and energy bills (Graham Stuart)

3 National Parks (Camping) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Richard Foord presented a Bill to provide for a right to camp in National Parks; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 24 March, and to be printed (Bill 235).

4 General Election (Public Support) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Richard Burgon presented a Bill to provide for a mechanism for an early general election to be held in certain circumstances, where the public has demonstrated support for such an election; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 17 March, and to be printed (Bill 237).

5 First-Aid (Mental Health): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make mental health first-aid part of first-aid training requirements; and for connected purposes;

That Dean Russell, Andy Carter, Jonathan Gullis, Jim Shannon, Virginia Crosbie, Dr Neil Hudson, Nick Fletcher, Lia Nici, Siobhan Baillie, Sarah Atherton, David Duguid and Debbie Abrahams present the Bill.

Dean Russell accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 24 February, and to be printed (Bill 236).

6 Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill: Further consideration of the Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee (second day)

New Clause NC14—(*Tom Tugendhat*)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

7 Deferred Divisions

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

(1) Environmental Protection

That the draft Environmental Targets (Biodiversity) (England) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 19 December 2022, be approved.

Division No. 154

Ayes: 302

Noes: 166

Question accordingly agreed to.

(2) Environmental Protection

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.

Division No. 155

Ayes: 302

Noes: 166

Question accordingly agreed to.

(3) Agriculture

That the draft Environmental Targets (Water) (England) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 19 December 2022, be approved.

Division No. 156

Ayes: 300

Noes: 170

Question accordingly agreed to.

(4) Environmental Protection

That the draft Environmental Targets (Fine Particulate Matter) (England) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 19 December 2022, be approved.

Division No. 157

Ayes: 301

Noes: 170

Question accordingly agreed to.

(5) Environmental Protection

That the draft Environmental Targets (Residual Waste) (England) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 19 December 2022, be approved.

Division No. 158

Ayes: 301

Noes: 170

Question accordingly agreed to.

8 Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill: Further consideration of the Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee (second day) (resumed)

The House resumed the debate.

Question put, That New Clause NC14 be read a second time.

Question agreed to.

Clause added to the Bill.

New Clause NC3—(*Layla Moran*)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Division No. 159

Ayes: 220 (Tellers: Mary Glendon, Colleen Fletcher)

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

Question accordingly negated.

New Clause NC26—(*Stephen Kinnock*)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Division No. 160

Ayes: 222 (Tellers: Mary Glendon, Colleen Fletcher)

Noes: 289 (Tellers: Robert Langan, Steve Double)

Question accordingly negated.

New Clause NC27—(*Stephen Kinnock*)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Division No. 161

Ayes: 221 (Tellers: Mary Glendon, Colleen Fletcher)

Noes: 289 (Tellers: Steve Double, Robert Langan)

Question accordingly negated.

Amendments 44 to 50, 57, 51 and 58 to 100 made.

Consideration completed.

9 Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill: Third Reading

Bill read the third time and passed.

10 Statutory Instruments: Motion for Approval

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Bereavement Benefits (Remedial) Order 2022, which was laid before this House on 13 October 2022, be approved.—(*Joy Morrissey*.)

Question agreed to.

11 Public petitions

(1) A public petition from residents of Da Vinci Court, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire relating to North Northamptonshire Unitary Council's care provider services strategy was presented and read by Mr Peter Bone.

(2) A public petition from residents of the United Kingdom relating to pre-payment meter energy customers and higher costs was presented and read by Anne McLaughlin.

12 Adjournment

Subject: Government support for Britishvolt (Ian Lavery)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Joy Morrissey.)

Adjourned at 6.57 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Private Business

13 Private Bill Petitions: Report from Examiners (Standing Order 70 relating to Private Business)

Report from the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills laid upon the Table by the Speaker, That, in the case of the Petition for the City of London (Markets) Bill, the Standing Orders have been complied with.

Changes to Notices Given

14 Microplastic Filters (Washing Machines) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 3 February, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 24 March.

15 Independent Anti-slavery Commissioner (Appointment by Parliament) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 3 February, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 24 March.

General Committees: Reports

16 Electricity and Gas Transmission (Compensation) Bill (changed to Electricity Transmission (Compensation) Bill) Committee

Stewart Hosie (Chair) reported the Bill as amended.

Title amended as follows: A Bill to require proposals to be drawn up for the use of alternative dispute resolution processes to determine the compensation payable to landowners in certain cases where land is acquired for the purposes of electricity transmission.

Bill, as amended, to be considered on Friday 24 February; and to be printed (Bill 234).

17 Hunting Trophies (Import Prohibition) Bill

Sir Mark Hendrick (Chair) reported the Bill without amendment.

Bill, not amended, to be considered on Friday 17 March.

18 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee

Derek Twigg (Chair) reported the draft Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (Amendment of List of Responders) Order 2023.

19 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee

Judith Cummins (Chair) reported the Plant Health and Trade in Animals and Related Products (Amendment) 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).

20 Equipment Theft (Prevention) Bill Committee

Members: Shaun Bailey, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Kevin Brennan, Rob Butler, Brendan Clarke-Smith, Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Stella Creasy, Ben Everitt, Tim Farron, Vicky Ford, Jane Hunt, Tom Hunt, Holly Lynch, Grahame Morris, Ian Paisley, Chris Philp and Greg Smith

21 Procurement Bill [Lords] Committee

Members: Caroline Ansell, Saqib Bhatti, Kirsty Blackman, Alex Burghart, Brendan Clarke-Smith, David Duguid, Florence Eshalomi, Chris Evans, Nick Fletcher, Mr Louie French, Peter Gibson, Jo Gideon, Lilian Greenwood, Gerald Jones, Julie Marson, Lloyd Russell-Moyle and Mick Whitley

22 First Delegated Legislation Committee (Health and Safety and Nuclear (Fees) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 1378))

Members: Debbie Abrahams, Caroline Ansell, Jo Churchill, Mims Davies, Samantha Dixon, Katherine Fletcher, Mrs Helen Grant, John Howell, Imran Hussain, Mr David Jones, David Linden, Mark Logan, Navendu Mishra, Jill Mortimer, Tom Randall, Jon Trickett and Andrew Western

23 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (Energy Bill Relief Scheme (Non-Standard Cases) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 9) and Energy Bills Support Scheme and Alternative Fuel Payment Pass-through Requirement (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 10))

Members: Adam Afriyie, Mike Amesbury, Hilary Benn, Olivia Blake, Alan Brown, Anthony Browne, Vicky Ford, Jo Gideon, Gordon Henderson, Adam Holloway, Jessica Morden, Joy Morrissey, David Simmonds, Jane Stevenson, Graham Stuart, Sam Tarry and Dr Alan Whitehead

24 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Revision of Code H) Order 2023)

Members: Shaun Bailey, Scott Benton, Kevin Brennan, Richard Burgon, Rob Butler, Robert Courts, Virginia Crosbie, Jackie Doyle-Price, Chris Elmore, Darren Henry, Kim Johnson,

Holly Lynch, Scott Mann, Kate Osborne, Mr Barry Sheerman, Tom Tugendhat and Sir Jeremy Wright

25 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Higher-Risk Buildings (Descriptions and Supplementary Provisions) Regulations 2023)

Members: Siobhan Baillie, Paula Barker, Ben Bradley, Sir James Duddridge, Colleen Fletcher, Damian Green, Sir John Hayes, Jane Hunt, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Andy McDonald, Anne Marie Morris, Kate Osamor, Taiwo Owatemi, Lee Rowley, John Spellar, Karl Turner and Jacob Young

26 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Packaging Waste (Data Reporting) (England) Regulations 2023)

Members: Ian Byrne, Andy Carter, Damian Collins, Rosie Duffield, Ben Everitt, Mary Glindon, Margaret Greenwood, Luke Hall, Emma Hardy, Sally-Ann Hart, Fay Jones, Ruth Jones, Ian Lavery, Jerome Mayhew, Rebecca Pow, Royston Smith and Shailesh Vara

27 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: Dr Julian Lewis discharged and Sara Britcliffe nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

28 Environmental Audit Committee

(1) *Environmental change and food security*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 880);

(2) *Sustainable timber and deforestation*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 637);

(3) *Technological innovations and climate change: onshore solar energy*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 856);

(4) *The environmental protection policies of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 478)

(Philip Dunne).

29 European Scrutiny Committee

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

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

(3) *The UK's new relationship with the EU*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 120) (Sir William Cash).

30 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

(1) *Human rights of asylum seekers in the UK*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 821);

(2) *Correspondence with the Trades Union Congress relating to the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *The right to family life: adoption of children of unmarried women 1949–1976*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 270)

(Joanna Cherry).

31 International Trade Committee

- (1) *UK trade negotiations: CPTPP accession*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 13);
- (2) *UK trade negotiations*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 15)
(Angus Brendan MacNeil).

32 Science and Technology Committee

- (1) *Governance of artificial intelligence*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 945);
- (2) *Coronavirus lessons learnt*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 908);
- (3) *Delivering nuclear power*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 626)
(Greg Clark).

33 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

Twenty-fourth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 4-xxiv) (Gareth Johnson).

34 Transport Committee

Rural connectivity: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1062) (Iain Stewart).

35 Treasury Committee

- (1) *Scam reimbursement: pushing for a better solution*:
 - (i) Thirteenth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 939);
 - (ii) Written evidence, taken before the Sub-Committee on Financial Services Regulations, to be published (HC 939);
- (2) *Correspondence from the Financial Conduct Authority*: Written evidence, taken before the Sub-Committee on Financial Services Regulations, to be published;
- (3) *Correspondence with the Prudential Regulation Authority relating to increased level of reporting*: Written evidence, taken before the Sub-Committee on Financial Services Regulations, to be published
(Harriett Baldwin).

36 Welsh Affairs Committee

Nuclear energy in Wales: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 240) (Stephen Crabb).

37 Women and Equalities Committee

- (1) *Equality and the UK asylum process*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 93);
- (2) *So-called honour-based abuse*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 831)
(Caroline Nokes).

38 Work and Pensions Committee

- (1) *Plan for Jobs and employment support*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 600);
- (2) *Defined benefit pensions with Liability Driven Investments*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 826);

(3) *Health assessments for benefits*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 128)
(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 Reform of public procurement processes

Resolved, That this House has considered reform of public procurement processes.—(*Mick Whitley*.)

The sitting was suspended between 10.46 am and 10.56 am.

2 Regulation of cryptocurrency

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of regulation of cryptocurrency.—(*Dr Lisa Cameron*.)

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

3 Contribution of the steel industry to the UK economy

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the contribution of the steel industry to the UK economy.—(*Jessica Morden*.)

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)).

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

4 Construction of a Silsden and Steeton bridge

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of the construction of a Silsden and Steeton bridge.—(*Robbie Moore*.)

The sitting was suspended between 4.23 pm and 4.29 pm.

5 Violence against women and girls in Plymouth

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the matter of violence against women and girls in Plymouth.—(*Sir Gary Streeter*.)

The sitting was suspended between 5.12 pm and 5.50 pm for divisions in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of violence against women and girls in Plymouth.

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

Adjourned at 6.08 pm until tomorrow.

Rosie Winterton

First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Constitutional Law

Draft Postponement of Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Value Added Tax

Value Added Tax (Margin Schemes and Removal or Export of Goods: VAT-related Payments) Order 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 68), dated 24 January 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Victoria Atkins)

Other papers

3 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department for International Trade: Supporting investment into the UK (by Act), to be printed (HC 1080) (Clerk of the House)

CORRECTION

Tuesday 24 January 2023

In Papers Laid, item 4 should have read:

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