



House of Commons

Monday 6 February 2023

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

1 Private Bills: City of London (Markets) Bill: Second Reading

Bill read a second time.

2 Questions to the Home Secretary

3 Urgent Questions: (1) NHS strikes (Will Quince)

(2) Suspension of forced installation of prepayment meters (Graham Stuart)

4 Business of the House (Today)

Ordered, That, at this day's sitting—

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 16 (Proceedings under an Act or on European Union documents), the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on—

(a) the motions in the name of Guy Opperman relating to (a) Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2023 and (b) Benefit Cap (Annual Limit) (Amendment) Regulations 2023, and in the name of Laura Trott relating to (c) Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 2023 not later than three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the motion for this Order; and

(b) the motion in the name of the Chancellor of the Exchequer relating to the Charter for Budget Responsibility not later than 90 minutes after the commencement of proceedings on the motion for that Order;

proceedings may continue, though opposed, until any hour, may be entered upon after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply; and

(2) Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply to the Motion in the name of Secretary Grant Shapps relating to Energy.—(*Penny Mordaunt*.)

5 Social Security

(1) *Resolved*, That the draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2023, which was laid before this House on 16 January, be approved.—(*Guy Opperman*.)

(2) *Resolved*, That the draft Benefit Cap (Annual Limit) (Amendment) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 16 January, be approved.—(*Guy Opperman*.)

6 Pensions

Resolved, That the draft Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 2023, which was laid before this House on 16 January, be approved.—(*Guy Opperman*.)

7 Charter for Budget Responsibility

Resolved, That the Charter for Budget Responsibility: Autumn 2022 update, which was laid before this House on 26 January, be approved.—(*John Glen*.)

8 Business of the House (8 February)

Ordered, That at the sitting on Wednesday 8 February, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 16 (Proceedings under an Act or on European Union documents), the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on—

(1) the Motion in the name of Secretary Suella Braverman relating to Police Grant Report not later than three hours after the commencement of proceedings on that Motion, and

(2) the Motions in the name of Secretary Michael Gove relating to Local Government Finance not later than three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the first such Motion or six hours after the commencement of proceedings relating to Police Grant Report, whichever is the later;

proceedings on those Motions may continue, though opposed, after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(*Penny Mordaunt*.)

9 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the Energy Bills Support Scheme and Alternative Fuel Payment Pass-through Requirement (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 10), dated 10 January 2023, a copy of which was laid before this House on 11 January, be approved.—(*Steve Double*.)

Question agreed to.

(2) 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 H) Order 2023, which was laid before this House on 12 December 2022, be approved.—(*Steve Double*.)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Higher-Risk Buildings (Descriptions and Supplementary Provisions) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 19 December 2022, be approved.—(*Steve Double*.)

Question agreed to.

(4) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Packaging Waste (Data Reporting) (England) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 9 January, be approved.—(*Steve Double*.)

Question agreed to.

10 Changes to membership of select committees

(1) *Ordered*, That Wayne David be discharged from the High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill (Select Committee) and Tahir Ali be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection*.)

(2) *Ordered*, That Tony Lloyd be discharged from the International Trade Committee and Andrew Western be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection*.)

(3) *Ordered*, That Dean Russell be discharged from the Joint Committee on Human Rights and Dr Caroline Johnson be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

11 Adjournment

Subject: Probationary police officers and the cost of living crisis (Ian Paisley)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Steve Double.*)

Adjourned at 9.04 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

12 Refugees (Family Reunion) Bill [Lords]

The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision for leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom to be granted to the family members of refugees and of people granted humanitarian protection; and to provide for legal aid to be made available in such cases, to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

First Reading and Printing of Lords Bills

13 Refugees (Family Reunion) Bill [Lords]

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 24 March, and to be printed (Bill 243).

General Committees: Reports

14 First Delegated Legislation Committee

Judith Cummins (Chair) reported the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Rates, Limits and Thresholds Amendments and National Insurance Funds Payments) Regulations 2023 and the draft Tax Credits, Child Benefit and Guardian's Allowance Up-rating Regulations 2023.

15 Second Delegated Legislation Committee

Mr Laurence Robertson (Chair) reported the Energy Bills Support Scheme and Alternative Fuel Payment Pass-through Requirement (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 10).

16 Third Delegated Legislation Committee

Dame Caroline Dinenage (Chair) reported the draft Nuclear Regulated Asset Base Model (Revenue Collection) Regulations 2023.

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).

17 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Social Security (Contributions) (Rates, Limits and Thresholds Amendments and National Insurance Funds Payments) Regulations 2023 and draft Tax Credits, Child Benefit and Guardian's Allowance Up-rating Regulations 2023)

Members: Mark Eastwood, Karl McCartney and Royston Smith discharged and Sara Britcliffe, Mark Logan and Amanda Milling nominated in substitution.

18 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (Energy Bills Support Scheme and Alternative Fuel Payment Pass-through Requirement (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 10))

Members: Mrs Flick Drummond and Jane Stevenson discharged and Dr Luke Evans and Selaine Saxby nominated in substitution.

19 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Nuclear Regulated Asset Base Model (Revenue Collection) Regulations 2023)

Members: Jane Stevenson discharged and Dr Luke Evans nominated in substitution.

20 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Authority to Carry Scheme and Civil Penalties Regulations 2023)

Members: Sir Geoffrey Cox, Gordon Henderson and Tom Tugendhat discharged and Miss Sarah Dines, Darren Henry and Alan Mak nominated in substitution.

21 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Mesothelioma Lump Sum Payments (Conditions and Amounts) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 and draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 2023)

Members: James Daly discharged and David Johnston nominated in substitution.

22 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Alcoholic Beverages (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2023)

Members: Dr Jamie Wallis discharged and Dean Russell nominated in substitution.

23 Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Local Government (Structural Changes) (Supplementary Provision and Amendment) Order 2023)

Members: Jacob Young discharged and Joy Morrissey nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

* This section has been corrected since publication. See the correction in the Votes and Proceedings relating to Tuesday 7 February 2023.

24 Administration Committee

(1) Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 6 February, to be published;

(2) *Smoothing the cliff edge: supporting MPs at their point of departure from elected office*: First Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 209) (Sir Charles Walker).

25 Foreign Affairs Committee

The Wagner Group and beyond: proxy private military companies: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 167) (Alicia Kearns).

26 Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee

(1) *Reforming the private rented sector*:

(i) Fifth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 624);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 624);

(2) *The regulation of social housing—follow-up*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1127);

(4) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Local Government and Building Safety*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with the Minister of State for Housing and Planning relating to the impact of inflation on leaseholders*: Written evidence, to be published;

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

(6) *Departmental Annual Report and Accounts 2021–22*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 962)

(7) *Funding for levelling up*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 744)

(8) *Reforms to national planning policy*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1122)

(Mr Clive Betts).

27 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *Excess Votes 2021–22*: Thirty-ninth Report, to be printed, with formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1132);

(2) *National Audit Office Main Estimate Memorandum 2023–24*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1054);

(3) *Performance of the UK Security Vetting Service*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 994);

(4) *Correspondence from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs relating to the Environment Improvement Plan 2023*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care relating to Public Health England Annual Report and Accounts 2021–22*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence from the Home Office relating to the National Law Enforcement Data Programme*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *DCMS: Broadband, gambling and UNBOXED*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1052);

(8) *Government shared services*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 734);

(9) *Grassroots participation in sport and physical activity*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 46);

(10) *Tackling Defra's ageing digital services*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 737)

(Dame Meg Hillier).

28 Scottish Affairs Committee

- (1) *Fishing grounds in Scotland*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 864);
- (2) *Defence in Scotland: the North Atlantic and the High North*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 81);
- (3) *Firearms licensing regulations in Scotland*: Written evidence, to be published (Pete Wishart).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 4.30 pm.

Debate on an e-petition (Standing Orders No. 10(1)(a) and No. 145A(7))

1 Assessments for autism and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petitions 589677 and 597840, relating to assessments for autism and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.—(*Elliot Colburn*.)

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

Adjourned at 6.55 pm until tomorrow.

Rosie Winterton

First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Income Tax

Draft Major Sporting Events (Income Tax Exemption) (Women's Finalissima Football Match) Regulations 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Victoria Atkins)

2 Local Government Finance

(1) Local Government Finance Report (England) 2023–24 (by Act), to be printed (HC 1015) (Secretary Michael Gove)

(2) Referendums Relating to Council Tax Increases (Alternative Notional Amounts) (England) Report 2023–24 (by Act), to be printed (HC 1017) (Secretary Michael Gove)

(3) Referendums Relating to Council Tax Increases (Principles) (England) Report 2023–24 (by Act), to be printed (HC 1016) (Secretary Michael Gove)

3 Medical Devices

Draft Medical Devices and Blood Safety and Quality (Fees Amendment) Regulations 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Will Quince)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution**4 Income Tax**

Public Service Pension Schemes (Rectification of Unlawful Discrimination) (Tax) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 113), dated 2 February 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Andrew Griffith)

5 Local Government

Hartlepool Development Corporation (Establishment) Order 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 104), dated 30 January 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Dehenna Davison)

6 London Government

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Middlesbrough Development Corporation (Establishment) Order 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 103), dated 30 January 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Dehenna Davison)

7 Pensions

(1) Pension Protection Fund and Occupational Pension Schemes (Levy Ceiling) (No. 2) Order 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 117), dated 6 February 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Laura Trott)

(2) Pension Protection Fund and Occupational Pension Schemes (Levy Ceiling) Order 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 116), dated 30 January 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Laura Trott)

Other papers**8 Education**

Government Response to the Post-Legislative Scrutiny of the Children and Families Act 2014 (by Command) (CP 785) (Secretary Gillian Keegan)

9 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy: Energy bills support for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1025) (Clerk of the House)