



House of Commons

Thursday 9 February 2023

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade

2 Suspension of sitting

The Speaker suspended the sitting until 10.30 am.

**3 Urgent Questions (1) Governor of Xinjiang: UK visit (Leo Docherty)
(2) Spending decisions on new capital projects (Lee Rowley)**

4 Business Question (Leader of the House)

5 Select Committee Statement (Standing Order No. 22D): Publication of the Fifth Report from the Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee, Reforming the private rented sector, HC 624 (Mr Clive Betts)

6 Northern Ireland (Executive Formation Bill): Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris, supported by the Prime Minister, Secretary James Cleverly, Secretary Michael Gove, Secretary Alister Jack, Secretary David T C Davies and Mr Steve Baker, presented a Bill to make provision to extend the period following the Northern Ireland Assembly election of 5 May 2022 during which Ministers may be appointed and after which the Secretary of State must propose a date for another election; and to allow the Secretary of State to propose a date for another election before Ministers have been appointed.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Monday 20 February, and to be printed (Bill 247) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 247-EN).

7 Backbench Business

(1) Independent Review of Net Zero.

Resolved, That this House has considered the Independent Review of Net Zero—(*Chris Skidmore*.)

(2) Parliamentary services for Members

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of parliamentary services for Members.—(*Sir Charles Walker*.)

8 Business of the House

Ordered, That notices of Amendments, new Clauses and new Schedules to be moved in Committee in respect of the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation) Bill may be accepted by the Clerks at the Table before it has been read a second time.—(*Penny Mordaunt*.)

9 Adjournment

Subject: Accountability in financial regulation (Mr Marcus Fysh)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Jo Churchill*.)

Adjourned at 4.39 pm until Monday 20 February (Order, 30 November 2022).

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

10 Procurement Bill [Lords] Committee

David Mundell (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

11 Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee

Martin Vickers (Chair) reported the draft Local Government (Structural Changes) (Supplementary Provision and Amendment) Order 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).

12 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft International Fund for Agricultural Development (Twelfth Replenishment) Order 2023)

Members: Bambos Charalambous discharged and Preet Kaur Gill nominated in substitution.

13 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Trade (Mobile Roaming) Regulations 2023)

Members: Mark Fletcher discharged and Mr Gagan Mohindra nominated in substitution.

14 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Radio Equipment (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2023)

Members: Mary Robinson and Theresa Villiers discharged and Gareth Bacon and Maggie Throup nominated in substitution.

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

Members: Lee Rowley discharged and Rachel Maclean nominated in substitution.

*Select Committees: Reports***16 Backbench Business Committee**

Determination of business to be taken on Thursday 23 February in the Chamber and Thursday 23 and Tuesday 28 February in Westminster Hall (Ian Mearns).

17 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

(1) *Appointment of Richard Sharp as Chair of the BBC*: Eighth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1147);

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

18 Public Accounts (Committee of)

Correspondence with the Department for Health and Social Care relating to Government Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) contracts with PPE Medpro: Written evidence, to be published (Dame Meg Hillier).

19 Standards (Committee on)

Alex Davies-Jones:

(i) Sixth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1148);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 1148)

(Sir Bernard Jenkin).

20 Treasury Committee

(1) *Bank of England Monetary Policy Reports*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 143);

(2) *Correspondence from the Economic Secretary to the Treasury, relating to the Sovereign Infrastructure Guarantee*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the National Crime Agency relating to alleged bank signature forgery*: Written evidence, to be published

(Harriett Baldwin).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 1.30 pm

Business determined by the Backbench Business Committee (Standing Orders No. 10(7) and No. 14(4))

1 Brownfield development and protecting the green belt

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of brownfield development and protecting the green belt.—(*Wendy Morton*.)

2 VAT on sunscreen products

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of VAT on sunscreen products.—(*Amy Callaghan*.)

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

Adjourned at 4.05 pm until Tuesday 21 February.

Rosie Winterton

First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Rating and Valuation

Draft Non-Domestic Rating (Rates Retention: Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (*Lee Rowley*)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Georgia No. 1 (2023)

Agreement, done at London on 26 January 2023, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Georgia on the Readmissions of Persons Residing without Admission 2023 (CP 795), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (*Secretary James Cleverly*)

Other papers

3 Fisheries

Report and Accounts of the Sea Fish Industry Authority for 2021–22, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1067) (*Secretary Thérèse Coffey*)

4 Health and Social Care

Department of Health and Social Care Minute, dated 9 February 2023, concerning the indemnity for the Liverpool Community Health Independent Investigation (by Command) (Maria Caulfield)

5 Higher Education and Research

Office for Students: Fee information for new entrants in 2023–24 (by Act) (Robert Halfon)

6 Investigatory Powers

Report on the Operation of the Investigatory Powers Act 2016 (by Act) (Secretary Suella Braverman)

7 National Lottery etc.

Arts Council of Northern Ireland Lottery Distribution Account, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1143) (Clerk of the House)

8 Protection of Freedoms

Report of the Commissioner for the Retention and Use of Biometric Material and the Surveillance Camera Commissioner (by Act) (Secretary Suella Braverman)

9 Public Service Pensions

Explanatory Memorandum to the Draft Judicial Pensions (Fee-Paid Judges) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (by Command) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

Withdrawn papers**10 Public Service Pensions**

Explanatory Memorandum to the Draft Judicial Pensions (Fee-Paid Judges) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (laid 23 January)

CORRECTION

Wednesday 8 February 2023

The following item should have appeared under item 29 (Other Proceedings):

Environmental Audit Committee

(1) *Environmental compliance and enforcement*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1092);

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

(3) *Progress in implementing UK REACH*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 860) (Philip Dunne).