



House of Commons

Monday 6 March 2023

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions**
- 2 Urgent Question: Civil Service impartiality (Jeremy Quin)**
- 3 Statements: (1) Manchester Arena inquiry volume 3 (Secretary Suella Braverman)
(2) Special educational needs and disabilities and alternative provision (Claire Coutinho)**

- 4 Social Security (Additional Payments) (No. 2) Bill: Committee of the whole House**

The House resolved itself into a Committee (Programme Order, 21 February).

(In the Committee)

Clause 1 (Means-tested additional payments: main payments)

Amendment 4 proposed.—(*Wendy Chamberlain.*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Division No. 183

Ayes: 9 (Tellers: Helen Morgan, Daisy Cooper)

Noes: 281 (Tellers: Stuart Anderson, Fay Jones)

Question accordingly negatived.

As it was more than two hours after the commencement of proceedings in Committee of the whole House, the Chair put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings in Committee to a conclusion (Programme Order, 21 February).

The following Questions were put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83D).

(1) That Clause 1 stand part of the Bill (Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded).

Question agreed to.

(2) That Amendment 2 be made (Question on an Amendment selected for separate decision).—(*David Linden.*)

The Committee divided.

Division No. 184

Ayes: 154 (Tellers: Marion Fellows, Peter Grant)

Noes: 283 (Tellers: Stuart Anderson, Fay Jones)

Question accordingly negated.

(3) That Clauses 2 to 12 stand part of the Bill (single Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded).

Question agreed to.

The occupant of the Chair left the Chair to report the Bill (Programme Order, 21 February).

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Fay Jones reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made no amendment.

5 Social Security (Additional Payments) (No. 2) Bill: Third Reading

Bill read the third time and passed.

6 Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Bill: Programme (No. 3)

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 15 June 2022 (Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Bill (Programme)) as varied by the Order of 31 October 2022 (Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Bill (Programme) (No. 2)):

Consideration of Lords Amendments

(1) Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.

Subsequent stages

(2) Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

(3) The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.—(Mark Spencer.)

Question agreed to.

7 Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Bill: Consideration of Lords Amendments

Lords Amendment 1 agreed to.

Lords Amendments 2 to 17 agreed to.

8 Animals (Low-Welfare Activities Abroad) Bill: Ways and Means

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Animals (Low-Welfare Activities Abroad) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund.—(Mark Spencer.)

9 Statutory Instruments: Motion for Approval

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Special Immigration Appeals Commission (Procedure) (Amendment) Rules 2023, which were laid before this House on 2 February, be approved.—(Robert Langan.)

Question agreed to.

10 Adjournment

Subject: Health and safety on offshore windfarms on the UK Continental Shelf (Kenny MacAskill)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Robert Lagan*.)

Adjourned at 9.53 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Changes to Notices Given

11 Energy Costs (Domestic Customers and Small Business) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 17 March, read and discharged.

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

12 Sale of Property (Sealed Bids) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 24 March, read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

13 Trade (Australia and New Zealand) (Parliamentary Approval) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 17 March, read and discharged.

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

General Committees: Reports

14 First Delegated Legislation Committee

Sir George Howarth reported the draft Medical Devices and Blood Safety and Quality (Fees Amendment) Regulations 2023.

15 Second Delegated Legislation Committee

Mr Phillip Hollobone (Chair) reported the draft National Minimum Wage (Amendment) 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).

16 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Medical Devices and Blood Safety and Quality (Fees Amendment) Regulations 2023)

Members: Chris Loder and Mark Menzies discharged and David Simmonds and Mrs Heather Wheeler nominated in substitution.

17 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft National Minimum Wage (Amendment) Regulations 2023)

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

Select Committees: Reports

18 Administration Committee

(1) *General Election planning and services*: Part of the oral evidence, to be published (HC 209);

(2) Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 6 March, to be published (Sir Charles Walker).

19 Defence Committee

Defence and Climate Change: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 179) (Tobias Ellwood).

20 High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill (Select Committee on the)

High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1136) (Andrew Percy).

21 Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee

(1) *Electoral registration*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 841);

(2) *Correspondence from the CEO of the National Residential Landlords Association, relating to reforming the private rented sector*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Funding for Levelling Up*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 744);

(4) *Reforms to national planning policy*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1122) (Mr Clive Betts).

22 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *Supporting investments in the UK*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 996);

(2) *Correspondence from the Ministry of Justice relating to small payments consultation*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Improving the accounting officer assessment process*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 43);

(4) *Restoration and Renewal recall*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1021);

(5) *Tackling local air quality breaches*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 37) (Dame Meg Hillier).

23 Scottish Affairs Committee

(1) *Hydrogen and carbon capture in Scotland*:

- (i) Sixth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 83);
- (ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 83);
- (2) *Defence in Scotland: the North Atlantic and the High North*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 81);
- (3) *Storms in Scotland*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 968) (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 Prescription charges for people aged 60 or over

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petition 594390, relating to prescription charges for people aged 60 or over.—(*Tonia Antoniazzi*.)

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

Adjourned at 5.20 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Armorial Bearings, Ensigns and Flags

Draft Flags (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (by Statutory Instrument), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris)

2 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)

3 Licences and Licensing

Draft Licensing Act 2003 (Coronation Licensing Hours) Order 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Suella Braverman)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

4 Criminal Law

Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (Consequential Provision) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 250), dated 2 March 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Suella Braverman)

5 Health and Safety

Health and Safety and Nuclear (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 247), dated 3 March 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Mims Davies)

6 Local Government

Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 241), dated 1 March 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Lee Rowley)

Other papers

7 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Home Office: Progress with delivering the Emergency Services Network for 2023 (by Act), to be printed (HC 1170) (Clerk of the House)

8 Public Service Pensions

Explanatory Memorandum to the Police Pensions (Contributions and Pensionable Earnings) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023 (by Command) (Secretary Suella Braverman)

Withdrawn papers

9 Income Tax

Draft Major Sporting Events (Income Tax Exemption) (Women's Finalissima Football Match) Regulations 2023 (laid 6 February)

10 Public Service Pensions

Explanatory Memorandum to the Police Pensions (Contributions and Pensionable Earnings) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023 (laid 27 February)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

VOTING BY PROXY

11 Variation of proxy voting arrangement

The Speaker has certified, under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A (Voting by proxy), that Ms Diane Abbott has given notice that she wishes to vary her proxy vote arrangement. Her nominated proxy will be Chris Elmore from 6 to 10 March, after which it will again be Bell Ribeiro-Addy.

CORRECTION

Wednesday 7 September 2022

Item 34(3) (Other proceedings) should not have appeared.