

Thursday 23 March 2023

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade
- 2 Urgent Questions: (1) Food price inflation (Mark Spencer)
 - (2) Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories (Anne-Marie Trevelyan)
- 3 Business Question (Leader of the House)
- 4 Deputy Speaker's Statement: Waiver of sub judice rule in relation to Post Office Horizon compensation
- 5 Statement: Post Office Horizon compensation (Kevin Hollinrake)
- 6 Royal Assent

The Deputy Speaker reported that the King had signified Royal Assent to the following Acts under the Royal Assent Act 1967:

Supply and Appropriation (Anticipation and Adjustments) Act 2023

Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Act 2023

Social Security (Additional Payments) Act 2023

Seafarers' Wages Act 2023

Trade (Australia and New Zealand) Act 2023

UK Infrastructure Bank Act 2023

- 7 Select Committee Statement (Standing Order No. 22D): Publication of the Eighth Report of the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee, Memorandum of Understanding on scrutiny of the Investment Security Unit, HC 1235 (Darren Jones)
- 8 Backbench Business
 - (1) World Down Syndrome Day

Resolved, That this House has considered World Down Syndrome Day.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

(2) Tackling the energy trilemma

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of tackling the energy trilemma.— (Andrea Leadsom.)

9 Adjournment

Subject: Protection of heritage assets in London (Nickie Aiken)

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

Adjourned at 5.27 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

10 Electronic Trade Documents Bill [Lords]

The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision about electronic trade documents; and for connected purposes, to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

First Reading and Printing of Lords Bills

11 Electronic Trade Documents Bill [Lords]

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow; and to be printed (Bill 280), with Explanatory Notes (Bill 280–EN).

Bill stood referred to a second reading committee (Standing Order No. 59).

Changes to Notices Given

12 Elections (Proportional Representation) Bill

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

Bill withdrawn.

13 Zoological Society of London (Leases) Bill

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

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

14 Defamation, Privacy, Freedom of Expression, Data Protection, Legal Services and Private Investigators Bill

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

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

15 Renewable Liquid Heating Fuel Bill

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

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

16 War Pension Scheme and Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (Public Inquiry) Bill

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

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

17 Ministerial Code (Enforcement) Bill

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

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

18 Ministerial Interests (Public Appointments) Bill

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

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

19 Telecommunications Infrastructure (Consultation) Bill

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

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

20 Recognition of Armenian Genocide Bill

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

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

21 Marine Activities (Licensing) Bill

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

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

General Committees: Reports

22 Lifelong Learning (Higher Education Fee Limits) Bill Committee

Judith Cummins (Chair) reported:

- (1) written evidence submitted to the Committee; and
- (2) the Bill without amendment.

Written evidence to be published.

Bill, not amended, to be considered tomorrow.

Select Committees: Reports

23 Backbench Business Committee

Determination of business to be taken on Thursday 30 March in Westminster Hall (Ian Mearns).

24 Public Accounts (Committee of)

Decarbonising the power sector: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1003) (Dame Meg Hillier).

25 Welsh Affairs Committee

(1) Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities relating to European Structural and Investment Funds scheme: Written evidence, to be published;

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

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 Whistleblowing Awareness Week

Resolved, That this House has considered Whistleblowing Awareness Week.—(Mary Robinson.)

2 Support for women in poverty

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of support for women in poverty.— (Jim Shannon.)

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

Adjourned at 4.06 pm until Monday 27 March.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Environmental Protection

Draft Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Thérèse Coffey)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Environmental Protection

Environment (Local Nature Recovery Strategies) (Procedure) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 341), dated 22 March 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Thérèse Coffey)

3 Miscellaneous Series No. 1 (2023)

Decision No. 2/2022 of the EEA EFTA-United Kingdom Joint Committee, done at London on 21 September 2022, amending Annex XX to the Agreement on International Mobile Roaming Rates under the Free Trade Agreement between the Government of Iceland, the Government of the Principality of Liechtenstein and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (CP 821) (by Command), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary James Cleverly)

Other papers

4 Enterprise and Regulatory Reform

Plan of the Competition and Markets Authority (by Act) (Secretary Kemi Badenoch)

5 Environment

Local nature recovery strategy statutory guidance: What a local nature recovery strategy should contain (by Act) (Secretary Thérèse Coffey)

6 Justice

Supporting earlier resolution of private family law arrangements: A consultation on resolving private family disputes earlier through family mediation (CP 824) (by Command) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

7 Life Chances

Workless households and educational attainment statutory indicators (by Act) (Secretary Mel Stride)

8 National Museums Liverpool

Report and Accounts of National Museums Liverpool for 2021–22, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1187) (Julia Lopez)

CORRECTION

Monday 20 March 2023

Item 29(2) (Other Proceedings) should have read:

Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy Annual Report and Accounts 2021–22: Forty-fifth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1254)