



House of Commons

Monday 27 March 2023

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities**
- 2 Urgent Question: Oil spill in Poole Harbour (Rebecca Pow)**
- 3 Statement: Antisocial behaviour action plan (Secretary Suella Braverman)**
- 4 Inquests (Legal Representation) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Paul Maynard presented a Bill to prohibit public bodies from spending more on legal representation at an inquest than the amount spent by families of the deceased; to require the Secretary of State to report to Parliament on the availability and accessibility of legal representation for

families at inquests; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 24 November, and to be printed (Bill 281).

5 Illegal Migration Bill: Committee of the whole House (first day)

The House resolved itself into a Committee (Programme Order, 13 March).

(In the Committee)

Clause 37 (Suspensive claims: interpretation)

Amendment 133 proposed.—(*Sir William Cash.*)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment 76 proposed.—(*Alison Thewliss.*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Division No. 199

Ayes: 244 (Tellers: Peter Grant, Marion Fellows)

Noes: 308 (Tellers: Julie Marson, Mike Wood)

Question accordingly negatived.

Clauses 37 to 44 agreed to.

Clause 45 (Suspensive claims: duty to remove)

Amendments 67, 69 and 68 made.

Clause 45, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 46 to 51 agreed to.

New Clause NC11—(*Robert Jenrick*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC12—(*Robert Jenrick*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC6—(*Tim Farron*)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The Committee divided.

Division No. 200

Ayes: 67 (Tellers: Mr Alistair Carmichael, Wendy Chamberlain)

Noes: 307 (Tellers: Julie Marson, Mike Wood)

Question accordingly negatived.

New Clause NC24—(*Stephen Kinnock*)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The Committee divided.

Division No. 201

Ayes: 248 (Tellers: Mary Glindon, Taiwo Owatemi)

Noes: 301 (Tellers: Julie Marson, Mike Wood)

Question accordingly negatived.

New Clause NC25—(*Stephen Kinnock*)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The Committee divided.

Division No. 202

Ayes: 196 (Tellers: Taiwo Owatemi, Mary Glindon)

Noes: 306 (Tellers: Julie Marson, Mike Wood)

Question accordingly negatived.

The occupant of the Chair left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again (Programme Order, 13 March).

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Fay Jones reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Committee again tomorrow.

6 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (Corporate Joint Committees) (Consequential Amendments) Order 2023, which was laid before this House on 23 February, be approved.—(*Fay Jones.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Major Sporting Events (Income Tax Exemption) (Women's Finalissima Football Match) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 6 March, be approved.—(*Fay Jones.*)

Question agreed to.

7 The Speaker's Absence

Ordered, That the Speaker have leave of absence on Wednesday 29 March to attend the funeral of the Right honourable the Baroness Boothroyd, former Speaker of this House.—(*Penny Mordaunt.*)

8 Standing Orders etc. (Machinery of Government Changes)

Ordered, That, with effect from 26 April, the following amendments and related provisions be made in respect of Standing Orders:

A: Select Committees Related to Government Departments

(1) That Standing Order No. 152 (Select committees related to government departments) be amended in the Table in paragraph (2) as follows—

(i) leave out items 10 and 14;

(ii) insert, in the appropriate place, the following items:

"Energy Security and Net Zero	Department for Energy Security and Net Zero	11"
"Science, Innovation and Technology	Department for Science, Innovation and Technology	11"

(iii) in item 1, by leaving out "Energy and Industrial Strategy" in each place it occurs and inserting "and Trade"; and

(iv) in item 3, leave out "Digital, Culture, Media and Sport" in each place it occurs and inserting "Culture, Media and Sport".

B: Related Provisions

(2) That all proceedings of the House and of its select committees in this Parliament, including for the purposes of calculating

any period under Standing Order No. 122A (Term limits for chairs of select committees)—

(i) relating to the Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee shall be read and have effect as if they had been done in relation to the Culture, Media and Sport Committee;

(ii) relating to the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee shall be read and have effect as if they had been done in relation to the Business and Trade Committee; and

(iii) relating to the Science and Technology Committee shall be read and have effect as if they had been done in relation to the Science, Innovation and Technology Committee.

C: Liaison Committee

(3) That the Resolution of the House of 20 May 2020 (Liaison Committee (Membership)), as amended on 20 May 2021, be amended, in paragraph (2)—

(i) by leaving out “Digital, Culture, Media and Sport” and inserting “Culture, Media and Sport”;

(ii) by leaving out “Science and Technology” and inserting “Science, Innovation and Technology”;

(iii) by leaving out “Energy and Industrial Strategy” and inserting “and Trade”;

(iv) by leaving out “International Trade,”; and

(v) by inserting, in the appropriate place, “Energy Security and Net Zero”.

(4) That Standing Order No. 145 (Liaison Committee) be amended, in paragraph (7), by leaving out “Energy and Industrial Strategy” and inserting “and Trade”.

D. European Committees

(5) That the Table in paragraph (7) of Standing Order No. 119 (European Committees) be amended—

(i) in respect of European Committee C, by leaving out “Digital, Culture, Media and Sport” and inserting “Culture, Media and Sport”, by leaving out “Energy and Industrial Strategy” and inserting “and Trade”, by adding in the appropriate place “Science, Innovation and Technology”;

(ii) in respect of European Committee B, by leaving out “International Trade”.

E. Scrutiny of orders and draft orders

(6) That Standing Order No. 18 (Consideration of draft legislative reform orders etc.) be amended in paragraph (1), by leaving out “Energy and Industrial Strategy” and inserting “and Trade”;

(7) That Standing Order No. 141 (Scrutiny of regulatory and legislative reform orders etc.) be amended in paragraph (1), by leaving out “Energy and Industrial Strategy” and inserting “and Trade”; and

(8) That Standing Order No. 142 (Localism Act 2011, etc.: scrutiny of certain orders and draft orders be amended in paragraph (1), by leaving out “Energy and Industrial Strategy” and inserting “and Trade”.

F. Planning: national policy statements

(9) That Standing Order No. 152H (Planning: national policy statements) be amended in paragraph (2)(a) as follows—

(a) by leaving out “Energy and Industrial Strategy” and inserting “and Trade”

(b) by inserting, in the appropriate place, “Energy Security and Net Zero”; and

(c) by inserting, in the appropriate place, “Science, Innovation and Technology”.—
(*Penny Mordaunt.*)

9 Select Committees (Allocation of Chairs)

Ordered, That, with effect from 26 April, the allocation of chairs to select committees set out in the Order of the House of 16 January 2020, pursuant to Standing Order No. 122B, be amended as follows:

(a) by leaving out:

“International Trade Scottish National Party”

(b) by inserting:

“Energy Security and Net Zero Scottish National Party”.—(*Penny Mordaunt.*)

10 Election of Select Committee Chairs (Notice of Election)

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Orders No. 122B(7) and No. 122C(1), the Speaker may announce a date for an election of chairs of select

committees before 27 April in respect of which the requirement of notice is not met.—(*Penny Mordaunt.*)

11Parliamentary Works Estimates Commission

Ordered, That Mr Nicholas Brown be discharged as a member of the Parliamentary Works Estimates Commission and Mrs Sharon Hodgson be confirmed as a member under Schedule 3 to the Parliamentary Buildings (Restoration and Renewal) Act 2019.—(*Penny Mordaunt.*)

12Public petitions

A public petition from residents of the constituency of Kingston upon Hull relating to policing and drug and alcohol treatment in Hull was presented and read by Dame Diana Johnson.

13Adjournment

Subject: HMS Dasher (Patricia Gibson)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Fay Jones.*)

Adjourned at 11.24 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

14 Mobile Homes (Pitch Fees) Bill

The Lords agree to the Mobile Homes (Pitch Fees) Bill, without amendment.

15 Universal Credit (Removal of Two Child Limit) Bill [Lords]

The Lords have passed a Bill to remove the limit on the number of children or qualifying young persons included in the calculation of an award of universal credit, to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

General Committees: Reports

16 First Delegated Legislation Committee

Mr Philip Hollobone (Chair) reported the Amendments of the Law (Resolution of Silicon Valley Bank UK Limited) Order 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 319).

17Second Delegated Legislation Committee

Sir Robert Syms (Chair) reported the draft Building (Public Bodies and Higher-Risk Building Work) (England) Regulations 2023.

18Third Delegated Legislation Committee

Carolyn Harris (Chair) reported the draft Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection) Regulations 2023.

19Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee

Graham Stringer (Chair) reported the draft Licensing Act 2003 (Coronation Licensing Hours) 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).

**20 First Delegated Legislation Committee
(Amendments of the Law (Resolution of
Silicon Valley Bank UK Limited) Order 2023
(SI, 2023, No. 319))**

Members: Lee Anderson, Tracey Crouch, Mrs Natalie Elphicke and Paul Holmes discharged and Scott Benton, Mrs Helen Grant, Robin Millar and Selaine Saxby nominated in substitution.

**21 Second Delegated Legislation Committee
(draft Building (Public Bodies and Higher-Risk Building Work) (England) Regulations 2023)**

Chair: Sir Edward Leigh discharged and Sir Robert Syms nominated in substitution.

**22 Third Delegated Legislation Committee
(draft Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection) Regulations 2023)**

Members: Sara Britcliffe discharged and Mark Logan nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

23Administration Committee

(1) *General Election planning and services:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 209);

(2) Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 27 March, to be published

(Dame Maria Miller).

24Environmental Audit Committee

The UK and the Arctic environment: Oral evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Polar Research, to be published (HC 1141) (James Gray).

25High 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).

26 Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee

- (1) *Intergovernmental relations*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1247);
 - (2) *Correspondence from the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (3) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to Welsh freeports*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (4) *Correspondence with the Minister of State, DLUHC, and the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Transport, relating to parking charges*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (5) *Funding for Levelling Up*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 744);
 - (6) *Reforms to national planning policy*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1122)
- (Mr Clive Betts).

27 National Security Strategy (Joint Committee on)

- (1) *UK Resilience*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1251);
- (2) Correspondence with the National Security Adviser relating to the Integrated Review Refresh and the National Security Council: Written evidence, to be published (Margaret Beckett).

28 Public Accounts (Committee of)

- (1) *Investigation into the UK Passport Office*: Forty-seventh Report, to be printed, with formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 738);
- (2) *MoD Equipment Plan 2022–2032*: Forty-eighth Report, to be printed, with formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 731);
- (3) *Emergency Services Network*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1006);
- (4) *Alcohol treatment services*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1001);
- (5) *Correspondence from HM Courts & Tribunals Service relating to NAO report*,

Progress on the courts and tribunals reform programme: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence relating to the Committee's previous Reports:* Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Correspondence to HM Revenue and Customs relating to VAT registration process:* Written evidence, to be published;

(8) *Correspondence to the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office relating to Integration Portfolio and Accounting Officer assessment:* Written evidence, to be published;

(9) *Decarbonising the power sector:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 1003);

(10) *DHSC Annual Report and Accounts 2021–22:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 997);

(11) *Energy Bills Support:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 1074);

(12) *Introducing Integrated Care Systems:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 47);

(13) *Regulation after EU exit*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 32);

(14) *Correspondence to the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero relating to contingent liability*: Written evidence, to be published

(Dame Meg Hillier).

29 Scottish Affairs Committee

(1) *Defence in Scotland: military shipbuilding: Government Response to the Committee's Fourth Report: Fifth Special Report*, to be printed (HC 1267);

(2) *Defence in Scotland: the North Atlantic and the High North*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 81)

(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 Home education

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petitions 594065 and 617340, relating to home education.—(*Nick Fletcher.*)

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

Adjourned at 5.33 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Financial Services and Markets

Draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) (Amendment) Order 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Andrew Griffith)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Legal Aid and Advice

Criminal Legal Aid (Remuneration) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 366) (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

3 Merchant Shipping

Merchant Shipping (Seamen's Documents) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 365) (by Act), with an Explanatory

Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Mark Harper)

4 National Health Service

National Health Service (Dental Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 367), dated 27 March 2023 (by Statutory Instrument), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Neil O'Brien)

5 Social Security

Social Security Additional Payments (First Qualifying Day) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 361), dated 24 March 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Mims Davies)

Other papers

6 Domestic Abuse

Strategic Plan of the Domestic Abuse Commissioner 2022–25 (by Act) (Clerk of the House)

7 Energy Security and Net Zero

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero Minute, dated 27 March 2023, concerning the notification of a contingent liability relating to the Energy Bills Discount Scheme (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

8 Environment

Post-implementation Review of Environmental Law (by Act) (Clerk of the House)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

VOTING BY PROXY

1 Variation of proxy voting arrangement

The Speaker has certified, further to the certificate of 15 November 2022, under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A (Voting by proxy), that John Nicolson has given notice that he wishes to vary his proxy vote arrangement to finish on 30 April.