

Monday 24 April 2023

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

1 The Speaker's Absence

The Clerk Assistant informed the House of the absence of Mr Speaker from this day's sitting, pursuant to leave given on 19 April.

Dame Eleanor Laing, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table.

Prayers

2 Deputy Speaker in the Chair

Dame Eleanor Laing, the Chairman of Ways and Means, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker (Standing Order No. 3).

- 3 Deputy Speaker's Statement: Resignation of the Chair of the Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee
- 4 Questions to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions
- 5 Urgent Question: Register of Ministerial Interests and the Ministerial Code (Alex Burghart)
- 6 Statement: Situation in Sudan (Mr Andrew Mitchell)

7 Non-Domestic Rating Bill: Second Reading

Bill read a second time.

8 Non-Domestic Rating Bill: Programme

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Non-Domestic Rating Bill:

Committal

(1) The Bill shall be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Proceedings in Committee, on Consideration and on Third Reading

- (2) Proceedings in Committee of the whole House shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion three hours after their commencement.
- (3) Any proceedings on Consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion four hours after the commencement of proceedings in Committee of the whole House.

(4) Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings in Committee of the whole House, to any proceedings on Consideration or to proceedings on Third Reading.

Other proceedings

(5) Any other proceedings on the Bill may be programmed.—(Andrew Stephenson.)

Question agreed to.

9 Non-Domestic Rating Bill: Money

King's Recommendation signified.

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 52(1)(a)), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Non-Domestic Rating Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided.—(Andrew Stephenson.)

Question agreed to.

10 Non-Domestic Rating Bill: Ways and Means

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 52(1)(a)), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Non-Domestic Rating Bill, it is expedient to authorise:

- (1) the payment of sums to the Secretary of State in respect of non-domestic rating,
- (2) the payment of those and other sums into the Consolidated Fund.—(Andrew Stephenson.)

Question agreed to.

11 Public Order Bill: Consideration of Lords Message

The House proceeded to consider the Lords Message received on 29 March relating to the Public Order Bill (Programme Order, 7 March).

Motion made and Question put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendments 6H and 6J.—(Chris Philp.)

The House divided.

Division No. 216

Ayes: 270 (Tellers: Robert Largan, Amanda Solloway)

Noes: 200 (Tellers: Christian Wakeford, Colleen Fletcher)

Question accordingly agreed to.

Lords Amendments 6H and 6J accordingly disagreed to.

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83H(2)), That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments 6H and 6J;

That Shaun Bailey, Gerald Jones, Sarah Jones, Stuart C McDonald, Scott Mann, Chris Philp and James Sunderland be members of the Committee;

That Chris Philp be the Chair of the Committee;

That three be the quorum of the Committee;

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Andrew Stephenson.)

Question agreed to.

12 Changes to membership of select committees

Ordered, That Ashley Dalton be added to the Committee of Public Accounts.—(Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

13 Adjournment

Subject: Mental health support in Wirral (Alison McGovern)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Andrew Stephenson.)

Adjourned at 7.14 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

14 Heritage Railways and Tramways (Voluntary Work) Bill [Lords]

The Lords have passed a Bill to permit young persons to carry out voluntary work on a heritage railway or tramway, to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

15 Ecology Bill [Lords]

The Lords have passed a Bill to achieve the nature target for the United Kingdom; and for connected purposes, to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

16 Employment (Allocation of Tips) Bill

The Lords agree to the Employment (Allocation of Tips) Bill, without Amendment.

17 Pensions Dashboard (Prohibition of Indemnification) Bill

The Lords agree to the Pensions Dashboard (Prohibition of Indemnification) Bill, without Amendment.

Reasons Committees: Reports

18 Public Order Bill: Reasons Committee

Chris Philp reported that the Committee had agreed the following Reason:

Lords Amendments 6H and 6J

Because it is not necessary to amend the stop and search powers contained in Clause 11.

General Committees: Reports

19 First Delegated Legislation Committee

Yvonne Fovargue (Chair) reported the draft Register of Oversees Entities (Definition of Foreign Limited Partner, Protection and Rectification) Regulations 2023.

20 Second Delegated Legislation Committee

Sir Robert Syms (Chair) reported the draft Code of Practice on the Recording and Retention of Personal Data in relation to Non-Crime Hate Incidents.

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).

21 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Register of Overseas Entities (Definition of Foreign Limited Partner, Protection and Rectification) Regulations 2023)

Members: Jo Gideon, Gary Sambrook and Alexander Stafford discharged and Chris Loder, Jerome Mayhew and David Simmonds nominated in substitution.

22 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Code of Practice on the Recording and Retention of Personal Data in relation on to Non-Crime Hate Incidents)

Members: Sarah Jones and Chris Philp discharged and Miss Sarah Dines and Holly Lynch nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports relating to orders for printing made during the adjournment under Standing Order No. 137

23 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

Legislative Scrutiny: Illegal Migration Bill: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1241) (Clerk of the House).

24 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

The funding and delivery of public services in Northern Ireland: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1165) (Clerk of the House).

Select Committees: Reports made on Monday 24 April

25 Administration Committee

Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 24 April, to be published (Sir Charles Walker).

26 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).

27 Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee

- (1) Reforms to national planning policy: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1122);
- (2) Correspondence from the Mayor of Croydon relating to accountability in local government: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) Correspondence from the Minister for Levelling Up: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) *Ukraine Refugee Scheme*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 464) (Mr Clive Betts).

28 National Security Strategy (Joint Committee on)

Ransomware: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 850) (Margaret Beckett).

29 Public Accounts (Committee of)

- (1) Restoration & Renewal of the Palace of Westminster 2023 Recall: Fifty-second Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1021);
- (2) The performance of UK Security Vetting: Fifty-third Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 994);
- (3) HS2 Euston: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1004);
- (4) Correspondence from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office relating to Accounting Officer Assessments: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) Correspondence relating to the Committee's previous Reports: Written evidence, to be published;
- (6) Regulating after EU Exit: Written evidence, to be published (HC 32) (Dame Meg Hillier).

30 Scottish Affairs Committee

- (1) Public broadcasting in Scotland: Government Response to the Committee's Fifth Report: Sixth Special Report, to be printed (HC 1305);
- (2) Defence in Scotland: the North Atlantic and the High North: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 81);
- (3) Correspondence with the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities related to intergovernmental relations: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport related to the draft Media Bill: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) Hydrogen and carbon capture in Scotland: Written evidence, to be published (HC 83);
- (6) Promoting Scotland internationally: Written evidence, to be published (HC 625);
- (7) Storms in Scotland follow-up: Written evidence, to be published (HC 968) (Pete Wishart).

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

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 The impact of the UK's exit from the European Union

The sitting was suspended between 6.28 pm. and 6.43 pm. for a division in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered e-petition 628226, relating to the impact of the UK's exit from the European Union.—(Martyn Day.)

The Chair announced a time limit on backbench speeches (under the authority of the Chairman of Ways and Means and Standing Order No. 47(1)).

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petition 628226, relating to the impact of the UK's exit from the European Union.

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

Adjourned at 7.28 pm until tomorrow.

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Papers Laid

Papers presented and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 21

April under Standing Orders No. 158 and No. 159:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 France No. 1 (2023)

Agreement, done at London on 23 January and Paris on 8 February 2023, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the French Republic concerning safety certification in respect of rail transport services through the Channel Fixed Link (CP 833), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary James Cleverly)

2 Urban Development

- (1) Hartlepool Development Corporation (Functions) Order 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 446), dated 19 April 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Dehenna Davison)
- (2) Middlesbrough Development Corporation (Functions) Order 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 447), dated 19 April 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Dehenna Davison)

Other papers

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Secretary of State determination of fishing opportunities for British fishing boats (by Command) (CP 834) (Secretary Thérèse Coffey)

Withdrawn papers

4 Fisheries

Secretary of State determination of fishing opportunities for British fishing boats (laid 29 March)

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 24 April

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

5 Criminal Law

Draft Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Act 2007 (Extension of Duration of Non-jury Trial Provisions) Order 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris)

6 Highways

Draft Strategic Highways Company (Name Change and Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Mark Harper)

7 Rehabilitation of Offenders

Draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Order 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Alex Chalk)

CORRECTION

Thursday 20 April 2023

Item 10 (Papers Laid) should have read:

Supply Estimates 2023–24

National Audit Office: Main Supply Estimate (by Act), to be printed (HC 1253) (Mr Richard Bacon)