



House of Commons

Thursday 27 April 2023

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 **Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport**
(2) the hon. Member representing the Church Commissioners and the hon. Member representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission
- 2 **Urgent Questions: (1) Voter identification (Rachel Maclean)**
(2) Ukraine (Dr Andrew Murrison)
- 3 **Statements: (1) Gambling Act review White Paper (Secretary Lucy Frazer)**
(2) Business (Leader of the House)
(3) Sudan update (Secretary James Cleverly)
- 4 **Northern Ireland (Interim Arrangements) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris, supported by the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Michael Gove, Secretary Alister Jack, Secretary David T C Davies, John Glen and Mr Steve Baker, presented a Bill to extend the period during which departmental functions may be exercised in the absence of Ministers to cover the whole of the current period in which there is no Executive; to give the Secretary of State power, during that period, to commission advice and information for the purpose of developing options for raising more public revenue in Northern Ireland or otherwise improving the sustainability of public finances in Northern Ireland; and to require certain accounts and related documents to be laid before the House of Commons in periods in which the Northern Ireland Assembly is not functioning.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Tuesday 2 May, and to be printed (Bill 300) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 300–EN).
- 5 **Backbench Business**

Progress on reforms to NHS dentistry

Resolved, That this House has considered progress on reforms to NHS dentistry.—(*Judith Cummins*.)

6 Adjournment

Subject: Political and security situation in Georgia (Adam Holloway)

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Amanda Solloway*.)

At 5.00 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 9(3))

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Amanda Solloway*.)

Adjourned at 5.08 pm until Tuesday 2 May (Order, 21 March).

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

Public Order Bill

- 7 The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Public Order Bill to which the Commons have disagreed.

Public petitions

- 8 A public petition from Craig Bulman relating to incorrect child maintenance assessments was presented.

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).

- 9 **First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Flags (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2023)**

Chair: Caroline Nokes

- 10 **Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) (Amendment) Order 2023 and draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Commodity Derivatives and Emission Allowances Order 2023)**

Chair: James Gray

- 11 **Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2023)**

Chair: Martin Vickers

*Select Committees: Reports***12 Backbench Business Committee**

Determination of business to be taken on Thursday 11 May in the Chamber and Tuesday 9 May and Thursday 11 May in Westminster Hall (Bob Blackman).

13 Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee

Funding for Levelling Up: Written evidence, to be published (HC 744) (Mr Clive Betts).

14 Petitions Committee

Correspondence from the Minister for Biosecurity, Marine and Rural Affairs relating to e-petitions 622806 and 630751: Written evidence, to be published (Catherine McKinnell).

15 Public Accounts (Committee of)

Defra recall: Environmental protection: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1306) (Dame Meg Hillier).

16 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

Work of the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1213) (Mr William Wragg).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 1.30 pm.

Liaison Committee business (Standing Order No. 10(7))

1 IPP sentences

Resolved, That this House has considered the Third Report of the Justice Committee, IPP Sentences, HC 266, and the Government response, HC 933.—(*Sir Robert Neill*.)

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

Adjourned at 3.00 pm until Tuesday 2 May (Order, 21 March).

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Animals

Draft Animal Welfare (Electronic Collars) (England) Regulations 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Thérèse Coffey)

2 Banks and Banking

Draft Amendments of the Law (Resolution of Silicon Valley Bank UK Limited) (No. 2) Order 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Andrew Griffith)

3 Medical Devices

Draft Medical Devices (Amendment) (Great Britain) Regulations 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Will Quince)

4 Public Order

Draft Public Order Act 1986 (Serious Disruption to the Life of the Community) Regulations 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Suella Braverman)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

5 Financial Services

Pension Fund Clearing Obligation Exemption and Intragroup Transaction Transitional Clearing and Risk-Management Obligation Exemptions (Extension and Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 472), dated 26 April 2023 (by Statutory Instrument), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Andrew Griffith)

6 National Health Service

National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 479), dated 26 April 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Neil O'Brien)

7 Northern Ireland

PEACEPLUS Programme (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 477), dated 26 April 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris)

8 Spain No. 1 (2023)

Agreement, done at Madrid on 15 March 2023, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Spain in the form of an Exchange of Notes on the Reciprocal Recognition and Exchange of National Driving Licences and on the Exchange of Information on Road Safety Related Traffic Offences (CP 836) (by Command), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary James Cleverly)

Other papers

9 Culture, Media and Sport

High Stakes: Gambling Reform for the Digital Age (by Command) (CP 835) (Secretary Lucy Frazer)

10 Road Traffic

Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Road Vehicles (Authorised Weight) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (Secretary Mark Harper)

Withdrawn papers

11 Road Traffic

Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Road Vehicles (Authorised Weight) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (laid 26 April)

CORRECTION

Wednesday 26 April 2023

The following item should have appeared after item 21 (Other proceedings):

Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee

Electoral registration: Written evidence, to be published (HC 841) (Mr Clive Betts).