

Wednesday 3 May 2023

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology
 (2) the Prime Minister
- 2 Greater London Authority Act 1999 (Amendment): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Greater London Authority Act 1999 to give the Secretary of State power to review and overturn decisions made by the Mayor of London relating to transport and to air quality; and for connected purposes;

That Theresa Villiers, Bob Blackman, Sir David Evennett, Sir Robert Neill, Bob Stewart, Elliot Colburn, Gareth Bacon, David Simmonds, Mr Louie French, Stephen Hammond, Sir Iain Duncan Smith and Mr Gagan Mohindra present the Bill.

Theresa Villiers accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 24 November, and to be printed (Bill 302).

3 National Security Bill: Programme (No. 3)

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the National Security Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 6 June 2022 (National Security Bill: Programme) as varied by the Order of 22 September 2022 (National Security 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 two hours after their commencement.
- (2) The Lords Amendments shall be considered in the following order: 26, 153, 22, 122, 1 to 21, 23 to 25, 27 to 121, 123 to 152, 154 to 174.

Subsequent stages

- (3) Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question being put.
- (4) 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.—(Steve Double.)

Question agreed to.

4 National Security Bill: Consideration of Lords Amendments

Tom Tugendhat signified King's consent in relation to the Bill, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned.

Tom Tugendhat signified Prince of Wales's consent in relation to the Bill, as far as his interest is concerned.

The Deputy Speaker announced that Lords Amendments 33 and 34 engaged financial privilege.

Lords Amendment 26

Amendment (a) made.

Motion made and Question put, That Amendment (c) be made.—(Mr Alistair Carmichael.)

The House divided.

Division No. 227

Ayes: 132 (Tellers: Mary Glindon, Sarah Olney) Noes: 252 (Tellers: Fay Jones, Robert Largan)

Question accordingly negatived.

Amendment (b) made.

Lords Amendment 26, as amended, agreed to.

Lords Amendment 153

Amendment (a) made.

Lords Amendment 153, as amended, agreed to.

Lords Amendment 22

Motion made and Question put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 22.—(*Tom Tugendhat*.)

The House divided.

Division No. 228

Ayes: 254 (Tellers: Fay Jones, Robert Largan)

Noes: 134 (Tellers: Mary Glindon, Colleen Fletcher)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 22 accordingly disagreed to.

As it was more than two hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Lords Amendments, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring the proceedings to a conclusion (Programme Order, today).

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

(1) Motion made and Question put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 122 (Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to disagree with a Lords Amendment).—(*Tom Tugendhat*.)

The House divided.

Division No. 229

Ayes: 254 (Tellers: Fay Jones, Robert Largan)

Noes: 136 (Tellers: Mary Glindon, Colleen Fletcher)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 122 accordingly disagreed to.

(2) That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendments 1 to 21, 23 to 25, 27 to 121, 123 to 152 and 154 to 174 (Single Question to agree with all remaining Lords amendments).

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendments 1 to 21, 23 to 25, 27 to 121, 123 to 152 and 154 to 174 accordingly agreed to, with Commons privilege waived in respect of Lords Amendments 33 and 34.

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83H(2)), That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments 22 and 122 to the National Security Bill.

That Tom Tugendhat, Scott Mann, James Sunderland, Chris Clarkson, Gerald Jones, Holly Lynch and Stuart C McDonald be members of the Committee.

That Tom Tugendhat 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.

5 Lifelong Learning (Higher Education Fee Limits) Bill: Programme (No. 2)

Ordered, That the Order of 27 February 2023 (Lifelong Learning (Higher Education Fee Limits) Bill: Programme) be varied as follows:

- (1) Paragraphs (4) and (5) of the Order shall be omitted.
- (2) Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion two hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order.
- (3) Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order.—(Andrew Stephenson.)

6 Lifelong Learning (Higher Education Fee Limits) Bill: Consideration of the Bill, not amended in the Public Bill Committee

New Clause 1—(Matt Western)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Division No. 230

Ayes: 89 (Tellers: Mary Glindon, Colleen Fletcher)

Noes: 253 (Tellers: Fay Jones, Robert Largan)

Question accordingly negatived.

Consideration completed.

7 Lifelong Learning (Higher Education Fee Limits) Bill: Third Reading

Bill read the third time and passed.

8 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Flags (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 29 March, be approved.—(*Joy Morrissey*.)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 23 March, be approved.—(*Joy Morrissey*.)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) (Amendment) Order 2023, which was laid before this House on 23 March, be approved.—(*Joy Morrissey*.)

Question agreed to.

(4) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Commodity Derivatives and Emission Allowances) Order 2023, which was laid before this House on 29 March, be approved.—(*Joy Morrissey*.)

Question agreed to.

9 Public petitions

A public petition from residents of the United Kingdom relating to female judges and prosecutors in Afghanistan was presented and read by Joanna Cherry.

10 Adjournment

Subject: Government measures to tackle litter (Theresa Villiers)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Joy Morrissey.)

Adjourned at 4.41 pm until Tuesday 9 May (Order, 21 March).

Other Proceedings

Reasons Committees: Reports

11 National Security Bill: Reasons Committee

Tom Tugendhat reported that the Committee had agreed the following Reasons:

Lords Amendment 22

Because the law already makes sufficient provision in relation to donations to political parties.

Lords Amendment 122

Because section 2 of the Justice and Security Act 2013 already makes sufficient provision in relation to memoranda of understanding.

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).

12 Data Protection and Digital Information (No. 2) Bill Committee

- (1) Chairs: Mr Philip Hollobone and Ian Paisley
- (2) Members: Mike Amesbury, Paul Bristow, Theo Clarke, Damian Collins, Steve Double, Mark Eastwood, Darren Henry, Jane Hunt, Dr Rupa Huq, Rebecca Long Bailey, Julia Lopez, Carol Monaghan, Chi Onwurah, Stephanie Peacock, Nicola Richards, David Simmonds and Christian Wakeford

13 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Insider Dealing (Securities and Regulated Markets) Order 2023)

- (1) Chair: Mrs Pauline Latham
- (2) Members: Peter Aldous, Siobhan Baillie, Hannah Bardell, Olivia Blake, Conor Burns, Ian Byrne, Mary Kelly Foy, Andrew Griffith, Paul Howell, Daniel Kawczynski, Stephen Metcalfe, Kate Osborne, Tulip Siddiq, Andrew Stephenson, Justin Tomlinson, Liz Twist and Theresa Villiers

14 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (Extraction of Information from Electronic Devices) (Amendment of Schedule 3) Regulations 2023)

- (1) Chair: Martin Vickers
- (2) Members: Shaun Bailey, Paul Blomfield, Steven Bonnar, Fiona Bruce, Dan Carden, Rosie Duffield, Richard Fuller, Chris Green, Jonathan Gullis, Eddie Hughes, Gerald Jones, Sarah Jones, Scott Mann, Damien Moore, Mark Pawsey, Chris Philp and Nadia Whittome

15 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Houses in Multiple Occupation (Asylum-Seeker Accommodation) (England) Regulations 2023)

- (1) Chair: Clive Efford
- (2) Members: Paula Barker, Ben Bradley, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Felicity Buchan, Colleen Fletcher, Nick Fletcher, John Howell, Jane Hunt, Kim Leadbeater, Alan Mak, Lia Nici, Tom Randall, Ms Marie Rimmer, Sir Desmond Swayne, Valerie Vaz, Andrew Western and Jacob Young

16 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Public Service Vehicles (Accessible Information) Regulations 2023)

- (1) Chair: Sir Robert Syms
- (2) Members: Sir Jake Berry, Martyn Day, Sir David Evennett, Colleen Fletcher, Mr Marcus Fysh, Stephen Hammond, Mr Richard Holden, Simon Jupp, Ian Lavery, Simon Lightwood, Craig Mackinlay, Gary Sambrook, Royston Smith, Zarah Sultana, Mick Whitley, Beth Winter and Jacob Young

Select Committees: Reports

17 Environmental Audit Committee

Sustainable timber and deforestation: Written evidence, to be published (HC 637) (Philip Dunne).

18 European Scrutiny Committee

Regulating after Brexit: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 125) (Sir William Cash).

19 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

The funding and delivery of public services in Northern Ireland: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1165) (Simon Hoare).

20 Procedure Committee

- (1) Proxy voting: Review of illness and injury pilot: Government Response to the Committee's Third Report: Third Special Report, to be printed (HC 1325);
- (2) *Correcting the record*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 521) (Karen Bradley).

21 Science and Technology Committee

- (1) Sir Patrick Vallance: Valedictory: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1324);
- (2) Correspondence from the Competition and Markets Authority relating to the Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill: Written evidence to be published;
- (3) Correspondence from the Minister for Technology and Digital Economy relating to the Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill: Written evidence, to be published (Greg Clark).

22 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

Thirty-Fifth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 4-xxxv) (Jessica Morden).

23 Work and Pensions Committee

- (1) Plan for Jobs and employment support: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 600);
- (2) Correspondence from the Health and Safety Executive relating to asbestos management: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) Correspondence with the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work relating to Carer's Allowance: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) Correspondence with the Minister for Social Mobility, Youth and Progression relating to the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) Defined benefit pensions with Liability Driven Investments: Written evidence, to be published (HC 826)
- (Sir Stephen Timms).

Lindsay Hoyle

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 9.30 am.

Business appointed by the Chairman of Ways and Means (Standing Order No. 10(6))

1 Child poverty in the north of England

Resolved, That this House has considered child poverty in the north of England.— (Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck.)

The sitting was suspended between 10.30 am and 11.00 am.

2 Environmental land management scheme funding for upland areas

Resolved, That this House has considered environmental land management scheme funding for upland areas.—(*Tim Farron*.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.28 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 Funding for major infrastructure projects

The sitting was suspended between 2.31 pm and 3.04 pm for a division in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered funding for major infrastructure projects.—(Wera Hobhouse.)

The sitting was suspended between 3.36 pm and 3.46 pm for divisions in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

Resolved, That this House has considered funding for major infrastructure projects.

4 Extended producer responsibility for packaging

Resolved, That this House has considered extended producer responsibility for packaging.—(Dame Nia Griffith.)

5 The voluntary scheme for branded medicines and the Life Sciences Vision

Resolved, That this House has considered the voluntary scheme for branded medicines and the Life Sciences Vision.—(Anne Marie Morris.)

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

Adjourned at 5.54 pm until Tuesday 9 May (Order, 21 March).

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Other papers

1 Armed Forces

Report of the Service Complaints Ombudsman for the Armed Forces (by Act) (Secretary Ben Wallace)

2 Home Office

- (1) Fraud Strategy: Stopping Scams and Protecting the Public (by Command) (CP 839) (Secretary Suella Braverman)
- (2) Preventing the use of SIM farms for fraud: Government consultation (by Command) (CP 843) (Secretary Suella Braverman)

3 Postal Services

Report of Royal Mail Group Limited on Postal Heritage (by Act) (Secretary Kemi Badenoch)