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House of Commons

Thursday 11 May 2023

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to the Minister for the Cabinet Office**
- 2 Urgent Question: Government announcement on retained EU law (Secretary Kemi Badenoch)**
- 3 Business Question (Leader of the House)**
- 4 Statement: Ukraine (Secretary Ben Wallace)**
- 5 Royal Assent**

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

Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Act 2023

6 Statement: Rail services (Secretary Mark Harper)

7 Backbench Business

(1) Future of Overseas Territories

The Deputy Speaker announced a time limit on backbench speeches (Standing Order No. 47(1)).

Resolved, That this House is committed to upholding the interests of British Overseas Territories and their citizens; recognises the special historical, cultural, and social bonds that bind the United Kingdom and Overseas Territories; and calls upon the Government to ensure BNO citizens' rights as British citizens are upheld, to defend the sovereignty and borders of Overseas Territories from foreign powers, and to consider the unique circumstances of each Territory when formulating policies which affect them.—(*Alicia Kearns*.)

(2) No recourse to public funds

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the matter of no recourse to public funds.—(*Sir Stephen Timms.*)

The Deputy Speaker announced a time limit on backbench speeches (Standing Order No. 47(1)).

Question put and agreed to.

8 Adjournment

Subject: Economic aid to Sri Lanka
(Dr Matthew Offord)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—
(*Julie Marson.*)

Adjourned at 5.22 pm until Monday 15 May.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

9 Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Bill

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Higher Education (Freedom of

Speech) Bill to which the Commons have disagreed, and they agree to the Commons Amendment in lieu.

Changes to Notices Given

10Elected Representatives (Codes of Conduct) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 12 May, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 3 November.

11Plastics (Wet Wipes) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 12 May, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 26 May.

12Working Time Regulations (Amendment) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 12 May, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 9 June.

General Committees: Reports

13Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee

Sir Robert Syms (Chair) reported the draft Public Service Vehicles (Accessible Information) Regulations 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).

14Finance (No. 2) Bill Committee

Chairs: Esther McVey and Graham Stringer

15First Delegated Legislation Committee (Non-Domestic Alternative Fuel Payment Application Scheme Pass-through

Requirement Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 428))

Chair: James Gray

16Second Delegated Legislation Committee (Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 440))

Chair: Sir Gary Streeter

17Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Strategic Highways Company (Name Change and Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2023)

Chair: Mr Laurence Robertson

18Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Public Service Vehicles (Accessible Information) Regulations 2023)

Members: Mr Marcus Fysh, Simon Jupp and Craig Mackinlay discharged and David Duguid, Marco Longhi and Dr Kieran Mullan nominated in substitution.

19Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft REACH (Amendment) Regulations 2023)

Chair: Sir Graham Brady

20Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft International Criminal Police Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2023)

Chair: Philip Davies

21Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Order 2023)

Chair: Sir Edward Leigh

Members: Alberto Costa discharged and
John Howell nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

22Backbench Business Committee

Determination of business to be taken on
Thursday 18 May in the Chamber and
Tuesday 16 May, Thursday 18 May, Tuesday

23 May, Thursday 25 May and Thursday 8 June in Westminster Hall (Ian Mearns).

23 Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee

Financial reporting and audit in local authorities: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1196) (Mr Clive Betts).

24 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *Local authority administered COVID grant schemes:* Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1234);

(2) *Correspondence relating to Accounting Officer Assessments:* Written evidence, to be published;

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

(4) *Correspondence with the Association of Colleges relating to the Whole of Government Accounts and further education:* Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with the Department for Culture, Media and Sport relating to the Gambling White Paper*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Creation of the UK Infrastructure Bank*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 45);

(7) *Energy bills support*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1074)

(Dame Meg Hillier).

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 Allergy Awareness Week

Resolved, That this House has considered Allergy Awareness Week.—(Jon Cruddas.)

The sitting was suspended between 2.23 pm and 3.00 pm.

2 The matter of High street bank closures and banking hubs

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of high street bank closures and banking hubs.—(*Wendy Morton*.)

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

Adjourned at 4.08 pm until Monday 15 May.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Tribunals and Enquiries

Draft Judicial Appointments (Amendment) Order 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory

Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Alex Chalk)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Building and Buildings

Building etc. (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 520), dated 9 May 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Lee Rowley)

3 Corporation Tax

(1) Community Investment Tax Relief (Amendment of Investment Limits) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 518), dated 9 May 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Victoria Atkins)

(2) Tonnage Tax (Further Opportunity for Election) Order 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 508), dated 9 May 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Gareth Davies)

4 Education

Education (Student Finance) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 521), dated 9 May 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Robert Halfon)

5 Local Government

(1) Draft Basildon (Electoral Changes) Order 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (The Speaker)

(2) Draft Brentwood (Electoral Changes) Order 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (The Speaker)

6 Public Service Pension

Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 522), dated 9 May 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Lee Rowley)

Other papers

7 Dentists

Report and Accounts of the General Dental Council for 2022, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1285) (Secretary Steve Barclay)

8 Justice

Tribunals leadership: Consultation on reform of the office of Senior President of Tribunals (by Command) (CP 829) (Secretary Alex Chalk)

9 UK Borders

Report of the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration: An inspection of the Border Force intelligence functions at the Humber ports: June 2022–November 2022 (by Act) (Secretary Suella Braverman)

CORRECTION

10Tuesday 9 May 2023

The following item should have appeared in Other Proceedings (General Committees: Appointments):

**() Data Protection and Digital Information
(No. 2) Bill (Programming Sub-Committee)**

Members: Paul Bristow, Steve Double,
Darren Henry, Carol Monaghan, Stephanie
Peacock, Christian Wakeford and Sir John
Whittingdale