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House of Commons

Wednesday 17 May 2023

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Scotland
(2) the Prime Minister**
- 2 Urgent Question: Future of the UK car industry (Ms Nusrat Ghani)**
- 3 Statement: Buses funding (Mr Richard Holden)**
- 4 Renters (Reform) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Secretary Michael Gove, supported by the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Mel Stride, Secretary Lucy Frazer and Rachel Maclean, presented a Bill to make provision changing the law

about rented homes, including provision abolishing fixed term assured tenancies and assured shorthold tenancies; imposing obligations on landlords and others in relation to rented homes and temporary and supported accommodation; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 308) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 308–EN).

5 Artificial Intelligence (Regulation and Workers' Rights): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the use of artificial intelligence technologies in the workplace; to make provision about workers' and trade union rights in relation to the use of artificial intelligence technologies; and for connected purposes;

That Mick Whitley, Kim Johnson, Jon Trickett, Kate Hollern, Ian Byrne, Mike Amesbury, John McDonnell, Ian Mearns, Richard Burgon, Zarah Sultana, Rebecca Long Bailey and Andy McDonald present the Bill.

Mick Whitley accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 24 November, and to be printed (Bill 309).

6 Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill: Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

7 Deputy Speaker's Statement: Election of Chair of the Culture, Media and Sport Committee

The Deputy Speaker announced that Dame Caroline Dinenage had been elected to be Chair of the Culture, Media and Sport Committee (Standing Order No. 122B).

8 Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill: Second Reading (resumed)

The House resumed the debate.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

9 Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill: Programme

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill:

Committal

(1) The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee

(2) Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Tuesday 18 July.

(3) The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

Consideration and Third Reading

(4) Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which proceedings on Consideration are commenced.

(5) Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.

(6) Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and up to and including Third Reading.

Other proceedings

(7) Any other proceedings on the Bill may be programmed.—(*Julie Marson.*)

Question agreed to.

10 Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers 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 Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of:

(1) any expenditure incurred under or by virtue of the Act by the Secretary of State or the Competition and Markets Authority; and

(2) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under or by virtue of any other Act out of money provided by Parliament.—(*Julie Marson*.)

Question agreed to.

11 Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers 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 Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill, it is expedient to authorise:

(1) the charging of a levy by the Competition and Markets Authority in connection with the regulation of competition in digital markets; and

(2) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund.—(*Julie Marson*).

Question agreed to.

12 Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill: Carry-over

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 80A(1)(a)), That if, at

the conclusion of this Session of Parliament, proceedings on the Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill have not been completed, they shall be resumed in the next Session.—(*Julie Marson.*)

Question agreed to.

13 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Strategic Highways Company (Name Change and Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 24 April, be approved.—(*Julie Marson.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft REACH (Amendment) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 20 April, be approved.—(*Julie Marson.*)

Question agreed to.

14Adjournment

Subject: Government funding for local bus services (Liz Twist)

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

Adjourned at 6.03 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Changes to Notices Given

15Rule of Law (Enforcement by Public Authorities) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 19 May, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 14 July.

General Committees: Reports

* This section has been corrected since publication. See the correction in the Votes

and Proceedings relating to Monday 22 May 2023

16Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee

Philip Davies (Chair) reported the draft International Criminal Police Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) 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).

17Energy Bill [Lords] Committee

Members: Debbie Abrahams, Bim Afolami, Olivia Blake, Andrew Bowie, Sara Britcliffe, Alan Brown, Chris Clarkson, Katherine Fletcher, Jo Gideon, Mark Jenkinson, Ian Levy, Kerry McCarthy, Joy Morrissey,

Taiwo Owatemi, Alec Shelbrooke, Dr Alan Whitehead and Nadia Whittome

18First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Register of Overseas Entities (Penalties and Northern Ireland Dispositions) Regulations 2023)

Members: Hilary Benn, Paul Blomfield, Liam Byrne, Theo Clarke, Mrs Flick Drummond, Nick Fletcher, Jo Gideon, Damian Green, Kevin Hollinrake, Kim Johnson, Sir Greg Knight, Jason McCartney, Seema Malhotra, Kelly Tolhurst, Christian Wakeford, Andrew Western and Mike Wood

19Second Delegated Legislation Committee (Energy Bills Discount Scheme Pass-through Requirement (Heat Suppliers) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 455) and Energy Bills Discount Scheme Pass-Through Requirement Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 463) and Energy Bills Discount Scheme (Non-Standard Cases) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 464) and Energy Bills Discount Scheme Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 453) and

Energy Bills Discount Scheme (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 454))

Members: Bim Afolami, Mr Richard Bacon, Mr John Baron, Kevin Brennan, Richard Burgon, Dan Carden, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Dr Luke Evans, Kate Hollern, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Paul Maynard, James Morris, Joy Morrissey, Taiwo Owatemi, Amanda Solloway, John Stevenson and Dr Alan Whitehead

20Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Medical Devices (Amendment) (Great Britain) Regulations 2023)

Members: Gareth Bacon, Ian Byrne, Miriam Cates, Maria Caulfield, Tracey Crouch, Marion Fellows, Jonathan Gullis, Emma Hardy, Andrew Jones, Fay Jones, Danny Kruger, Amanda Milling, Mr Barry Sheerman, David Simmonds, Karin Smyth, Jon Trickett and Christian Wakeford

21 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Act 2007 (Extension of Duration of Non-jury Trial Provisions) Order 2023)

Members: Tonia Antoniazzi, Mr Steve Baker, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Theo Clarke, Alberto Costa, Chris Elmore, Margaret Greenwood, Tom Hunt, Dr Caroline Johnson, Mr David Jones, Robert Largan, Mark Menzies, Wendy Morton, Charlotte Nichols, Chris Skidmore, Cat Smith and Nick Smith

22 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Packaging Waste (Data Reporting) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2023)

Members: Alun Cairns, Jo Churchill, Sir Geoffrey Cox, Jon Cruddas, Sir James Duddridge, Anna Firth, Kevin Foster, Mary Kelly Foy, Mary Glendon, Ruth Jones, Chris Loder, Kate Osborne, Rebecca Pow, Mick Whitley, James Wild, Beth Winter and Sir Jeremy Wright

23 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft International Criminal Police

Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2023)

Members: Edward Timpson discharged and Brendan Clarke-Smith nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

24Defence Committee

(1) *Defence Diplomacy: A softer side of UK Defence:*

(i) Seventh Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 792);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 792);

(2) *Aviation procurement:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 178);

(3) *Defence Equipment and Support:* Oral and written evidence taken before the Sub-Committee, to be published (HC 1099);

(4) *Correspondence with the Minister for Defence Procurement, relating to*

combat power granted to Ukraine: Written evidence, to be published

(5) *Women in the Armed Forces: follow-up: Written evidence, to be published (HC 726); (Tobias Ellwood).*

25European Scrutiny Committee

(1) *PESCO and UK-EU Defence Cooperation: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1347);*

(2) *Correspondence with the Minister of State for Science, Innovation and Technology relating to data adequacy and the Data Protection and Digital Information (No 2) Bill: Written evidence, to be published; and*

(3) *Correspondence with the Minister of State for Science, Innovation and Technology relating to the Data Protection and Digital Information (No. 2) Bill: Written evidence, to be published*

(Sir William Cash).

26Home Affairs Committee

(1) *Asylum and Migration: Albania: Second Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 197);*

(2) Policing of public protest: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1372);

(3) Correspondence from the Home Secretary relating to the recruitment of the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner: Written evidence, to be published

(Dame Diana Johnson).

27 Science, Innovation and Technology Committee

(1) UK space strategy and UK satellite infrastructure: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 100);

(2) Insect decline and UK food security: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1239);

(3) The antimicrobial potential of bacteriophages: Written evidence, to be published (HC 886)

(Greg Clark).

28 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

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

29Transport Committee

(1) *E-scooters: follow-up*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1077);

(2) *Minimum service levels for rail*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1153);

(3) *Work of the Secretary of State for Transport*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 163)

(Iain Stewart).

30Treasury Committee

(1) *Tax reliefs*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 723);

(2) *Cliff edges in the tax and benefits system*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1301);

(3) *Correspondence with the Financial Conduct Authority relating to regulatory fees and levies*: Written evidence, taken before the Sub-Committee on Financial Services Regulations, to be published

(Harriett Baldwin).

31 Welsh Affairs Committee

- (1) *The Independent Commission on the Constitutional Future of Wales*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1361);
 - (2) *Broadcasting in Wales*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 620)
- (Stephen Crabb).

32 Women and Equalities Committee

- (1) *National Disability Strategy*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 241);
 - (2) *Correspondence from the Chair of the EHRC relating to the EHRC's 2023–24 Business Plan*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (3) *Misogyny in music*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 317)
- (Caroline Nokes).

33 Work and Pensions Committee

- (1) *Benefit levels in the UK*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1126);
- (2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Social Mobility, Youth and Progression*

relating to DWP support for those fleeing Sudan in connection with the violence:

Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Pensions Regulator relating to pension scams:* Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary relating to fraud and error statistics:* Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work relating to Personal Independence Payments (PIP) and the MH judgment:* Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence with the Minister for Social Mobility, Youth and Progression relating to Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill:* Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to contacting the DWP:* Written evidence, to be published;

(8) Universal Credit and childcare costs:
Written evidence, to be published (HC 127)
(Sir Stephen Timms).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 9.30 am.

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

1 Public bodies and VAT

Resolved, That this House has considered public bodies and VAT.—(*George Eustice*.)

The sitting was suspended between 10.29 am and 11.00 am.

2 Future of stoma care

Resolved, That this House has considered the future of stoma care.—(*Giles Watling*.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.20 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 Potential merits of a national eye health strategy

Resolved, That this House has considered the potential merits of a national eye health strategy.—(Marsha De Cordova.)

The sitting was suspended between 3.40 pm and 4.00 pm.

4 Food price inflation and food banks

Resolved, That this House has considered food price inflation and food banks.—(Beth Winter.)

5 Alternatives to Council Tax and Stamp Duty

Motion made and question proposed,
That this House has considered the matter of alternatives to Council Tax and Stamp Duty.—(Simon Fell.)

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 the matter of alternatives to Council Tax and Stamp Duty.

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

Adjourned at 5.26 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Social Security

Social Security and Universal Credit
(Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations
2023 (SI, 2023, No. 543), dated 15 May 2023
(by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum
(by Command) (Guy Opperman)

2 Transport

Railways and Other Guided Transport Systems (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 540), dated 11 May 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Mark Harper)

Other papers

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Election for Chair of the Culture, Media and Sport Committee: Result (The Speaker)

4 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department for Energy Security & Net Zero: Support for innovation to deliver net zero (by Act), to be printed (HC 1321) (Clerk of the House)