



## House of Commons

Tuesday 23 May 2023

### Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero**
- 2 Urgent Question: Criteria for potential breach of the Ministerial Code (Jeremy Quin)**
- 3 Animal Welfare (Responsibility for Dog Attacks): 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 Animal Welfare Act 2006 to require a person in charge of a dog to take all reasonable steps to ensure that that dog does not fatally injure another dog; and for connected purposes;

That Anna Firth, Wayne David, Elliot Colburn, Henry Smith, Mr Mark Francois, Sir Oliver Heald, Jane Stevenson, Selaine Saxby, Gareth Johnson, Margaret Ferrier, Damian Green and Peter Gibson present the Bill.

Anna Firth accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 24 November, and to be printed (Bill 312).

#### **4 Opposition Day: Leader of the Opposition (16th allotted day (Standing Order No. 14))**

##### **(1) Leasehold reform**

Motion made and Question put, That this House notes the commitment by the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities in January 2023 to abolish the feudal leasehold system which he has acknowledged is an unfair form of property ownership; calls on him to keep his promise to the millions of people living in leasehold properties by ending the sale of new private leasehold houses, introducing a workable system to replace private leasehold flats with commonhold and enacting the Law Commission's recommendations on enfranchisement, commonhold and the right

to manage in full; and further calls on the Secretary of State to make an oral statement to this House by 23 June 2023 on his plans to reform leasehold.—(*Lisa Nandy.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 239

Ayes: 174 (Tellers: Navendu Mishra, Mary Glendon)

Noes: 0 (Tellers: Lilian Greenwood, Liz Twist)

Questions accordingly agreed to.

*Resolved*, That this House notes the commitment by the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities in January 2023 to abolish the feudal leasehold system which he has acknowledged is an unfair form of property ownership; calls on him to keep his promise to the millions of people living in leasehold properties by ending the sale of new private leasehold houses, introducing a workable system to replace private leasehold flats with commonhold and enacting the Law Commission's recommendations on enfranchisement, commonhold and the right to manage in full; and further calls on the

Secretary of State to make an oral statement to this House by 23 June 2023 on his plans to reform leasehold.

## (2) Safety of school buildings

Motion made and Question proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that he will be graciously pleased to give directions that there will be laid before this House by 5 June 2023 a document or dataset containing the detailed school level data, including condition grades for individual building elements for all schools, from the latest Condition of School Building Survey.—(*Bridget Phillipson.*)

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

Question put.

The House divided.

Division No. 240

Ayes: 171 (Tellers: Christian Wakeford, Mary Glendon)

Noes: 296 (Tellers: Steve Double, Julie Marson)

Question accordingly negatived.

## **5 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval**

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Register of Overseas Entities (Penalties and Northern Ireland Dispositions) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 26 April, be approved.—(*Scott Mann.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the Energy Bills Discount Scheme Pass-through Requirement (Heat Suppliers) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 455), dated 24 April 2023, a copy of which was laid before this House on 25 April, be approved.—(*Scott Mann.*)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)),

That the Energy Bills Discount Scheme Pass-through Requirement Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 463), dated 24 April 2023, a copy of which was laid before this House on 25 April, be approved.—(*Scott Mann.*)

Question agreed to.

(4) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the Energy Bills Discount Scheme (Non-Standard Cases) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 464), dated 24 April 2023, a copy of which was laid before this House on 25 April, be approved.—(*Scott Mann.*)

Question agreed to.

(5) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the Energy Bills Discount Scheme Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 453), dated 24 April 2023, a copy of which was laid before this House on 25 April, be approved.—(*Scott Mann.*)

Question agreed to.

(6) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the Energy Bills Discount Scheme (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No.

454), dated 24 April 2023, a copy of which was laid before this House on 25 April, be approved.—(*Scott Mann.*)

Question agreed to.

(7) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Medical Devices (Amendment) (Great Britain) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 27 April, be approved.—(*Scott Mann.*)

Question agreed to.

## 6 Adjournment

Subject: Libor fixing and conduct of investigations (Mr David Davis)

*Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Scott Mann.*)

Adjourned at 7.36 pm until tomorrow.

## Other Proceedings

### *General Committees: Reports*

#### **7 Data Protection and Digital Information (No. 2) Bill Committee**

Mr Philip Hollobone (Chair) reported:

- (1) written evidence; and
- (2) the Bill, as amended.

Written evidence to be published.

Bill, as amended, to be considered tomorrow; and to be printed (Bill 314).

#### **8 Energy Bill [Lords] Committee**

James Gray (Chair) reported:

- (1) That the Committee had come to the following Resolution, That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication; and
- (2) written evidence.

Written evidence to be published.



## **9 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee**

Mrs Sheryll Murray (Chair) reported the draft Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Act 2007 (Extension of Duration of Non-Jury Trial Provisions) Order 2023.

## **10Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee**

Sir Gary Streeter (Chair) reported the Draft Packaging Waste (Data Reporting) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2023.

## **11Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee**

Peter Dowd (Chair) reported the draft Road Vehicles (Authorised Weight) (Amendment) Regulations 2023.

### *Select Committees: Reports*

## **12Backbench Business Committee**

Transcript of representations made on Tuesday 23 May to be published (Ian Mearns).

## 13 Business and Trade Committee

- (1) *The semiconductor industry in the UK: further Government response to the BEIS Committee's Fifth Report: Sixth Special Report*, to be printed (HC 1404);
- (2) *Batteries for electric vehicle manufacturing*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1070);
- (3) *Competition and Markets Authority Main Estimate Memorandum 2023–24*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) *Correspondence from the Chief Secretary to the Treasury relating to OneWeb*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) *Correspondence from the Minister for the Investment Security Unit relating to the NSI Act Annual Report 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (6) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to a Free Trade Agreement with Switzerland*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (7) *Department for Energy Security and Net Zero Main Estimate Memorandum 2023–24*: Written evidence, to be published;

(8) *HM Land Registry Main Estimate Memorandum 2023–24*: Written evidence, to be published;

(9) *UK Atomic Energy Authority Main Estimate Memorandum 2023–24*: Written evidence, to be published;

(10) *UK Export Finance Main Estimate Memorandum 2023–24*: Written evidence, to be published

(Darren Jones).

## **14 Defence Committee**

(1) *Defence and Climate Change*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 179);

(2) *Armed Forces Covenant and Veterans Report 2022*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1323);

(3) *Armed Forces Pension & Compensation Schemes Main Estimate 2023–24 Memorandum*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Ministry of Defence Main Estimate 2023–24 Memorandum*: Written evidence, to be published

(Mr Tobias Ellwood).

## **15 Education Committee**

(1) *Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1248);

(2) *Department for Education Main Estimate Memorandum 2023–24* : Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Teachers' Pension Scheme (England and Wales) Main Estimate Memorandum 2023–24*: Written evidence, to be published

(Mr Robin Walker).

## **16 Foreign Affairs Committee**

(1) *Refreshing our approach? Updating the Integrated Review: Government Response to the Committee's Fifth Report*: Fifth Special Report, to be printed (HC 1401);

(2) *Recovery in Ukraine*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1381);

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Development and Africa*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Foreign, Commonwealth And Development Office Main Estimate Memorandum 2023–24 and Overseas Superannuation 2023–24*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *UK arms exports in 2019*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 282);

(6) *Work of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 171)

(Alicia Kearns).

## **17 Health and Social Care Committee**

(1) *Prevention in health and social care*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 965);

(2) *Adult social care*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1327);

(3) *Assisted dying/assisted suicide*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 711);

(4) *Correspondence with the Nursing and Midwifery Council relating to the Department's response to the consultation on anaesthesia associations and physician*

*associates*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to funding for children's hospices*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Industrial action in the NHS*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1341)

(Steve Brine).

## **18 International Development Committee**

(1) *UK aid for refugee host countries*: Eighth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 426);

(2) *Debt relief in low-income countries: Government Response to the Seventh Report of the Committee, Session 2022–23*: Eighth Special Report, to be printed (HC 1393);

(3) *FCDO's approach to sexual and reproductive health*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1216);

(4) *Correspondence from the Minister for Development and Africa relating to the future of the UK's work on international development*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Americas & Caribbean) relating to the FCDO's Main Estimate Memorandum 2023–24*: Written evidence, to be published

(Sarah Champion).

## 19 Justice Committee

(1) *Constitutional Relationship with the Crown Dependencies*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1388);

(2) *Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice relating to his priorities as Lord Chancellor*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister of Prisons and Probation*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Justice relating to the UK signing the Singapore Convention on Mediation*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Judicial Pensions Scheme Main Estimate Memorandum 2023–24*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Ministry of Justice Main Estimate Memorandum 2023–2024*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *UK Supreme Court Main Estimate Memorandum 2023–24*: Written evidence, to be published

(Sir Robert Neill).

## **20Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee**

(1) *The Work of the UK Statistics Authority*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1365);

(2) *Cabinet Office Main Estimate Memorandum 2023–24*: Written evidence to be published

(3) *Planning for the future of the Government's estates*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 793);

(4) *The Status of the UK's Overseas Territories in the 21st Century*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1294);



(5) *UK Statistics Authority Main Estimate Memorandum 2023–24*: Written evidence to be published

(Mr William Wragg).

## 21Transport Committee

(1) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to road safety*: Written evidence to be published;

(2) *Department for Transport Main Estimate Memorandum 2023–24*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Office of Rail and Road Main Estimate Memorandum 2023–24*: Written evidence, to be published

(Iain Stewart).

## 22Treasury Committee

(1) *Bank of England Monetary Policy Reports*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 143);

(2) *HM Revenue & Customs Main Estimate Memorandum with Tables 2023–24*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *HM Treasury Main Estimate Memorandum with Tables 2023–24*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *National Savings and Investments Main Estimate Memorandum 2023–24*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *The Government Actuary's Department Main Estimate Memorandum 2023–24*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *The Work of the Valuation Office Agency*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1291)

(Harriett Baldwin).

*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 Short-term holiday lets and the planning system**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered short-term holiday lets and the planning system.—(*Kevin Foster.*)

### **2 Healthcare services in Carshalton and Wallington constituency**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered healthcare services in Carshalton and Wallington constituency.—(*Elliot Colburn.*)

*The sitting was suspended between 11.19 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).*

### **3 Healthy Start scheme and increases in the cost of living**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the Healthy Start scheme and increases in the cost of living.—(*Andrew Western.*)

*The sitting was suspended between 3.34 pm and 4.00 pm.*

### **4 Remuneration for Post Office subpostmasters and subpostmistresses**

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the matter of remuneration for Post Office subpostmasters and subpostmistresses.—(*Mr Alistair Carmichael.*)

*The sitting was suspended between 4.27 pm and 4.35 pm for a division in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).*

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the matter of remuneration for Post Office subpostmasters and subpostmistresses.

## 5 Societal impacts of autonomous last-mile delivery

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the societal impacts of autonomous last-mile delivery.—(*Ben Everitt.*)

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

Adjourned at 5.24 pm until tomorrow.

*Eleanor Laing*

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

## 1 Environmental Protection

Draft Environmental Protection (Plastic Plates etc. and Polystyrene Containers etc.) (England) Regulations 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Thérèse Coffey)

## **2 International Development**

Draft African Development Bank (Sixteenth Replenishment of the African Development Fund) Order 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Mr Andrew Mitchell)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

## **3 Customs**

Customs (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 569), dated 22 May 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Victoria Atkins)

## **4 Education**

Higher Education (Registration Fees) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 558), dated 18 May 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Robert Halfon)

## **5 Local Government**

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

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

## **6 North Macedonia No.1 (2023)**

Agreement, done at Skopje on 10 December 2021, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Republic of North Macedonia amending the Partnership, Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Republic of North Macedonia (CP 854), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary James Cleverly)

## **7 Ukraine No. 3 (2023)**

Agreement, done at Kyiv on 18 August 2022, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Ukraine amending the Political, Free Trade and Strategic Partnership Agreement between

the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Ukraine (CP 853) (by Command) (Secretary James Cleverly)

## Other papers

### **8 National Citizen Service**

National Citizen Service Trust Annual Business Plan 2023–24 (by Act) (Secretary Lucy Frazer)

### **9 Police and Criminal Evidence**

Report of the Forensic Information Databases Strategy Board for 2021–22 (by Act) (Secretary Suella Braverman)

### **10 Port of London**

Report and Accounts of Port of London Authority 2022 (by Act) (Secretary Mark Harper)



## SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

### VOTING BY PROXY

#### New proxy voting arrangement

The Speaker has certified, under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A (Voting by proxy), that Saqib Bhatti is eligible to have a proxy vote cast on his behalf, starting on 5 June and finishing on 20 July. The nominated proxy is Mr Marcus Jones.

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### CORRECTIONS

Monday 22 May 2023

(1) The following item should have appeared under item 23 (Other Proceedings):

#### **Energy Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee)**

Members: Andrew Bowie, Sara Britcliffe, Alan Brown, Mark Jenkinson, Kerry McCarthy, Joy Morrissey and Taiwo Owatemi

(2) The following item should have appeared under item 30 (Other Proceedings):

### **Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee**

(1) *Funding for Levelling Up: Sixth Report*, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 744);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Housing and Planning relating to public parks and urban uplift*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Local Government and Building Safety relating to internal drainage board levies and final 2023–24 Local Government Finance Settlement*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to the Renters Reform Bill*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence to the Minister of State for Housing and Planning relating to issues for modular housing producers*: Written evidence, to be published

(Mr Clive Betts).