

Wednesday 7 June 2023

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to (1) the Minister for Women and Equalities
 - (2) the Prime Minister
- 2 Food Poverty Strategy Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Chris Stephens presented a Bill to require the Secretary of State to publish a strategy for ending the need for food banks by 2030; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 24 November, and to be printed (Bill 320).

3 Road Safety (Cycle Helmets): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require a person riding a bicycle on the public highway to wear a safety helmet; and for connected purposes;

That Mark Pawsey, Judith Cummins, Dan Carden, Mr Peter Bone and Dr Luke Evans present the Bill.

Mark Pawsey accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 24 November, and to be printed (Bill 321).

- 4 Opposition Day: Leader of the Opposition (17th Allotted Day)
 - (1) Mental health treatment and support

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House notes with concern the scale of the mental health crisis facing the country with patients suffering with mental health issues waiting more than 5.4 million hours in accident and emergency last year; further notes with concern the mental health crisis facing young people with nearly 400,000 children currently waiting for treatment; recognises the health inequalities within the use of the Mental Health Act 1983; and calls on the Government to adopt Labour's plan to recruit thousands of mental health staff to expand access to treatment, to provide access to specialist mental health support in every school, to establish open access mental health hubs for children and young people and to bring in the first ever long-term, whole-Government plan to improve outcomes for people with mental health needs.— (Dr Rosena Allin-Khan.)

Amendment proposed, Leave out from "House" to end and add:

"notes the increased burden on mental health following the pandemic, including on young people and those with severe mental illness; recognises the historic levels of investment being delivered by this Government into services, with an increase of £2.3 billion per year in front-line mental health funding over the past four years; notes that current NHS targets around access to talking therapies and intervention in psychosis are being met due to the efforts of NHS staff; and acknowledges the investment in mental health teams in schools, as well as the ongoing investment into open access mental health helplines in the 111 service and into the estate, including three new mental health hospitals to be opened in the next two years accompanied by a further £150 million in investment in new mental health ambulances and the development of better alternatives to accident and emergency services, including crisis houses, safe havens and step-down services."—(Neil O'Brien.)

Question proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question (Standing Order No. 31(2)).

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

Question put.

The House divided.

Division No. 246

Ayes: 185 (Tellers: Liz Twist, Mary Glindon)

Noes: 280 (Tellers: Steve Double, Julie Marson)

Question accordingly negatived.

Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 31(2)), That the proposed words be there added.

The House divided.

Division No. 247

Ayes: 278 (Tellers: Steve Double, Julie Marson)

Noes: 0 (Tellers: Sir Robert Goodwill, Amanda Milling)

Question accordingly agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker declared the Main Question, as amended, agreed to (Standing Order No. 31(2)).

Resolved, That this House notes the increased burden on mental health following the pandemic, including on young people and those with severe mental illness; recognises the historic levels of investment being delivered by this Government into services, with an increase of £2.3 billion per year in front-line mental health funding over the past four years; notes that current NHS targets around access to talking therapies and intervention in psychosis are being met due to the efforts of NHS staff; and acknowledges the investment in mental health teams in schools, as well as the ongoing investment into open access mental health helplines in the 111 service and into the estate, including three new mental health hospitals to be opened in the next two years accompanied by a further £150 million in investment in new mental health ambulances and the development of better alternatives to accident and emergency services, including crisis houses, safe havens and step-down services.

(2) Accountability and scrutiny of Teesworks

Motion made and Question put, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that he will be graciously pleased to give directions that the Secretary of State for

Levelling Up, Housing and Communities provide all papers, advice and correspondence involving Ministers, senior officials and special advisers, including submissions and electronic communications, relating to the decision by the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and the Prime Minister to commission a review into the Tees Valley Combined Authority's oversight of the South Tees Development Corporation and the Teesworks joint venture, including papers relating to the decision that this review should not be led by the National Audit Office.—(Lisa Nandy.)

The House divided.

Division No. 248

Ayes: 166 (Tellers: Mary Glindon, Liz Twist)

Noes: 272 (Tellers: Steve Double, Julie Marson)

Question accordingly negatived.

5 Statutory Instruments: Motion for Approval

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Animal By-Products, Pet Passport and Animal Health (Fees) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 18 April, be approved.—(Robert Largan.)

The Deputy Speaker's opinion as to the decision of the Question was challenged.

Division deferred until Wednesday 14 June (Standing Order No. 41A).

6 Adjournment

Subject: Contribution of small and medium-sized enterprises to the local economy in Great Yarmouth (Brandon Lewis)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Robert Largan.)

Adjourned at 7.39 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

7 Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill to which the Commons have disagreed and propose Amendments in lieu to which they desire the agreement of the Commons, they agree to an Amendment proposed by the Commons, and they disagree with another Amendment proposed by the Commons and propose an Amendment in lieu to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

Printing of Lords Amendments

8 Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill

Lords Message in relation to the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill to be considered tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 319).

Changes to Notices Given

*This section has been corrected since publication. See the correction in the Votes and Proceedings relating to Tuesday 13 June 2023.

9 Public Sector Exit Payments (Limitation) Bill

Order for resuming on Friday 9 June the adjourned debate on the Question proposed on 3 March, That the Bill be now read a second time, read and discharged.

Debate to be resumed on Friday 14 July.

10 Covid-19 Vaccine Damage Payments Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 9 June, read and discharged.

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

11 BBC Licence Fee Non-Payment (Decriminalisation for Over-75s) Bill

Order for resuming on Friday 9 June the adjourned debate on the Question proposed on 21 October, That the Bill be now read a second time, read and discharged.

Debate to be resumed on Friday 14 July.

12 Regulatory Impact Assessments Bill

Order for resuming on Friday 9 June the adjourned debate on the Question proposed on 21 October, That the Bill be now read a second time, read and discharged.

Debate to be resumed on Friday 14 July.

13 Caravan Sites Bill

Order for resuming on Friday 9 June the adjourned debate on the Question proposed on 21 October, That the Bill be now read a second time, read and discharged.

Debate to be resumed on Friday 14 July.

14 British Broadcasting Corporation (Privatisation) Bill

Order for resuming on Friday 9 June the adjourned debate on the Question proposed on 21 October, That the Bill be now read a second time, read and discharged.

Debate to be resumed on Friday 14 July.

15 British Goods (Public Sector Purchasing Duty) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 9 June, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 7 July.

16 Consumer Pricing Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 9 June, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 7 July.

17 Broadcasting (Listed Sporting Events) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 9 June, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 7 July.

18 Employment (Application Requirements) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 9 June, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 7 July.

19 Puppy Import (Prohibition) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 9 June, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 7 July.

20 Public Sector Website Impersonation Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 9 June, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 7 July.

21 Armenian Genocide (Recognition) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 9 June, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 7 July.

22 House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) (Abolition of By-Elections) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 9 June, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 7 July.

General Committees: Reports

23 Second Delegated Legislation Committee

Esther McVey (Chair) reported the draft Amendments of the Law (Resolution of Silicon Valley Bank UK Limited) (No. 2) 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).

24 Electronic Trade Documents Bill [Lords] Second Reading Committee

Members: Kevin Brennan, Paul Bristow, Alex Davies-Jones, Steve Double, James Grundy, Darren Henry, Jane Hunt, Damien Moore, Kate Osborne, Luke Pollard, Ms Anum Qaisar, Tom Randall, Selaine Saxby, Paul Scully, Jeff Smith, Christian Wakeford and Matt Warman

25 Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill Committee

Members: Alan Brown, Andy Carter, Neil Coyle, Alex Davies-Jones, Peter Dowd, Anna Firth, Vicky Ford, Mary Kelly Foy, Kevin Hollinrake, Seema Malhotra, Jerome Mayhew, Navendu Mishra, Dean Russell, Paul Scully, Jane Stevenson, Giles Watling and Mike Wood

26 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Judicial Appointments (Amendment) Order 2023)

Members: Debbie Abrahams, Tonia Antoniazzi, Aaron Bell, Anthony Browne, Ian Byrne, Angela Crawley, Mrs Natalie Elphicke, Kevin Foster, Mike Freer, Afzal Khan, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Craig Mackinlay, Scott Mann, Henry Smith, Royston Smith, John Spellar and Karl Turner

27 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Building Safety Act 2022 (Consequential Amendments etc.) Regulations 2023)

Members: Hilary Benn, Richard Burgon, Alun Cairns, Richard Drax, Simon Fell, Colleen Fletcher, Mrs Paulette Hamilton, Darren Henry, Jane Hunt, Brandon Lewis, Kate Osborne, Matthew Pennycook, Lee Rowley, Mr Barry Sheerman, Alec Shelbrooke, Edward Timpson and Jacob Young

28 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (Diocesan Stipends Funds (Amendment) Measure (HC 1413))

Members: Adam Afriyie, Paul Blomfield, Crispin Blunt, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Fiona Bruce, Liam Byrne, Steve Double, George Eustice, Sally-Ann Hart, Gordon Henderson, Clive Lewis, Alan Mak, Stephen Metcalfe, Andrew Selous, Cat Smith, Mark Tami and Sam Tarry

29 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Judicial Pensions (Remediable Service etc.) Regulations 2023)

Members: Tonia Antoniazzi, Aaron Bell, Dan Carden, Jon Cruddas, Mike Freer, Peter Grant, Eddie Hughes, Afzal Khan, Ian Lavery, Kit Malthouse, Scott Mann, Lia Nici, Dr Matthew Offord, Mark Pawsey, Sir Mike Penning, Justin Tomlinson and Valerie Vaz

Select Committees: Reports

*This section has been corrected since publication. See the corrections in the Votes and Proceedings relating to Thursday 8 June 2023 and Monday 12 June 2023

30 Defence Committee

Defence Equipment and Support: Oral evidence taken before the Sub-Committee, to be published (HC 1099) (Mr Mark Francois).

31 Environmental Audit Committee

- (1) Environmental change and food security: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 880);
- (2) *Sustainable timber and deforestation*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 637) (Philip Dunne).

32 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

- (1) Proposal for a draft Investigatory Powers Act 2016 (Remedial) Order 2023: Thirteenth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1264);
- (2) Human Rights Ombudsperson:
 - (i) Government response to the Committee's Eleventh Report: Seventh Special Report, to be printed (HC 1489);
 - (ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 222);
- (3) Human rights at work: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1161)

(Joanna Cherry).

33 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

- (1) The effectiveness of the institutions of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 781);
- (2) The effect of paramilitary activity and organised crime on society in Northern Ireland: Written evidence, to be published (HC 24);
- (3) The funding and delivery of public services in Northern Ireland: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1165)

(Simon Hoare).

34 Procedure Committee

Correspondence with the Leader of the House relating to proxy voting: Written evidence, to be published (Karen Bradley).

35 Science, Innovation and Technology Committee

- (1) Insect decline and UK food security: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1239);
- (2) Correspondence from the Minister for Media, Tourism and Creative Industries, relating to the Video Games Research Framework: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) Correspondence from the Minister for Science Innovation and Technology, relating to Position, Navigation and Timing, the Space Council and the Sector Industry Forum: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) Governance of artificial intelligence: Written evidence, to be published (HC 945) (Greg Clark).

36 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

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

37 Treasury Committee

- (1) Insurance: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1398);
- (2) Authorised push payment fraud reimbursement scheme: Written evidence, to be published (HC 939)

(Dame Angela Eagle).

38 Welsh Affairs Committee

- (1) Broadcasting in Wales: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 620);
- (2) Defence industry in Wales: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1259);
- (3) Wales Office: Main Estimate Memorandum 2023–24: Written evidence, to be published

(Stephen Crabb).

39 Work and Pensions Committee

- (1) Cost of living support payments: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1277);
- (2) Benefit levels in the UK: Written evidence: to be published (HC 1126);

- (3) Correspondence from the Pension Protection Fund, relating to Access to the Fraud Compensation Fund (FCF) for members of the Norton Motorcycles pension schemes: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to contacting DWP: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) Correspondence with the Pensions Regulator, relating to pension scams update: Written evidence, to be published;
- (6) Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to Nottingham City Safeguarding Adults Board Report: "Billy": Written evidence, to be published;
- (7) Defined benefit pension schemes: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1218);
- (8) Household support fund: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1273);
- (9) *Plan for Jobs and employment support*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 600) (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 Government policy on Iran

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered Government policy on Iran.—(Brendan Clarke-Smith.)

At 11.00 am, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

2 Professional wrestling event licensing and guidance

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of professional wrestling event licensing and guidance.—(*Charlotte Nichols.*)

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

3 Pupil roll numbers and school closures in London

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered pupil roll numbers and school closures in London.—(Florence Eshalomi.)

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)).

The sitting was suspended between 3.57 pm and 4.27 pm for divisions in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)), after which the debate was not resumed.

4 Situation of Hazaras in Afghanistan

Resolved, That this House has considered the situation of Hazaras in Afghanistan.—(Paul Bristow.)

5 Accommodation of asylum-seeking children in hotels

Resolved, That this House has considered the accommodation of asylum-seeking children in hotels.—(Deidre Brock.)

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

Adjourned at 5.56 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Employment and Training

Draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Industry Training Board)
Order 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Robert Halfon)

2 Highways

Draft Business and Planning Act 2020 (Pavement Licences) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Dehenna Davison)

Other papers

3 Healthcare (European Economic Area and Switzerland Arrangements)

Report on payments made under the Healthcare (European Economic Area and Switzerland Arrangements) Act 2019 for the period April 2021 to March 2022 (by Act) (Will Quince)

4 Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 (Audit of Public Bodies)

Trustees' Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the National Museum of the Royal Navy for 2021–22, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Statutory Instrument), to be printed (HC 1322) (Secretary Ben Wallace)

5 National Debt

National Savings (Amendment) Regulations (SI, 2023, No. 605), dated 6 June 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Andrew Griffith)