



House of Commons

Monday 12 June 2023

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Education

2 Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill: Consideration of Lords Message

Lords Amendment 15B

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 15B.—(*Michael Tomlinson.*)

After one hour, the debate was interrupted (Programme Order, 24 May).

The Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on the Lords Message to a conclusion (Programme Order, 24 May).

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

(1) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 15B (Question already proposed from the Chair).

The House divided.

Division No. 249

Ayes: 269 (Tellers: Ruth Edwards, Jacob Young)

Noes: 204 (Tellers: Taiwo Owatemi, Gerald Jones)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 15B accordingly disagreed to.

(2) That this House does not insist on its Amendment 16A and agrees with the Lords in their Amendment 16C to Lords Amendment 16 in lieu of Commons Amendment 16A (Question on a Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown relevant to other items in the Lords Message).—(*Michael Tomlinson.*)

Question agreed to.

(3) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 42B (Question on a Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown relevant to other items in the Lords Message).—(*Michael Tomlinson.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 250

Ayes: 269 (Tellers: Ruth Edwards, Jacob Young)

Noes: 202 (Tellers: Taiwo Owatemi, Gerald Jones)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 42B accordingly disagreed to.

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 15B and 42B;

That Shaun Bailey, Justin Madders, Taiwo Owatemi, Jane Stevenson, Alyn Smith, Michael Tomlinson and Mike Wood be members of the Committee.

That Michael Tomlinson be the Chair of the Committee.

That three be the quorum of the Committee.

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(*Julie Marson.*)

Question agreed to.

3 Public Order

Motion made and Question put, That the draft Public Order Act 1986 (Serious Disruption to the Life of the Community) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 27 April, be approved.—(*Secretary Suella Braverman.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 251

Ayes: 277 (Tellers: Jacob Young, Ruth Edwards)

Noes: 217 (Tellers: Taiwo Owatemi, Gerald Jones)

Question accordingly agreed to.

4 Risk-based exclusion of Members of Parliament

Resolved, That this House has considered the House of Commons Commission Report, Risk-based exclusion of MPs: consultation response and proposals, HC 1396.—(*Penny Mordaunt.*)

5 Changes to membership of select committees

Ordered, That Ruth Edwards, Mark Jenkinson and Alexander Stafford be discharged from the Business and Trade Committee and Jonathan Gullis, Antony Higginbotham and Anthony Mangnall be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

6 Energy Security and Net Zero Committee: Nomination of committee

Ordered, That Hilary Benn, Barry Gardiner, Sir Mark Hendrick, Lloyd Russell-Moyle, Vicky Ford, Alexander Stafford, Mark Jenkinson, Dan Poulter and Mark Garnier be members of the Energy Security and Net Zero Committee.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

7 Public petitions

A public petition from residents of the constituency of Coventry South relating to Coventry University Nursery was presented and read by Zarah Sultana.

8 Adjournment

Subject: Stem cell transplant patients and the cost of living (Mark Tami)

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Scott Mann.*)

At 10.00 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 9(3)).

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

Adjourned at 10.26 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Disqualification of Members

- 9 Notification, laid upon the Table by the Speaker, That the Chancellor of the Exchequer had today appointed Nigel Adams, Member for Selby and Ainsty, to be Steward and Bailiff of His Majesty's Manor of Northstead.
- 10 Notification, laid upon the Table by the Speaker, That the Chancellor of the Exchequer had today appointed the Rt Hon Alexander Boris de Pfeffel Johnson, Member for Uxbridge and South Ruislip, to be Steward and Bailiff of the Three Hundreds of Chiltern.

Lords Messages

11 Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill to which the Commons have disagreed and propose Amendments in lieu and consequential Amendments to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

Printing of Lords Amendments

12 Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill

Lords Message in relation to the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill to be considered tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 322).

Changes to Notices Given

13 Working Time Regulations (Amendment) Bill

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

Reasons Committees: Reports

14 Retained EU (Revocation and Reform) Bill: Reasons Committee

Michael Tomlinson reported that the Committee had agreed the following Reasons:

Lords Amendment 15B

Because the Commons do not consider the Lords Amendment necessary in order to maintain environmental protection.

Lords Amendment 42B

Because the Commons consider the scrutiny procedure imposed by the Lords Amendment to be inappropriate.

General Committees: Reports

15 Second Reading Committee on the Electronic Trade Documents Bill [Lords]

Mark Pritchard (Chair) reported the following Resolution:

That the Committee recommends that the Electronic Trade Documents Bill [Lords] ought to be read a second time.

16 First Delegated Legislation Committee

Steve McCabe (Chair) reported the draft Judicial Appointments (Amendment) 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).

17 Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill (Programming Sub-Committee)

Members: Andy Carter, Kevin Hollinrake, Seema Malhotra, Navendu Mishra, Jane Stevenson, Richard Thomson and Mike Wood

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

Members: Tonia Antoniazzi, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger and Henry Smith discharged and Lilian Greenwood, John Howell and Selaine Saxby nominated in substitution.

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

Members: Peter Grant discharged and Kirsten Oswald nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

20 Administration Committee

(1) *Communications and engagement services provided by the House of Commons Administration*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1392);

(2) Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 12 June, to be published (Sir Charles Walker).

21 Environmental Audit Committee

The UK and the Arctic environment: Oral evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Polar Research, to be published (HC 1141) (James Gray).

22 Foreign Affairs Committee

(1) *Implementing the Integrated Review: Tilt to the Indo-Pacific*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 172);

(2) *Work of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 171);

(3) *Correspondence from the Permanent Under-Secretary of State relating to fraud against the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office in Sierra Leone*: Written evidence, to be published

(Alicia Kearns).

23 High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill (Select Committee on the)

High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1136) (Andrew Percy).

24 Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee

(1) *Finances and sustainability of the social housing sector*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1268);

(2) *Correspondence from the British Property Federation relating to the Renters Reform Bill*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Local Government and Building Safety relating to building safety*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Minister of State for Housing and Planning*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with the Minister of State for Social Care relating to the Government's response to the Committee's report on the long-term funding of adult social care*: Written evidence, to be published

(Mr Clive Betts).

25 Petitions Committee

Public engagement on e-petitions: Written evidence, to be published (HC 73) (Catherine McKinnell).

26 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *Decarbonising the power sector*: Fifty-ninth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1003);

(2) *Timeliness of local auditor reporting*: Sixtieth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 995);

(3) *Correspondence with the Department for Health and Social Care*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Ministry of Defence relating to Service Family Accommodation (SFA) void target*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *DCMS recall: Broadband, gambling and Unboxed*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1052);

(6) *Local authority administered Covid grant schemes*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1234);

(7) *Tackling fraud and corruption against government*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1230)

(Dame Meg Hillier).

27 Scottish Affairs Committee

(1) *Promoting Scotland internationally*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 625);

(2) *Coronavirus and Scotland follow-up*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1394);

(3) *Cost of living: impact on rural communities in Scotland*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 982);

(4) *Secretary of State for Scotland 22 May 2023*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1278)

(Pete Wishart).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 4.30 pm

Debate on e-petitions (Standing Orders No. 10(1)(a) and No. 145A(7))

1 The definition of sex in the Equality Act 2010

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered e-petitions 623243 and 627984, relating to the definition of sex in the Equality Act 2010.—(*Tonia Antoniazzi*.)

The sitting was suspended between 4.40 pm and 5.05 pm for divisions in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

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 6.29 pm and 6.44 pm for a further division in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petitions 623243 and 627984, relating to the definition of sex in the Equality Act 2010.

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

Adjourned at 7.52 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers presented and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 9 June under Standing Orders No. 158 and No. 159:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Customs and Excise

Windsor Framework (Disclosure of Revenue and Customs Information) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 623), dated 8 June 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Victoria Atkins)

2 Exiting the European Union (Customs)

Customs (Northern Ireland: Repayment and Remission) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 618), dated 8 June 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Victoria Atkins)

3 Plastic Packaging Tax

Plastic Packaging Tax (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 622), dated 8 June 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Gareth Davies)

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 12 June

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

4 Building and Buildings

Draft Building Safety (Leaseholder Protections etc.) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Lee Rowley)

5 Consumer Protection

(1) Draft Consumer Rights Act 2015 (Enforcement) (Amendment) Order 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Gareth Davies)

(2) Draft Tobacco and Related Products (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Neil O'Brien)

6 Electricity

Draft Electricity Capacity (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

7 Excise

Tobacco Products (Traceability and Security Features) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 606), dated 9 June 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Gareth Davies)

Other papers

8 Cabinet

UK Biological Security Strategy (by Command) (CP 858) (Secretary Oliver Dowden)

9 Energy

Corporate Plan of the Office for Nuclear Regulation (by Act) (Secretary Mel Stride)

10 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department for Energy Security and Net Zero: Update on the rollout of smart meters (by Act), to be printed (HC 1374) (Clerk of the House)

11 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums

First Report in 2023 from the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission, on the Work of the Committee in 2022–23 (by Act), to be printed (HC 1442) (The Speaker)

CORRECTION

Wednesday 7 June

Item 32 (Other Proceedings) should have included:

(3) *Human rights at assisted dying*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1195);