



House of Commons

Wednesday 14 June 2023

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

1 Selby and Ainsty Writ

Ordered, That the Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County Constituency of Selby and Ainsty in the room of Nigel Adams, who since his election for the said County Constituency has been appointed to the Office of Steward and Bailiff of His Majesty's Manor of Northstead in the county of York.—(*Simon Hart.*)

2 Uxbridge and South Ruislip Writ

Ordered, That the Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough Constituency of Uxbridge and South Ruislip in the room of Alexander Boris de Pfeffel Johnson, who since his election for the said Borough Constituency has been appointed to the Office of Steward and Bailiff of His Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Burnham in the county of Buckingham.—(*Simon Hart.*)

**3 Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology
(2) the Prime Minister**

4 Statement: Serious incident in Nottingham (Secretary Suella Braverman)

5 Healthy Start scheme (Take-Up): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the Secretary of State to ensure that families eligible for the Healthy Start scheme are registered to receive it; to confer certain powers on government departments and agencies and public bodies for that purpose; to provide for an opt-out where the family wishes; and for connected purposes;

That Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck, Paul Maynard, Sir Stephen Timms, Tim Loughton, Ian Byrne, Derek Twigg, Kim Johnson, Dr Dan Poulter, Ben Lake, Barbara Keeley, Debbie Abrahams and Rachael Maskell present the Bill.

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 24 November, and to be printed (Bill 324).

6 Business of the House (Today)

Ordered, That at today's sitting, notwithstanding paragraph (2)(c)(i) of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), business in the name of Dr Philippa Whitford may be entered upon at any hour and may be proceeded with, though opposed, for three hours; proceedings shall then lapse if not previously disposed of; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(Mike Wood.)

7 Opposition Day: Leader of the second largest opposition party (10th allotted day, second part (Standing Order No. 14))

Cost of living and Brexit

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House agrees that increases in the cost of living are having a detrimental impact on businesses and families across Scotland and the rest of the United Kingdom; notes that the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union has played a significant role in driving those increases; further notes that the devolved administrations do not possess the full financial powers required to effectively mitigate the increases in the cost of living in the devolved nations; accepts that finding solutions to the cost of living crisis deserves dedicated parliamentary time to investigate all matters relating to increases in prices and of the contribution of exiting the European Union and of Westminster economic policy to those increases; and resolves that the following shall be a Standing Order of the House:

Cost of Living Committee

(1) There shall be a select committee, to be called the Cost of Living Committee, to examine the causes of and possible solutions to matters related to the cost of living in the United Kingdom, the consequences of the United Kingdom leaving the European Union and the cost of living, how the effect of changes in the cost of living affects the economy, and other connected matters.

(2) The committee shall be chaired by a Member from the second largest Opposition Party and shall additionally consist of 22 Members from the Government party and 22 Members from opposition parties, drawn from the following Committees:

Committee	Number of Members
Business and Trade	3
Energy and Net Zero	3
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	3
Health and Social Care	3
Home Affairs	3
Levelling Up, Housing and Communities	3
Northern Ireland Affairs	5
Scottish Affairs	5
Transport	3
Treasury	3
Welsh Affairs	5
Women and Equalities	3
Work and Pensions	3

(3) The committee shall have power—

(a) to send for persons, papers and records, to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House, to adjourn from place to place, and to report from time to time; and

(b) to appoint specialist advisers to supply information which is not readily available or to elucidate matters of complexity within the committee's order of reference.

(4) Unless the House otherwise orders, each Member nominated to the committee shall continue to be a member of it for the remainder of the Parliament.

(5) The committee shall have power to appoint a sub-committee, which shall have power to send for persons, papers and records, to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House, to adjourn from place to place, and to report to the committee from time to time.

(6) The committee shall have power to report from time to time the evidence taken before the sub-committee.

(7) The committee shall have power to order the attendance of any Member before the committee and to require that specific documents or records in the possession of a Member relating to its inquiries be laid before the committee or any sub-committee.

(8) The quorum of the sub-committee shall be eleven.—(*Dr Philippa Whitford.*)

8 Deferred Divisions

The Deputy Speaker announced the results of the Division which had been deferred to this day (Standing Order No. 41A).

Animals

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.

Division No. 256

Ayes: 284

Noes: 14

Question accordingly agreed to.

9 Opposition Day: Leader of the second largest opposition party (10th allotted day, second part (Standing Order No. 14)) (resumed)

The House resumed the debate.

Question put.

The House divided.

Division No. 257

Ayes: 43 (Tellers: Gavin Newlands, Peter Grant)

Noes: 260 (Tellers: Ruth Edwards, Jacob Young)

Question accordingly negatived.

10 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Building Safety Act 2022 (Consequential Amendments etc.) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 10 May, be approved.—(*Fay Jones.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the Diocesan Stipends Funds (Amendment) Measure (HC 1413), passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, be presented to His Majesty for his Royal Assent in the form in which it was laid before Parliament.—(*Andrew Selous*.)

Question agreed to.

11 Global military operations

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered global military operations.—(*James Heapey*.)

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

At 7.00 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 9(3)).

12 Adjournment

Subject: Government support for Coventry City of Culture Trust (Taiwo Owatemi)

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

Adjourned at 7.19 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Changes to Notices Given

13 Plastics (Wet Wipes) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 16 June, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 30 June.

General Committees: Reports

14 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee

Sir Edward Leigh (Chair) reported the draft Judicial Pensions (Remediable Service etc.) Regulations 2023.

General Committees: Appointments

*This section has been corrected since publication. See the correction in the Votes and Proceedings relating to Tuesday Monday 19 June 2023.

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).

15 Electronic Trade Documents Bill [Lords] Committee

Members: Kevin Brennan, Paul Bristow, Alex Davies-Jones, Steve Double, Patrick Grady, Jane Hunt, Kim Leadbeater, Damien Moore, Luke Pollard, Tom Randall, Selaine Saxby,

Paul Scully, Jeff Smith, Derek Thomas, Christian Wakeford, Matt Warman and Craig Williams

16 Victims and Prisoners Bill Committee

Members: Tonia Antoniazzi, Edward Argar, Siobhan Baillie, Aaron Bell, Rob Butler, Sarah Champion, Elliot Colburn, Janet Daby, Maria Eagle, Sir Oliver Heald, Fay Jones, Mark Logan, Anna McMorris, Lia Nici, Jess Phillips, Ellie Reeves and Maggie Throup

17 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Armed Forces Act 2006 (Continuation) Order 2023)

Members: Siobhan Baillie, Anthony Browne, Fiona Bruce, Ian Byrne, Robert Courts, Marsha De Cordova, Steve Double, Mark Eastwood, Chris Green, Sir John Hayes, Gerald Jones, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Dr Andrew Murrison, Luke Pollard, John Spellar, Chris Stephens and Karl Turner

Select Committees: Reports

18 Culture, Media and Sport Committee

The work of ITV: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1441) (Dame Caroline Dinenage).

19 Energy Security and Net Zero Committee

Correspondence from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities: Written evidence, to be published (Angus Brendan MacNeil).

20 Environmental Audit Committee

(1) *Outdoor and indoor air quality targets:* Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1411);

(2) *Sustainable timber and deforestation:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 637);

(3) *The financial sector and the UK's net zero transition:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 308)

(Philip Dunne).

21 European Scrutiny Committee

(1) Nineteenth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 119-xvii);

(2) *Ministerial correspondence:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 119);

(3) *Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary relating to an invitation to give evidence:* Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland relating to the list of EU law applicable in Northern Ireland:* Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *PESCO and UK-EU Defence Cooperation:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 1347) (Sir William Cash).

22 Home Affairs Committee

(1) *Work of the Home Secretary:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 201);

(2) *Correspondence from the Home Secretary relating to policy on returns to Albania:* Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Home Secretary relating to the restart of the “deport first, appeal later” appeal certification*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Home Secretary relating to the Streamlined Asylum Process*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Minister for Immigration relating to the Migration and Economic Development Programme between the UK and Rwanda*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence from the Minister for Safeguarding relating to the Modern Slavery Unit*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Human Trafficking*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1142)

(Dame Diana Johnson).

23 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

Human rights at work: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1161) (Joanna Cherry).

24 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

(1) *The Role of Non-Executive Directors in Government*: Seventh Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 318);

(2) *Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman Scrutiny 2021–22: Government and PHSO response to the Committee’s Sixth Report of Session 2022–23*: Sixth Special Report, to be printed (HC 1437);

(3) *The scrutiny of international treaties and other international agreements in the 21st Century*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 214);

(4) *Civil Service People Survey*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 575);

(5) *Correspondence from the Minister for the Cabinet Office and HM Paymaster General relating to the Civil Service Governance and Accountability Review*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence from the Registrar of Consultant Lobbyists relating to the Business plan for the current year*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Correspondence with the Deputy Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster relating to recruitment campaigns for the Chair of the House of Lords Appointments Commission and Chair of the Committee on Standards in Public Life*: Written evidence, to be published;

(8) *The status of the UK’s Overseas Territories in the 21st Century*: written evidence, to be published (HC 1294)

(Mr William Wragg).

25 Science, Innovation and Technology Committee

(1) *Diversity and inclusion in STEM: Government Response to the Committee’s Fifth Report*: Third Special Report, to be printed (HC 95);

(2) *Emerging diseases and learnings from covid-19*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1303);

(3) *Governance of artificial intelligence*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 945)

(Greg Clark).

26 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

Fortieth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 4-xi) (Jessica Morden).

27 Statutory Instruments (Select Committee on)

Seventeenth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 5-xvii) (Jessica Morden).

28 Transport Committee

(1) *Accessible transport: legal obligations*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 580);

(2) *Fuelling the future: motive power and connectivity*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 159)

(Iain Stewart).

29 Treasury Committee

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

(2) *The venture capital market*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 134);

(3) *Correspondence with the Chair of Court, Bank of England, relating to inflation forecasting models*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Financial Conduct Authority, relating to Crispin Odey*: Written evidence, to be published

(Harriett Baldwin).

30 Welsh Affairs Committee

(1) *The role of the Veterans' Commissioner in Wales*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1362);

(2) *Broadcasting in Wales*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 620);

(3) *Defence industry in Wales*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1259)

(Stephen Crabb).

31 Women and Equalities Committee

(1) *Sexism and inequalities in sport*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1346);

(2) *Correspondence with the Chair to the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Work and Pensions, relating to the Rights of cohabiting partners*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Justice, relating to the Rights of cohabiting partners*: Written evidence, to be published

(4) *RSHE Review*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1309);

(Caroline Nokes).

32 Work and Pensions Committee

(1) *Defined benefit pensions with Liability Driven Investments*:

(i) Seventh Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 826);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 826);

- (2) *Benefit levels in the UK*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1126);
- (3) *Correspondence with the Home Office relating to streamlined asylum process: impact on councils*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) *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;
- (5) *The effectiveness of sanctions*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1308)
- (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 Support for hospice services

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered support for hospice services.—(*Paul Holmes*.)

The Chair announced a time limit on backbench speeches (under the authority of the Chairman of Ways and Means and Standing Order No. 41(1)).

Resolved, That this House has considered support for hospice services.

2 Bank closures in Stoke-on-Trent North constituency

Resolved, That this House has considered bank closures in Stoke-on-Trent North constituency.—(*Jonathan Gullis*.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.27 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 Insolvency law and director disqualifications

Resolved, That this House has considered insolvency law and director disqualifications.—(*Rebecca Long Bailey*.)

The sitting was suspended between 3.34 pm and 4.00 pm.

4 Publication of claimant data in county court judgments

Resolved, That this House has considered the publication of claimant data in county court judgments.—(*Janet Daby*.)

The sitting was suspended between 4.16 pm and 4.31 pm for a division in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

5 Progress on delivering the Williams-Shapps Plan for Rail

Resolved, That this House has considered progress on delivering the Williams-Shapps Plan for Rail.—(*Martin Vickers*.)

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

Adjourned at 5.30 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Social Security

Social Security (Income and Capital Disregards) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 640), dated 12 June 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Guy Opperman)

Other papers

2 Culture, Media and Sport

Creative Industries Sector Vision: A joint plan to drive growth, build talent and develop skills (by Command) (CP 863) (Secretary Lucy Frazer)

3 Health and Social Care

Government Response to the Seventh Report of the Health and Social Care Committee, Session 2022–2023, on Integrated care systems: autonomy and accountability (by Command) (CP 860) (Secretary Steve Barclay)

4 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Home Office: The asylum and protection transformation programme (by Act), to be printed (HC 1375) (Clerk of the House)

5 Social Security

Explanatory Memorandum to the The Social Fund Maternity and Funeral Expenses (General) and Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 545)

6 Transport

Report on the Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation (by Command) (CP 856) (Secretary Mark Harper)

Withdrawn papers

7 Social Security

Explanatory Memorandum to the Social Fund Maternity and Funeral Expenses (General) and Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 545) (laid 18 May)