



House of Commons

Tuesday 27 June 2023

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 **Questions to the Secretary of State for Justice**
- 2 **Urgent Question: Publication of the Economic Impact Assessment for the Illegal Migration Bill (Robert Jenrick)**
- 3 **Schools (Gender and Parental Rights): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)**

Motion made and Question proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit the promotion of social transition practices in schools; to require schools to inform parents if their child has indicated an intention to pursue, or has commenced, social transition; to provide for a right for parents to access information about lessons in schools; to make provision about the teaching of the concept of gender identity in schools; and for connected purposes.—(*Andrew Bridgen.*)

Motion opposed (Standing Order No. 23(1)).

The House divided.

Division No. 272

Ayes: 34 (Tellers: Jim Shannon, Mr Philip Hollobone)

Noes: 40 (Tellers: Cat Smith, Charlotte Nichols)

Question accordingly negatived.

- 4 **Opposition Day: Leader of the Opposition (19th allotted day (Standing Order No. 14))**
(1) Mortgage and rental costs

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House is extremely concerned that, under this Conservative Government, average mortgage costs will be increasing by £2,900 per year, with a typical household in the UK paying over £2,000 more per year than in France and over £1,000 more than in Ireland and Belgium, and that renters face huge increases in rent payments; condemns the Government for its slowness in acting to support millions of homeowners and renters and so alleviate the impact of its policies; calls on the Government to bring in mandatory measures, as the current voluntary measures could lead to around one million homeowners missing out on support, and to immediately adopt measures to ease the mortgage crisis and halt reposessions by guaranteeing support from lenders for struggling mortgage borrowers and strengthening the rights of renters; in particular calls on the Government to require lenders to allow borrowers to switch to interest-only mortgage payments for a temporary period, to lengthen the term

of their mortgage period, to reverse any support measures when requested and to make mandatory repossession restrictions; and further calls on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to instruct the Financial Conduct Authority to urgently issue guidance that the credit score of borrowers should be unaffected by any temporary switches to interest-only mortgage payments or lengthening of their mortgage period and to introduce a renters' charter that would end no-fault evictions immediately.—(*Rachel Reeves.*)

Amendment proposed, to leave out from "House" to end and add "welcomes the Government's drive to halve inflation, grow the economy and reduce debt; particularly welcomes the Government's new Mortgage Charter which has been agreed by 85 per cent of the residential mortgage market and will provide support to mortgage holders through new commitments and flexibilities to help borrowers who are anxious about rising interest rates; notes the extensive package of cost of living support to help families with rising prices, worth an average of £3,300 per household including direct cash payments to the eight million most vulnerable households; and further believes that Labour's policies to manage the economy would be inflationary, lead to higher interest rates and put more pressure on mortgage holders and renters.".—(*John Glen.*)

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

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

The House divided.

Division No. 273

Ayes: 213 (Tellers: Colleen Fletcher, Navendu Mishra)

Noes: 288 (Tellers: Stuart Anderson, Jacob Young)

Question accordingly negated.

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

The House divided.

Division No. 274

Ayes: 283 (Tellers: Stuart Anderson, Jacob Young)

Noes: 198 (Tellers: Colleen Fletcher, Navendu Mishra)

Question accordingly agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House welcomes the Government's drive to halve inflation, grow the economy and reduce debt; particularly welcomes the Government's new Mortgage Charter which has been agreed by 85 per cent of the residential mortgage market and will provide support to mortgage holders through new commitments and flexibilities to help borrowers who are anxious about rising interest rates; notes the extensive package of cost of living support to help families with rising prices, worth an average of £3,300 per household including direct cash payments to the eight million most vulnerable households; and further believes that Labour's policies to manage the economy would be inflationary, lead to higher interest rates and put more pressure on mortgage holders and renters.

(2) Repurposing Russian assets to rebuild Ukraine

Resolved, That this House condemns Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine; stands in solidarity with Ukrainians in their resistance to Russia's invasion of their sovereign

state; recognises the enormous damage that Russia's invasion has caused to Ukraine's infrastructure, economy and institutions; commends the recent commitments made by the Government to support Ukraine's recovery during the Ukraine Recovery Conference 2023; and calls on the Government to present a Bill before this House within 90 days to allow frozen Russian state assets held in the UK to be repurposed for Ukraine's recovery.—(*Mr David Lammy.*)

5 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Building Safety (Responsible Actors Scheme and Prohibitions) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 25 April, be approved.—(*Steve Double.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the Republic of Belarus (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 616), dated 6 June 2023, a copy of which was laid before this House on 8 June, be approved.—(*Steve Double.*)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the Relationships and Sexuality Education (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 602), dated 5 June 2023, a copy of which was laid before this House on 6 June, be approved.—(*Steve Double.*)

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

Division deferred until Wednesday 28 June (Standing Order No. 41A).

6 Adjournment

Subject: Air quality on Luton Road, Dunstable (Andrew Selous)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Steve Double.*)

Adjourned at 7.24 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.

Changes to Notices Given

8 Affordable Housing (Conversion of Commercial Property) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 30 June, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 29 September.

9 Plastics (Wet Wipes) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 30 June, read and discharged.

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

*General Committees: Reports***10 Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill**

Rushanara Ali (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

11 Victims and Prisoners Bill

Sir Edward Leigh (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

12 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee

Sir Robert Syms (Chair) reported the draft Double Taxation Relief and International Tax Enforcement (Brazil) Order 2023 and the draft Double Taxation Relief and International Tax Enforcement (San Marino) 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).

13 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft International Atomic Energy Agency (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 2023)

Members: Patrick Grady discharged and David Linden nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

* This section has been corrected since publication. See the correction in the Votes and Proceedings relating to Wednesday 28 June 2023.

14 Backbench Business Committee

Transcript of representations made on Tuesday 27 June to be published (Ian Mearns).

15 Business and Trade Committee

(1) *UK trade negotiations: Agreement with India: Government Response to the International Trade Committee's Fifth Report of Session 2022–23: Eighth Special Report*, to be published (HC 1584);

(2) *CPTPP: opportunities and challenges for the UK: Government Response to the International Trade Committee's Sixth Report of Session 2022–23: Ninth Special Report*, to be published (HC 1614);

(3) *Free Trade Agreement Negotiations with the Gulf Cooperation Council: Government Response to the International Trade Committee's Seventh Report of Session 2022–23*: Tenth Special Report, to be published (HC 1626);

(4) *Food and fuel price inflation: will prices come down this year?*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1595);

(5) *Correspondence from the Minister for Energy Security and Net Zero relating to the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence from the Minister for International Trade*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to a memorandum of understanding between the UK and Utah*: Written evidence, to be published;

(8) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State to the Chairs of the Committees on Arms Export Controls, relating to arms sales to Saudi Arabia*: Written evidence, to be published;

(9) *The performance of investment zones and freeports in England*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1492)

(Darren Jones).

16 Culture, Media and Sport Committee

(1) *Football governance*: Ninth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1288);

(2) *Appointment of Richard Sharp as Chair of the BBC: Government Response to the Committee's Eighth Report*: Tenth Special Report, to be printed (HC 1641);

(3) *Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Media Bill*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1287)

(Dame Caroline Dineneage).

17 Education Committee

Persistent absence and support for disadvantaged pupils: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 970) (Mr Robin Walker).

18 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

(1) *Tenant farmers*: Oral and written evidence to be published (HC 1307);

(2) *Correspondence from Dr Ben Spencer MP relating to the APHA site in Weybridge*: Written evidence to be published;

(3) *Environmental Land Management Scheme: progress update*: Written evidence to be published (HC 621);

(4) *Pet welfare and abuse*: Written evidence to be published (HC 1123);

(5) *Soil health*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 963);

(6) *Work of Defra*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 705)

(Sir Robert Goodwill).

19 Foreign Affairs Committee

- (1) *The UK's engagement in Central Asia*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1158);
- (2) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Europe relating to the Government's response to tensions between Serbia and Kosovo*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Work of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 171)
- (Alicia Kearns).

20 Health and Social Care Committee

- (1) *Assisted dying/assisted suicide*: Written and oral evidence, to be published (HC 711);
- (2) *Correspondence with the Chair of the Professional Standards Agency relating to the regulatory performance of the Health and Care Professions Council*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Correspondence with the Minister of State relating to the UKCA marking of spinal needles*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) *Expert panel: evaluation of the Government's commitments in the area of pharmacy in England*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1310);
- (5) *Future cancer*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1250)
- (Steve Brine).

21 Petitions Committee

- (1) Record of the Committee's decision relating to e-petitions, to be published;
- (2) List of closed e-petitions presented to the House, to be published
- (Catherine McKinnell).

22 Transport Committee

HS2: progress update: Written evidence, to be published (HC 641) (Iain Stewart).

23 Treasury Committee

- (1) *The work of the Payment Systems Regulator*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 144);
- (2) *Correspondence from HM Revenue and Customs*: Written evidence, to be published
- (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 Import and sale of fur

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of the import and sale of fur.—(*Giles Watling*.)

The sitting was suspended between 10.26 am and 11.00 am.

2 Asylum applications and asylum seekers' mental health wellbeing

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of asylum applications and asylum seekers' mental health wellbeing.—(*Gareth Bacon*.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.30 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 Implementation of ECO4 and ECO+

Resolved, That this House has considered the implementation of ECO4 and ECO+.—(*Ben Lake*.)

The sitting was suspended between 3.47 pm and 4.00 pm.

4 Protection of seals

Resolved, That this House has considered the protection of seals.—(*Sarah Olney*.)

The sitting was suspended between 4.21 pm and 4.30 pm, and between 4.30 pm and 4.50 pm for divisions in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

5 Impact of immigration on population growth

Resolved, That this House has considered the impact of immigration on population growth.—(*Sir John Hayes*.)

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

Adjourned at 5.54 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Insolvency

Relevant Licensee Nuclear Company Administration (England and Wales) Rules 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 712), dated 22 June 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

2 Road Traffic

Civil Enforcement of Moving Traffic Contraventions Designation Order 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 698), dated 21 June 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Mark Harper)

Other papers

3 Environment

Response from the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to the Report of the Office for Environmental Protection on post-implementation reviews of environmental laws (by Act) (Secretary Thérèse Coffey)

4 Law Commission

Law Commission Report: Digital Assets (by Act), to be printed (HC 1486) (Secretary Alex Chalk)

5 Sports Grounds Safety Authority

Report and Accounts of Sports Grounds Safety Authority for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1432) (Stuart Andrew)

6 Water

Report and Accounts of Flood Re Limited for 2022–23 (by Act), to be printed (HC 1414) (Secretary Thérèse Coffey)