



# House of Commons

Thursday 29 June 2023

## Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

**1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade**

**2 Business Question (Leader of the House)**

**3 Northern Ireland Budget (No. 2) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris, supported by the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Michael Gove, Secretary Alister Jack, Secretary David T C Davies, John Glen and Mr Steve Baker, presented a Bill to authorise the use for the public service of certain resources for the year ending 31 March 2024 (including income); to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of Northern Ireland of certain sums for the service of that year; to authorise the use of those sums for specified purposes; to authorise the Department of Finance in Northern Ireland to borrow on the credit of those sums; and to repeal a spent provision.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Monday 3 July, and to be printed (Bill 338) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 338–EN).

**4 Thames Water (Public Benefit Corporation) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Tim Farron, supported by Sarah Olney and Munira Wilson, presented a Bill to establish a new model of company structure for Thames Water, to be called a public benefit corporation; to require that public benefit corporation to consider public policy benefits, including reducing leaks and sewage dumping, as well as returns for shareholders; to limit the payment of dividends until a plan is in place to cut the corporation's debt; and to require membership of the corporation's board to include representatives of local environment groups.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 24 November, and to be printed (Bill 339).

**5 Royal Assent**

The Deputy Speaker announced that the King had signified Royal Assent to the following Acts and measure under the Royal Assent Act 1967:

Shark Fins Act 2023

Co-operatives, Mutuals and Friendly Societies Act 2023

Child Support Collection (Domestic Abuse) Act 2023

Offenders (Day of Release from Detention) Act 2023

Supported Housing (Regulatory Oversight) Act 2023  
British Nationality (Regularisation of Past Practice) Act 2023  
Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023  
Financial Services and Markets Act 2023  
Diocesan Stipends Funds (Amendment) Measure 2023

**6 Backbench Business**

(1) Fishing industry

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the fishing industry.—(*David Duguid*.)

(2) Artificial intelligence

*Resolved*, That this House has considered artificial intelligence.—(*Matt Warman*.)

**7 Statement: Court of Appeal judgement on the Migration and Economic Development Partnership (Secretary Suella Braverman)**

**8 Adjournment**

Subject: Lawfare and its impact on open and democratic freedoms (Mr David Davis)

*Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Joy Morrissey*.)

Adjourned at 5.30 pm until Monday 3 July.

## Other Proceedings

### *Changes to Notices Given*

**9 Covid-19 Vaccine Diagnosis and Treatment Bill**

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

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

**10 NHS England (Alternative Treatment) Bill**

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

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

**11 Free School Meals (Primary Schools) Bill**

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 15 September.

### *General Committees: Reports*

**12 Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill Committee**

Dame Maria Miller (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

**13 Energy Bill [Lords] Committee**

Mr Virendra Sharma (Chair) reported:

- (1) written evidence submitted to the Committee; and
- (2) the Bill as amended.

Written evidence to be published.

Bill, as amended, to be considered on Monday 3 July; and to be printed (Bill 340).

**14 Victims and Prisoners Bill Committee**

Julie Elliott (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

*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).*

**15 Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill Committee**

Chair: Steve McCabe in place of Geraint Davies.

**16 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Pensions Dashboards (Amendment) Regulations 2023)**

Chair: Mr Laurence Robertson

Members: Nicola Richards discharged and Siobhan Baillie nominated in substitution.

**17 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Electricity and Gas (Energy Company Obligation) Order 2023)**

Chair: Peter Dowd

Members: Kate Kniveton discharged and Dr Neil Hudson nominated in substitution.

**18 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft African Development Fund (Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative) (Amendment) Order 2023 and draft African Development Bank (Sixteenth Replenishment of the African Development Fund) Order 2023)**

Chair: Mrs Pauline Latham

Members: Suzanne Webb discharged and Mark Jenkinson nominated in substitution.

**19 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Business and Planning Act 2020 (Pavement Licences) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2023)**

Chair: Stewart Hosie

Members: Jane Hunt discharged and Dr Jamie Wallis nominated in substitution.

**20 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Environmental Protection (Plastic Plates etc. and Polystyrene Containers etc.) (England) Regulations 2023)**

Chair: Carolyn Harris

**21 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Consumer Rights Act 2015 (Enforcement) (Amendment) Order 2023)**

Chair: Esther McVey

Members: Royston Smith and Bob Stewart discharged and Alun Cairns and Sir Greg Knight nominated in substitution.

**22 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Commonwealth Development Corporation (Limit on Government Assistance) Regulations 2023)**

Chair: Graham Stringer

Members: Matt Vickers discharged and Jill Mortimer nominated in substitution.

*Select Committees: Reports*

**23 Backbench Business Committee**

Determination of business to be taken on Thursday 6 July in the Chamber and Thursday 6 July, Tuesday 11 July and Thursday 13 July in Westminster Hall (Ian Mearns).

*Lindsay Hoyle*

Speaker

## Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 1.30 pm.

Business determined by the Backbench Business Committee (Standing Orders No. 10(7) and No. 14(4))

**1 Electronic cigarette use**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the matter of electronic cigarette use.—  
(*Dr Caroline Johnson.*)

*The sitting was suspended between 2.23 pm and 3.00 pm.*

**2 Bladder and bowel continence care**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the matter of bladder and bowel continence care.—(*Andrew Selous.*)

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

Adjourned at 4.00 pm until Monday 3 July.

*Eleanor Laing*

Chairman of Ways and Means

## Papers Laid

### Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

#### 1 Customs

Draft Postal Packets (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Victoria Atkins)

#### 2 Medicines

Draft Human Medicines (Amendment Relating to Original Pack Dispensing) (England and Wales and Scotland) Regulations 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Maria Caulfield)

#### 3 Sanctions

Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 713), dated 27 June 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (David Rutley)

### Papers subject to Negative Resolution

#### 4 Canada No. 1 (2023)

Agreement, done at Leipzig on 18 May 2022, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Canada concerning Air Services (CP 867), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary James Cleverly)

#### 5 Environmental Protection

Persistent Organic Pollutants (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 729), dated 29 June 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Thérèse Coffey)

### Other papers

#### 6 Air Force (Constitution)

King's Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Seventh Edition) (Amendment List 1) (by Act) (James Heapey)

#### 7 Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning

Report and Accounts of the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1453) (Robert Halfon)

#### 8 Budget Responsibility and National Audit

Report and Accounts of the Office for Budget Responsibility for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1407) (Gareth Davies)

**9 European Union (Withdrawal Agreement)**

Report for 2022 of the Independent Monitoring Authority for the Citizens' Rights Agreements to the Specialised Committee on Citizens' Rights established under the Withdrawal Agreement and the Joint Committee established under the EEA EFTA Separation Agreement (by Act) (Secretary Alex Chalk)

**10 Fire and Rescue Services**

Report by the Home Secretary on Fire and Rescue Authorities' Compliance with the Fire and Rescue National Framework for England (by Act) (Secretary Suella Braverman)

**11 Government Resources and Accounts**

(1) Report and Accounts of Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1406) (Secretary Thérèse Coffey)

(2) Report and Accounts of the Planning Inspectorate for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1543) (Secretary Michael Gove)

(3) Report and Accounts of Wilton Park for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1418) (David Rutley)

(4) Report, Accounts and Product Accounts of National Savings and Investments for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1352) (Andrew Griffith)

**12 Health and Social Care**

Care Quality Commission: The state of health care and adult social care in England for 2021–22 (by Act), to be printed (HC 724) (Maria Caulfield)

**13 Health Service Commissioner**

Report by the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman: Broken trust: making patient safety more than just a promise (by Act), to be printed (HC 1444) (Clerk of the House)

**14 Industrial Training**

Report and Accounts of the Engineering Construction Industry Training Board for 2022, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1416) (Robert Halfon)

**15 Inquiries**

Tranche 1 Interim Report of the Undercover Policing Inquiry (by Act), to be printed (HC 1539) (Secretary Suella Braverman)

**16 Justice and Security (Northern Ireland)**

Fifteenth Report of the Independent Reviewer of the Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Act 2007 for the year ended 31 July 2022 (by Act) (Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris)

**17 Mental Health**

Report of the Care Quality Commission: Monitoring the Mental Health Act in 2021–22 (by Act) (Maria Caulfield)

**18 Northern Ireland**

Department of Education Teachers' Pension Annual Scheme Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 (by Act), to be printed (HC 1491) (Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris)

**19 UK Borders**

(1) Report of the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration: An inspection of the Home Office's operations to effect the removal of Foreign National Offenders: October 2022–February 2023 (by Act) (Secretary Suella Braverman)

(2) Report of the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration: Inspection report on Home Office country of origin information, Iraq and Myanmar (Burma): January 2023 (by Act) (Secretary Suella Braverman)

**Withdrawn papers****20 Mental Health**

Report of the Care Quality Commission: Monitoring the Mental Health Act in 2021–22 (laid 21 February 2022)

**21 Health and Social Care**

Care Quality Commission: The state of health care and adult social care in England for 2021–22 (laid 20 October 2022)

**SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES****VOTING BY PROXY****1 Variation of proxy voting arrangement**

(1) The Speaker has certified, under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A (Voting by proxy), that Amy Callaghan has given notice that she wishes to vary her proxy vote arrangement. Her period of proxy voting will now end on 10 September.

(2) The Speaker has certified, under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A (Voting by proxy), that Mark Logan has given notice that he wishes to vary his proxy vote arrangement. His period of proxy voting will now end on 10 September.

(3) The Speaker has certified, under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A (Voting by proxy), that Mr Peter Bone has given notice that he wishes to vary his proxy vote arrangement. His period of proxy voting will now end on 20 July.

(4) The Speaker has certified, under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A (Voting by proxy), that Lucy Allan has given notice that she wishes to vary her proxy vote arrangement. Her period of proxy voting will now end on 20 July.

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## CORRECTION

22 March 2023

Item 61 (Other Proceedings) should have read:

Women and Equalities Committee

(1) *Menopause and the workplace*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 91);

(2) *Attitudes towards women and girls in educational settings*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 331);

(3) *Correspondence with Lord Bellamy relating to the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) Act*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *National Disability Strategy*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 241);

(5) *So-called honour-based abuse*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 831)

(Caroline Nokes).