



House of Commons

Wednesday 6 September 2023

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 **Speaker's Statements: (1) Resignation of the Chair of the Petitions Committee and arrangements for the election of a successor**
(2) Arrangements for the election of the Chair of the Business and Trade Committee

- 2 **Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland**
(2) the Prime Minister

- 3 **Automated External Defibrillators (Housing Developments): 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 provision of automated external defibrillators in all new housing developments of ten dwellings or more; to require developers to provide funding for the maintenance of such defibrillators for a period of ten years after installation; and for connected purposes;

That Stephen Metcalfe, Anna Firth, Mr Mark Francois, Jackie Doyle-Price, Carol Monaghan, Jonathan Gullis, Sir Chris Bryant and Giles Watling present the Bill.

Stephen Metcalfe accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 24 November, and to be printed (Bill 360).

- 4 **Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill: Consideration of Lords Message**

Lords Amendments 44D, 44E, 44F, 44G, 44H and 44J

Motion made and Question put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendments 44D, 44E, 44F, 44G, 44H and 44J.—(*Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 321

Ayes: 288 (Tellers: Steve Double, Ruth Edwards)

Noes: 205 (Tellers: Navendu Mishra, Taiwo Owatemi)

Question accordingly agreed to.

Lords Amendments 44D, 44E, 44F, 44G, 44H and 44J accordingly disagreed to.

Motion made, and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83H(2)), That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments 44D, 44E, 44F, 44G, 44H and 44J;

That Tonia Antoniazzi, Chris Elmore, Chris Heaton-Harris, Tom Hunt, Robert Langan, Alexander Stafford and Richard Thomson be members of the Committee;

That Chris Heaton-Harris be the Chair of the Committee;

That three be the quorum of the Committee;

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(*Mike Wood.*)

Question agreed to.

5 Business of the House (Today)

Ordered, That at today's sitting, notwithstanding paragraph (2)(c) of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), business in the name of the Leader of the Opposition 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.—(*Secretary Gillian Keegan.*)

6 Opposition Day: Leader of the Opposition (18th allotted day, second part (Standing Order No. 14))

Safety of School Buildings

Motion made and Question proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that he will be graciously pleased to give direction that there will be laid before this House by 13 September 2023 the following papers –

(a) submissions from the Department for Education to HM Treasury related to the spending reviews in 2020 and 2021; and

(b) all papers, advice, and correspondence, including submissions and electronic communications (including communications with and from Ministers and Special Advisers) within and between the Cabinet Office (including the Office of the Prime Minister), the Department for Education and HM Treasury relating to these submissions concerned with school buildings.—(*Bridget Phillipson.*)

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

Question put.

The House divided.

Division No. 322

Ayes: 175 (Tellers: Navendu Mishra, Taiwo Owatemi)

Noes: 309 (Tellers: Steve Double, Ruth Edwards)

Question accordingly negatived.

7 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 28 June, be approved.—(*Joy Morrissey.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Human Medicines (Amendment Relating to Original Pack Dispensing) (England and Wales and Scotland) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 29 June, be approved.—(*Joy Morrissey*.)

Question agreed to.

8 Public petitions

(1) A public petition from residents of Warwick and Leamington relating to the West Midlands Combined Authority was presented and read by Matt Western.

(2) A public petition from residents of the United Kingdom relating to funding of local pharmacies was presented and read by Judith Cummins.

9 Adjournment

Subject: Duty on shopping at UK entry points (Henry Smith)

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

Adjourned at 5.48 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

First Reading and Printing of Lords Bills

10 Women, Peace and Security Bill [Lords]

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 24 November, and to be printed (Bill 361).

Reasons Committees: Reports

11 Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill: Reasons Committee

Chris Heaton-Harris reported that the Committee had agreed the following Reason:

Lords Amendments 44D, 44E, 44F, 44G, 44H and 44J:

Because giving family members a role in whether immunity should be granted or not would critically undermine the effectiveness of delivering on the principal aim of this legislation.

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).

12 First Delegated Legislation Committee (Northern Ireland (Ministerial Appointment Functions) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 776))

Members: Fleur Anderson, Mr Steve Baker, Dan Carden, Chris Elmore, Barry Gardiner, Mrs Helen Grant, Margaret Greenwood, Stephen Hammond, Tom Hunt, Dr Caroline Johnson, Gareth Johnson, Robert Langan, Andy McDonald, Mark Menzies, Kate Osborne, Alec Shelbrooke and Justin Tomlinson

13 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Product Security and Telecommunications Infrastructure (Security Requirements for Relevant Connectable Products) Regulations 2023)

Members: Adam Afriyie, Paul Bristow, Fiona Bruce, Ian Byrne, Stella Creasy, Steve Double, Kevin Foster, George Freeman, Danny Kruger, Peter Kyle, John McDonnell, Craig Mackinlay, Anne Marie Morris, Taiwo Owatemi, Ms Marie Rimmer, Karl Turner and Theresa Villiers

14 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Windsor Framework (Enforcement etc.) Regulations 2023)

Members: Hilary Benn, Steven Bonnar, Anthony Browne, Liam Byrne, Jo Churchill, Neil Coyle, Mrs Flick Drummond, Emma Hardy, Andrew Jones, Chris Loder, Mark Spencer, Julian Sturdy, Mark Tami, Shailesh Vara, Matt Vickers, Mrs Heather Wheeler and Sammy Wilson

15 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Mayoral and Police and Crime Commissioner Elections, Recall Petitions and Referendums (Ballot Secrecy, Candidates and Undue Influence) Regulations 2023, draft Representation of the People (Franchise Amendment and Eligibility Review) Regulations 2023, draft Representation of the People (Postal and Proxy Voting etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2023, draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 2023 and draft Representation of the People and Recall Petition (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2023)

Members: Rob Butler, Tracey Crouch, Dehenna Davison, David Duguid, Florence Eshalomi, Ben Everitt, Richard Fuller, Tom Hunt, Kim Johnson, Robert Langan, Ian Lavery, Andrew Lewer, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Kate Osamor, Ian Paisley, Derek Thomas and Christian Wakeford

Select Committees: Reports

* This item has been corrected since publication. See the correction in the Votes and Proceedings relating to Thursday 7 September 2023

16 *Energy Security and Net Zero Committee

(1) *Preparing for the winter*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1720);

(2) *Correspondence from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Sport, Gambling and Civil Society*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Work of the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1549)

(Angus Brendan MacNeil).

17 Environmental Audit Committee

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

(2) *Heat resilience and sustainable cooling*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1671);

(3) *Mapping the path to net zero*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 104);

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

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

(Philip Dunne).

18 European Scrutiny Committee

(1) Twenty-second Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 119-xx);

(2) *Correspondence with the Minister of State, Cabinet Office, relating to further Statutory Instruments to implement the Windsor Framework*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence relating to progress on the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023*: Written evidence, to be published;

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

(Sir William Cash).

19 Home Affairs Committee

(1) *Asylum and migration: Albania: Government Response to the Committee's Second Report*: Fifth Special Report, to be printed (HC 1818);

(2) *Correspondence from the Chief Executive of the Charity Commission of England and Wales relating to its inquiry into Care4Calais*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Home Secretary and the Minister for Crime, Policing and Fire relating to police dismissals*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Immigration relating to extensions in Ukraine schemes*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with the Home Office Permanent Secretary relating to the 2023–24 Main Estimates*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence with the Home Secretary*: Written evidence, to be published;

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

(8) *Policing priorities*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 635)

(Dame Diana Johnson).

20 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

- (1) *Legislative scrutiny: Illegal Migration Bill: Government Response to the Committee's Twelfth Report*: Eighth Special Report, to be printed (HC 1790);
- (2) *Correspondence from the Ministry of Justice relating to adverse judgments from the ECHR and UPR*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Human rights at work*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1161);
- (4) *Legislative scrutiny: Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill 2022–2023*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1088);
- (5) *Legislative scrutiny: Victims and Prisoners Bill*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1629)
- (Ms Harriet Harman).

21 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 funding and delivery of public services in Northern Ireland*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1165)
- (Simon Hoare).

22 Procedure Committee

- (1) *Correcting the record*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 521);
- (2) *The procedure of the House of Commons and the territorial constitution*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1716)
- (Karen Bradley).

23 Science, Innovation and Technology Committee

- (1) *Commercialising quantum technologies*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC1812);
- (2) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology relating to low Earth orbit*: Written evidence, to be published
- (Greg Clark).

24 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

Forty-sixth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 4-xlvi) (Jessica Morden).

25 Transport Committee

Work of the operator of last resort: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1708) (Iain Stewart).

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26 * Treasury Committee

Bank of England Monetary Policy Reports: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 143) (Harriett Baldwin).

27 Work and Pensions Committee

- (1) *Defined benefit pension schemes*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1218);
- (2) *Benefit levels in the UK*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1126);
- (3) *Children in poverty: Child Maintenance Service*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 272);
- (4) *Correspondence from the Financial Conduct Authority relating to advice and guidance*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) *Correspondence from the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work relating to Personal Independence Payments*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (6) *Correspondence from the Secretaries of State for Work and Pensions and Health and Social Care relating to Occupational Health Consultation*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (7) *Correspondence with the Health and Safety Executive relating to LPG fuelled forklift trucks*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (8) *Correspondence with the Minister for Employment relating to DWP decision-making*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (9) *Correspondence with the Minister for Social Mobility, Youth and Progression relating to asbestos*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (10) *Cost of living payments*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1277);
- (11) *Plan for Jobs and employment support*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 600) (Sir Stephen Timms).

28 Women and Equalities Committee

- (1) *Sexism and inequalities in sport*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1346);
- (2) *Black maternal health*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 94);
- (3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Women and Equalities*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) *Correspondence from the UK Independent Mechanism relating to the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) *Correspondence relating to racist language in Government documents*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (6) *National Disability Strategy*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 241);
- (7) *RSHE review*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1309);
- (8) *So-called honour-based abuse*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 831) (Caroline Nokes).

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 Financial education in schools

Resolved, That this House has considered financial education in schools.—(*Jerome Mayhew*.)

2 Veterans in Handforth

Resolved, That this House has considered veterans in Handforth.—(*Esther McVey*.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.29 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 Access to broadband services

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered access to broadband services.—(*Alyn Smith*.)

At 4.00 pm the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

4 Water resources plan proposals for Teddington

Resolved, That this House has considered water resources plan proposals for Teddington.—(*Munira Wilson*.)

5 Treatment of Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the treatment of Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan.—(*Elliot Colburn*.)

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 5.04 pm and 5.19 pm for a division in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

Resolved, That this House has considered the treatment of Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan.

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

Adjourned at 5.44 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism

Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Proscribed Organisations) (Amendment) Order 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Suella Braverman)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Agriculture

Countryside Stewardship (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 968), dated 5 September 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Thérèse Coffey)

3 Building and Buildings

Building Safety (Regulator's Charges) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 965), dated 5 September 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Lee Rowley)

4 Companies

Accounting Standards (Prescribed Bodies) (United States of America and Japan) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 975), dated 31 August 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Kevin Hollinrake)

5 Financial Services and Markets

Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Exemptions from Financial Promotion General Requirement) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 966), dated 5 September 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Andrew Griffith)

6 National Health Service

Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Amounts) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 969), dated 5 September 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Will Quince)

7 Pipe-Lines

Petroleum Act 1998 (Specified Pipelines) (Amendment) and Importation and Storage of Combustible Gas (Designation of Substance etc.) Order 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 971), dated 5 September 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Claire Coutinho)

8 Public Service Pensions

(1) Civil Service (Other Crown Servants) Pension Scheme (Remediable Service) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 963), dated 4 September 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Alex Burghart)

(2) Public Service (Civil Servants and Others) Pensions (Remediable Service) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 942), dated 4 September 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Alex Burghart)

Other papers

9 Air Force (Constitution)

Royal Air Force Form 75 and 75a Regulations (by Act) (James Heappey)

10 House of Commons Commission

Report of the House of Commons Commission on Members of the R&R Programme Board: Nomination of Candidate (HC 1792) (The Speaker)

11 Immigration

Explanatory Memorandum to the Immigration (Passenger Transit Visa) (Amendment) Order 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 824) (by Command) (Secretary Suella Braverman)

12 National Health Service

(1) Report and Accounts of Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust for 2022–23 (by Act) (Secretary Steve Barclay)

(2) Report and Accounts of Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust for 2022–23 (by Act) (Secretary Steve Barclay)

(3) Report and Accounts of Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for 2022–23 (by Act) (Secretary Steve Barclay)

(4) Report and Accounts of Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust for 2022–23 (by Act) (Secretary Steve Barclay)

(5) Report and Accounts of North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust for 2022–23 (by Act) (Secretary Steve Barclay)

(6) Report and Accounts of Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust for 2022–23 (by Act) (Secretary Steve Barclay)

(7) Report and Accounts of Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust for 2022–23 (by Act) (Secretary Steve Barclay)

(8) Report and Accounts of South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for 2022–23 (by Act) (Secretary Steve Barclay)

(9) Report and Accounts of The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for 2022–23 (by Act) (Secretary Steve Barclay)

(10) Report and Accounts of The Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust for 2022–23 (by Act) (Secretary Steve Barclay)

13 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums

Third Report in 2023 of the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission Response to the draft Strategy and Policy Statement for the Electoral Commission (by Act), to be printed (HC 1809) (The Speaker)

Withdrawn papers

14 Immigration

Explanatory Memorandum to the Immigration (Passenger Transit Visa) (Amendment) Order 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 824) (laid 19 July)