



House of Commons

Wednesday 8 November 2023

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 **Speaker's Statement: Garden of Remembrance and wreath-laying**
- 2 **Urgent Questions: (1) Pakistan: Evacuation of Afghans (Johnny Mercer)**
(2) British Steel (Nusrat Ghani)
- 3 **Statement: Humanitarian situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (Mr Andrew Mitchell)**
- 4 **Data Protection and Digital Information Bill: Presentation (Standing Orders No. 57 and No. 80A)**

Secretary Michelle Donelan, supported by Secretary Suella Braverman, Secretary Steve Barclay, Secretary Kemi Badenoch, George Freeman, Julia Lopez, Sir John Whittingdale, Paul Scully and Alex Burghart, presented a Bill to make provision for the regulation of the processing of information relating to identified or identifiable living individuals; to make provision about services consisting of the use of information to ascertain and verify facts about individuals; to make provision about access to customer data and business data; to make provision about privacy and electronic communications; to make provision about services for the provision of electronic signatures, electronic seals and other trust services; to make provision about the disclosure of information to improve public service delivery; to make provision for the implementation of agreements on sharing information for law enforcement purposes; to make provision about the keeping and maintenance of registers of births and deaths; to make provision about information standards for health and social care; to establish the Information Commission; to make provision about oversight of biometric data; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first and second time without Question put (Standing Order No. 80A and Order, 17 April 2023 in the last Session of Parliament); to be considered tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 1) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 1–EN).

- 5 **Victims and Prisoners Bill: Presentation (Standing Orders No. 57 and No. 80A)**

Secretary Alex Chalk, supported by the Prime Minister, Secretary Suella Braverman, Secretary Grant Shapps, Secretary Steve Barclay, Secretary Kemi Badenoch, Secretary Mark Harper, The Attorney General, Edward Argar and Miss Sarah Dines, presented a Bill to make provision about victims of criminal conduct and others affected by criminal conduct; about the appointment and functions of individuals to act as independent public advocates for victims of major incidents; about the release of prisoners; about

the membership and functions of the Parole Board; to prohibit certain prisoners from forming a marriage or civil partnership; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first and second time without Question put (Standing Order No. 80A and Order, 15 May 2023 in the last Session of Parliament); to be considered tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 2) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 2–EN).

6 Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill: Presentation (Standing Orders No. 57 and No. 80A)

Secretary Kemi Badenoch, supported by the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Michelle Donelan, Secretary Lucy Frazer, Kevin Hollinrake, Paul Scully, Gareth Davies, Julia Lopez and Sir John Whittingdale, presented a Bill to provide for the regulation of competition in digital markets; to amend the Competition Act 1998 and the Enterprise Act 2002 and to make other provision about competition law; to make provision relating to the protection of consumer rights and to confer further such rights; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first and second time without Question put (Standing Order No. 80A and Order, 17 May 2023 in the last Session of Parliament); to be considered tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 3) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 3–EN).

7 Renters (Reform) Bill: Presentation (Standing Orders No. 57 and No. 80A)

Secretary Michael Gove, supported by the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Mel Stride, Secretary Lucy Frazer and Rachel Maclean, presented a Bill to make provision changing the law about rented homes, including provision abolishing fixed term assured tenancies and assured shorthold tenancies; imposing obligations on landlords and others in relation to rented homes and temporary and supported accommodation; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first and second time without Question put, and committed to a public bill committee (Standing Order No. 80A and Order, 23 October 2023 in the last Session of Parliament); and to be printed (Bill 4) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 4–EN).

8 Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill: Presentation (Standing Orders No. 57 and No. 80A)

Secretary Michael Gove, supported by the Prime Minister, Oliver Dowden, Robert Jenrick, Robert Halfon, Stuart Andrew and Felicity Buchan, presented a Bill to make provision to prevent public bodies from being influenced by political or moral disapproval of foreign states when taking certain economic decisions, subject to certain exceptions; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first and second time without Question put (Standing Order No. 80A and Order, 3 July 2023 in the last Session of Parliament); to be read the third time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 5) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 5–EN).

9 High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57 and Order, 20 June 2022 in the last Session of Parliament)

Secretary Mark Harper supported by the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, presented a Bill to make provision for a railway between a junction with Phase 2a of High Speed 2 south of Crewe in Cheshire and Manchester Piccadilly Station; for a railway between Hoo Green in Cheshire and a junction with the West Coast Main Line at Bamfurlong, south of Wigan; and for connected purposes.

Bill deemed to have been read the first and second time and committed to a select committee without Question put (Order, 20 June 2022 in the last Session of Parliament); and to be printed (Bill 6) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 6–EN).

10 Holocaust Memorial Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57 and Order, 28 June 2023 in the last Session of Parliament)

Secretary Michael Gove, supported by the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary James Cleverly, Secretary Suella Braverman, Secretary Kemi Badenoch, Secretary Gillian Keegan, and Secretary Lucy Frazer, presented a Bill to make provision for expenditure by the Secretary of State and the removal of restrictions in respect of certain land for or in connection with the construction of a Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre.

Bill deemed to have been read the first and second time and committed to a select committee without Question put (Order, 28 June 2023 in the last Session of Parliament); to be printed (Bill 7) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 7–EN).

11 Media Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Secretary Lucy Frazer, supported by Secretary Michelle Donelan, Secretary Michael Gove, Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris, Secretary Alister Jack, Secretary David T C Davies, John Glen and Sir John Whittingdale, presented a Bill to make provision about public service television; about the sustainability of, and programme-making by, C4C; about the name, remit, powers, governance and audit of S4C; about the regulation of television selection services; about the regulation of on-demand programme services; about the regulation of radio services; about the regulation of radio selection services; for the repeal of section 40 of the Crime and Courts Act 2013; for addressing deficiencies in broadcasting legislation arising from the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 8) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 8–EN).

12 Offshore Petroleum Licensing Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Secretary Claire Coutinho, supported by the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Grant Shapps, Secretary Michelle Donelan, Secretary Kemi Badenoch, Secretary Mark Harper, Secretary Alister Jack, John Glen and Graham Stuart, presented a Bill to make provision about licences to search and bore for and get offshore petroleum.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 9) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 9–EN).

13 King's Speech (Motion for an Address) (second day)

Debate resumed (Order, 7 November).

Question again proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, as follows:

Most Gracious Sovereign, We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament.

Subject: Breaking down barriers to opportunity

Ordered, That the debate be now adjourned.—(*Andrew Stephenson*.)

Debate to be resumed tomorrow.

14 Adjournment

Subject: Football regulation (Matt Rodda)

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Andrew Stephenson.)

At 7 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 9 (3)).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Andrew Stephenson.)

Adjourned at 7.04 pm until tomorrow.

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Other Proceedings

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 Renters (Reform) Bill Committee

Members: Nickie Aiken, Mike Amesbury, Shaun Bailey, Sara Britcliffe, Ms Karen Buck, Anna Firth, Mary Glendon, Eddie Hughes, Siobhain McDonagh, Rachel Maclean, Mr Gagan Mohindra, Helen Morgan, Matthew Pennycook, Lloyd Russell-Moyle, Dean Russell, Dr Ben Spencer and Craig Tracey

16 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Representation of the People (Postal Vote Handling and Secrecy) (Amendment) Regulations 2023)

Members: Sir Robert Buckland, Dr Lisa Cameron, Sir Simon Clarke, Florence Eshalomi, Sir David Evennett, Mary Glendon, Adam Holloway, Dr Caroline Johnson, Keir Mather, Mr Gagan Mohindra, Ms Anum Qaisar, Cat Smith, Jon Trickett, Liz Twist, Dr Jamie Wallis, Craig Whittaker and Jacob Young

17 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Persistent Organic Pollutants (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023)

Members: Paul Bristow, Liam Byrne, Jo Churchill, Stella Creasy, Mrs Natalie Elphicke, Colleen Fletcher, Kevin Foster, Mrs Paulette Hamilton, Ruth Jones, Andrea Leadsom, Sir Julian Lewis, Chris Loder, Rachael Maskell, Paul Maynard, Navendu Mishra, Rebecca Pow and Chris Skidmore

18 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Carer's Assistance (Carer Support Payment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2023)

Members: Dan Carden, Barry Gardiner, Mark Jenkinson, Mr David Jones, Gerald Jones, Sir Greg Knight, John Lamont, Robert Langan, Kim Leadbeater, David Linden, Stuart C. McDonald, Kit Malthouse, David Morris, Sir Mike Penning, John Penrose, Ms Marie Rimmer and Mrs Heather Wheeler

19 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 (Risk of Being Drawn into Terrorism) (Revised Guidance) Regulations 2023)

Members: Debbie Abrahams, Peter Aldous, Richard Drax, Colleen Fletcher, Peter Grant, Sir John Hayes, Kate Hollern, Dan Jarvis, Mr Kevan Jones, Rebecca Long Bailey, Jason McCartney, Scott Mann, Tom Randall, Gary Sambrook, John Stevenson, James Sunderland and Tom Tugendhat

20 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (Northern Ireland (Ministerial Appointment Functions) (No. 2) Regulations 2023, (SI, 2023, No. 1061))

Members: Fleur Anderson, Mr Steve Baker, Richard Burgon, Elliot Colburn, Samantha Dixon, Jackie Doyle-Price, Simon Fell, Jonathan Gullis, Darren Henry, Tom Hunt, Robert Langan, Bell Ribeiro-Addy, Sir Desmond Swayne, Sam Tarry, Edward Timpson, Mick Whitley and Beth Winter

21 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (Alcohol Licensing (Coronavirus) (Regulatory Easements) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 990))

Members: Mr Ben Bradshaw, Brendan Clarke-Smith, Sir Michael Ellis, Michael Fabricant, Colleen Fletcher, Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Scott Mann, Dr Kieran Mullan, Alex Norris, Mark Pawsey, Chris Philp, Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg, Lloyd Russell-Moyle, Henry Smith and Mohammad Yasin

22 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Dormant Assets (Distribution of Money) (England) Order 2023)

Members: Stuart Andrew, Saqib Bhatti, Jack Brereton, Miriam Cates, Mary Kelly Foy, Chris Grayling, Lilian Greenwood, Mr Ranil Jayawardena, Ian Lavery, John McDonnell, Dr Matthew Offord, Kate Osamor, Alex Sobel, Kelly Tolhurst, Andrew Western, Mike Wood and Sir Jeremy Wright

Select Committees: Reports

23 Culture, Media and Sport Committee

Correspondence with the Secretary of State: Written evidence, to be published (Dame Caroline Dinenage).

24 Education Committee

(1) *Ofsted's work with schools:* Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 117);

(2) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to the appointment of an Interim Chief Regulator, Ofqual:* Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Screen time: impacts on education and wellbeing:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 118)

(Mr Robin Walker).

25 Energy Security and Net Zero Committee

(1) *A flexible grid for the future:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 113);

(2) *The work of the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero:* Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 114);

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

(4) *Heating our homes*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 115)
(Angus Brendan MacNeil).

26 Environmental Audit Committee

Prospects for United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change COP28: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 185) (Philip Dunne).

27 European Scrutiny Committee

(1) *Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary relating to the Prime Minister's attendance at the European Political Community summit*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Correspondence with the Minister for Europe relating to the outcome of the Withdrawal Agreement Joint Committee meeting on 28 September 2023*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Defence relating to the Committee's invitation to give evidence in its inquiry into PESCO and UK-EU Defence Cooperation*: Written evidence, to be published

(Sir William Cash).

28 Home Affairs Committee

(1) *Drugs: Government Response to the Committee's Third Report of Session 2022-23*: First Special Report, to be printed (HC 127);

(2) *Police and Crime Commissioners: 10 years on*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 123);

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Immigration*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Minister for Safeguarding relating to the appointment of the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Security Minister relating to the Draft Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill*: Written evidence, to be published

(Dame Diana Johnson).

29 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

Human rights of asylum seekers in the UK: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 182)
(Joanna Cherry).

30 Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee

(1) *Financial distress in local authorities*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 56);

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

(3) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Disabled people in the housing sector*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 63);

(5) *Electoral registration*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 58);

(6) *The finances and sustainability of the social housing sector*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 60)

(Clive Betts).

31 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

The funding and delivery of public services in Northern Ireland: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 46) (Simon Hoare).

32 Science, Innovation and Technology Committee

(1) *The governance of artificial intelligence: interim report: Government Response to the Committee's Ninth Report of Session 2022-23:* First Special Report, to be printed (HC 248);

(2) *Governance of artificial intelligence:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 38);

(3) *Insect decline and UK food security:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 238);

(4) *Correspondence from the Minister for Nuclear and Networks relating to the Nuclear RAB Consultation on industry code and licence modifications:* Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to the UK's frontier AI taskforce update:* Written evidence, to be published

(Greg Clark).

33 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

First Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 36–i) (Jessica Morden).

34 Transport Committee

(1) *HS2: progress update:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 85);

(2) *Air traffic control disruption:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 242);

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Rail relating to plans for Network North:* Written evidence, to be published

(Iain Stewart).

35 Treasury Committee

* This item has been corrected since publication. See the correction in the Votes and proceedings relating to 14 November 2023.

(1) *Small and medium enterprise finance:* Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 27);

(2) *Correspondence with the HM Treasury relating to ISA eligibility for fractional shares:* Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Sexism in the city:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 240);

(4) *The work of HM Revenue and Customs:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 239) (Harriett Baldwin).

36 Welsh Affairs Committee

(1) *Police and Crime Commissioners in Wales:* Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 100);

(2) *Defence industry in Wales:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 102)

(Stephen Crabb).

37 Women and Equalities Committee

- (1) *The National Disability Strategy*: First Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 134);
 - (2) *Women's reproductive health*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 133);
 - (3) *Sexism and inequalities in sport*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 130);
 - (4) *Sexual assault and harassment within the NHS workforce*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 135);
 - (5) *The escalation of violence against women and girls*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 131)
- (Caroline Nokes).

38 Work and Pensions Committee

- (1) *Cost of living support payments*: First Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 143);
 - (2) *Defined benefit pension schemes*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 144);
 - (3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work relating to Personal Independence Payment and the MM judgment*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (4) *Correspondence with the Economic Secretary to the Treasury relating to income protection insurance*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (5) *Correspondence with the Pensions Regulator relating to Wilko Pensions*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (6) *Correspondence with the Permanent Secretary*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (7) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (8) *Safeguarding vulnerable claimants*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 146)
- (Sir Stephen Timms).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Energy

Draft Hydrogen Production Revenue Support (Directions, Eligibility and Counterparty) Regulations 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Claire Coutinho)

2 Immigration and Asylum

Draft Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Amendment of List of Safe States) Regulations 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Suella Braverman)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution**3 Council Tax**

Council Tax (Chargeable Dwellings and Liability for Owners) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1175), dated 2 November 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Lee Rowley)

4 Education

Information as to Provision of Education (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1186), dated 7 November 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (David Johnston)

5 Excise

Hydrocarbon Oil (Marking and Designated Markers) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1187), dated 7 November 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Gareth Davies)

6 Local Government

(1) Draft Nuneaton & Bedworth (Electoral Changes) Order 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (The Speaker)

(2) Draft Rossendale (Electoral Changes) Order 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (The Speaker)

(3) Draft Tunbridge Wells (Electoral Changes) Order 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (The Speaker)

Other papers**7 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development**

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office Minute, dated 8 November 2023, concerning notification of a contingent liability relating to new International Finance Facility for Education (IFFEd) (by Command) (Mr Andrew Mitchell)

8 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department of Health and Social Care: Reforming Adult Social Care in England (by Act), to be printed (HC 184) (Clerk of the House)

9 National Health Service

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

10 Treasury

HM Treasury Minute, dated 8 November 2023, concerning a contingent liability arising from the Asset Purchase Facility (by Command) (The Chancellor of the Exchequer)

Papers laid under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

11 Retained EU Law Reform

Proposal for an instrument titled Railways and Freight Transport etc. (Revocation) Regulations 2024, with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary Mark Harper)

Withdrawn papers

12 Building and Buildings

Draft Higher-Risk Buildings (Keeping and Provision of Information etc.) (England) Regulations 2023 (laid 17 October)

13 Country Series - Republic of Korea No.1 (2023)

Exchange of Notes, done at Seoul and London on 22 September 2023, amending the Free Trade Agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Republic of Korea (laid 16 October) (by Command) (Secretary James Cleverly)

CORRECTION

Tuesday 7 November 2023

Item 12 (Papers Laid) should have read:

Local Government

Draft York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority Order 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) and a Report (by Act) (Jacob Young)