



House of Commons

Monday 13 November 2023

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

1 Speaker's Statement: Arrangements for the election of the Chair of the Backbench Business Committee

2 Questions to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

3 King's Speech (Motion for an Address) (fourth day)

Debate resumed (Order, 9 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: Building an NHS fit for the future

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

Ordered, That the debate be now adjourned.—(*Mr Gagan Mohindra*.)

Debate to be resumed tomorrow.

4 Adjournment

Subject: Seaton Community Hospital (Richard Foord)

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(*Mr Gagan Mohindra*.)

At 10 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 9(3)).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Mr Gagan Mohindra*.)

Adjourned at 10.06 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

5 Bishop's Stortford Cemetery Bill [Lords]

The Lords have passed the Bishop's Stortford Cemetery Bill [Lords], to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

Private Business

6 Private Bills: Certificate by Private Bill Office (Standing Order 188A relating to Private Business)

Certificate by the Clerk in the Private Bill Office laid upon the Table by the Speaker, That, in respect of the following Bill brought from the House of Lords, the Agents have deposited in the Private Bill Office a declaration signed by them, stating that the Bill is the same, in every respect, as the Bill which was brought from the House of Lords in the last Session:

Bishop's Stortford Cemetery Bill [HL].

7 Bishop's Stortford Cemetery Bill [Lords]

A Bill to confer powers upon Bishop's Stortford Town Council to extinguish rights of burial and disturb human remains in Bishop's Stortford New Cemetery and Old Cemetery for the purpose of increasing the space for interments; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first and second time (Order, 23 October in the last Session of Parliament).

General Committees: Reports

8 First Delegated Legislation Committee

Dr Rupa Huq (Chair) reported the draft Representation of the People (Postal Vote Handling and Secrecy) (Amendment) Regulations 2023.

9 Second Delegated Legislation Committee

Dame Angela Eagle (Chair) reported the draft Persistent Organic Pollutants (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 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).

10 Renters (Reform) Bill (Programming Sub-Committee)

Members: Mike Amesbury, Sara Britcliffe, Mary Glendon, Mr Gagan Mohindra, Matthew Pennycook, Dean Russell and Craig Tracey

- 11 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Representation of the People (Postal Vote Handling and Secrecy) (Amendment) Regulations 2023)**
Members: Sir Robert Buckland, Sir David Evennett, Dr Caroline Johnson, Mr Gagan Mohindra and Dr Jamie Wallis discharged and Duncan Baker, Sir John Hayes, Paul Holmes, Alan Mak and Mike Wood nominated in substitution.
- 12 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Persistent Organic Pollutants (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023)**
Members: Sir Julian Lewis and Chris Skidmore discharged and Luke Hall and Holly Mumby-Croft nominated in substitution.
- 13 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Carer's Assistance (Carer Support Payment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2023)**
Members: Sir Greg Knight and Ms Marie Rimmer discharged and Mrs Pauline Latham and Valerie Vaz nominated in substitution.
- 14 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 (Risk of Being Drawn into Terrorism) (Revised Guidance) Regulations 2023)**
Members: Sir John Hayes discharged and Dr Caroline Johnson nominated in substitution.
- 15 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (Northern Ireland (Ministerial Appointment Functions) (No.2) Regulations 2023, (SI, 2023, No. 1061))**
Members: Simon Fell and Tom Hunt discharged and Gareth Bacon and Mark Jenkinson nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

- 16 Administration Committee**
Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 13 November, to be published (Sir Charles Walker).
- 17 Business and Trade Committee**
Employment at McDonald's franchises: Written evidence, to be published (HC 195) (Liam Byrne).
- 18 Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee**
(1) *Financial distress in local authorities*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 56);
(2) *Correspondence from the British Woodworking Federation relating to building and fire safety*: Written evidence, to be published;
(3) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Local Government and Building Safety*: Written evidence, to be published;
(4) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State*: Written evidence, to be published;
(5) *Shared Ownership*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 61)
(Mr Clive Betts).
- 19 Public Accounts (Committee of)**
(1) *Improving defence inventory management*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 66);

(2) *Correspondence from the Home Office relating to the National Law Enforcement Data Programme*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Water Services Regulation Authority (Ofwat) relating to 2022–23 performance related executive pay*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence relating to the Committee's previous Reports*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with HM Revenue and Customs relating to the accounting officer assessment summary for Single Customs Platform*: Written evidence, to be published

(Dame Meg Hillier).

20 Scottish Affairs Committee

(1) *Intergovernmental relations: 25 years since the Scotland Act 1998*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 149);

(2) *Correspondence relating to the punctuality of flights between Scotland and London*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Chair of the Liaison Committee*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Cost of living: impact on rural communities in Scotland*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 153);

(5) *Science and Scotland*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 151);

(6) *Scotland's space sector*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 150)

(Pete Wishart).

21 Speaker's Conference

Speaker's Conference on the employment conditions of Members' staff: Written evidence, to be published (HC 241) (Mr Speaker).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Papers Laid

Papers presented and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 10 November under Standing Orders No. 158 and No. 159:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Social Security

Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 7) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1172), dated 9 November 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Victoria Atkins)

2 Income Tax

War Widows Recognition Payment Scheme (Income Tax Exemption) Regulations 2023, (SI, 2023, No. 1171), dated 8 November 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Victoria Atkins)

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 13 November

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution**3 Family Law**

Draft Child Support (Management of Payments and Arrears and Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Mims Davies)

4 Public Service Pensions

Draft Judicial Pensions (Remediable Service etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Alex Chalk)

5 Trade Union and Labour Relations

Draft Code of Practice: On Reasonable Steps to be taken by a Trade Union (Minimum Service Levels) (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Kemi Badenoch)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution**6 Customs**

(1) Customs (Additional Duty) (Russia and Belarus) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1203), dated 8 November 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Nigel Huddleston)

(2) Customs (Aerodromes and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1202), dated 10 November 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Victoria Atkins)

7 Dogs

Dangerous Dogs (Compensation and Exemption Schemes) (England and Wales) Order 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1204), dated 12 November 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Thérèse Coffey)

8 Financial Services

Central Counterparties (Equivalence) (Singapore) (Monetary Authority of Singapore) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1198), dated 9 November 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Andrew Griffith)

9 Value Added Tax

Value Added Tax (Refunds to "Do-It-Yourself" Builders) (Amendment of Method and Time for Making Claims) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1201), dated 10 November 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Victoria Atkins)

Other papers

10 Justice

Report to the Joint Committee on Human Rights on the Government's response to human rights judgments 2022–2023 (by Command) (CP 958) (Secretary Alex Chalk)

11 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs: Resilience to flooding (by Act), to be printed (HC 189) (Clerk of the House)

12 Treasury

Treasury Minutes on Government Responses to the Sixty-eighth to the Seventy-first Reports of the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2022–23 (by Command) (CP 968) (Gareth Davies)

CORRECTIONS

13 Tuesday 11 October 2022

Item 53 (Select Committees: Reports made on Tuesday 11 October) should have read:

(2) *Food insecurity: Government Response to the Second Report of the Committee, Session 2022–23: Second Special Report*, to be printed (HC 767);

14 Monday 19 June 2023

This item should have appeared after item 22 (Select Committees: Reports):

Education Committee

Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance: Fourth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 54) (Mr Robin Walker).