



House of Commons

Tuesday 14 November 2023

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

1 Speaker's Statements: (1) Resignation of the Chair of the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

(2) Ballot for Private Members' Bills

2 Questions to the Chancellor of the Exchequer

3 Statement: Situation in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories (Mr Andrew Mitchell)

4 Criminal Justice Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Secretary James Cleverly, supported by the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Alex Chalk, Secretary Michael Gove, the Attorney General, Chris Philp and Edward Argar, presented a Bill to amend the criminal law; to make provision about criminal justice (including the powers and duties of the police) and about dealing with offenders; to make provision about confiscation and the use of monies in suspended accounts; to make other provision about the prevention and detection of crime and disorder; to make provision about begging, rough sleeping and anti-social behaviour; to make provision about the police; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 10) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 10–EN).

5 Sentencing Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Secretary Alex Chalk supported by the Prime Minister, Secretary Grant Shapps, Secretary Michelle Donelan, Secretary Steve Barclay, Secretary Mel Stride, Secretary Lucy Frazer and the Attorney General, presented a Bill to make provision about the sentencing of offenders convicted of murder or sexual offences; to make provision about the suspension of custodial sentences; to make provision about the release of offenders, including provision about release on licence; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 11) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 11–EN).

6 King's Speech (Motion for an Address) (fifth day)

Debate resumed (Order, 13 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: Securing high, sustained economic growth in every part of the country

Amendment proposed, at the end of the Question to add 'but respectfully regret that the Gracious Speech fails to include legislative proposals to prevent a repeat of the economic fallout from the September 2022 Growth Plan, by amending the Budget Responsibility and National Audit Act 2011 to give the Office for Budget Responsibility the power to produce and publish forecasts for any Government fiscal event which includes tax and spending decisions with long-term effects over a threshold to be specified in a new Charter for Budget Responsibility.'— (*Rachel Reeves.*)

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

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Division No. 1

Ayes: 228 (Tellers: Colleen Fletcher, Gerald Jones)

Noes: 314 (Tellers: Mike Wood, Robert Lorgan)

Question accordingly negatived.

Since it was after 7 pm, the debate stood adjourned (Standing Order No. 9(3)). Debate to be resumed tomorrow.

7 Deferred Divisions

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 41A(3)), That, at this day's sitting, Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply to the Motion in the name of Secretary Alister Jack relating to Constitutional Law.—(*Joy Morrissey.*)

Question agreed to.

8 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Carer's Assistance (Carer Support Payment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2023, which was laid before this House on 16 October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(*Joy Morrissey.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020 (Services Exclusions) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 20 July, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(*Joy Morrissey.*)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Representation of the People (Postal Vote Handling and Secrecy) (Amendment) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 11 September, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(*Joy Morrissey.*)

Question agreed to.

(4) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Persistent Organic Pollutants (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 16 October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—*(Joy Morrissey.)*

Question agreed to.

9 Changes to membership of select committees

(1) *Ordered*, That Mr John Baron be discharged from the European Scrutiny Committee and Dame Andrea Jenkyns be added.—*(Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)*

(2) *Ordered*, That Tobias Ellwood be discharged from the Joint Committee on the National Security Strategy and Robert Courts be added.—*(Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)*

10 Public petitions

(1) A public petition from residents of the United Kingdom relating to planning permission for telecommunication telegraph pole installation was presented and read by Emma Hardy.

(2) A public petition from residents of the village of Hockliffe relating to A5 traffic volume in Hockliffe was presented and read by Andrew Selous.

11 Adjournment

Subject: Funding for the maintenance of bridges in London (Fleur Anderson)

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

Adjourned at 7.41 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Private Business

12 City of London (Markets) Bill

A Bill to make provision for the relocation of Billingsgate Market and the London Central Markets; and for connected purposes.

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

General Committees: Reports

13 Renters (Reform) Bill Committee

Mr James Gray (Chair) reported:

(1) That the Committee had come to the following Resolution, That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication; and

(2) written evidence.

Written evidence to be published.

14 Third Delegated Legislation Committee

Carolyn Harris (Chair) reported the draft Carer's Assistance (Carer Support Payment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2023.

15 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee

Martin Vickers (Chair) reported the draft Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 (Risk of Being Drawn into Terrorism) (Revised Guidance) 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).

16 Renters (Reform) Bill Committee

Members: Rachel Maclean discharged and Jacob Young nominated in substitution.

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

Members: Gareth Bacon discharged and Aaron Bell nominated in substitution.

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

Members: Sir Jacob Rees-Mogg discharged and Lia Nici nominated in substitution.

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

Members: Saqib Bhatti and Miriam Cates discharged and Simon Baynes and Nick Fletcher nominated in substitution.

*Select Committees: Reports***20 Business and Trade Committee**

(1) *Batteries for electric vehicle manufacturing*: First Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 196);

(2) *Employment at McDonald's franchises*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 195);

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Enterprise, Markets and Small Business*: Written evidence, to be published;

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

(5) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to a trade and cooperation agreement between the UK and Florida*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence with Vodafone UK relating to the Three-Vodafone merger*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *The work of the Department for Business and Trade*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 268)

(Liam Byrne).

21 Culture, Media and Sport Committee

- (1) *Draft Media Bill: Government Responses to the Committee's Twelfth and Thirteenth Reports of Session 2022–23*: First Special Report, to be printed (HC 155);
 - (2) *Promoting Britain abroad follow-up*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 158);
 - (3) *British film and high-end television*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 157);
 - (4) *Correspondence with the Gambling Commission*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (5) *Gambling regulation*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 176);
 - (6) *Women's sport*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 177)
- (Dame Caroline Dinenage).

22 Defence Committee

- (1) *Armed Forces readiness*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 26);
 - (2) *Women in the Armed Forces: follow-up*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 49)
- (Robert Courts).

23 Education Committee

- (1) *Teacher recruitment, training and retention*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 119);
 - (2) *Ofsted's work with schools*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 117);
 - (3) *Screen Time: Impacts on education and wellbeing*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 118)
- (Mr Robin Walker).

24 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

- (1) *Food security: Government Response to the Committee's Seventh Report 2022–23*: First Special Report, to be printed (HC 37);
 - (2) *Fairness in the food supply chain*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 160);
 - (3) *Correspondence from the Chief Executive of Ofwat relating to performance-related executive pay*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (4) *Correspondence from the Minister for Biosecurity, Marine and Rural Affairs relating to EU border control posts for live animals*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (5) *Correspondence from the Minister for Food, Farming and Fisheries*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (6) *Correspondence from Wildlife and Countryside Link relating to species reintroduction*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (7) *Education and careers in land-based sectors*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 165);
 - (8) *Pet welfare and abuse*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 161);
 - (9) *Work of Defra*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 163)
- (Sir Robert Goodwill).

25 Finance Committee

Record of the Committee's decisions taken at its meeting on 14 November, to be published (Mrs Sharon Hodgson).

26 Foreign Affairs Committee

Follow-up to Afghanistan inquiry: Written evidence, to be published (HC 273) (Alicia Kearns).

27 Health and Social Care Committee

- (1) *The work of NHS England:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 137);
- (2) *Correspondence from medConfidential:* Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Correspondence from the Minister of State:* Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State:* Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) *Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary:* Written evidence, to be published;
- (6) *Correspondence from the Sling the Mesh group:* Written evidence, to be published;
- (7) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State:* Written evidence, to be published;
- (8) *Pharmacy:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 140);
- (9) *Prevention in health and social care:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 141) (Steve Brine).

28 International Development Committee

- (1) *Humanitarian situation in Gaza:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 110);
- (2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Development and Africa relating to the Equalities Index Assessment for ODA allocations in 2022–23:* Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *FCDO and disability-inclusive development:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 107) (Sarah Champion).

29 Liaison Committee

- (1) *Correspondence relating to facilitating effective select committee scrutiny:* Written evidence, to be published;
- (2) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities relating to the timeliness of Government responses to select committee reports:* Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Scrutiny of strategic thinking in Government:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 31) (Sir Bernard Jenkin).

30 Petitions Committee

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

31 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

- (1) *Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman scrutiny 2022–23:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 198);

(2) *Correspondence with the Deputy Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster relating to the campaign for a new Chair for the Committee on Standards in Public Life*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Membership of the House of Lords*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 199);

(4) *The status of the UK's Overseas Territories in the 21st Century*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 202)

(Mr William Wragg).

32 Standards (Committee on)

(1) *House of Commons standards landscape*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 247);

(2) *Correspondence from Mr Marcus Fysh relating to the Committee on Standards' Thirteenth Report of Session 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published

(Ms Harriet Harman).

33 Transport Committee

(1) *Accessible transport: legal obligations*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 82);

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

(3) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport relating to draft Pedicabs (London) Bill*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Transport relating to announcement of an inquiry into the Channel crossing incident of 24 November 2021*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Transport relating to pre-legislative scrutiny of Draft Rail Reform Bill*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Transport relating to the Department's oversight of consultations and policy announcements*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *HS2: progress update*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 85)

(Iain Stewart).

34 Treasury Committee

Infrastructure: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 250) (Harriett Baldwin).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Employment Tribunals

Draft Employment Tribunals and Employment Appeal Tribunal (Composition of Tribunal) Regulations 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Alex Chalk)

2 Medical Devices

Draft Medical Devices (In Vitro Diagnostic Devices etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Helen Whately)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

3 Miscellaneous No. 10 (2023)

Protocol, done in Geneva on 28 November 2003, on Explosive Remnants of War to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol V) (by Command) (CP 974), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (David Rutley)

Other papers

4 National Health Service

Report and Accounts of Rotherham Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust for 2022–23 (by Act) (Secretary Victoria Atkins)