

# Thursday 16 November 2023

# **Votes and Proceedings**

The House met at 9.30 am.

**Prayers** 

#### 1 Sessional Returns

Ordered, That there be laid before this House Returns for Session 2022–23 of information and statistics relating to:

- (1) Business of the House
- (2) Closure of Debate, Proposal of Question, Allocation of Time and Programming of Bills
- (3) Sittings of the House
- (4) Private Bills and Private Business
- (5) Public Bills
- (6) Delegated Legislation and Legislative Reform Orders
- (7) European Legislation, etc
- (8) Grand Committees and the Regional Affairs Committee
- (9) Panel of Chairs
- (10) Select Committees.—(Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

#### 2 Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport

(2) the hon. Member representing the Church Commissioners, the hon. Member representing the Restoration and Renewal Client Board and the hon. Member representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission

#### 3 Business Question (Leader of the House)

#### 4 Speaker's Conference

Resolved, That this House welcomes the Second Report of the Speaker's Conference on the employment conditions of Members' staff (HC 1714 of Session 2022–23), endorses its recommendations, recognises Members' responsibilities as employers and the need to improve the working lives of Members' staff and accordingly calls on the House of Commons Commission, IPSA and the political parties to address and implement the recommendations from the Speaker's Conference.—(Penny Mordaunt.)

#### 5 COP28

Resolved, That this House has considered COP28.—(Graham Stuart.)

#### 6 Adjournment

Subject: Court transcript costs (Sarah Olney)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Robert Largan.)

Adjourned at 2.26 pm until Monday 20 November.

## Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

#### 7 Renters (Reform) Bill Committee

Yvonne Fovargue (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).

8 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Justification Decision (Scientific Age Imaging) Regulations 2023)

Members: Kevin Brennan discharged and Ruth Cadbury nominated in substitution.

9 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Immigration (Age Assessments) Regulations 2023)

Members: Lucy Allan, Sir James Duddridge, Scott Mann and James Sunderland discharged and Aaron Bell, Sir Robert Buckland, Andy Carter and Katherine Fletcher nominated in substitution.

10 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Amendment) (Equal Treatment) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2023, draft Pensions (Pension Protection Fund Compensation) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2023, draft Pensions Act 2004 (Amendment) (Pension Protection Fund Compensation) Regulations 2023 and draft Pensions Act 2004 and the Equality Act 2010 (Amendment) (Equal Treatment by Occupational Pension Schemes) Regulations 2023)

Members: Sir Conor Burns, Ruth Edwards and Sir Mike Penning discharged and Aaron Bell, Paul Scully and Greg Smith nominated in substitution.

11 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Aviation (Consumers) (Amendment) Regulations 2023)

Members: Mr Gagan Mohindra discharged and Aaron Bell nominated in substitution.

# 12 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2023)

Members: Andy McDonald and Wendy Morton discharged and Stella Creasy and Richard Fuller nominated in substitution.

# 13 Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Green Gas Support Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2023)

Members: Dame Amanda Milling discharged and Selaine Saxby nominated in substitution.

# 14 Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Health Protection (Coronavirus, Testing Requirements and Standards) (England) (Amendment and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2023)

Members: John Howell discharged and Neil O'Brien nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

#### 15 International Development Committee

Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to the humanitarian situation in Gaza: Written evidence, to be published (Sarah Champion).

#### 16 Public Accounts (Committee of)

- (1) The Department for Work and Pensions Annual Report and Accounts 2022–23: Fourth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 290);
- (2) *HS2 and Euston recall*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 67) (Dame Meg Hillier).

## 17 Science, Innovation and Technology Committee

Governance of artificial intelligence: Written evidence, to be published (HC 38) (Greg Clark).

Lindsay Hoyle
Speaker

#### Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 1.30 pm.

Business appointed by the Chairman of Ways and Means (Standing Order No. 10 (6)),

#### 1 Floating offshore wind

Resolved, That this House has considered floating offshore wind.—(Selaine Saxby.)
The sitting was suspended between 2.36 pm and 3 pm.

#### 2 Heritage pubs

Resolved, That this House has considered heritage pubs.—(Marco Longhi.) Sitting adjourned without Question put (Standing Order No. 10(14)).

Adjourned at 3.52 pm until Monday 20 November.

# Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

## **Papers Laid**

### Papers subject to Negative Resolution

#### 1 Constitutional Law

Carer's Assistance (Carer Support Payment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1218), dated 16 November 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Tom Pursglove)

## 2 Immigration

Immigration Act 2014 (Commencement No. 8) Order 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1215), dated 14 November 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary James Cleverly)

#### Other papers

#### 3 Energy

Report and Accounts of the Office for Nuclear Regulation for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 186) (Secretary Mel Stride)

#### 4 Government Resources and Accounts

Report and Accounts of Government Actuary's Department for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 99) (Nigel Huddleston)

#### 5 Health and Social Care

Annual Report of the National Guardian's Office for 2022–23 (by Command) (CP 959) (Maria Caulfield)

#### 6 Justice

Report and Accounts of Gov Facility Services Limited for 2022–23 (by Command) (CP 947) (Secretary Alex Chalk)

#### 7 Work and Pensions

Review and Update of the Prescription for Prescribed Disease D1 (Pneumoconiosis) (by Command) (CP 964) (Secretary Mel Stride)

#### **MEMORANDUM**

#### PANEL OF CHAIRS

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 4 (Panel of Chairs), the Speaker has discharged Esther McVey from the Panel of Chairs, effective from 15 November 2023.

#### SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

#### **VOTING BY PROXY**

(Variations in existing arrangements appear in **bold**.)

Member From To Proxy

Stuart Anderson 12 December 22 January 2024 Marcus Jones