



# House of Commons

Monday 20 November 2023

## Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

**1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Defence**

**2 Statement: Levelling Up (Jacob Young)**

**3 Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill: Programme (No. 2)**

*Ordered*, That the Order of 17 May 2023 in the last Session of Parliament (Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill: Programme) be varied as follows:

(1) Paragraphs (4) and (5) of the Order shall be omitted.

(2) Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading shall be taken in one day in accordance with the following provisions of this Order.

(3) Proceedings on Consideration—

(a) shall be taken in the order shown in the first column of the following Table, and

(b) shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the times specified in the second column of the Table.

**Proceedings**

**Time for conclusion of proceedings**

New Clauses and new Schedules relating to, and amendments to, Part 1

Three hours before the moment of interruption

Remaining proceedings on Consideration

One hour before the moment of interruption

(4) Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption.—(*Stuart Anderson.*)

**4 Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill: Consideration of the Bill as amended in Public Bill Committee**

New Clause NC5—(*Saqib Bhatti*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC6—(*Saqib Bhatti*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Amendments 2 to 12 made.

Amendment 187 proposed.—(*Alex Davies-Jones*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Division No. 5

Ayes: 196 (Tellers: Gerald Jones, Mary Glindon)

Noes: 275 (Tellers: Dame Amanda Milling, Scott Mann)

Question negatived.

Amendment 188 proposed.—(*Alex Davies-Jones*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Division No. 6

Ayes: 197 (Tellers: Gerald Jones, Mary Glindon)

Noes: 278 (Tellers: Dame Amanda Milling, Scott Mann)

Question negatived.

As it was less than three hours before the moment of interruption, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on new Clauses and new Schedules relating to, and amendments to, Part 1 to a conclusion (Programme Order, today).

The following Question was put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83E).

(1) That Amendments 13 to 67 be made (single Question on Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown).—(*Saqib Bhatti*.)

Question agreed to.

New Clause NC7—(*Kevin Hollinrake*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC8—(*Kevin Hollinrake*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC9—(*Kevin Hollinrake*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC10—(*Kevin Hollinrake*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC11—(*Kevin Hollinrake*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC12—(*Kevin Hollinrake*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC13—(*Kevin Hollinrake*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC14—(*Kevin Hollinrake*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC15—(*Kevin Hollinrake*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC16—(*Kevin Hollinrake*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC17—(*Kevin Hollinrake*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC18—(*Kevin Hollinrake*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC19—(*Kevin Hollinrake*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC20—(*Kevin Hollinrake*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC21—(*Kevin Hollinrake*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC22—(*Kevin Hollinrake*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC29—(*Alex Davies-Jones*)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Division No. 7

Ayes: 210 (Tellers: Gerald Jones, Andrew Western)

Noes: 280 (Tellers: Dame Amanda Milling, Scott Mann)

Question negatived.

As it was one hour before the moment of interruption, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring remaining proceedings on consideration to a conclusion (Programme Order, today).

The following Questions were put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83E).

(1) That New Clause NC30 be added to the Bill (Question on any new Clause selected by the Speaker for separate decision).—(*Alex Davies-Jones*.)

The House divided.

Division No. 8

Ayes: 209 (Tellers: Gerald Jones, Andrew Western)

Noes: 281 (Tellers: Scott Mann, Dame Amanda Milling)

Question negatived.

(2) That Clause 124 be transferred to the end of line 39 on page 219 of the Bill (Question on any motion made by a Minister of the Crown).—(*Kevin Hollinrake*.)

Question agreed to.

(3) That Amendments 69 to 79 be made (single Question on any amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown).—(*Kevin Hollinrake*.)

Question agreed to.

(4) That Clause 203 be transferred to the end of line 26 on page 220 of the Bill (Question on any motion made by a Minister of the Crown).—(*Kevin Hollinrake*.)

Question agreed to.

(5) That Amendments 81 to 154 be made (single Question on any amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown).—(*Kevin Hollinrake*.)

Question agreed to.

(6) That New Schedule NS1 be added to the Bill (Question on any motion moved by a Minister of the Crown).—(*Kevin Hollinrake*.)

Question agreed to.

(7) That Amendments 155 to 175 be made (single Question on any amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown).—(*Kevin Hollinrake.*)

Question agreed to.

Consideration completed.

## 5 Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill: Third Reading

Mr Marcus Jones signified King's consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned.

Bill read the third time and passed.

## 6 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the Northern Ireland (Ministerial Appointment Functions) (No.2) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1061), dated 2 October 2023, a copy of which was laid before this House on 2 October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(*Mark Fletcher.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the Alcohol Licensing (Coronavirus) (Regulatory Easements) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 990), dated 11 September 2023, a copy of which was laid before this House on 7 September, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved. —(*Mark Fletcher.*)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Dormant Assets (Distribution of Money) (England) Order 2023, which was laid before this House on 11 September, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(*Mark Fletcher.*)

Question agreed to.

## 7 Changes to membership of select committees

(1) *Ordered*, That Hilary Benn be discharged from the Energy Security and Net Zero Committee and Mick Whitley be added.—(*Mr Marcus Jones, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(2) *Ordered*, That Sir Mike Penning, Angela Richardson, Katherine Fletcher, Ben Bradshaw and Keir Mather be added to the Holocaust Memorial Bill (Select Committee).—(*Mr Marcus Jones, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(3) *Ordered*, That Navendu Mishra to be discharged from the International Development Committee and Dr Rosena Allin-Khan be added.—(*Mr Marcus Jones, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(4) *Ordered*, That Ruth Cadbury and Mike Amesbury be discharged from the Transport Committee and Fabian Hamilton and Mick Whitley be added.—(*Mr Marcus Jones, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(5) *Ordered*, That Rushanara Ali be discharged from the Treasury Committee and Keir Mather be added.—(*Mr Marcus Jones, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

## 8 Adjournment

*Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Mark Fletcher.*)

Adjourned at 9.31 pm until tomorrow.

## Other Proceedings

### *General Committees: Reports*

#### **9 First Delegated Legislation Committee**

James Gray (Chair) reported the draft Justification Decision (Scientific Age Imaging) Regulations 2023.

#### **10 Second Delegated Legislation Committee**

Stewart Hosie (Chair) reported the Draft Immigration (Age Assessments) 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).*

#### **11 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Justification Decision (Scientific Age Imaging) Regulations 2023)**

Members: Maggie Throup discharged and Dr Thérèse Coffey nominated in substitution.

#### **12 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Immigration (Age Assessments) Regulations 2023)**

Members: Sir Robert Buckland, Simon Fell and Karl McCartney discharged and Dehenna Davison, Joy Morrissey and Sir Jeremy Wright nominated in substitution.

#### **13 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Aviation (Consumers) (Amendment) Regulations 2023)**

Members: Mr Jonathan Lord discharged and Mary Robinson nominated in substitution.

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

Members: Caroline Ansell and Damien Moore discharged and Shaun Bailey and Trudy Harrison nominated in substitution.

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

Members: Selaine Saxby discharged and Mrs Heather Wheeler nominated in substitution.

*Select Committees: Reports relating to orders for printing made during the adjournment under Standing Order No. 137*

*Friday 17 November*

#### **16 International Development Committee**

*Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to his appointment: Written evidence, to be published (Clerk of the House).*

*Select Committees: Reports made on Monday 20 November*

**17 Administration Committee**

(1) *Communicating the Commons: how effectively does the House of Commons Administration communicate about Parliament?:* First Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 306)

(2) Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 20 November, to be published; (Sir Charles Walker).

**18 Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee**

(1) *Financial Reporting and Audit in Local Authorities:* First Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 59);

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

(3) *Correspondence with the Permanent Secretary relating to the Committee's Third Special Report of Session 2022–23:* Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State:* Written evidence, to be published (Mr Clive Betts).

**19 Scottish Affairs Committee**

(1) *Science and Scotland:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 151);

(2) *Correspondence with the Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy:* Written evidence, to be published;

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

(Pete Wishart).

*Lindsay Hoyle*

Speaker

**Westminster Hall**

The sitting began at 4.30 pm.

Debate on e-petitions (Standing Orders No. 10(1)(a) and No. 145A(7))

**1 Pay and financial support for healthcare students**

*Resolved,* That this House has considered e-petitions 610557, 616557 and 619609, relating to pay and financial support for healthcare students.—(*Marsha De Cordova.*)

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

Adjourned at 5.06 pm until tomorrow.

*Eleanor Laing*

Chairman of Ways and Means

## Papers Laid

### Papers subject to Negative Resolution

\* This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings relating to Wednesday 15 May 2024.

#### 1 Climate Change Levy

The Climate Change Agreements (Administration and eligible facilities) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1226), dated 20 November 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Claire Coutinho)

#### 2 Data Protection

Data Protection (Adequacy) (United States of America) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1028), dated 20 September 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Sir John Whittingdale)

#### 3 Electricity

Electricity (Designation of Delivery Bodies) (Transmission) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1228), dated 15 November 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Claire Coutinho)

#### 4 Police

Police and Crime Commissioner Elections (Amendment) Order 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1227), dated 17 November 2023 (by Statutory Instrument), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jacob Young)

#### 5 Railways

Private Crossings (Signs and Barriers) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1112), dated 23 October 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Mark Harper)

### Papers laid under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

#### 6 Retained EU Law Reform

Proposal for an instrument titled Railways (Revocation and Consequential Provision) Regulations 2024, with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary Mark Harper)

### Other papers

\* This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings relating to Wednesday 15 May 2024.

#### 7 Constitutional Reform and Governance

(1) Report and Accounts of the Civil Service Commission for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 95) (Clerk of the House)

(2) Rules of the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund (the Ministers' etc. Pension Scheme 2015) Scheme 2023 (by Act) (Alex Burghart)

## **8 Energy**

\* This item has been corrected since publication. See the correction in the Votes and Proceedings relating to Tuesday 21 November 2023.

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)

## **9 Equality and Enterprise and Regulatory Reform**

Equality and Human Rights Monitor (by Act) (Maria Caulfield)

## **10 Foreign Commonwealth Development**

International development in a contested world: ending extreme poverty and tackling climate change (by Command) (CP 975) (Mr Andrew Mitchell)

### Withdrawn papers

## **11 Data Protection**

Explanatory Memorandum to the Data Protection (Adequacy) (United States of America) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1028) (laid 21 September, in the last Session of Parliament)

## **12 Railways**

Explanatory Memorandum to the Private Crossings (Signs and Barriers) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1112) (laid 26 October in the last Session of Parliament)