



House of Commons

Wednesday 22 November 2023

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

**1 Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland
(2) the Prime Minister**

2 Autumn Statement (The Chancellor of the Exchequer)

3 Ways and Means: Provisional collection of taxes

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 51(2)), That pursuant to section 5 of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968, provisional statutory effect shall be given to the following motion:—

Rates of tobacco products duty (motion no. 1).—(*The Chancellor of the Exchequer*).

Question agreed to.

4 Ways and Means: Rates of tobacco products duty

Motion made and Question proposed, That—

(1) In Schedule 1 to the Tobacco Products Duty Act 1979 (table of rates of tobacco products duty), for the Table substitute—

“TABLE

1 Cigarettes	An amount equal to the higher of— (a) 16.5% of the retail price plus £316.70 per thousand cigarettes, or (b) £422.80 per thousand cigarettes.
2 Cigars	£395.03 per kilogram
3 Hand-rolling tobacco	£412.32 per kilogram
4 Other smoking tobacco and chewing tobacco	£173.68 per kilogram
5 Tobacco for heating	£325.53 per kilogram”.

(2) In consequence of the provision made by paragraph (1), in Schedule 2 to the Travellers’ Allowances Order 1994 (which provides in certain circumstances for a simplified calculation of excise duty on goods brought into Great Britain)—

in the entry relating to cigarettes, for “£393.45” substitute “£422.80”,

in the entry relating to hand rolling tobacco, for "£351.03" substitute "£412.32",
in the entry relating to other smoking tobacco and chewing tobacco, for "£161.62"
substitute "£173.68",
in the entry relating to cigars, for "£367.61" substitute "£395.03",
in the entry relating to cigarillos, for "£367.61" substitute "£395.03", and
in the entry relating to tobacco for heating, for "£90.88" substitute "£97.66".

(3) The amendments made by this Resolution come into force at 6pm on 22 November 2023.

And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968.—(*Laura Trott*).

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

Ordered, That the debate be now adjourned.—(*Mark Fletcher*.)

Debate to be resumed tomorrow.

5 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Amendment) (Equal Treatment) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 18 September, 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 draft Pensions (Pension Protection Fund Compensation) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 18 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 Pensions Act 2004 (Amendment) (Pension Protection Fund Compensation) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 18 September, in the last session of Parliament, be approved.—(*Mark Fletcher*.)

Question agreed to.

(4) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Pensions Act 2004 and the Equality Act 2010 (Amendment) (Equal Treatment by Occupational Pension Schemes) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 18 September, in the last session of Parliament, be approved.—(*Mark Fletcher*.)

Question agreed to.

(5) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Aviation (Consumers) (Amendment) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 16 October, in the last session of Parliament, be approved.—(*Mark Fletcher*.)

Question agreed to.

(6) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2023, which was laid before this House on 19 September, in the last session of Parliament, be approved.—(*Mark Fletcher*.)

Question agreed to.

6 Public petitions

A public petition from residents of the United Kingdom relating to a definition of Islamophobia was presented and read by Afzal Khan.

7 Adjournment

Subject: Regulation of maintenance and infrastructure charges for housing association stock (Caroline Nokes)

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

Adjourned at 7.28 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

8 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee

Judith Cummins (Chair) reported the draft Design Right, Artist's Resale Right and Copyright (Amendment) Regulations 2023 and the draft Intellectual Property (Exhaustion of Rights) (Amendment) Regulations 2023.

9 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee

Sir Robert Syms (Chair) reported the draft Public Service Obligations in Transport Regulations 2023.

10 Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee

Mrs Sheryll Murray (Chair) reported the draft Green Gas Support Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2023.

11 Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee

Ian Paisley (Chair) reported the draft Health Protection (Coronavirus, Testing Requirements and Standards) (England) (Amendment and Transitional Provision) 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).

12 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Code of Practice on Reasonable Steps to be taken by a Trade Union (Minimum Service Levels))

(1) Chair: Caroline Nokes

(2) Members: Caroline Ansell, Neil Coyle, Ashley Dalton, Mr Marcus Fysh, Gordon Henderson, Kevin Hollinrake, Rachel Hopkins, David Linden, Marco Longhi, Mr Jonathan Lord, Holly Lynch, Justin Madders, Greg Smith, Chris Stephens, Jane Stevenson, Maggie Throup and Mike Wood

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- 13 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: Border Security) Regulations 2023)**
- (1) Chair: Julie Elliott
- (2) Members: Mr Ben Bradshaw, Sarah Champion, Colleen Fletcher, Stephen Hammond, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Robert Jenrick, Gareth Johnson, Stephen Kinnock, Scott Mann, Damien Moore, Wendy Morton, Andrew Percy, James Sunderland, Alison Thewliss, Sir Stephen Timms, Justin Tomlinson and Theresa Villiers
- 14 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: Passenger Railway Services) Regulations 2023)**
- (1) Chair: Sir Edward Leigh
- (2) Members: Sarah Atherton, Ben Bradley, Liam Byrne, Sir Geoffrey Cox, Mark Eastwood, Vicky Ford, Sally-Ann Hart, Dame Diana Johnson, Holly Lynch, Huw Merriman, Mr Gagan Mohindra, Stephen Morgan, Gavin Newlands, Jess Phillips, Dean Russell, Royston Smith and John Spellar
- 15 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: NHS Ambulance Services and the NHS Patient Transport Service) Regulations 2023)**
- (1) Chair: Dr Rupa Huq
- (2) Members: Lee Anderson, Mr Richard Bacon, Siobhan Baillie, Duncan Baker, Paul Blomfield, Marsha De Cordova, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Ruth Edwards, Sarah Edwards, Jo Gideon, Damian Green, Andrew Gwynne, Dame Meg Hillier, Michael Shanks, Andrew Stephenson, Christian Wakeford and Giles Watling
- 16 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Recognition of Professional Qualifications and Implementation of International Recognition Agreements (Amendment) Regulations 2023)**
- (1) Chair: Sir Mark Hendrick
- (2) Members: Theo Clarke, Samantha Dixon, Rosie Duffield, Simon Fell, Richard Graham, Antony Higginbotham, Kate Hollern, Kevin Hollinrake, Sarah Jones, Afzal Khan, Kate Kniveton, Jack Lopresti, Rachel Maclean, Jesse Norman, John Spellar, Richard Thomson and Mike Wood
- 17 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023)**
- (1) Chair: Clive Efford
- (2) Members: Duncan Baker, Mr John Baron, Paul Blomfield, Paul Bristow, Sir Simon Clarke, Virginia Crosbie, Ashley Dalton, Ruth Edwards, Sarah Edwards, Preet Kaur Gill, Adam Holloway, Rachel Hopkins, Eddie Hughes, Ms Marie Rimmer, Andrew Stephenson, Matt Vickers and Christian Wakeford
- 18 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2023 (Resolution of Central Counterparties: Partial Property Transfers and Safeguarding of Protected Arrangements) Regulations 2023, draft Resolution of Central Counterparties (Modified Application of Corporate Law and Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2023 and draft Payment and Electronic Money Institution Insolvency (Amendment) Regulations 2023)**

(1) Chair: Ian Paisley

(2) Members: Bim Afolami, Tonia Antoniazzi, Ian Byrne, Mrs Natalie Elphicke, Mary Kelly Foy, Luke Hall, Paul Howell, Robert Langan, Alan Mak, Kit Malthouse, Holly Mumby-Croft, James Murray, Sarah Owen, Michael Shanks, Karl Turner, Mrs Heather Wheeler and Craig Whittaker

19 Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Plant Protection Products (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2023)

(1) Chair: Sir Gary Streeter

(2) Members: Peter Aldous, Dr Rosena Allin-Khan, Liam Byrne, Neil Coyle, Stella Creasy, Richard Drax, Ruth Edwards, Colleen Fletcher, James Grundy, Dr Caroline Johnson, Chris Loder, Jess Phillips, Gary Sambrook, Mark Spencer, Sir Desmond Swayne, Edward Timpson and Daniel Zeichner

20 Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes Order 2023)

(1) Chair: Mrs Sheryll Murray

(2) Members: Anthony Browne, Elliot Colburn, Jon Cruddas, Sir Michael Ellis, Chris Elmore, Bill Esterson, Peter Gibson, Chris Grayling, Margaret Greenwood, Fabian Hamilton, Mr Ranil Jayawardena, Kim Johnson, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Mr Gagan Mohindra, Dr Matthew Offord, Naz Shah and Henry Smith

21 Tenth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Act 2019 (Port Examination Code of Practice) Regulations 2023, draft National Security Act 2023 (Video Recording with Sound of Interviews and Associated Code of Practice) Regulations 2023 and draft National Security Act 2023 (Consequential Amendments of Primary Legislation) Regulations 2023)

(1) Chair: Derek Twigg

(2) Members: Jack Brereton, Brendan Clarke-Smith, Dr Thérèse Coffey, Colleen Fletcher, Nick Fletcher, Dame Meg Hillier, Kate Hollern, Dan Jarvis, Dame Diana Johnson, Scott Mann, Lia Nici, Chris Skidmore, Alistair Strathern, James Sunderland, Alison Thewliss, Steve Tuckwell and Tom Tugendhat

22 Eleventh Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (Consequential Amendment) Regulations 2023)

(1) Chair: Mr Virendra Sharma

(2) Members: Dan Carden, Dehenna Davison, Miss Sarah Dines, Samantha Dixon, Michael Fabricant, Jonathan Gullis, Mr David Jones, Mark Pawsey, Andy Slaughter, Alyn Smith, Jane Stevenson, John Stevenson, Gareth Thomas, Michael Tomlinson, Liz Twist, Valerie Vaz and Mike Wood

23 Twelfth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Revision of Codes A, B, C, D and H and New Code I) Order 2023)

(1) Chair: Philip Davies

(2) Members: Debbie Abrahams, Andy Carter, Miriam Cates, Alberto Costa, George Eustice, Colleen Fletcher, Mrs Paulette Hamilton, Trudy Harrison, Mr Kevan Jones, Scott Mann, Keir Mather, Alex Norris, Chris Philp, Jeremy Quin, Cat Smith, James Sunderland and Nadhim Zahawi

Select Committees: Reports

24 Defence Committee

- (1) *Armed Forces Readiness*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 26);
- (2) *Future Aviation Capabilities*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 51);
- (3) *Service Accommodation*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 55)
(Robert Courts).

25 Energy Security and Net Zero Committee

- (1) *Heating our homes*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 115);
- (2) *A flexible Grid for the future*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 113)
(Angus Brendan MacNeil).

26 Environmental Audit Committee

- (1) *The financial sector and the UK's net zero transition*: First Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 277);
- (2) *Mapping the path to net zero*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 276);
- (3) *The environmental sustainability of the Department for Education*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 282)
(Philip Dunne).

27 Home Affairs Committee

- (1) *Fraud*: Oral evidence, to be published, (HC 125);
- (2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Security relating to the Draft Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Crime, Policing and Fire relating to the Criminal Justice Bill*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) *Correspondence from the Second Permanent Secretary of the Home Office to David Neal, Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration relating to commitments emerging from actions*: Written evidence, to be published
(Dame Diana Johnson).

28 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

- (1) *Daesh Inquiry*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 179);
- (2) *Correspondence to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade relating to the Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: Border Security) Regulations 2023*: Written evidence, to be published
(Joanna Cherry).

29 Procedure Committee

- (1) *The procedure of the House of Commons and the territorial constitution*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 323);
- (2) *Written parliamentary questions*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 324)
(Karen Bradley).

30 Science, Innovation and Technology Committee

- (1) *The antimicrobial potential of bacteriophages*: First Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 328);
 - (2) *Commercialising quantum technologies*: Oral evidence, to be printed (HC 270);
 - (3) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology relating to the Online Safety Bill: Super-Complaints Consultation*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (4) *UK Astronomy*: Written evidence, to be printed (HC 329)
- (Greg Clark).

31 Transport Committee

Accessible transport: legal obligations: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 82) (Iain Stewart).

32 Welsh Affairs Committee

- (1) *Water quality in Wales*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 104);
 - (2) *Defence industry in Wales*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 102)
- (Stephen Crabb).

33 Women and Equalities Committee

- (1) *Sexism and inequalities in sport*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 130);
 - (2) *Impact of the rising cost of living on women*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 128);
 - (3) *Women's reproductive health*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 133);
 - (4) *Work of the Equality and Human Rights Commission*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 332)
- (Caroline Nokes).

34 Work and Pensions Committee

- (1) *People and skills and the UK Shared Prosperity Fund*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 147);
 - (2) *Correspondence from the Equality and Human Rights Commission relating to Equality and Human Rights Monitor 2023*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (3) *Correspondence with Morrisons relating to employer pension contributions*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (4) *Defined benefit pension schemes*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 144);
 - (5) *Safeguarding vulnerable claimants*: Part of the written evidence, to be published (HC 146)
- (Sir Stephen Timms).

Lindsay Hoyle
Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 11 am.

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

1 Life in the UK citizenship test

Resolved, That this House has considered the Life in the UK citizenship test.—(*Wendy Chamberlain*.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.21 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

2 Apprenticeship levy

Resolved, That this House has considered the apprenticeship levy.—(*Jonathan Gullis*.)

3 Future design of the helicopter search and rescue service

Resolved, That this House has considered the future design of the helicopter search and rescue service.—(*Mr Alistair Carmichael*.)

The sitting was suspended between 4.26 pm and 4.30 pm.

4 Strengthening the Marine Protected Area around South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the matter of strengthening the Marine Protected Area around South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands.—(*Sir Robert Buckland*.)

At 5.30 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

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

Adjourned at 5.30 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 British Nationality

British Nationality (Eswatini, Gabon and Togo) Order 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1219), dated 15 November 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary James Cleverly)

2 Data Protection

Data Protection (Law Enforcement) (Adequacy) (Bailiwick of Jersey) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1221), dated 14 November 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary James Cleverly)

3 Environmental Protection

(1) Controlled Waste (England and Wales) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1243), dated 21 November 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Steve Barclay)

(2) Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1244), dated 21 November 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Steve Barclay)

4 Merchant Shipping

Merchant Shipping (Small Workboats and Pilot Boats) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1216), dated 20 November 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Mark Harper)

5 National Security

National Security Act 2023 (Prevention and Investigation Measures) (Polygraph) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1249), dated 21 November 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary James Cleverly)

6 Social Security

Universal Credit (Transitional Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1238), dated 20 November 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Tom Pursglove)

Other papers**7 Bank of England**

(1) Remit and Recommendations for the Financial Policy Committee: Autumn Statement 2023 (by Act) (The Chancellor of the Exchequer)

(2) Remit for the Monetary Policy Committee: Autumn Statement 2023 (by Act) (The Chancellor of the Exchequer)

8 Government Resources and Accounts

Report and Accounts of UK Anti-Doping Ltd for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Statutory Instrument), to be printed (HC 193) (Stuart Andrew)

9 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on BBC: Implementation of 'Across the UK for 2023–24 (by Act), to be printed (HC 190) (Clerk of the House)

10 Planning

*This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings relating to Tuesday 19 December 2023

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- (1) Final proposal National Policy Statement for Electricity Networks Infrastructure (EN-5) (by Act) (Secretary Claire Coutinho)
 - (2) Final proposal National Policy Statement for Natural Gas Electricity Generating Infrastructure (EN-2) (by Act) (Secretary Claire Coutinho)
 - (3) Final proposal National Policy Statement for Natural Gas Supply Infrastructure and Gas and Oil Pipelines (EN-4) (by Act) (Secretary Claire Coutinho)
 - (4) Final proposal National Policy Statement for Renewable Energy Infrastructure (EN-3) (by Act) (Secretary Claire Coutinho)
 - (5) Overarching Final proposal National Policy Statement for Energy (EN-1) (by Act) (Secretary Claire Coutinho)

11 Treasury

- (1) Autumn Statement 2023 (by Command) (CP 977) (The Chancellor of the Exchequer)
- (2) HM Treasury Minute, dated 22 November 2023, concerning a contingent liability arising from the Mortgage Guarantee Scheme (by Command) (Bim Afolami)
- (3) Office for Budget Responsibility: Economic and fiscal outlook (by Command) (CP 944) (Gareth Davies)

12 Work and Pensions

- (1) Government Response to the Work Capability Assessment: Activities and Descriptors Consultation (by Command) (CP 973) (Secretary Mel Stride)
 - (2) Occupational Health: Working Better: Summary of Responses to the Consultation and the UK Government Response (by Command) (CP 961) (Secretary Mel Stride)
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SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE[S]

VOTING BY PROXY (STANDING ORDER NO. 39A)

(Variations to existing proxy voting arrangements appear in **bold**.)

Member	From	To	Proxy
Ben Everitt	22 November 2023	25 December 2023	Marcus Jones