



# House of Commons

Thursday 23 November 2023

## Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

**1 Questions to the Minister for the Cabinet Office**

**2 Suspension of sitting**

The Speaker suspended the sitting until 10.30 am.

**3 Speaker's Statement: Returning for wind-up speeches**

**4 Business Question (Leader of the House)**

**5 National Insurance Contributions (Reduction in Rates) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by the Prime Minister, Laura Trott, Nigel Huddleston, Bim Afolami and Gareth Davies, presented a Bill to make provision for and in connection with reducing the main rates of primary Class 1 national insurance contributions and Class 4 national insurance contributions, and removing the requirement to pay Class 2 national insurance contributions.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Monday 27 November, and to be printed (Bill 12) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 12–EN).

**6 Ways and Means: Rates of tobacco products duty: Adjourned debate on the Question proposed on 22 November**

Debate resumed (Order, 22 November).

Question again 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)—

- (a) in the entry relating to cigarettes, for "£393.45" substitute "£422.80",
- (b) in the entry relating to hand rolling tobacco, for "£351.03" substitute "£412.32",
- (c) in the entry relating to other smoking tobacco and chewing tobacco, for "£161.62" substitute "£173.68",
- (d) in the entry relating to cigars, for "£367.61" substitute "£395.03",
- (e) in the entry relating to cigarillos, for "£367.61" substitute "£395.03", and
- (f) 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 6 pm 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.

*Ordered*, That the debate be now adjourned.—(Joy Morrissey.)

Debate to be resumed on Monday 27 November.

## 7 Adjournment

Subject: Isle of Wight local government finance settlement (Bob Seely)

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

Adjourned at 3.42 pm until Monday 27 November.

## Other Proceedings

### *General Committees: Reports*

## 8 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).*

## 9 Renters (Reform) Bill Committee

Chair: Ian Paisley

**10 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: Border Security) Regulations 2023)**

Members: Sarah Champion, Wendy Morton and James Sunderland discharged and James Daly, Anna Firth and Mary Glendon nominated in substitution.

**11 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: NHS Ambulance Services and the NHS Patient Transport Service) Regulations 2023)**

Members: Damian Green discharged and Mrs Natalie Elphicke nominated in substitution.

**12 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)**

Members: Mrs Natalie Elphicke and Kit Malthouse discharged and Chris Green and Damian Green nominated in substitution.

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

Members: Ruth Edwards and Edward Timpson discharged and Mark Jenkinson and Alan Mak nominated in substitution.

**14 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)**

Members: Scott Mann discharged and Mark Jenkinson nominated in substitution.

**15 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)**

Members: Debbie Abrahams, Andy Carter, Scott Mann and James Sunderland discharged and Andrew Jones, Dr Kieran Mullan, Valerie Vaz and Suzanne Webb nominated in substitution.

*Select Committees: Reports*

**16 Petitions Committee**

*Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs relating to e-petition 643216: Written evidence, to be published (Cat Smith).*

**17 Procedure Committee**

*Correspondence from the Speaker relating to the Foreign Secretary and parliamentary accountability: Written evidence, to be published (Karen Bradley).*

**18 Public Accounts (Committee of)**

(1) *Government's programme of waste reforms: Fifth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 333);*

(2) *FCDO Annual Report and Accounts 2022–23: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 68);*

- (3) *Homes for Ukraine*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 69);
- (4) *Correspondence from the UK-EU Parliamentary Assembly*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) *Correspondence relating to the Committee's previous Reports*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (6) *Correspondence with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (7) *Restoration and Renewal recall*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 173)  
(Dame Meg Hillier).

*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 Select Committee Statement (Standing Order No. 22D)**

Publication of the First Report of the Business and Trade Committee, Batteries for electric vehicle manufacturing, HC 196 (Liam Byrne)

**2 World Stroke Day**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered World Stroke Day.—(*Sir Robert Neill*.)

**3 Energy social tariffs**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered energy social tariffs.—(*Marion Fellows*.)

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

Adjourned at 4.20 pm until Monday 27 November.

*Eleanor Laing*  
Chairman of Ways and Means

## Papers Laid

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

**1 Agriculture**

Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products (Marketing Standards and Organic Products) (Transitional Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023,

No. 1246), dated 21 November 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Steve Barclay)

## **2 Belgium No. 1 (2023)**

Agreement, done at Brussels on 10 November 2023, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Kingdom of Belgium on the Gainful Occupation of Certain Family Members of the Personnel of the Diplomatic Missions and Consular Posts (by Command) (CP 979), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (David Rutley)

## **3 Data Protection**

Data Protection and Journalism Code of Practice 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Sir John Whittingdale)

## **4 Ecclesiastical Law**

Payments to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1231), dated 14 November 2023 (by Measure) (Clerk of the House)

## **5 Rating and Valuation**

(1) Non-Domestic Rating (Consequential and Other Amendments etc.) (England) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1251), dated 21 November 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Simon Hoare)

(2) Non-Domestic Rating (Heat Networks Relief) (England) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1247), dated 21 November 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Simon Hoare)

(3) Non-Domestic Rating (Small Business Rate Relief) (England) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1250), dated 21 November 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Simon Hoare)

## **Other papers**

## **6 Animals**

African Swine Fever (Import Controls) (Amendment) (England) Order 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1253), dated 22 November 2023 (by Act) (Secretary Steve Barclay)

## **7 Education and Inspections**

Annual Report of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills for 2022–23 (by Act), to be printed (HC 40) (Damian Hinds)

## **8 European Union (Withdrawal Agreement)**

Report and Accounts of the Independent Monitoring Authority for the Citizens' Rights Agreements for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 172) (Secretary Alex Chalk)

## **9 Financial Guidance and Claims**

Report and Accounts of the Money and Pensions Service for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 80) (Secretary Mel Stride)

**10 Government Resources and Accounts**

Report and Accounts of East West Railway Company Limited for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 90) (Secretary Mark Harper)

**11 Isle of Man**

Commissioners of HM Revenue and Customs in Account with the Government of the Isle of Man for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1912) (Nigel Huddleston)

**12 Parliamentary Standards**

Report and Accounts of the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 98) (The Speaker)

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**CORRECTION**

Wednesday 22 November 2023

The following entry should have appeared after item 30 (Select Committee: Reports):

**Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)**

Third Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 36-iii) (Jessica Morden).