



House of Commons

Monday 11 December 2023

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Education**
- 2 Urgent Questions: (1) Israel-Hamas war (diplomacy) (Mr Andrew Mitchell)**
(2) Former Afghan special forces deportation (James Heappey)
- 3 International Freedom of Religion or Belief Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Fiona Bruce presented a Bill to require the Prime Minister to appoint a Special Envoy for International Freedom of Religion or Belief; to establish an Office of the Special Envoy; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 26 January 2024, and to be printed (Bill 39).

4 Children in Hospital for Extended Periods (Report to Parliament) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Sir Oliver Heald presented a Bill to require the Secretary of State to report to Parliament on the merits of providing financial support for parents of children receiving care in hospital for extended periods.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 19 January 2024, and to be printed (Bill 40).

5 Child Criminal Exploitation Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Sir Paul Beresford presented a Bill to create an offence of child criminal exploitation; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 2 February 2024, and to be printed (Bill 41).

6 Arms Trade (Inquiry and Suspension) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Zarah Sultana presented a Bill to make provision for an inquiry into the end use of arms sold to foreign states to determine whether they have been used in violation of international law; to immediately suspend the sale of arms to foreign states where it cannot be demonstrated that arms sold will not be used in violation of international law; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 19 January 2024, and to be printed (Bill 42).

7 Online Services (Cancellation) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Mrs Natalie Elphicke presented a Bill to provide that, if a service can be subscribed to online, it must be possible to cancel that subscription online; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 19 April 2024, and to be printed (Bill 43).

8 Access to Telecommunications Networks Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Helen Morgan presented a Bill to require providers of electronic communications networks to grant other such providers access to their apparatus where that is necessary to ensure consistent network coverage; to prevent those providers from charging more than the standard market rate for such access; to require the regulator to impose penalties on providers who unreasonably fail to grant such access; to make provision for the purpose of incentivising providers to allow customers of other providers to use their networks where access cannot be granted to their apparatus; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 26 January 2024, and to be printed (Bill 44).

9 Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Dr Thérèse Coffey, supported by Miss Sarah Dines, Sir Robert Goodwill, Selaine Saxby, Philip Dunne, Caroline Noakes, Stephen Hammond, Virginia Crosbie, Craig Williams,

Alicia Kearns, Kit Malthouse and Robin Millar, presented a Bill to make provision changing the law about the offence of livestock worrying, including changes to what constitutes an offence and increased powers for investigation of suspected offences; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 2 February 2024, and to be printed (Bill 45).

10 Multi-Storey Car Parks (Safety) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Maria Eagle presented a Bill to increase the minimum required height of guarding in multi-storey car parks; to make provision about the height of guarding in existing multi-storey car parks; to require 24 hour staffing of multi-storey car parks; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 19 January 2024, and to be printed (Bill 46).

11 Health and Social Care (Recruitment and Retention of Staff in Rural Areas) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Jamie Stone presented a Bill to require the Secretary of State to publish a strategy for the recruitment and retention of health and social care staff in rural areas; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 26 January 2024, and to be printed (Bill 47).

12 Consular Assistance Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Christine Jardine presented a Bill to make provision for a right to consular assistance for British citizens abroad in cases where there has been, or where there is a risk of, a breach of human rights, denial of access to legal representation, or torture or other human rights abuses; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 1 March 2024, and to be printed (Bill 48).

13Children Not in School (Registers, Support and Orders) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Mrs Flick Drummond, supported by Mr Robin Walker, Ian Mearns, Sir Gavin Williamson and Dr Caroline Johnson, presented a Bill to make provision about the maintenance of registers by local authorities of children in their area who are not full-time pupils at any school; to make provision about support by local authorities to promote the education of such children; to make provision about school attendance orders; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 15 March 2024, and to be printed (Bill 50).

14Bullying and Respect at Work Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Rachael Maskell, supported by Andy McDonald, Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck, John McDonnell, Bell Ribeiro-Addy, Imran Hussain, Caroline Lucas, Andrew Jones, Beth Winter, Rachel Hopkins, Ian Mearns and Yasmin Qureshi, presented a Bill to provide for a statutory definition of bullying at

work; to make provision relating to bullying at work, including to enable claims relating to workplace bullying to be considered by an employment tribunal; to provide for a Respect at Work Code to set minimum standards for positive and respectful work environments; to give powers to the Equalities and Human Rights Commission to investigate workplaces and organisations where there is evidence of a culture of, or multiple incidents of, bullying and to take enforcement action; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 7 June 2024, and to be printed (Bill 52).

15 Groceries Code Adjudicator (Powers and Duties) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Mr Alistair Carmichael presented a Bill to make provision about the powers and duties of the Groceries Code Adjudicator; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 21 June 2024, and to be printed (Bill 53).

16Prison Media Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Katherine Fletcher presented a Bill to prohibit the creation and uploading of unauthorised media content relating to prisons.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 23 February 2024, and to be printed (Bill 55).

17Pets (Microchips) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

James Daly presented a Bill to make provision regarding pets with microchips; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 19 January 2024, and to be printed (Bill 56).

18Puppy Import (Prohibition) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

John Spellar presented a Bill to prohibit the import of young puppies; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 22 March 2024, and to be printed (Bill 57).

**19Workers (Rights and Definition) Bill:
Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Chris Stephens presented a Bill to make provision about workers' rights; to amend the definition of worker; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 26 April 2024, and to be printed (Bill 58).

**20Courts (Remote Hearings) Bill: Presentation
(Standing Order No. 57)**

Andy Carter presented a Bill to allow for certain civil and family court hearings to be conducted remotely.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 1 March 2024, and to be printed (Bill 59).

21Titles Deprivation Act 1917 Amendment Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Bob Seely presented a Bill to amend the Titles Deprivation Act 1917 to deprive in certain circumstances Princes of their British Dignities and Titles.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 14 June 2024, and to be printed (Bill 60).

22Support for Infants Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Sally-Ann Hart presented a Bill to require the provision of information relating to support available for parents and carers of infants for the purpose of supporting those infants; to require the Government to publish an annual report on the support available for infants and the impact that that support has had on outcomes for infants and children; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 1 March 2024, and to be printed (Bill 61).

23Animal Welfare (Responsibility for Dog Attacks) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Anna Firth presented a Bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act 2006 to require a person in charge of a dog to take all reasonable steps to ensure that that dog does not fatally injure another dog; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 17 May 2024, and to be printed (Bill 62).

24Vaccine Damage Payments Act (Review) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Sir Christopher Chope, supported by Sir Edward Leigh, presented a Bill to place a duty on the Secretary of State to review, and publish a report on, the merits of increasing the relevant statutory sum under the Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979 for all claims since 1 January 2020 by an amount representing the amount of inflation since 2007.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 14 June 2024, and to be printed (Bill 63).

25 School Attendance (Duties of Local Authorities and Proprietors of Schools) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Vicky Ford presented a Bill to make provision requiring local authorities to exercise their functions with a view to improving and promoting regular attendance by registered pupils at schools in their area; and to make provision requiring school proprietors to have an attendance policy to promote regular attendance.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow on Friday 2 February 2024, and to be printed (Bill 64).

26 Local Government (Pay Accountability) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Paul Bristow presented a Bill to make provision about the approval of remuneration paid to local government employees.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 2 February 2024, and to be printed (Bill 65).

27Chalk Streams (Protection) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Sarah Green presented a Bill to provide for a category of protection for chalk streams for the purpose of providing additional protections from pollution, abstraction and other forms of environmental damage; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 22 March 2024, and to be printed (Bill 66).

28Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity (Ratification of Treaty) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Kevin Foster, supported by Dr Thérèse Coffey, presented a Bill to make provision in connection with the ratification by the United Kingdom of the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological

Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 1 March 2024, and to be printed (Bill 67).

29Members of Parliament (Oil and Gas Companies) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Richard Burgon presented a Bill to require the Leader of the House of Commons to move a Motion prohibiting Members of Parliament from receiving any financial or other benefit from oil and gas companies; to require the Leader of the House to publish proposals for divestment of the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund from oil and gas companies; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 15 March 2024, and to be printed (Bill 68).

30 Landlord and Tenant Act 1985 (Amendment) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Fleur Anderson presented a Bill to require landlords in the private rented sector to remedy hazards in leased dwellings; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 19 January 2024, and to be printed (Bill 69).

31 Zoological Society of London (Leases) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Bob Blackman, supported by Dr Thérèse Coffey, presented a Bill to amend the Crown Estate Act 1961 to increase the maximum term of the lease that may be granted to the Zoological Society of London in respect of land in Regent's Park.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 19 January 2024, and to be printed (Bill 70).

32 Fertility Treatment (Employment Rights) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Nickie Aiken presented a Bill to require employers to allow employees to take time

off from work for appointments for fertility treatment; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 1 March 2024, and to be printed (Bill 71).

33Water Quality Monitoring Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Richard Foord presented a Bill to confer powers on and place duties on the Environment Agency in respect of the monitoring of water quality; to make provision about environmental permits for water discharge activities; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 23 February 2024, and to be printed (Bill 72).

34Cancer Research Funding (Report to Parliament) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Daisy Cooper presented a Bill to require the Secretary of State to lay before Parliament an annual report on the allocation of research funding into cancers with the

lowest survival rates in the UK, including lung, liver, brain, pancreatic cancer, and certain childhood cancers, including an assessment of the options for increasing funding for research with the aim of increasing survival rates for those cancers; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 26 January 2024, and to be printed (Bill 73).

35 Palestine Statehood (Recognition) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Layla Moran presented a Bill to make provision in connection with the recognition of the State of Palestine.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 21 June 2024, and to be printed (Bill 74).

36 Social Energy Tariff Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Marion Fellows presented a Bill to require the Secretary of State to publish proposals for a social tariff for energy.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 2 February 2024, and to be printed (Bill 77).

37 Telecommunications Infrastructure (Consultation) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Dame Diana Johnson, supported by Karl Turner and Emma Hardy, presented a Bill to make provision about mandatory local consultation in relation to the installation of telecommunications infrastructure in residential areas; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 15 March 2024, and to be printed (Bill 79).

38 Carers and Care Workers Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Helen Morgan presented a Bill to require the Secretary of State to publish and implement a Care Workers Employment Strategy, with the aim of improving the recruitment and retention of care workers; to establish an independent National Care Workers Council with responsibility for setting professional

standards for care workers, for establishing a system of professional qualifications and accreditation for care workers, and for advising the Government on those matters; to require the Secretary of State to commission an independent assessment of the support available to unpaid carers, including financial support and employment rights; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 26 January 2024, and to be printed (Bill 80).

39Bus Services Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Helen Morgan presented a Bill to place a duty on the Government to ensure that every town with a population of more than 10,000 people has a regular bus service operating seven days a week, and that local health services, including hospitals and GP surgeries, are served by those buses; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 26 January 2024, and to be printed (Bill 81).

40Veterans (Non-custodial Sentences) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Owen Thompson presented a Bill to require the Secretary of State to publish annual data relating to veterans who are given non-custodial sentences; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 19 January 2024, and to be printed (Bill 82).

41Nuclear Veterans (Compensation) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Owen Thompson presented a Bill to require the Secretary of State to publish proposals for a compensation scheme for veterans who have experienced ill health as a result of exposure to radiation while on active service.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 19 January 2024, and to be printed (Bill 83).

42Employment Equality (Insurance etc) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Mrs Natalie Elphicke presented a Bill to amend Schedule 9 to the Equality Act 2010 to prohibit age discrimination by employers in relation to the provision of insurance or a related financial service; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 2 February 2024, and to be printed (Bill 84).

43Public Liability (Compulsory Insurance) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Mrs Natalie Elphicke presented a Bill to require companies and certain other persons to insure against their liability for injury to third parties and premises; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 15 March 2024, and to be printed (Bill 85).

44 British Goods (Public Sector Purchasing Duty) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

John Spellar presented a Bill to place a duty on public bodies to have a presumption in favour of purchasing goods of British origin in purchasing decisions; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 22 March 2024, and to be printed (Bill 86).

45 Consumer Pricing Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

John Spellar presented a Bill to prohibit the practice of offering preferential pricing to new customers compared to existing customers; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 22 March 2024, and to be printed (Bill 87).

46 Broadcasting (Listed Sporting Events) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

John Spellar presented a Bill to expand the list of sporting events that must be

must available for broadcast by free-to-air television channels; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 22 March 2024, and to be printed (Bill 88).

47Employment (Application Requirements) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

John Spellar presented a Bill to regulate the use of minimum qualification or experience requirements in job applications; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 22 March 2024, and to be printed (Bill 89).

48Public Sector Website Impersonation Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

John Spellar presented a Bill to create the offence of impersonating a public sector website for the purpose of collecting payment or personal data; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 22 March 2024, and to be printed (Bill 90).

**49Armenian Genocide (Recognition) Bill:
Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

John Spellar presented a Bill to require Her Majesty's Government to formally recognise the Armenian genocide of 1915–16.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 22 March 2024, and to be printed (Bill 91).

**50House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) (Abolition
of By-Elections) (No. 2) Bill: Presentation
(Standing Order No. 57)**

John Spellar presented a Bill to amend the House of Lords Act 1999 so as to abolish the system of by-elections for hereditary peers.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 22 March 2024, and to be printed (Bill 92).

51 Food Poverty Strategy Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Chris Stephens presented a Bill to require the Secretary of State to publish a strategy for ending the need for food banks by 2030; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 23 February 2024, and to be printed (Bill 93).

52 Deductions from Universal Credit (Report) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Chris Stephens presented a Bill to require the Secretary of State to report to Parliament on the impact of deductions from Universal Credit on levels of destitution among claimants.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 1 March 2024, and to be printed (Bill 94).

53 Corporate Homicide Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Chris Stephens presented a Bill to amend the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007 to make provision about

the offence of corporate homicide; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 15 March 2024, and to be printed (Bill 95).

54Asylum Seekers (Accommodation Eviction Procedures) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Chris Stephens presented a Bill to make provision for asylum seekers to challenge the proportionality of a proposed eviction from accommodation before an independent court or tribunal; to establish asylum seeker accommodation eviction procedures for public authorities; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 22 March 2024, and to be printed (Bill 96).

55Health and Safety at Work Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Chris Stephens presented a Bill to amend the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 to make provision about civil liability for

breaches of health and safety duties; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 19 April 2024, and to be printed (Bill 97).

56Benefit Sanctions (Warnings) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Chris Stephens presented a Bill to make provision for warnings to be given to benefit claimants before they are given sanctions; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 17 May 2024, and to be printed (Bill 98).

57Housing Standards (Refugees and Asylum Seekers) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Chris Stephens presented a Bill to make provision for national minimum standards in accommodation offered to refugees and asylum seekers; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 7 June 2024, and to be printed (Bill 99).

58 Disability Benefit Assessments (Recording) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Chris Stephens presented a Bill to place a duty on the Secretary of State to ensure that applicants for Disability Benefit are given the option of their eligibility assessment being audio recorded; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 14 June 2024, and to be printed (Bill 100).

59 Full Employment Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Chris Stephens presented a Bill to place a duty on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to pursue a policy of full employment; to make associated provision for an employment guarantee scheme for benefit claimants who have been unemployed and looking for work for longer than six months; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 21 June 2024, and to be printed (Bill 101).

60 Universal Credit Sanctions (Zero Hours Contracts) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Chris Stephens presented a Bill to amend the Welfare Reform Act 2012 to provide that a Universal Credit claimant may not be sanctioned for refusing work on a zero hours contract; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 21 June 2024, and to be printed (Bill 102).

61 Social Security Benefits (Healthy Eating) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Chris Stephens presented a Bill to require the Secretary of State to publish annual calculations of benefit and tax credit rates that would be required for a representative household to afford to buy meals in accordance with the Eatwell Guide to eating healthily; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 26 January 2024, and to be printed (Bill 103).

62 Devolution (Employment) (Scotland) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Chris Stephens presented a Bill to amend the Scotland Act 1998 to grant legislative competence for employment matters to the Scottish Parliament.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 2 February 2024 and to be printed (Bill 104).

63 Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman (Powers) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Chris Stephens presented a Bill to grant powers to the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman to identify and investigate systemic problems in the benefits system and make associated recommendations to the Secretary of State; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 22 March 2024, and to be printed (Bill 105).

64 Under-Occupancy Penalty (Report) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Chris Stephens presented a Bill to require the Secretary of State to report to Parliament on the merits of repealing those provisions of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 which provide for persons to be paid reduced rates of housing benefit or universal credit because their accommodation is deemed to be under-occupied.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 23 February 2024, and to be printed (Bill 106).

65 Evictions (Universal Credit) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Chris Stephens presented a Bill to place a duty on the Secretary of State to prevent the evictions of Universal Credit claimants in rent arrears; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 1 March 2024, and to be printed (Bill 107).

66Asylum Seekers (Permission to Work) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Chris Stephens presented a Bill to make provision for granting permission to work to asylum seekers who have waited six months for a decision on their asylum application; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 15 March 2024, and to be printed (Bill 108).

67Highways Act 1980 (Amendment) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Sir Christopher Chope, supported by Sir Edward Leigh, presented a Bill to amend section 58 of the Highways Act 1980 to restrict the defences available to highway authorities; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 23 February 2024, and to be printed (Bill 109).

68Covid-19 Vaccine Damage Payments Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Sir Christopher Chope, supported by Sir Edward Leigh, presented a Bill to place

a duty on the Secretary of State to make provision about financial assistance to persons who have suffered disablement following vaccination against Covid-19 and to the next of kin of persons who have died shortly after vaccination against Covid-19; to require the Secretary of State to report to Parliament on the merits of a no-fault compensation scheme to provide such financial assistance, on whether there should be any upper limit on the financial assistance available, on the criteria for eligibility and on whether payment should be made in all cases where there is no other reasonable cause for the death or disablement suffered; to provide for a special time limit under the Limitation Act 1980 for actions in respect of personal injury or death following a Covid-19 vaccination; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 23 February 2024, and to be printed (Bill 110).

69 Statutory Instruments Act 1946 (Amendment) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Sir Christopher Chope, supported by Sir Edward Leigh, presented a Bill to provide that a draft statutory instrument which is subject to the affirmative resolution procedure may be amended by either House of Parliament before it is approved; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 23 February 2024, and to be printed (Bill 111).

70 Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 (Amendment) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Sir Christopher Chope, supported by Sir Edward Leigh, presented a Bill to provide that, before making any order to designate a type of dog for the purposes of section 1 or 2 of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, the Secretary of State must carry out a public consultation and publish a comparative review of data showing the incidences of fatalities resulting from bites of dogs of that type in the last three years.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 23 February 2024, and to be printed (Bill 112).

**71 Dangerous Dogs (Licensing) Bill:
Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Sir Christopher Chope, supported by Sir Edward Leigh, presented a Bill to provide for an exemption from the provisions of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 relating to dogs bred for fighting and other specially dangerous dogs for persons who hold a licence; to make provision relating to such licences; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 23 February 2024, and to be printed (Bill 113).

**72 Arm's-length Bodies (Accountability to
Parliament) Bill: Presentation (Standing
Order No. 57)**

Sir Christopher Chope, supported by Sir Edward Leigh, presented a Bill to make provision for Arm's-Length Bodies to be directly accountable to Parliament.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 23 February 2024, and to be printed (Bill 114).

**73Exemption from Value Added Tax
(Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill: Presentation
(Standing Order No. 57)**

Sir Christopher Chope, supported by Sir Edward Leigh, presented a Bill to exempt from Value Added Tax goods or services which are beneficial to the environment, to health and safety, to education or for charitable purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 23 February 2024, and to be printed (Bill 115).

**74Mobile Homes Act 1983 (Amendment) Bill:
Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Sir Christopher Chope, supported by Sir Edward Leigh, presented a Bill to amend the Mobile Homes Act 1983; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 23 February 2024, and to be printed (Bill 116).

75Anonymity of Suspects Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Sir Christopher Chope, supported by Sir Edward Leigh, presented a Bill to create an offence of disclosing the identity of a person who is the subject of an investigation in respect of the alleged commission of an offence; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 23 February 2024, and to be printed (Bill 117).

76Covid-19 Vaccine Damage Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Sir Christopher Chope, supported by Sir Edward Leigh, presented a Bill to require the Secretary of State to establish an independent review of disablement caused by Covid-19 vaccinations and the adequacy of the compensation offered to persons so disabled; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 21 June 2024, and to be printed (Bill 118).

77Covid-19 Vaccine Diagnosis and Treatment Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Sir Christopher Chope, supported by Sir Edward Leigh, presented a Bill to place a duty on the Secretary of State to improve the diagnosis and treatment of persons who have suffered or continue to suffer ill effects from Covid-19 vaccines; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 23 February 2024, and to be printed (Bill 119).

78Domestic Energy (Value Added Tax) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Sir Christopher Chope, supported by Sir Edward Leigh, presented a Bill to exempt from VAT supplies of electricity, oil and gas for domestic purposes; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 23 February 2024, and to be printed (Bill 120).

79Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984 (Amendment) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Sir Christopher Chope, supported by Sir Edward Leigh, presented a Bill to amend the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984 to make provision about parliamentary scrutiny of regulations made under that Act; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 23 February 2024, and to be printed (Bill 121).

80Caravan Site Licensing (Exemption of Motor Homes) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Sir Christopher Chope, supported by Sir Edward Leigh, presented a Bill to exempt motor homes from caravan site licensing requirements; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 23 February 2024, and to be printed (Bill 122).

81NHS England (Alternative Treatment) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Sir Christopher Chope, supported by Sir Edward Leigh, presented a Bill to make provision about arranging alternative non-NHS England treatment for patients who have waited for more than one year for hospital treatment; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 23 February 2024, and to be printed (Bill 123).

82British Broadcasting Corporation (Privatisation) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Sir Christopher Chope, supported by Sir Edward Leigh, presented a Bill to make provision for the privatisation of the British Broadcasting Corporation; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 23 February 2024, and to be printed (Bill 124).

83Children's Clothing (Value Added Tax) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Sir Christopher Chope, supported by Sir Edward Leigh, presented a Bill to extend the definition of children's clothing for the purposes of exemption from VAT; to extend the VAT exemption to further categories of school uniform; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 23 February 2024, and to be printed (Bill 125).

84BBC Licence Fee Non-Payment (Decriminalisation for Over-75s) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Sir Christopher Chope, supported by Sir Edward Leigh, presented a Bill to de-criminalise the non-payment of the BBC licence fee by persons aged over seventy-five; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 23 February 2024, and to be printed (Bill 126).

85Regulatory Impact Assessments Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Sir Christopher Chope, supported by Sir Edward Leigh, presented a Bill to require a Regulatory Impact Assessment to be published for all primary and secondary legislation introduced by the Government; to make provision for associated sanctions; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 23 February 2024, and to be printed (Bill 127).

86Barnett Formula (Replacement) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Sir Christopher Chope, supported by Sir Edward Leigh, presented a Bill to require the Chancellor of the Exchequer to report to Parliament on proposals to replace the Barnett Formula used to calculate adjustments to public expenditure allocated to Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland with a statutory scheme for the allocation of resources based on an assessment of relative needs; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 23 February 2024, and to be printed (Bill 128).

87 Rule of Law (Enforcement by Public Authorities) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Sir Christopher Chope, supported by Sir Edward Leigh, presented a Bill to require public authorities to exercise their statutory powers to investigate and take enforcement action for breaches of the law; to make provision for sanctions for failing to take such action; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 23 February 2024, and to be printed (Bill 129).

88 Illegal Immigration (Offences) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Sir Christopher Chope, supported by Sir Edward Leigh, presented a Bill to create offences in respect of persons who have entered the UK illegally or who have remained in the UK without legal authority; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 23 February 2024, and to be printed (Bill 130).

89 National Health Service Co-Funding and Co-Payment Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Sir Christopher Chope, supported by Sir Edward Leigh, presented a Bill to make provision for co-funding and for the extension of co-payment for NHS services in England; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 23 February 2024, and to be printed (Bill 131).

90 Caravan Sites Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Sir Christopher Chope, supported by Sir Edward Leigh, presented a Bill to amend the requirements for caravan site licence applications made under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 23 February 2024, and to be printed (Bill 132).

91Public Sector Exit Payments (Limitation) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Sir Christopher Chope, supported by Sir Edward Leigh, presented a Bill to limit exit payments made by some public sector organisations to employees; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 23 February 2024, and to be printed (Bill 133).

92Green Belt (Protection) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Sir Christopher Chope, supported by Sir Edward Leigh, presented a Bill to establish a national register of Green Belt land in England; to restrict the ability of local authorities to de-designate Green Belt land; to make provision about future development of de-designated Green Belt land; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 23 February 2024, and to be printed (Bill 134).

93Secure 16 to 19 Academies Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Dr Caroline Johnson presented a Bill to make provision about the notice period for termination of funding agreements for secure 16 to 19 Academies; to make provision about the Secretary of State's duty to consider the impact on existing educational institutions when it is proposed to establish or expand a secure 16 to 19 Academy; and to alter the consultation question required when it is proposed to establish or expand a secure 16 to 19 Academy.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 2 February 2024, and to be printed (Bill 135).

94Affordable Housing (Conversion of Commercial Property) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Vicky Ford presented a Bill to make provision to enable local authorities to establish

planning obligations relating to affordable housing in respect of the conversion of commercial property to residential use; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 2 February 2024, and to be printed (Bill 136).

95Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill: Second Reading

Bill read a second time.

96Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill: Programme

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill:

Committal

(1) The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee

(2) Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded)

be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 1 February 2024.

(3) The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

Consideration and Third Reading

(4) Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.

(5) Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.

(6) Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading.

Other proceedings

(7) Any other proceedings on the Bill may be programmed.—(*Scott Mann.*)

Question agreed to.

97Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill: Money

King's Recommendation signified.

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 52(1)(a)), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of:

(1) any expenditure incurred under or by virtue of the Act by the Secretary of State, and

(2) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided.—(*Scott Mann.*)

Question agreed to.

98Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill: Ways and Means

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 52(1)(a)), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill, it is expedient to authorise the charging of fees under or by virtue of the Act.—(*Scott Mann.*)

Question agreed to.

99 Changes to membership of select committees

(1) *Ordered*, That Bim Afolami be discharged from the Business and Trade Committee and Julie Marson be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(2) *Ordered*, That Jessie Norman be added to the Defence Committee.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(3) *Ordered*, That Mark Jenkinson be discharged from the Energy Security and Net Zero Committee and Derek Thomas be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(4) *Ordered*, That Saqib Bhatti be discharged from the Foreign Affairs Committee and Ranil Jayawardena be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(5) *Ordered*, That Sir Mike Penning be discharged from the Holocaust Memorial Bill (Select Committee) and John Stevenson be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(6) *Ordered*, That Paul Holmes be discharged from the Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee and Tom Hunt be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(7) *Ordered*, That Tom Tugendhat be discharged from the Joint Committee on the National Security Strategy and Sarah Atherton be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(8) *Ordered*, That Aaron Bell be discharged from the Procedure Committee and Nickie Aiken be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(9) *Ordered*, That Ashley Dalton, Jill Mortimer and Nick Smith be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts and Paula Barker, Sarah Owen and Jeremy Quin be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(10) *Ordered*, That Aaron Bell be discharged from the Science, Innovation and Technology Committee and Dr James Davies be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(11) *Ordered*, That Sir James Duddridge and Andrea Leadsom be discharged from the Treasury Committee and Dr Thérèse Coffey and Stephen Hammond be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

100 Public petitions

A public petition from residents of the constituency of Dover relating to Dover Fastrack was presented and read by Mrs Natalie Elphicke.

101 Adjournment

Subject: Availability of housing in Ilfracombe
(Selaine Saxby)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—
(*Scott Mann.*)

Adjourned at 9.15 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

102 First Delegated Legislation Committee

Sir Edward Leigh (Chair) reported the draft Judicial Pensions (Remediable Service etc.) (Amendment) (Regulations) 2023.

103 Second Delegated Legislation Committee

Peter Dowd (Chair) reported the draft Major Sporting Events (Income Tax Exemption) (World Athletics Indoor Championships Glasgow 24) 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).

104 Criminal Justice Bill (Programming Sub-Committee)

(1) Chair: Sir Robert Syms

(2) Members: Anna Firth, Colleen Fletcher, Andrew Jones, Scott Mann, Alex Norris, Chris Philp and Chris Stephens

* This item has been corrected since publication. See the correction in the Votes and Proceedings relating to Tuesday 12 December 2023.

105 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Judicial Pensions (Remediable Service etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2023)

Members: Gill Furniss, Dr Dan Poulter and Nicola Richards discharged and Vicky Foxcroft, Joy Morrissey and Lia Nici nominated in substitution.

106 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Major Sporting Events (Income Tax Exemption) (World Athletics Indoor

Championships Glasgow 24) Regulations 2023)

Members: Tonia Antoniazzi, Drew Hendry and James Murray discharged and Holly Lynch, Gavin Newlands and Tulip Siddiq nominated in substitution.

107 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Higher-Risk Buildings (Keeping and Provision of Information etc.) (England) Regulations 2023)

Members: David Duguid discharged and Jo Gideon nominated in substitution.

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

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108 Public Accounts (Committee of)

UK-Rwanda Migration and Economic Development Partnership: Written evidence,

to be published (HC 410) (Clerk of the House).

*Select Committees: Reports made on Monday
11 December*

109 Administration Committee

Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 11 December, to be published (Sir Charles Walker).

110 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *UK-Rwanda Migration and Economic Development Partnership*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 410);

(2) *Cross-government working*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 75);

(3) *Correspondence from HM Revenue and Customs relating to the self-assessment helpline*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology relating to the Horizon Europe and*

Copernicus programmes: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Education and Skills Funding Agency relating to its investigation publishing policy*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence from the Ministry of Defence relating to the Defence Equipment Plan 2023–2033: Update on affordability*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Correspondence relating to the Committee's previous Reports*: Written evidence, to be published;

(8) *Correspondence with the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office relating to the Proposed Financial Guarantees to the International Finance Facility for Education*: Written evidence, to be published;

(9) *Whole of Government Accounts 2020–21*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 65)

(Dame Meg Hillier).

111 National Security Strategy (Joint Committee on)

The UK's national security machinery: follow-up: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 350) (Margaret Beckett).

112 Scottish Affairs Committee

(1) *Secretary of State for Scotland 11 December 2023:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 154);

(2) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities relating to the attendance of Ministers at parliamentary committees:* Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Intergovernmental relations: 25 years since the Scotland Act 1998:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 149)

(4) *Science and Scotland:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 151);

(Pete Wishart).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker