

Monday 8 January 2024

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

- 1 Speaker's Statement: Outcome of recall petition (Wellingborough)
- 2 Questions to the Secretary of State for Defence
- 3 Urgent Question: The situation in Israel and Gaza (Mr Andrew Mitchell)
- 4 Statements: (1) NHS winter update (Secretary Victoria Atkins)
 - (2) Storm Henk (Robbie Moore)
 - (3) Horizon: compensation and convictions update (Kevin Hollinrake)
- 5 Offshore Petroleum Licensing Bill: Second Reading

Order read, That the Offshore Petroleum Licensing Bill be now read a second time.

Bill to be read a second time tomorrow.

6 Adjournment

Subject: Rural transport (Sir Bill Wiggin)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Suzanne Webb.)

Adjourned at 10 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Disqualification of a Member

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Notification, laid upon the Table by the Speaker, That the Chancellor of the Exchequer had today appointed the Rt Hon Christopher James Skidmore, Member for Kingswood, to be Steward and Bailiff of His Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Burnham in the county of Buckingham.

General Committees: Reports

8 First Delegated Legislation Committee

Yvonne Fovargue (Chair) reported the Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (High-Risk Countries) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1306).

9 Second Delegated Legislation Committee

Sir Graham Brady (Chair) reported the draft Biodiversity Gain (Town and Country Planning) (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2024 and The draft Biodiversity Gain Site Register (Financial Penalties and Fees) Regulations 2024.

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).

- 10 First Delegated Legislation Committee (Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (High-Risk Countries) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1306))
 - (1) Chair: Yvonne Fovargue in place of Martin Vickers.
 - (2) Members: Mary Robinson discharged and Nigel Mills nominated in substitution.
- 11 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Biodiversity Gain (Town and Country Planning) (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2024 and draft Biodiversity Gain Site Register (Financial Penalties and Fees) Regulations 2024)

Members: Ruth Edwards, Dr Lisa Cameron and Marco Longhi discharged and Tim Loughton, Joy Morrissey and Selaine Saxby nominated in substitution.

12 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Online Safety (List of Overseas Regulators) Regulations 2024)

Members: Ben Bradley discharged and Selaine Saxby nominated in substitution.

13 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft National Minimum Wage (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023)

Members: Andy Carter discharged and Katherine Fletcher nominated in substitution.

14 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Immigration (Health Charge) (Amendment) Order 2023)

Members: Matt Vickers discharged and Jill Mortimer nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports relating to orders for printing made during the

adjournment under Standing Order No. 137

Thursday 21 December 2023

15 Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee

Financial distress in local authorities: Written evidence, to be published (HC 56) (Clerk of the House).

Select Committees: Reports made on Monday 8 January

16 Scottish Affairs Committee

- (1) Scotland's space sector: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 150);
- (2) Correspondence from the First Minister of Scotland relating to an invitation to appear before the Committee: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Science and Scotland*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 151) (Pete Wishart).

Notification under the Recall of MPs Act 2015

17 Recall Petition: Outcome

Text of notification received by the Speaker on 19 December 2023:

Recall Petition - Public Notice of Outcome of Petition for the Wellingborough Constituency

Petition to Remove the MP for Wellingborough Constituency, Peter Bone.

Recall Condition

The petition started because Peter Bone MP had been suspended from sitting in the House of Commons for a period of 6 weeks for breaching the code of conduct for MPs.

Petition signing period

From 9am on Wednesday 8 November 2023 until 5pm on Tuesday 19 December 2023.

The Outcome of the Petition is as follows:

In accordance with section 14(3) of the Act (determination of whether recall petition is successful) the petition was	Successful
Number of registered electors eligible to sign the petition	79,402
Number of registered eligible electors who validly signed the petition	10,505
Percentage of registered eligible electors who validly signed the petition	13.2%
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Number of rejected signing sheets due to:

Want of official mark 0
Unmarked or void for uncertainty 82
Total number of rejected signing sheets 82

Signed:

Adele Wylie

Petition Officer

Dated: Tuesday 19 December 2023

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Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Papers Laid

Papers presented and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates during the adjournment under Standing Orders No. 158 and No. 159:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

Friday 22 December 2023

1 Customs

Customs Tariff (Preferential Trade Arrangements) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1436), dated 22 December 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Nigel Huddleston)

Other papers

Wednesday 20 December 2023

2 National Health Service

- (1) Explanatory Memorandum to the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1402) (by Command) (Helen Whately)
- (2) Explanatory Memorandum to the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1404), (by Command) (Helen Whately)

Friday 22 December 2023

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Secretary of State determination of fishing opportunities for British fishing boats (by Command), to be printed (CP 985) (Secretary Steve Barclay)

Withdrawn papers

Wednesday 20 December 2023

4 National Health Service

- (1) Explanatory Memorandum to the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1402) (laid 18 December 2023)
- (2) Explanatory Memorandum to the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1404) (laid 19 December 2023)

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 8 January

Other papers

5 Budget Responsibility and National Audit

Estimates for which a Vote on Account is required for the National Audit Office for 2024–25 (by Act), to be printed (HC 446) (Clerk of the House)

CORRECTION

Tuesday 19 December 2023

This item should have appeared after item 1 (Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution):

() Church of England (General Synod) (Measures)

- (1) Measure passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, entitled Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure (HC 341) (by Act) (Clerk of the House)
- (2) Measure passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, entitled Church of England Pensions (Application of Capital Funds) Measure (HC 342) (by Act) (Clerk of the House)