



House of Commons

Thursday 25 January 2024

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade**
- 2 Business Question (Leader of the House)**
- 3 Select Committee Statement (Standing Order No. 22D): Publication of the First Report from the Procedure Committee, Commons scrutiny of Secretaries of State in the House of Lords, HC 338 (Dame Karen Bradley)**
- 4 Backbench Business**

Holocaust Memorial Day

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered Holocaust Memorial Day.—(*Dame Margaret Hodge.*)
- 5 Royal Assent**

The Deputy Speaker reported that the King had signified Royal Assent to the following Acts and Measures under the Royal Assent Act 1967:

Post Office (Horizon System) Compensation Act 2024

Northern Ireland (Executive Formation) Act 2024

Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 2024

Church of England Pensions (Application of Capital Funds) Measure 2024
- 6 Backbench Business (resumed)**

Holocaust Memorial Day

The House resumed the debate.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved, That this House has considered Holocaust Memorial Day.

7 Adjournment

Subject: Milton Keynes Women's and Children's Hospital and the New Hospital Programme (Ben Everitt)

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

Adjourned at 2.58 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

8 Northern Ireland (Executive Formation) Bill

The Lords agree to the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation) Bill without amendment.

Changes to Notices Given

9 Government of Wales (Referendum on Devolution) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 26 January, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 17 May.

10 Immigration and Nationality Fees (Exemption for NHS Clinical Staff) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 26 January, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 17 May.

11 Welfare Benefits (Adequacy, Debt and Deductions) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 2 February, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 1 March.

12 Social Energy Tariff Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 2 February, read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

General Committees: Reports

13 Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill

Clive Efford (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).

14 Pet Abduction Bill Committee

Chair: Sir George Howarth

15 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) Order 2024)

Chair: Derek Twigg

16 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (Civil Procedure (Amendment No. 4) Rules 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1397))

Chair: Judith Cummins

17 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Human Medicines (Amendments Relating to Coronavirus and Influenza) (England and Wales and Scotland) Regulations 2024)

(1) Chair: Dame Maria Miller

(2) Members: Kate Hollern discharged and Dame Diana Johnson nominated in substitution.

18 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Trade Union (Deduction of Union Subscriptions from Wages in the Public Sector) Regulations 2023)

Chair: Ian Paisley

19 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017 (Amendment) Regulations 2024 and draft Combined Authorities (Mayors) Filling of Vacancies Order 2017 (Amendment) Regulations 2024)

Chair: Philip Davies

20 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Animal Welfare (Primate Licences) (England) Regulations 2023)

Chair: Peter Dowd

*Select Committees: Reports***21 Backbench Business Committee**

Determination of business to be taken on Thursday 1 February in the Chamber, and Thursday 1 February and Tuesday 6 February in Westminster Hall (Ian Mearns).

22 Justice Committee

Probate: Written evidence, to be published (HC 520) (Sir Robert Neill).

23 Treasury Committee

The crypto-asset industry: Written evidence, to be published (HC 215) (Harriett Baldwin).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 1.30 pm.

Business determined by the Backbench Business Committee (Standing Orders No. 10(7) and No. 14(4))

1 Religious persecution and the World Watch List 2024

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of religious persecution and the World Watch List 2024.—(*Fiona Bruce*.)

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

Adjourned at 3.11 pm until Monday 29 January.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Criminal Law

Draft Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) (Amendment, Surrender and Compensation) Order 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary James Cleverly)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Education

Education (Student Fees, Awards and Support) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 85), dated 23 January 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (David Johnston)

3 Income Tax

Income Tax (Accommodation Allowances of Armed Forces) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 76), dated 23 January 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Nigel Huddleston)

Other papers**4 Financial Services and Markets**

Bank of England Prudential Regulation Authority: Review of ring-fencing rules (by Act) (Bim Afolami)

5 Government Resources and Accounts

*This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings relating to Friday 26 January 2024.

(1) Report and Accounts of the Department of Health and Social Care for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 33) (Nigel Huddleston)

(2) Report and Accounts of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office Overseas Superannuation for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 421) (Nigel Huddleston)

(3) Report and Accounts of the Submarine Delivery Agency for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 498) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

(4) Report and Accounts of the UK Health Security Agency for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 97) (Maria Caulfield)

6 Health and Social Care

Report and Accounts of the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 432) (Andrew Stephenson)

7 Higher Education and Research

(1) Office for Students: Fee information for new entrants in 2024–25 (by Act) (Robert Halfon)

(2) Report and Accounts of the Research Councils' Pension Schemes for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 322) (Andrew Griffith)

8 HM Treasury

Response to the Bank of England and HM Treasury Consultation Paper: The digital pound: a new form of money for households and businesses? (by Command) (CP 970) (Bim Afolami)

9 Insolvency

Accounts of Insolvency Services and the Insolvency Services Investment for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 409) (Clerk of the House)

10 Levelling-up and Regeneration

Statement of Levelling Up Missions (by Act) (Secretary Michael Gove)

11 National Health Service

(1) Consolidated NHS provider accounts for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 469) (Andrew Stephenson)

(2) Report and Accounts of NHS England for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 468) (Andrew Stephenson)

12 Science and Technology

Report and Accounts of the Medical Research Council for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 345) (Andrew Griffith)

13 Trunk Road Charging Schemes

Accounts of the Dartford–Thurrock River Crossing Charging Scheme for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Statutory Instrument), to be printed (HC 283) (Secretary Mark Harper)