



House of Commons

Thursday 1 February 2024

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
(2) the Attorney General**
- 2 Urgent Question: Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy eligibility for Afghan special forces (James Heappey)**
- 3 Business Question (Leader of the House)**
- 4 Northern Ireland**
Resolved, That the draft Windsor Framework (Constitutional Status of Northern Ireland) Regulations 2024, which were laid before this House on 31 January, be approved.—*(Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris.)*
- 5 United Kingdom Internal Market**
Resolved, That the draft Windsor Framework (UK Internal Market and Unfettered Access) Regulations 2024, which were laid before this House on 31 January, be approved.—*(Mr Steve Baker.)*
- 6 Business of the House (Today)**
Ordered, That at this day's sitting, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (1) and (2) of Standing Order No. 22D relating to the scheduling of select committee statements, a select committee statement on the Third Report of the Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee may be made after the conclusion of proceedings on this motion.—*(Robert Langan.)*
- 7 Select Committee Statement (Standing Order No. 22D): Publication of the Third Report of the Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee, Financial distress in local authorities, HC 56 (Mr Clive Betts)**
- 8 Backbench business**
Freedom and democracy in Iran
Resolved, That this House condemns unreservedly the actions of the government of Iran and the violent conduct of the police in suppressing protests in that country; is deeply concerned over Tehran's growing use of terrorism, espionage, cyber attacks and hostage-taking diplomacy to restrict and eliminate the Iranian democratic opposition, the National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI), targeting in particular members

of the organised opposition, PMOI (MEK), in Ashraf 3, Albania and NCRI gatherings since 2018; notes that the resistance is struggling for the establishment of a secular democratic republic; calls on European governments, especially the government of Albania, to counter Tehran's illegal activities and uphold the rights of members of the Iranian opposition PMOI (MEK) at Ashraf-3 in accordance with the 1951 Geneva Refugee Convention, the European Convention of Human Rights and international law; is further concerned by reports of threats made to Iranian dissidents in the UK; urges the Government to include Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps on the list of proscribed terrorist organisations; and further calls upon the Government to work with international counterparts to ensure that further sanctions are placed on Iran without delay and Iran is held to account for its illegal activities at home and abroad.—(*Bob Blackman.*)

9 Adjournment

Subject: Regeneration of Bond Street and Waterloo Road, Blackpool (Scott Benton)

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Mark Jenkinson.*)

At 5 pm, the motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 9(3)).

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

Adjourned at 5.16 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Changes to Notices Given

10 Pets (Microchips) Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 15 March.

General Committees: Appointments

11 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Water Industry (Special Administration) Regulations 2024 and draft Water Industry Act 1991 (Amendment) Order 2024)

Members: Toby Perkins and Jeff Smith discharged and Emma Hardy and Andrew Western nominated in substitution.

12 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft East Midlands Combined County Authority Regulations 2024)

Members: Dr Rosena Allin-Khan discharged and Mary Kelly Foy nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

13 Backbench Business Committee

Determination of business to be taken on Thursday 8 February in the Chamber and Thursday 8 February, Tuesday 27 February and Thursday 29 February in Westminster Hall (Ian Mearns).

14 Justice Committee

The Coroner Service: follow-up: Written evidence, to be published (HC 490) (Sir Robert Neill).

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 Living standards

Resolved, That this House has considered living standards.—(*Stewart Malcolm McDonald.*)

The sitting was suspended between 2.46 pm and 3 pm.

2 Employment of people living in rural and coastal communities

Resolved, That this House has considered the employment of people living in rural and coastal communities.—(*Virginia Crosbie.*)

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

Adjourned at 3.48 pm until Tuesday 6 February.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Companies

Draft Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 (Consequential, Supplementary and Incidental Provisions) Regulations 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Kemi Badenoch)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Building

Building (Registered Building Control Approvers etc.) (England) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 110), dated 28 January 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Lee Rowley)

3 Education

School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 109), dated 30 January 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Damian Hinds)

4 Pensions

Pension Protection Fund and Occupational Pension Schemes (Levy Ceiling) Order 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 101), dated 30 January 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Paul Maynard)

5 Senior Courts

Civil Procedure (Amendment) Rules 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 106), dated 30 January 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Alex Chalk)

Other papers

6 Independent Expert Panel

Report of the Independent Expert Panel for 2023 (by Standing Order), to be printed (HC 517) (Clerk of the House)

7 Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

Government Response to the Second Report of the Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Select Committee on Council Tax Collection (by Command) (CP 1018) (Secretary Michael Gove)

8 Local Government

Explanatory Memorandum to the draft East Midlands Combined County Authority Regulations 2024 (by Command) (Jacob Young)

9 Supply Estimates 2024–25

Vote on Account for the Parliamentary Works Grant for 2024–25 (by Act), to be printed (HC 534) (Chairman of Ways and Means)

10 Supply Estimates 2023–24

(1) Supplementary Estimate for the National Audit Office for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 447) (Clerk of the House)

(2) Supplementary Estimate for the Parliamentary Works Grant for 2023–24 (by Act), to be printed (HC 533) (Chairman of Ways and Means)

Withdrawn papers

11 Companies

Draft Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 (Consequential, Supplementary and Incidental Provisions) Regulations 2024 and Explanatory Memorandum (laid 10 January)

12 Local Government

Explanatory Memorandum to the draft East Midlands Combined County Authority Regulations 2024 (laid 18 December 2023)

CORRECTION

Wednesday 31 January 2024

Item 6 (Papers subject to Negative Resolution) should have appeared before item 7 in the list of Other papers.