



House of Commons

Thursday 7 March 2024

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Private Bills: Bishop's Stortford Cemetery Bill [Lords]: Consideration of the Bill, as amended**

Ordered, That the Bishop's Stortford Cemetery Bill [Lords] be now considered.

No amendments on consideration.

Bill to be read the third time.

- 2 Questions to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade**

- 3 Business Question (Leader of the House)**

- 4 National Insurance Contributions (Reduction in Rates) (No.2) 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.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Monday 11 March, and to be printed (Bill 174) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 174–EN).

- 5 Ways and Means: Income tax (charge): Adjourned debate on the Question proposed on 6 March**

Debate resumed (Order, 6 March).

Question again proposed, That income tax is charged for the tax year 2024–25.

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.

The Deputy Speaker announced a time limit on backbench speeches (Standing Order No. 47(1)).

Ordered, That the debate be now adjourned.—(*Mr Gagan Mohindra.*)

Debate to be resumed on Monday 11 March.

- 6 Adjournment**

Subject: Pavement parking (Liz Twist)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Mr Gagan Mohindra.*)

Adjourned at 5.23 pm until Monday 11 March.

Other Proceedings

Changes to Notices Given

7 Social Energy Tariff (No. 2) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 15 March, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 14 June.

General Committees: Reports

8 Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill [Lords] Committee

Judith Cummins (Chair) reported:

(1) That the Committee had come to the following Resolution, That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication;

(2) written evidence; and

(3) the Bill, as amended.

Written evidence to be published.

Bill, as amended, to be considered on Monday 11 March; and to be printed (Bill 173).

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 High Streets (Designation, Review and Improvement Plan) Bill Committee

Chair: Sir Charles Walker

10 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Criminal Justice Act 2003 (Suitability for Fixed Term Recall) Order 2024)

Chair: Mark Pritchard

Members: Philip Dunne, Mary Kelly Foy, Rebecca Long Bailey and Naz Shah discharged and Nigel Mills, Alistair Strathern, Sir Stephen Timms and Mohammad Yasin nominated in substitution.

11 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft North East Mayoral Combined Authority (Establishment and Functions) Order 2024)

Chair: Dame Caroline Dinenage

12 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Strikes (Minimum Service Levels: Fire and Rescue Services) (England) Regulations 2024)

Chair: Yvonne Fovargue

13 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Sea Fisheries (International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas) (Amendment) Regulations 2024)

Chair: Sir Graham Brady

14 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) (Amendment) Regulations 2024)

Chair: Christina Rees

15 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Act 2022 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2024)

Chair: Graham Stringer

16 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Funding and Investment Strategy and Amendment) Regulations 2024)

Chair: Dame Maria Miller

Members: Kate Hollern discharged and Ms Marie Rimmer nominated in substitution.

17 Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Electricity Supplier Obligations (Excluded Electricity) (Amendment) Regulations 2024, draft Energy-Intensive Industry Electricity Support Payments and Levy Regulations 2024, draft Electricity Capacity (Supplier Payment etc.) (Amendment and Excluded Electricity) Regulations 2024 and draft Renewables Obligation (Amendment) (Energy Intensive Industries) Order 2024)

Chair: Sir Robert Syms

Members: Owen Thompson discharged and Patrick Grady nominated in substitution.

18 Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 (Consequential, Supplementary and Incidental Provisions) Regulations 2024 and draft Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 (Financial Penalty) Regulations 2024)

Chair: Valerie Vaz

19 Tenth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 218))

Chair: James Gray

Select Committees: Reports

20 Backbench Business Committee

Determination of business to be taken on Tuesday 19 March in Westminster Hall (Ian Mearns).

21 National Security Strategy (Joint Committee on)

Ransomware: Written evidence, to be published (HC 194) (Dame Margaret Beckett).

22 Public Accounts (Committee of)

Defence Equipment Plan 2023–2033: Written evidence, to be published (HC 451) (Dame Meg Hillier).

23 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

(1) *Cabinet Office Supplementary Estimate Memorandum 2023–24*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Statistics Board Supplementary Estimate Memorandum 2023–24*: Written evidence, to be published

(Mr William Wragg).

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 LGBT History Month

Resolved, That this House has considered LGBT History Month.—(*Elliot Colburn*.)

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

Adjourned at 3.16 pm until Monday 11 March.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Customs

Customs Tariff (Preferential Trade Arrangements) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 303), dated 5 March 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Nigel Huddleston)

2 Government Resources and Accounts

Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 (Estimates and Accounts) Order 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 295), dated 5 March 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Laura Trott)

3 Health and Safety

Health and Safety and Nuclear (Fees) (Amendment) and Gas Safety (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 322), dated 6 March 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Paul Maynard)

4 Social Care

Care and Support (Charging and Assessment of Resources) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 325), dated 6 March 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Helen Whately)

5 Social Security

Guardian's Allowance Up-rating Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 309), dated 5 March 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Laura Trott)

6 Value Added Tax

Value Added Tax (Increase of Registration Limits) Order 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 307), dated 5 March 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Nigel Huddleston)