



House of Commons

Monday 11 March 2024

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

1 Speaker's Statement: Death of Lord McAvoy

2 Questions to the Secretary of State for Education

3 Urgent Questions: (1) UK armed forces (James Cartlidge)

(2) Gibraltar: EU negotiations (David Rutley)

4 Mortgages (switching): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for the purpose of enabling certain mortgage borrowers to switch to a new mortgage arrangement; and for connected purposes;

That Martin Docherty-Hughes, Alison Thewliss, Liz Saville Roberts, Claire Hanna, Stewart Hosie, Ben Lake, Amy Callaghan, Sammy Wilson, John McDonnell, Duncan Baker and Caroline Lucas present the Bill.

Martin Docherty-Hughes accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 14 June, and to be printed (Bill 175).

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

Debate resumed (Order, 7 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.—(Mike Wood.)

Debate to be resumed tomorrow.

6 Business of the House

Ordered, That notices of Amendments, new Clauses and new Schedules to be moved in Committee in respect of the National Insurance Contributions (Reduction in Rates) (No. 2) Bill may be accepted by the Clerks at the Table before it has been read a second time.—*(Mike Wood.)*

7 Changes to membership of select committees

(1) *Ordered*, That David Simmonds be discharged from the Joint Committee on Human Rights and Miss Sarah Dines be added.—*(Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)*

(2) *Ordered*, That Emma Hardy be discharged from the Treasury Committee and Samantha Dixon be added.—*(Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)*

8 Adjournment

Subject: Zero total allowable catch for pollack (Steve Double)

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

At 10 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 9(3)).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—*(Mike Wood.)*

Adjourned at 10.14 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

9 First Delegated Legislation Committee

Mr Mark Pritchard (Chair) reported the draft Criminal Justice Act 2003 (Suitability for Fixed Term Recall) Order 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 (draft Criminal Justice Act 2003 (Suitability for Fixed Term Recall) Order 2024)

Members: Sir Robert Goodwill discharged and Tracey Crouch nominated in substitution.

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

Members: Ian Levy discharged and Ben Everitt nominated in substitution.

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

Members: Tracey Crouch discharged and Joy Morrissey nominated in substitution.

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

Members: Rachel Maclean discharged and Eddie Hughes nominated in substitution.

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

Members: Ian Levy discharged and Ben Everitt nominated in substitution.

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

Members: Chris Elmore discharged and Samantha Dixon nominated in substitution.

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

Friday 8 March

16 European Scrutiny Committee

Negotiations with the European Union in respect of Gibraltar: Written evidence, to be published (HC 170) (Clerk of the House).

Select Committees: Reports made on Monday 11 March

17 Administration Committee

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

18 Foreign Affairs Committee

The UK's engagement with the Middle East and North Africa: Written evidence, to be published (HC 300) (Alicia Kearns).

19 Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee

(1) *Electoral Registration:* Fourth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 58);

(2) *Children, young people and the built environment:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 94);

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Local Government relating to the action taken in relation to four authorities:* Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to the case for Cambridge:* Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with the Chief Executive Officer of the Fire Industry Association relating to fake signatures on EWS1 forms*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence with the Chief Executive Officer of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors relating to fake signatures on EWS1 forms*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Correspondence with the Parliamentary Secretaries of State for Levelling Up and Roads and Local Transport relating to the Private Parking Code of Practice*: Written evidence, to be published;

(8) *Departmental Annual Report and Accounts 2023–24*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 528);

(9) *Office for Local Government*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 64);

(10) *Shared ownership*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 61)

(Mr Clive Betts).

20 Procedure Committee

(1) *Correspondence from the Editor of the Official Report (Hansard) relating to the Committee's Report on Correcting the Record*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Correspondence from the Leader of the House of Commons relating to Standing Order No. 31*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Speaker of the House of Commons relating to Standing Order No. 31*: Written evidence, to be published

(Dame Karen Bradley).

21 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *Reforming adult social care in England*: Twenty-second Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 427);

(2) *Progress in implementing Universal Credit*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 458);

(3) *Correspondence from HM Treasury*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero relating to the HMG indemnity to cover a gap in the nuclear third-party liability insurance market*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities relating to in-principle capitalisation support for local authorities*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *FCDO Annual Report and Accounts 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 68);

(7) *Levelling up funding to local government*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 424);

(8) *The BBC's implementation of Across the UK*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 426);

(9) *The Defence Equipment Plan 2023–2033*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 451)

(Dame Meg Hillier).

22 Scottish Affairs Committee

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

(2) *Scotland's space sector*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 150)

(Pete Wishart).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 4.30 pm.

Debate on an e-petition (Standing Orders No. 10(1)(a) and No. 145A(7))

1 Prescription charges for people with chronic or long-term health conditions

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petition 608237 relating to prescription charges for people with chronic or long-term health conditions.—(*Christina Rees*.)

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

Adjourned at 5.02 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers presented and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 8 March under Standing Orders No. 158 and No. 159:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Children and Young Persons

Registration and Inspection of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 315), dated 6 March 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (David Johnston)

2 Coroners

Coroners and Justice Act 2009 (Alteration of Coroner Areas) Order 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 304), dated 1 March 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Alex Chalk)

3 Corporation Tax

Relief for Creative Industries (Additional Information Requirements and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 320), dated 5 March 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Nigel Huddleston)

4 Income Tax

Income Tax (Construction Industry Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 308), dated 5 March 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Nigel Huddleston)

5 Infrastructure Planning

(1) Infrastructure Planning (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 333), dated 6 March 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Lee Rowley)

(2) Infrastructure Planning (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 332), dated 6 March 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Lee Rowley)

6 Rating and Valuation

Non-Domestic Rating (Unoccupied Property) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 323), dated 7 March 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Simon Hoare)

7 Tribunals and Inquiries

Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) (Amendment) Rules 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 317), dated 6 March 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Alex Chalk)

Other papers**8 Education**

Explanatory Memorandum to the Education (Penalty Notices) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 210) (by Command) (Damian Hinds)

9 Pensions

The Pensions Increase (Review) Order 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 331), dated 4 March 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Laura Trott)

Withdrawn papers**10 Education**

Explanatory Memorandum to the Education (Penalty Notices) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 210) (laid 29 February)

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 11 March

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

11 Immigration

Draft Immigration (Leave to Enter and Remain) (Amendment) Order 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary James Cleverly)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

12 Corporation Tax

Research and Development (Chapter 2 Relief) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 348), dated 11 March 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Nigel Huddleston)

13 Criminal Law

(1) Electronic Monitoring (Responsible Persons) (Amendment) Order 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 328), dated 5 March 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Alex Chalk)

(2) Recovery of Costs (Remand to Youth Detention Accommodation) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 327), dated 4 March 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Alex Chalk)

14 Customs

Export Control (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 346), dated 7 March 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Ms Nusrat Ghani)

15 Income Tax

(1) Authorised Surplus Payments Charge (Variation of Rate) Order 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 335), dated 7 March 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Bim Afolami)

(2) Income Tax (Pay As You Earn) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 305), dated 7 March 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Nigel Huddleston)

16 Social Security

(1) Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 306), dated 7 March 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Nigel Huddleston)

(2) Social Security and Universal Credit (Migration of Tax Credit Claimants and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 341), dated 8 March 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jo Churchill)

17 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge

Statute, dated 29 November 2023, made by the Governing Body of Lady Margaret Hall in the University of Oxford, revising the existing Statutes of the College (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Gillian Keegan)

 Other papers
18 Cabinet

The Elizabeth Emblem (by Command) (CP 1033) (Secretary Oliver Dowden)

19 Enterprise

Report and Accounts of the Office of the Small Business Commissioner for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 532) (Secretary Kemi Badenoch)

20 Local Government Planning and Land

Report and Accounts of the Ebbsfleet Development Corporation for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 525) (Secretary Michael Gove)

21 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Cabinet office: Civil service leadership capability (by Act), to be printed (HC 582) (Clerk of the House)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

VOTING BY PROXY (STANDING ORDER NO. 39A)

(Variations to existing arrangements appear in **bold**.)

Member	From	To	Proxy
Jon Trickett	11 March 2024	30 April 2024	Ian Lavery
Stuart Anderson	10 April 2024	22 May 2024	Mr Marcus Jones
David Linden	12 March 2024	23 May 2024	Marion Fellows

CORRECTION

Wednesday 6 March 2024

Item 30 (Select Committee: Reports) should have appeared as follows:

Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

(1) *Renewable energy and net zero in Northern Ireland*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 428);

(2) *Northern Ireland Office 2023–24 Supplementary Estimates Memorandum*: Written evidence, to be published

(Sir Robert Buckland).