

Monday 15 April 2024

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

- 1 Speaker's Statements: (1) Death of Lord Hoyle
 - (2) Resignation of the Chair of the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee and arrangements for the election of a successor
- 2 Questions to the Home Secretary
- 3 Statements: (1) Iran and Israel (Prime Minister)
 - (2) Cass Review (Secretary Victoria Atkins)
- 4 Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill: Consideration of Lords Message

Lords Amendment 1B

Motion made and Question put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 1B.—(*Michael Tomlinson*.)

The House divided.

Division No. 117

Ayes: 315 (Tellers: Mike Wood, Amanda Solloway)

Noes: 250 (Tellers: Andrew Western, Tonia Antoniazzi)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 1B accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendments 3B and 3C

Motion made and Question put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendments 3B and 3C.—(*Michael Tomlinson*.)

The House divided.

Division No. 118

Ayes: 317 (Tellers: Amanda Solloway, Mike Wood)

Noes: 246 (Tellers: Tonia Antoniazzi, Andrew Western)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendments 3B and 3C accordingly disagreed to.

As it was more than two hours after commencement of proceedings on the Lords Message, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on the Lords Message to a conclusion (Programme Order, 18 March).

The following Questions were put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83G).

(1) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 6B (Question on any motion made by a Minister of the Crown on or relevant to any of the remaining items in the Lords Message).—(Michael Tomlinson.)

The House divided.

Division No. 119

Ayes: 319 (Tellers: Mike Wood, Amanda Solloway)

Noes: 249 (Tellers: Andrew Western, Tonia Antoniazzi)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 6B accordingly disagreed to.

(2) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 7B (Question on any motion made by a Minister of the Crown on or relevant to any of the remaining items in the Lords Message).—(Michael Tomlinson.)

The House divided.

Division No. 120

Ayes: 319 (Tellers: Amanda Solloway, Mike Wood)

Noes: 249 (Tellers: Tonia Antoniazzi, Andrew Western)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 7B accordingly disagreed to.

(3) That this House insists on its disagreement with the Lords in their Amendment 9 but proposes Amendment (a) in lieu (Question on any motion made by a Minister of the Crown on or relevant to any of the remaining items in the Lords Message).—(Michael Tomlinson.)

The House divided.

Division No. 121

Ayes: 320 (Tellers: Mike Wood, Amanda Solloway)

Noes: 246 (Tellers: Andrew Western, Tonia Antoniazzi)

Question agreed to.

Disagreement to Lords Amendment 9 accordingly insisted upon and Amendment (a) proposed in lieu.

(4) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 10B (Question on any motion made by a Minister of the Crown on or relevant to any of the remaining items in the Lords Message).—(Michael Tomlinson.)

The House divided.

Division No. 122

Ayes: 312 (Tellers: Amanda Solloway, Mike Wood)

Noes: 253 (Tellers: Tonia Antoniazzi, Andrew Western)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 10B accordingly disagreed to.

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83H(2)), That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments 1B, 3B and 3C, 6B, 7B and 10B;

That Colleen Fletcher, Stephen Kinnock, Scott Mann, Dr Kieran Mullan, James Sunderland, Alison Thewliss and Michael Tomlinson be members of the Committee.

That Michael Tomlinson be the Chair of the Committee.

That three be the quorum of the Committee.

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Robert Largan.)

Question agreed to.

5 Adjournment

Subject: Rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and gender non-conforming young people (Neale Hanvey)

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Robert Largan.)

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

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.— (Robert Largan.)

Adjourned at 10.27 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

6 Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill

The Lords agree to the Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill, with Amendments to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

7 Pedicabs (London) Bill [Lords]

The Lords agree to an Amendment made by the Commons to the the Pedicabs (London) Bill [Lords] without amendment.

Printing of Lords Amendments

8 Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill

Lords Amendments to be considered tomorrow, and to be printed pursuant to Standing Orders No. 78 and No. 57A (Bill 198), with Explanatory Notes (Bill 198–EN).

Changes to Notices Given

9 Brain Tumours Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 19 April, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 21 June.

10Affordable Housing (Conversion of Commercial Property) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 19 April, read and discharged.

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

Reasons Committees: Reports

11Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill: Reasons Committee

Michael Tomlinson reported that the Committee had agreed the following Reasons:

Lords Amendment 1B

Because the Commons consider that the provisions of the Bill are compliant with domestic and international obligations, and that it is therefore not necessary to refer expressly to having due regard for domestic and international law when setting out the purpose of the Bill.

Lords Amendments 3B and 3C

Because the Commons consider that it is not necessary to refer expressly to the arrangements in the Rwanda Treaty being, and continuing to be, implemented and adhered to; the Bill is clear that it comes into force on the day on which the Rwanda Treaty enters into force and it is not appropriate for the Bill to legislate for Rwanda adhering to its obligations under

the Treaty as Rwanda's ongoing adherence to its Treaty obligations will be subject to the monitoring provisions set out in the Treaty.

Lords Amendment 6B

Because the Commons consider that it is not appropriate to leave out clause 4 of the Bill and insert the new clause in the Amendment, as the Bill allows decisionmakers to consider claims that Rwanda is unsafe for an individual due to their particular circumstances.

Lords Amendment 7B

Because the Commons consider that is it not appropriate to amend the age assessment provisions of existing legislation.

Lords Amendment 10B

Because the Commons consider that it is not necessary as the only way individuals should come to the UK is through safe and legal routes.

General Committees: Reports

12First Delegated Legislation Committee

Sir Graham Brady (Chair) reported the draft Code of Practice on Dismissal and Re-engagement.

13Second Delegated Legislation Committee

Judith Cummins (Chair) reported the draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Disapplication or Modification of Financial Regulator Rules in Individual Cases) 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).

14First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Code of Practice on Dismissal and Re-Engagement)

Members: Samantha Dixon and Alexander Stafford discharged and Steve Tuckwell and Andrew Western nominated in substitution.

15Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Disapplication or Modification of Financial Regulator Rules in Individual Cases) Regulations 2024)

Members: Tonia Antoniazzi and Matt Warman discharged and Gerald Jones and Chloe Smith nominated in substitution.

16Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Post Office Network Subsidy Scheme (Amendment) Order 2024)

Members: Samantha Dixon discharged and Gerald Jones nominated in substitution.

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

Thursday 28 March

17Women and Equalities Committee

Non-consensual intimate image abuse: Written evidence, to be published (HC 664) (Clerk of the House).

18Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs relating to compensation for victims of Gaddafisponsored IRA attacks: Written evidence, to be published (Clerk of the House).

Thursday 4 April

19Business and Trade Committee

Correspondence with the Secretaries of State for Business and Trade and for Foreign,

Commonwealth and Development Affairs relating to arms export controls: Written evidence, to be published (Clerk of the House).

Tuesday 9 April

20Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

Renewable energy and net zero in Northern Ireland: Written evidence, to be published (HC 428) (Clerk of the House).

Select Committees: Reports made on Monday
15 April

21Administration Committee

Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 15th April 2024 to be published (Sir Charles Walker).

22Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee

(1) Office for Local Government: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 64);

- (2) Children, young people and the built environment: Written evidence, to be published (HC 94);
- (3) Correspondence from the Minister for Levelling Up relating to the private parking code of practice: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) Correspondence from the Minister of State for Housing, Planning and Building Safety: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) Correspondence with Mary Robinson MP relating to the Whistleblowing Bill: Written evidence, to be published;
- (6) Correspondence with the Secretary of State: Written evidence, to be published;
- (7) Council Tax collection: Written evidence, to be published (HC 57);
- (8) Disabled people in the housing sector: Written evidence, to be published (HC 63);
- (9) *Electoral registration*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 58);
- (10) Improving the home buying and selling process: Written evidence, to be published (HC 678);

(11) The finances and sustainability of the social housing sector: Written evidence, to be published (HC 60)

(Mr Clive Betts).

23Foreign Affairs Committee

International relations within the multilateral system: Written evidence, to be published (HC 691) (Alicia Kearns).

24Public Accounts (Committee of)

- (1) Asylum accommodation and UK-Rwanda partnership: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 639);
- (2) Correspondence from Ofwat relating to Thames Water update: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) Correspondence from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport relating to Accounting Officer Assessment: EURO 2028 Programme: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) Correspondence relating to the Committee's previous Reports: Written evidence, to be published;

- (5) Correspondence with the Home Office: Written evidence, to be published;
- (6) Delivering value from government investment in major projects: Written evidence, to be published (HC 456);
- (7) DHSC Annual Report and Accounts 2022–23: Written evidence, to be published (HC 459);
- (8) Government's programme of waste reforms: Written evidence, to be published (HC 333);
- (9) New Hospital Programme: Written evidence, to be published (HC 77);
- (10) Non-executive director appointments: Written evidence, to be published (HC 460);
- (11) Progress in implementing Universal Credit: Written evidence, to be published (HC 458);
- (12) Value for money from Legal Aid: Written evidence, to be published (HC 481);
- (13) Whole of Government Accounts 2021–22: Written evidence, to be published (HC 656)
- (Dame Meg Hillier).

25Scottish Affairs Committee

- (1) Cost of living: impact on rural communities in Scotland: Government Response to the Committee's First Report of Session 2023–24: Second Special Report, to be printed (HC 680);
- (2) Scotland's space sector: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 150);
- (3) City Region and Growth Deals: Written evidence, to be published (HC 644);
- (4) Intergovernmental relations: 25 years since the Scotland Act 1998: Written evidence, to be published (HC 149);
- (5) Intergovernmental relations: The Civil Service: Written evidence, to be published (HC 600);
- (6) *Science and Scotland*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 151);
- (7) Scottish Youth Parliament: Written evidence, to be published (HC 492) (Pete Wishart).

*Lindsay Hoyle*Speaker

Papers Laid

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

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

Wednesday 3 April

1 Consumer Protection

Cosmetic Products (Restriction of Chemical Substances) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 455), dated 1 April 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Kevin Hollinrake)

2 Fees and Charges

Registrar of Companies and Register of Overseas Entities (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 454), dated 1 April 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Kevin Hollinrake)

3 National Health Service

National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 456), dated 2 April 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Andrea Leadsom)

Thursday 4 April

4 Town and Country Planning

Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (Consequential Amendments) (No. 2) (England) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 453), dated 2 April 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Lee Rowley)

Friday 5 April

5 Building and Buildings

Building (Registered Building Control Approvers etc.) (England) (Amendment)

Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 474), dated 5 April 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Lee Rowley)

Tuesday 9 April

*This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings relating to Monday 13 May 2024.

6 Acquisition of Land

Compulsory Purchase of Land (Vesting Declarations and Land Compensation Development Order) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 477), dated 8 April 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jacob Young)

7 Local Government

Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 478), dated 4 April 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Simon Hoare)

Wednesday 10 April

8 Senior Courts

Court and Tribunal Fees (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 476), dated 3 April 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Alex Chalk)

Thursday 11 April

9 Northern Ireland

Independent Commission for Reconciliation and Information Recovery (Holding and Handling of Information) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 500), dated 9 April 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris)

10Retained EU Law Reform

Pressure Equipment (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 490), dated 1 April 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory

Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Kevin Hollinrake)

Other papers

Wednesday 27 March

11Treaty Series No. 12

Exchange of Notes, done at Buenos Aires on 6 and 11 April 2023, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Argentina concerning the Clearance of Arrears (The United Kingdom/Argentina Debt Agreement No. 6 (2014) Amendment No. 1) (by Command) (CP 1056) (David Rutley)

Thursday 28 March

12Treasury

Treasury Minutes on Government Responses to the Seventh to the Eleventh Reports of the Committee of Public Accounts, Session

2023–24 (by Command) (CP 1057) (Gareth Davies)

*This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings relating to Monday 13 May 2024.

Thursday 11 April

13Transport

- (1) Amendments to Licensing Restrictions: Bus, Coach and Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) (by Command) (CP 1038) (Secretary Mark Harper)
- (2) Report on the Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation (by Command) (CP 1059) (Secretary Mark Harper)

14Treaty Series No.13 (2024)

Amendments to the Annexes of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (by Command) (CP 1062) (David Rutley)

Withdrawn papers

15Tuesday 9 April

Explanatory Memorandum to the Cosmetic Products (Restriction of Chemical Substances) Regulations (SI, 2024, No. 455) (laid 3 April)

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 15 April

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

16Energy

- (1) Draft Carbon Capture Revenue Support (Directions, Eligibility and Counterparty) Regulations 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Claire Coutinho)
- (2) Draft Carbon Dioxide Transport and Storage Revenue Support (Directions and Counterparty) Regulations 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Claire Coutinho)

17Representation of the People

Draft Representation of the People (England and Wales and Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Simon Hoare)

18Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform)

Draft Product Safety and Metrology etc. (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Kemi Badenoch)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

19Medical Profession

- (1) Medical Certificate of Cause of Death Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 492), dated 11 April 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Maria Caulfield)
- (2) Medical Examiners (England) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 493), dated 11 April 2024

(by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Maria Caulfield)

(3) National Medical Examiner (Additional Functions) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 494), dated 15 April 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Maria Caulfield)

20Public Service Pensions

Armed Forces Pensions (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 491), dated 10 April 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Dr Andrew Murrison)

21Tax Credits

Tax Credits (Income Thresholds and Determination of Rates) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 510), dated 15 April 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Laura Trott)

22Trade

Treatment of Conformity Assessment Bodies (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Regulations

2024 (SI, 2024, No. 504), dated 7 April 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Greg Hands)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

VOTING BY PROXY (STANDING ORDER NO. 39A)

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

Member	From	То	Proxy
John	3 May 2022	9 November	Owen
Nicolson		2024	Thompson
Amy	13 September	21 April 2024	Owen
Callaghan	2023		Thompson

CORRECTIONS

(1) Wednesday 20 March 2024

Item 14 should have appeared as follows:

Shared Parental Leave and Pay (Bereavement) Bill (changed to Paternity Leave (Bereavement) Bill) Committee

Ian Paisley (Chair) reported the Bill as amended.

Title amended as follows: A Bill to make provision about paternity leave in cases where a mother, or a person with whom a child is placed or expected to be placed for adoption, dies.

Bill, as amended, to be considered on Friday 26 April; and to be printed (Bill 194).

(2) Wednesday 20 March 2024

Item 17 should have appeared as follows:

First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Code of Practice on Dismissal and Re-Engagement)

Members: Tahir Ali, Ben Bradley, Alberto Costa, Samantha Dixon, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Kevin Hollinrake, Gen Kitchen, Justin Madders, Gavin Newlands, Neil O'Brien, Ms Marie Rimmer, Dean Russell, Selaine Saxby, Cat Smith, Chloe Smith, Alexander Stafford and Mike Wood

(3) Tuesday 26 March 2024

The entries relating to John Nicolson and Amy Callaghan in the list of variations to existing proxy arrangements (Speaker's Certificates) should not have appeared.