



House of Commons

Thursday 18 April 2024

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

1 Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport

(2) the hon. Member representing the Church Commissioners, the hon. Member representing the House of Commons Commission and the hon. Member representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission

2 Business Question (Leader of the House)

3 Select Committee Statement (Standing Order No. 22D): Publication of the First Special Report of the Procedure Committee, Commons scrutiny of Secretaries of State in the House of Lords: Government Response to the Committee's First Report, HC 672 (Dame Karen Bradley)

4 Backbench Business

(1) Access to redress schemes

Resolved, That this House recognises the challenges faced by individuals and businesses in accessing effective dispute resolution and obtaining redress in cases of injustice; believes that the Government needs to address these specific challenges, namely a fragmented and inconsistent redress landscape; considers statutory guidance to be an essential measure to ensure compensation and redress schemes follow common principles and lead to fair and independent outcomes; and calls on the Government to create statutory guidance with common principles for setting up and operating a redress scheme.—
(*Richard Foord.*)

(2) Covid-19 pandemic response and trends in excess deaths

Resolved, That this House has considered the covid-19 pandemic response and trends in excess deaths; and calls on the Covid-19 Inquiry to move onto its module four investigation into vaccines and therapeutics as soon as possible.—(*Andrew Bridgen.*)

5 Public petitions

A public petition from residents of the constituency of Luton South relating to the recommendations of the Infected Blood Inquiry was presented and read by Rachel Hopkins.

6 Adjournment

Subject: Standards of new-build homes in North Yorkshire (Andrew Jones)

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

Adjourned at 5.16 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

7 Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill

The Lords do not insist on certain Amendments to the Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill to which the Commons have disagreed, but propose Amendments in lieu to which they desire the agreement of the Commons; and they do not insist on certain other Amendments to which the Commons have disagreed.

Printing of Lords Messages

8 Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill

Lords Message relating to the Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill to be considered tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 203).

Explanatory Notes to Bills

9 Public Sector Exit Payments (Limitation) Bill

Explanatory Notes to the Bill to be printed (Bill 133–EN).

Changes to Notices Given

10 State Pension Age (Compensation) Bill

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

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

11 Arms Trade (Inquiry and Suspension) Bill

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

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

12 Veterans (Non-custodial Sentences) Bill

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 19 April.

13 Health and Social Care (Recruitment and Retention of Staff in Rural Areas) Bill*

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

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

*This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings relating to Wednesday 29 May 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).

14 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) (Amendment, Surrender and Compensation) Order 2024)

Members: Sir Robert Goodwill discharged and Eddie Hughes nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

15 Backbench Business Committee

Determination of business to be taken on Monday 22 April and Thursday 25 April in the Chamber and on Thursday 2 May in Westminster Hall (Ian Mearns).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 12.30 pm.

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

1 Large-scale solar farms

Resolved, That this House has considered large-scale solar farms.—(Dr Caroline Johnson.)

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

Adjourned at 3.20 pm until Monday 22 April.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Defence

Draft Armed Forces (Court Martial) (Amendment) Rules 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Dr Andrew Murrison)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Marine Pollution

Merchant Shipping (Anti-Fouling Systems) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 509), dated 17 April 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Mark Harper)

Other papers

3 Financial Services and Markets

Memorandum of Understanding between the Financial Conduct Authority and the Bank of England (exercising its prudential regulation functions) (by Act) (Bim Afolami)

CORRECTION

Wednesday 17 April 2024

The following entry should have appeared after item 29 (Select Committees: Reports):

Holocaust Memorial Bill (Select Committee on the)

Holocaust Memorial Bill: First Special Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 121) (John Stevenson).