



House of Commons

Tuesday 23 April 2024

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

2 Urgent Question: Infected Blood Inquiry (John Glen)

3 Statement: Childcare entitlements (David Johnston)

4 Neurodivergent conditions (screening and teacher training): 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 about screening for neurodivergent conditions in primary schools; to make provision about teacher training relating to neurodivergent conditions; and for connected purposes;

That Matt Hancock, Yasmin Qureshi, Jim Shannon, Henry Smith, Holly Mumby-Croft, Jane Hunt, Andrew Selous, Tom Hunt, Kelly Tolhurst and Paul Bristow present the Bill.

Matt Hancock accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 21 June, and to be printed (Bill 205).

5 Football Governance Bill: Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

6 Football Governance Bill: Programme

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Football Governance Bill:

Committal

(1) The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee

(2) Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 6 June 2024.

(3) The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

Consideration and Third Reading

(4) Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.

(5) Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.

(6) Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading.

Other proceedings

(7) Any other proceedings on the Bill may be programmed.—(*Joy Morrissey*.)

Question agreed to.

7 Football Governance Bill: Money

King's Recommendation signified.

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 52(1)(a)), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Football Governance Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenditure incurred under or by virtue of the Act by the Secretary of State.—(*Stuart Andrew*.)

Question agreed to.

8 Football Governance Bill: Ways and Means

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 52(1)(a)), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Football Governance Bill, it is expedient to authorise:

(1) the charging of a levy by the Independent Football Regulator in connection with the exercise of its functions under the Act; and

(2) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund.—(*Stuart Andrew*.)

Question agreed to.

9 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Post Office Network Subsidy Scheme (Amendment) Order 2024, which was laid before this House on 11 December 2023, be approved.—(*Joy Morrissey*.)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Renewable Transport Fuel Obligations (Amendment) Order 2024, which was laid before this House on 21 February, be approved.—(*Joy Morrissey*.)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Economic Growth (Regulatory Functions) (Amendment) Order 2024, which was laid before this House on 6 March, be approved.—(*Joy Morrissey*.)

The Deputy Speaker's opinion as to the decision on the Question was challenged.

Division deferred until tomorrow (Standing Order No. 41A).

(4) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Growth Duty: Statutory Guidance Refresh, which was laid before this House on 6 March, be approved.—(*Joy Morrissey.*)

Question agreed to.

10 Changes to membership of select committees

(1) *Ordered*, That Gavin Robinson be discharged from the European Scrutiny Committee and Sammy Wilson be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(2) *Ordered*, That Liz Twist be discharged from the Procedure Committee and Andrew Western be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

11 Public petitions

(1) A public petition from residents of Cornwall and Devon relating to Tamar Crossings tolls was presented and read by Mrs Sheryll Murray.

(2) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Walsall South relating to recommendations of the Infected Blood Inquiry was presented and read by Valerie Vaz.

(3) A public petition from residents of the United Kingdom relating to St Leonard's Catholic School was presented and read by Mary Kelly Foy.

12 Adjournment

Subject: Funding and governance of Derbyshire County Council (Mr Toby Perkins)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Joy Morrissey.*)

Adjourned at 7.35 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Explanatory Notes to Bills

13 British Nationality (Irish Citizens) Bill

Explanatory Notes to the Bill to be printed (Bill 202–EN).

Changes to Notices Given

14 Whistleblowing Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 26 April, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 7 June.

General Committees: Reports

15 First Delegated Legislation Committee

Ian Paisley (Chair) reported the draft Economic Growth (Regulatory Functions) (Amendment) Order 2024 and the draft Growth Duty: Statutory Guidance Refresh.

16 Second Delegated Legislation Committee

Christina Rees (Chair) reported the draft Criminal Justice 1988 (Offensive Weapons) (Amendment, Surrender and Compensation) Order 2024.

17 Third Delegated Legislation Committee

Dame Maria Miller (Chair) reported the draft Veterinary Medicines (Amendment etc.) 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).

18 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Economic Growth (Regulatory Functions) (Amendment) Order 2024 and draft Growth Duty: Statutory Guidance Refresh)

Members: Virginia Crosbie, Philip Dunne, Alexander Stafford and Giles Watling discharged and Peter Gibson, Mr David Jones, Joy Morrissey and Steve Tuckwell nominated in substitution.

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

Members: Chris Philp discharged and Tom Tugendhat nominated in substitution.

20 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Veterinary Medicines (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2024)

Members: Ruth Edwards discharged and Joy Morrissey nominated in substitution.

21 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Sea Fisheries (International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024)

Members: Paul Bristow, Ruth Edwards, Chris Loder and Sir Mark Spencer discharged and Andy Carter, Mrs Natalie Elphicke, Mark Jenkinson and Rebecca Pow nominated in substitution.

*Select Committees: Reports***22 Backbench Business Committee**

Transcript of representations made on Tuesday 23 April to be published (Bob Blackman).

23 Business and Trade Committee

(1) *The performance of freeports and investment zones in England*: Fourth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 272);

(2) *Export-led growth*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 289);

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Trade Policy relating to UK-Korea trade negotiations*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Industrial policy*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 440);

(5) *Post Office and Horizon – Compensation: follow-up*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 477)

(Liam Byrne).

24 Culture, Media and Sport Committee

(1) *British film and high-end television*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 157);

(2) *Grassroots music venues*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 527)

(Dame Caroline Dinenage).

25 Defence Committee

(1) *Ready for War?: Government Response to the Committee's First Report*: Fourth Special Report, to be printed (HC 714);

(2) *Defence in the grey zone*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 50);

(3) *Developing AI capacity and expertise in UK defence*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 429);

(4) *Service accommodation*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 55)

(Sir Jeremy Quin).

26 Education Committee

Disabled Students' Allowance: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 696) (Mr Robin Walker).

27 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

(1) *UK trade policy: food and agriculture*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 162);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Biosecurity, Animal Health and Welfare relating to the Border Target Operating Model*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Education and careers in land-based sectors*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 165);

(4) *Pet welfare and abuse*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 161);

(5) *Soil health*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 245);

(6) *Urban green spaces*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 164)

(Sir Robert Goodwill).

28 Finance Committee

Record of the Committee's decisions taken at its meeting on 23 April, to be published (Mrs Sharon Hodgson).

29 Health and Social Care Committee

(1) *Hospice funding*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 709);

(2) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to the Community Diagnostic Centre milestone and monthly National Health Service England statistics*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to the review of the statutory duty of candour in health and social care*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *NHS leadership, performance and patient safety*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 521);

(5) *Prevention in health and social care*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 141) (Steve Brine).

30 International Development Committee

(1) *The UK Small Island Developing States Strategy*: Fourth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 476);

(2) *The humanitarian situation in Sudan*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 710);

(3) *Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary relating to the shortages of medical supplies in Egypt*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Minister for Development and Africa relating to the Committee visit to Dominica and SIDS Conference*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with the Permanent Under-Secretary relating to the FCDO'S Supplementary Estimate Memorandum for 2023–24 and the Home Office's Official Development Assistance (ODA) spend*: Written evidence, to be published

(Sarah Champion).

31 Justice Committee

(1) *Work of the President of the Family Division*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 700);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Courts and Legal Services relating to civil and family proceedings fees*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Prisons, Parole and Probation relating to HMIP concerns*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to the Law Commission's recommendations on digital assets*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Probate*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 520)

(Sir Robert Neill).

32 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

Operation Kenova: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 671) (Sir Robert Buckland).

33 Transport Committee

(1) *Air traffic control disruption*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 242);

(2) *Volumetric concrete mixers*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 643)

(Iain Stewart).

34 Treasury Committee

Correspondence relating to Primary Markets Effectiveness Review: Written evidence received by the Sub-Committee, to be published (Dame Harriett Baldwin).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 9.30 am.

Business appointed by the Chairman of Ways and Means (Standing Order No. 10(6))

1 Minimum income thresholds for partner and spousal visas

Resolved, That this House has considered minimum income thresholds for partner and spousal visas.—(*Paul Blomfield*.)

2 Levels of household energy debt

Resolved, That this House has considered levels of household energy debt.—(*Kenny MacAskill*.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.26 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 Supply of lithium and other critical minerals

Resolved, That this House has considered the supply of lithium and other critical minerals.—(*Steve Double*.)

The sitting was suspended between 3.41 pm and 4 pm.

4 Roads and other transport infrastructure in Devon and Somerset

Resolved, That this House has considered roads and other transport infrastructure in Devon and Somerset.—(*Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger*.)

5 Future of rail manufacturing

Resolved, That this House has considered the future of rail manufacturing.—(*Grahame Morris*.)

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

Adjourned at 5.29 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Customs

Trade Remedies (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 545), dated 17 April 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Greg Hands)

2 Local Government

Borough of Thurrock (Scheme of Elections) Order 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 543), dated 22 April 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Simon Hoare)

3 Taxes

International Tax Compliance (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 544), dated 22 April 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Nigel Huddleston)

Other papers**4 Levelling Up, Housing and Communities**

Intergovernmental Relations Annual Report 2023 (by Command) (CP 1064) (Secretary Michael Gove)