



# House of Commons

Tuesday 30 April 2024

## Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to the Minister of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office**
- 2 Urgent Question: Port Talbot Steelworks (Secretary David T. C. Davies)**
- 3 Statement: Acquisition of Telegraph Media Group (Secretary Lucy Frazer)**
- 4 Tenant Farming Commissioner Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Tim Farron presented a Bill to establish a Tenant Farming Commissioner; to make provision about the powers and duties of the commissioner, including powers in respect of payments under an Environmental Land Management scheme in cases where a tenant farmer has been evicted; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 21 June, and to be printed (Bill 208).

- 5 Public amenities (adoption by local authorities): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)**

*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require local authorities to adopt public amenities in certain circumstances where specified minimum standards are met; and for connected purposes;

That Gareth Thomas, Bill Esterson, Yvonne Fovargue, Sir Stephen Timms, Matt Rodda, Anna McMorrin, Dame Diana Johnson, Clive Efford, Ruth Cadbury, Matt Western, Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi and Andy Slaughter present the Bill.

Gareth Thomas accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 21 June, and to be printed (Bill 209).

- 6 Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill: Programme (No. 3)**

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 17 May 2023 (Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill: Programme) as varied by the Order of 20 November 2023 (Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill: Programme (No. 2)):

*Consideration of Lords Amendments*

(1) Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion four hours after their commencement.

(2) The Lords Amendments shall be considered in the following order: Lords Amendments 9, 12, 13, 19, 26, 27, 28, 31, 32, 38, 104, 1 to 8, 10, 11, 14 to 18, 20 to 25, 29, 30, 33 to 37, 39 to 103 and 105 to 148.

*Subsequent stages*

(3) Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

(4) The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.—(*Mark Fletcher.*)

Question agreed to.

**7 Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill: Consideration of Lords Amendments**

The Deputy Speaker announced that Lords Amendments 35, 36, 42, 112, 117, 128 and 132 to 134 engaged financial privilege.

Lords Amendment 9

Motion made and Question put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 9.—(*Kevin Hollinrake.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 141

Ayes: 273 (Tellers: Mark Jenkinson, Robert Langan)

Noes: 159 (Tellers: Jeff Smith, Colleen Fletcher)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 9 accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendment 12

Motion made and Question put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 12.—(*Kevin Hollinrake.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 142

Ayes: 276 (Tellers: Mark Jenkinson, Robert Langan)

Noes: 161 (Tellers: Jeff Smith, Colleen Fletcher)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 12 accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendments 13 and 19 disagreed to.

Lords Amendment 26

Motion made and Question put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 26.—(*Kevin Hollinrake.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 143

Ayes: 274 (Tellers: Mark Jenkinson, Robert Langan)

Noes: 162 (Tellers: Jeff Smith, Colleen Fletcher)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 26 accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendments 27 and 28 disagreed to.

Lords Amendment 31

Motion made and Question put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 31.—(*Kevin Hollinrake.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 144

Ayes: 272 (Tellers: Mark Jenkinson, Robert Langan)

Noes: 162 (Tellers: Jeff Smith, Colleen Fletcher)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 31 accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendments 32 and 38 disagreed to.

Amendment (a) made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment 38.

Lords Amendment 104

Motion made and Question put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 104.—(*Kevin Hollinrake.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 145

Ayes: 273 (Tellers: Mark Jenkinson, Robert Langan)

Noes: 163 (Tellers: Jeff Smith, Colleen Fletcher)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 104 accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendments 1 to 8, 10, 11, 14 to 18, 20 to 25, 29, 30, 33 to 37, 39 to 103 and 105 to 148 agreed to, with Commons privilege waived in respect of Lords Amendments 35, 36, 42, 112, 117, 128 and 132 to 134.

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 9, 12, 13, 19, 26, 27, 28, 31, 32 and 104;

That Saqib Bhatti, Sir Chris Bryant, Colleen Fletcher, Kevin Hollinrake, Richard Thomson, Steve Tuckwell and Mike Wood be members of the Committee;

That Kevin Hollinrake be the Chair of the Committee;

That three be the quorum of the Committee;

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(*Paul Holmes.*)

Question agreed to.

## **8 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval**

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Combined Authorities (Finance) (Amendment) Regulations 2024, which were laid before this House on 21 March, be approved.—(*Paul Holmes.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Contracts for Difference (Sustainable Industry Rewards) Regulations 2024, which were laid before this House on 21 March, be approved.—(*Paul Holmes.*)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Goods Vehicles (International Road Transport Permits and Haulage Within the EU) Regulations 2024, which were laid before this House on 4 March, be approved.—(*Paul Holmes.*)

Question agreed to.

## 9 Changes to membership of select committees

(1) *Ordered*, That Apsana Begum and Kim Johnson be discharged from the Education Committee and Jess Phillips and Gen Kitchen be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggan, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(2) *Ordered*, That Adam Holloway be discharged from the European Scrutiny Committee and Paul Bristow be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggan, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(3) *Ordered*, That Maria Eagle and Karl Turner be discharged from the Justice Committee and Bambos Charalambous and Yasmin Qureshi be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggan, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

## 10 Public petitions

(1) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Linlithgow and East Falkirk relating to protection of the Amazon rainforest was presented and read by Martyn Day.

(2) A public petition from residents of the United Kingdom relating to popular uprising in Iran was presented and read by Caroline Nokes.

(3) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Strangford relating to recommendations of the Infected Blood Inquiry was presented and read by Jim Shannon.

(4) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Worcester relating to recommendations of the Infected Blood Inquiry was presented and read by Mr Robin Walker.

(5) A public petition from residents of the constituency of North East Fife relating to recommendations of the Infected Blood Inquiry was presented and read by Wendy Chamberlain.

(6) A public petition from residents of the United Kingdom relating to recommendations of the Infected Blood Inquiry was presented and read by Alex Davies-Jones.

(7) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Worsley and Eccles South relating to recommendations of the Infected Blood Inquiry was presented and read by Barbara Keeley.

## 11 Adjournment

Subject: Western Rail Link to Heathrow Airport (Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi)

*Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Paul Holmes.*)

Adjourned at 5.47 pm until tomorrow.

## Other Proceedings

### *Reasons Committees: Reports*

#### **12 Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill: Reasons Committee**

Kevin Hollinrake reported that the Committee had agreed the following Reasons:

Lords Amendments 12 and 13

Because it is clearer for proportionality to appear as a separate consideration in the countervailing benefits exemption.

Lords Amendments 9 and 19

Because it is appropriate for the CMA to be required to act proportionately in relation to conduct requirements and pro-competition interventions.

Lords Amendments 26, 27, 28, 31 and 32

Because it is appropriate for all appeals about the imposition of a penalty under Chapter 7 of Part 1 to be determined on the merits.

Lords Amendment 104

Because the protections for consumers in relation to secondary ticketing are adequately provided for under existing legislation (in particular Chapter 5 of Part 3 of the Consumer Rights Act 2015 and the Breaching of Limits on Ticket Sales Regulation 2018 (S.I. 2018/735)).

### *General Committees: Reports*

#### **13 Tobacco and Vapes Bill Committee**

Sir Gary Streeter (Chair) reported:

(i) 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; and

(ii) written evidence.

Written evidence to be published.

#### **14 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee**

Mr Laurence Robertson (Chair) reported the draft Immigration (Leave to Enter and Remain) (Amendment) 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).*

#### **15 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Immigration (Leave to Enter and Remain) (Amendment) Order 2024)**

Members: Dr Ben Spencer discharged and Greg Smith nominated in substitution.

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*Select Committees: Reports***16 Backbench Business Committee**

Transcript of representations made on Tuesday 30 April, to be published (Bob Blackman).

**17 Business and Trade Committee**

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

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Enterprise, Markets and Small Business*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Labour markets reform: Workers' rights and protections*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 703);

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

(5) *UK arms exports to Israel*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 690)  
(Liam Byrne).

**18 Education Committee**

*Children's social care*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 372) (Mr Robin Walker).

**19 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee**

(1) *Fairness in the food supply chain*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 160);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Biosecurity, Animal Health and Welfare relating to the introduction of new import controls*: Written evidence, to be published;

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

(4) *Work of the Department*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 163)

(Sir Robert Goodwill).

**20 Foreign Affairs Committee**

*The UK's international counter-terrorism policy*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 330)  
(Alicia Kearns).

**21 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)**

*Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care relating to the Tobacco and Vapes Bill*: Written evidence, to be published (Joanna Cherry).

**22 International Development Committee**

*Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to the humanitarian situation in Sudan*: Written evidence, to be published (Sarah Champion).

**23 Justice Committee**

(1) *Probate*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 520);

(2) *Correspondence from the Deputy Director, HM Prison and Probation Service, relating to the women's prison estate expansion programme*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to bail applications*: Written evidence, to be published;

- (4) *Regulation of the legal professions*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 266);  
(5) *The Coroner Service: follow-up*: Written evidence to be published (HC 490)  
(Sir Robert Neill).

#### 24 Petitions Committee

- (1) Record of the Committee's decisions relating to e-petitions, to be published;  
(2) List of closed e-petitions presented to the House, to be published  
(Cat Smith).

#### 25 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

- (1) *Lobbying and Influence: post-legislative scrutiny of the Lobbying Act 2014 and related matters*: Fourth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 203);  
(2) *Civil Service leadership and reform*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 201);  
(3) *Correspondence with the Minister for Housing and Homelessness relating to the publication of the Intergovernmental Relations Annual Transparency Report 1 January - 31 December 2023*: Written evidence, to be published;  
(4) *Correspondence with the Parliamentary Secretary for the Cabinet Office relating to the List of Ministerial Responsibilities*: Written evidence, to be published  
(Mr David Jones).

#### 26 Transport Committee

- (1) *Correspondence from Chief Executive Officer for the Office of Rail and Road relating to Euston Station*: Written evidence, to be published;  
(2) *Scrutiny of the draft Rail Reform Bill*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 584)  
(Iain Stewart).

#### 27 Treasury Committee

- (1) *Are the UK's Russian financial sanctions working?*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 604);  
(2) *Retail banks*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 220)  
(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 Glaucoma and community optometry

*Resolved*, That this House has considered glaucoma and community optometry.—(Jim Shannon.)

*The sitting was suspended between 10.20 am and 11 am.*

**2 Impact of import and export controls on the sport horse industry**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the impact of import and export controls on the sport horse industry.—(*Helen Morgan.*)

*The sitting was suspended between 11.21 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).*

**3 Khan Review on threats to social cohesion and democratic resilience**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the Khan Review on threats to social cohesion and democratic resilience.—(*Jonathan Gullis.*)

*The sitting was suspended between 3.48 pm and 4 pm.*

*The sitting was suspended between 4 pm and 5.10 pm for divisions in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).*

**4 Public understanding of life sentences**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered public understanding of life sentences.—(*Dr Kieran Mullan.*)

**5 Preventable sight loss**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered preventable sight loss.—(*Margaret Greenwood.*)

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

Adjourned at 6.27 pm until tomorrow.

*Eleanor Laing*

Chairman of Ways and Means

## Papers Laid

### Papers subject to Negative Resolution

**1 Electronic Communications**

Online Safety Act 2023 (Pre-existing Part 4B Services Assessment Start Day) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 571), dated 24 April 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Saqib Bhatti)

**2 Immigration**

Immigration (Guidance on Detention of Vulnerable Persons) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 573), dated 29 April 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary James Cleverly)

**3 Income Tax**

Special Tax Sites (Applicable Sunset Date) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 574), dated 29 April 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Nigel Huddleston)

**4 Town and Country Planning**

Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development etc.) (England) (Amendment) Order 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 579), dated 30 April 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Lee Rowley)

## Other papers

**5 HM Treasury**

HM Treasury Minute, dated 30 April 2024, concerning the notification of a contingent liability arising from the Asset Purchase Facility (by Command) (The Chancellor of the Exchequer)

**6 Immigration**

Immigration Act 2016: Draft Revised Guidance on adults at risk in immigration detention (by Act) (Secretary James Cleverly)

**7 Treaty Series No. 20 (2024)**

Agreement, done at Kigali on 5 December 2023, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Rwanda for the Provision of an Asylum Partnership to Strengthen Shared International Commitments on the Protection of Refugees and Migrants (by Command) (CP 1078) (David Rutley)

## SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

## VOTING BY PROXY (Standing Order No. 39A)

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

\* This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings relating to Wednesday 1 May 2024.

Member	From	To	Proxy
Jon Trickett	11 March	<b>13 May</b>	Ian Lavery
Mr William Wragg	26 April	25 July	Dame Jackie Doyle-Price
David Duguid	22 April	<b>14 June</b>	Mr Marcus Jones