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House of Commons

Tuesday 7 May 2024

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

1 Introduction of new Member

Christopher Paul Webb, Member for Blackpool South, was sworn.

2 Questions to the Chancellor of the Exchequer

3 Urgent Question: War in Gaza (Mr Andrew Mitchell)

4 Statement: Defence personnel data breach (Secretary Grant Shapps)

5 Motor vehicles (driving licences) (new drivers): 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 licences issued to new drivers for the period of six months after the issuing of the licence, for the purpose of increasing safety for road users; and for connected purposes;

That Kim Leadbeater, Tim Loughton, Alicia Kearns, Edward Timpson, Holly Lynch, Lilian Greenwood, Mr Barry Sheerman, Naz Shah and Mrs Paulette Hamilton present the Bill.

Kim Leadbeater accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 17 May, and to be printed (Bill 212).

6 Defence

Motion made and Question proposed,
That this House has considered defence.—
(*Secretary Grant Shapps.*)

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

Question put and agreed to.

7 Changes to membership of select committees

(1) *Ordered*, That Dr Dan Poulter be discharged from the Energy Security and Net Zero Committee and Dr Thérèse Coffey be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(2) *Ordered*, That Mrs Flick Drummond be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts and Richard Fuller be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

8 Public Petitions

(1) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Blaydon relating to the recommendations of the Infected Blood Inquiry was presented and read by Liz Twist.

(2) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Halifax relating to the recommendations of the Infected Blood Inquiry was presented and read by Holly Lynch.

(3) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Caerphilly relating to the recommendations of the Infected Blood Inquiry was presented and read by Wayne David.

9 Adjournment

Subject: Future funding for Tamar crossings
(Mrs Sheryll Murray)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—
(*Mark Fletcher.*)

Adjourned at 10.29 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Changes to Notices Given

10 Russian State Assets and Reconstruction of Ukraine Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 17 May, read and discharged.

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

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).

11Space Industry (Indemnities) Bill

Chair: Sir Philip Davies

12Strategic Litigation Against Public Participation Bill

Chair: Julie Elliott

13Unauthorised Entry to Football Matches Bill

Chair: Dame Maria Miller

14First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (Legal Aid: Domestic Abuse) (Amendment) Order 2024)

Chair: Derek Twigg

**15 Second Delegated Legislation Committee
(draft Representation of the People
(England and Wales and Northern Ireland)
(Amendment) Regulations 2024)**

Chair: Stewart Hosie

**16 Third Delegated Legislation Committee
(draft Management of Hedgerows (England)
Regulations 2024)**

Chair: Graham Stringer

**17 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee
(draft Armed Forces (Court Martial)
(Amendment) Rules 2024)**

(1) Chair: Judith Cummins

(2) Members: Dean Russell and Maggie Throup discharged and Katherine Fletcher and Paul Holmes nominated in substitution.

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

Friday 3 May

18European 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 Tuesday
7 May*

19Business and Trade Committee

(1) *Post Office and Horizon redress: Instruction to deliver: Government Response to the Committee's Third Report of Session 2023–24:* Fourth Special Report, to be printed (HC 738);

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

(3) *Correspondence with Royal Mail relating to counterfeit stamps:* Written evidence, to be published;

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

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

(Liam Byrne).

20Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

Vet shortages: Written evidence, to be published (HC 497) (Sir Robert Goodwill).

21Foreign Affairs Committee

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

(2) *Correspondence from the Permanent Under-Secretary relating to the lessons learned report following the Afghanistan crisis in 2021*: Written evidence, to be published

(Alicia Kearns).

22Health and Social Care Committee

(1) *Men's health*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 139);

(2) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the UK Health Security Agency relating to the Rosalind Franklin Laboratory*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence relating to NICE decision-making*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Future cancer*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 138);

(6) *Pharmacy*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 140)

(Steve Brine).

23 International Development Committee

(1) *Humanitarian situation in Gaza: Government Response to the Second Report of the Committee, Session 2023–24*: Second Special Report, to be printed (HC 747);

(2) *The FCDO's approach to sexual and reproductive health: Government Response to the First Report of the Committee, Session 2023–24*: Third Special Report, to be printed (HC 746);

(3) *FCDO and civil societies*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 613);

(4) *Alternative financing options for international development*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 614);

(5) *Correspondence with the Minister for Development and Africa relating to the role of consultants in food security programming*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *The UK Government's work on achieving SDG2: Zero Hunger*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 112)

(Sarah Champion).

24Justice Committee

(1) *Work of the County Court*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 414);

(2) *Correspondence from the Attorney General relating to the Chief Inspector of HMCPs Inspectorate*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Courts and Legal Services*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State relating to the legal*

aid means test review: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to the Illegal Migration Act*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to bail applications to the Crown Court*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Future prison population and estate capacity*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 266);

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

(9) *The Coroner Service: follow-up*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 490);

(10) *The regulation of the legal professions*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 266)

(Sir Robert Neill).

25Scottish Affairs Committee

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

(2) *City Region and Growth Deals*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 644);

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Crime, Policing and Fire relating to the firearms licensing consultation*: Written evidence, to be published;

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

(Pete Wishart).

26Transport Committee

(1) *Air traffic control disruption*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 252);

(2) *Scrutiny of the draft Rail Reform Bill*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 584);

(3) *Strategic transport objectives*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 84)

(Iain Stewart).

27Work and Pensions Committee

PHSO's report on women's State Pension age: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 740) (Sir Stephen Timms).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 11.30 am.

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

1 Costs associated with illegal immigration

Resolved, That this House has considered the costs associated with illegal immigration.—
(*Dame Andrea Jenkyns.*)

2 Provision of water safety education in schools

Resolved, That this House has considered the provision of water safety education in schools.—(*John Cryer.*)

The sitting was suspended between 1.27 pm and 4.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(2)(b)).

3 Provision of free school meals

Resolved, That this House has considered the provision of free school meals.—(*Munira Wilson.*)

4 Government support for repairs to the A226 Galley Hill Road

Resolved, That this House has considered Government support for repairs to the A226 Galley Hill Road.—(*Gareth Johnson.*)

The sitting was suspended between 6.25 pm and 6.30 pm.

5 Cyber security laws and tackling crime

Resolved, That this House has considered cyber security laws and tackling crime.—(*Sir Mark Hendrick.*)

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

Adjourned at 7.29 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers presented and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 3 May under Standing Orders No. 158 and No. 159:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Financial Services and Markets

Insurance and Reinsurance Undertakings (Prudential Requirements) (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 594), dated 1 May 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Bim Afolami)

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Tuesday 7 May

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

2 Broadcasting

Draft Local Digital Television Programme Services (Amendment) Order 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an

Impact Assessment (by Command) (Julia Lopez)

3 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism

Draft Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 (Risk of Being Drawn into Terrorism) (Revised Guidance) Regulations 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary James Cleverly)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

4 Agriculture

Official Controls (Establishment Lists) (Revocation) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 608), dated 7 May 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Steve Barclay)

5 Energy

Draft Modifications to the Smart Energy Code and the Conditions of the Smart Meter Communication Licences (Smart Meters No.1 of 2024) (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Claire Coutinho)

6 Local Government

Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 602), dated 3 May 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Simon Hoare)

7 Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages

Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages and Civil Partnerships (Fees and Records) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 598), dated 1 May 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary James Cleverly)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

VOTING BY PROXY (STANDING ORDER NO. 39A)

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

Member	From	To	Proxy
David Duguid	22 April	14 June	Dame Amanda Milling
Helen Grant	22 April	22 May	Dame Amanda Milling
John Howell	11 December 2023	10 July	Dame Amanda Milling
Stuart Anderson	10 April 2024	22 May	Dame Amanda Milling

CORRECTION

Thursday 2 May 2024

The following item should have appeared after item 6 (*Reports from Select Committees*):

Envrionmental Audit Committee

Sustainable timber and deforestation:
Written evidence, to be published
(HC 405) (Philip Dunne).