



House of Commons

Wednesday 8 May 2024

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 **Speaker's Statement: Sub judice rule (HMP Parc)**
- 2 **Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Wales
(2) the Prime Minister**
- 3 **Urgent Question: End of Custody Supervised Licence scheme: Extension (Edward Argar)**
- 4 **Statements: (1) Russia (Secretary James Cleverly)
(2) Passport eGates: Network outage (Tom Pursglove)**
- 5 **Medicines (Vitamin B12 Injections) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Jane Hunt, supported by Peter Aldous and Anthony Mangnall, presented a Bill to provide that vitamin B12 injections may be sold, supplied or administered by a registered pharmacist without a prescription; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 7 June, and to be printed (Bill 213).
- 6 **Assistance dogs and pavement parking: Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)**

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to remove exemptions from requirements to provide access or services to a person who is accompanied by an assistance dog; to make the undertaking of disability equality training in relation to assistance dogs a condition of holding a licence to drive a taxi or private hire vehicle; to prohibit the parking of motor vehicles on pavements and footpaths; and for connected purposes;

That Sir Bill Wiggin, Henry Smith, Greg Smith, James Gray, Selaine Saxby, Mr David Jones, Dame Tracey Crouch, Mr Mark Francois, Dr James Davies, Bob Blackman and Rachel Maclean present the Bill.

Sir Bill Wiggin accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 21 June, and to be printed (Bill 214).

7 Finance (No. 2) Bill (Clauses 1 to 4 and any new Clauses or new Schedules relating to the subject matter of those Clauses; Clauses 12 and 13, Clause 19 and any new Clauses or new Schedules relating to the subject matter of those Clauses): Committee of the whole House

The House resolved itself into a Committee (Programme Order, 17 April).

(In the Committee)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 4 agreed to.

New Clause NC1—(*James Murray*)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Division No. 146

Ayes: 211 (Tellers: Mary Glindon, Samantha Dixon)

Noes: 276 (Tellers: Mark Fletcher, Robert Lorgan)

Question negatived.

New Clause NC4—(*James Murray*)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Division No. 147

Ayes: 212 (Tellers: Mary Glindon, Samantha Dixon)

Noes: 274 (Tellers: Mark Fletcher, Robert Lorgan)

Question negatived.

Clause 12 (Charge and main rate for financial year 2025)

Question proposed, That Clause 12 stand part of the Bill.

8 Chair's Statement: Election of the Chair of the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

The Chair announced that Dame Jackie Doyle-Price had been elected as Chair of the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee (Standing Order No. 122B).

9 Finance (No. 2) Bill (Clauses 1 to 4 and any new Clauses or new Schedules relating to the subject matter of those Clauses; Clauses 12 and 13, Clause 19 and any new Clauses or new Schedules relating to the subject matter of those Clauses): Committee of the whole House (resumed)

The debate was resumed.

Question put, That Clause 12 stand part of the Bill.

Question agreed to.

Clauses 13 and 19 agreed to.

New Clause NC2—(*James Murray*)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Division No. 148

Ayes: 195 (Tellers: Mary Glindon, Samantha Dixon)

Noes: 266 (Tellers: Mark Fletcher, Mr Gagan Mohindra)

Question negatived.

New Clause NC3—(*James Murray*)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Division No. 149

Ayes: 198 (Tellers: Samantha Dixon, Mary Glindon)

Noes: 269 (Tellers: Mr Gagan Mohindra, Mark Fletcher)

Question negatived.

Bill (Clauses 1 to 4, Clauses 12 and 13 and Clause 19) to be reported without amendment.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Joy Morrissey reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill (Clauses 1 to 4, Clauses 12 and 13 and Clause 19) and made no amendments.

Bill (Clauses 1 to 4, Clauses 12 and 13, and Clause 19) to lie upon the Table.

10 Business of the House

Ordered, That, at the sitting on Monday 13 May, the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion in the name of Penny Mordaunt relating to Risk-Based Exclusion not later than two hours after the commencement of proceedings on that Motion; such Questions shall include the Questions on any Amendments selected by the Speaker which may then be moved; proceedings on that Motion may be entered upon and may continue, though opposed, after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(*Joy Morrissey*.)

11 Public petitions

(1) A public petition from residents of Torridge and West Devon relating to the road network in Torridge and West Devon was presented and read by Sir Geoffrey Cox.

(2) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Linlithgow and East Falkirk relating to the Youth Mobility Scheme was presented and read by Marty Day.

(3) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Gower relating to the recommendations of the Infected Blood Inquiry was presented and read by Tonia Antoniazzi.

12 Adjournment

Subject: Supporting communities on the East Devon coastline (Richard Foord)

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

Adjourned at 6.07 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

13 Strategic Litigation Against Public Participation Bill Committee

Julie Elliott (Chair) reported the Bill as amended.

Bill, as amended, to be considered on Friday 7 June; and to be printed (Bill 216).

14 Unauthorised Entry to Football Matches Bill Committee

Dame Maria Miller (Chair) reported the Bill as amended.

Title amended as follows: A Bill to create an offence of unauthorised entry at football matches for which a football banning order can be imposed following conviction.

Bill, as amended, to be considered on Friday 7 June; and to be printed (Bill 215).

15 Space Industry (Indemnities) Bill Committee

Sir Philip Davies (Chair) reported the Bill without amendment.

Bill, not amended, to be considered on Friday 17 May.

16 First Delegated Legislation Committee

Derek Twigg (Chair) reported the draft Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (Legal Aid: Domestic Abuse) (Amendment) Order 2024.

17 Second Delegated Legislation Committee

Stewart Hosie (Chair) reported the draft Representation of the People (England and Wales and Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2024.

18 Third Delegated Legislation Committee

Graham Stringer (Chair) reported the draft Management of Hedgerows (England) Regulations 2024.

19 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee

Judith Cummins (Chair) reported the draft Armed Forces (Court Martial) (Amendment) Rules 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).

20 Unauthorised Entry to Football Matches Bill Committee

Members: Dr Kieran Mullan discharged and Peter Gibson nominated in substitution.

21 Community and Suspended Sentences (Notification of Details) Bill Committee

Members: Caroline Ansell, Tonia Antoniazzi, Edward Argar, Alun Cairns, Sarah Champion, Theo Clarke, Tim Farron, Ruth Jones, Ben Lake, Marco Longhi, Robin Millar, Andrew Rosindell, David Simmonds, Sir Gary Streeter, Catherine West, Mrs Heather Wheeler and Beth Winter

22 Courts (Remote Hearings) Bill Committee

Members: Nickie Aiken, Andy Carter, Allan Dorans, Peter Dowd, Laura Farris, Jo Gideon, Andrew Gwynne, Jane Hunt, Dr Caroline Johnson, Andrew Jones, Mike Kane, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Jim Shannon, David Simmonds, Alistair Strathern, Graham Stringer and Steve Tuckwell

23 Football Governance Bill Committee

Members: Stuart Andrew, Shaun Bailey, Simon Baynes, Mr Clive Betts, Ian Byrne, Brendan Clarke-Smith, Damian Collins, Tracey Crouch, Anna Firth, Chris Green, Rachel Hopkins, Robin Millar, Navendu Mishra, Stephanie Peacock, Matt Rodda, Jeff Smith and Mike Wood

24 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Carbon Capture Revenue Support (Directions, Eligibility and Counterparty) Regulations 2024 and draft Carbon Dioxide Transport and Storage Revenue Support (Directions and Counterparty) Regulations 2024)

Members: Olivia Blake, Andrew Bowie, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Dawn Butler, Virginia Crosbie, Richard Drax, Mark Fletcher, Mr Louie French, Fabian Hamilton, Imran Hussain, Andrew Jones, Jack Lopresti, Paul Scully, Jeff Smith, Alexander Stafford, Craig Tracey and Dr Alan Whitehead

25 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Product Safety and Metrology etc. (Amendment) Regulations 2024)

Members: Rushanara Ali, Stella Creasy, Marsha De Cordova, Samantha Dixon, George Eustice, Vicky Ford, Gordon Henderson, Kevin Hollinrake, Rebecca Long Bailey, Anne Marie Morris, Naz Shah, Royston Smith, John Spellar, Alexander Stafford, Shailesh Vara, Mike Wood and Sir Jeremy Wright

26 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft International Monetary Fund (Increase in Subscription) Order 2024)

Members: Debbie Abrahams, Bim Afolami, Tonia Antoniazzi, Richard Burgon, Michael Fabricant, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Kim Johnson, Robert Langan, Jerome Mayhew, James Morris, Jill Mortimer, John Penrose, Tulip Siddiq, Graham Stuart, Sir Desmond Swayne, Sam Tarry and Matt Vickers

27 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Securitisation (Amendment) Regulations 2024)

Members: Bim Afolami, Tonia Antoniazzi, Jon Cruddas, Dame Jackie Doyle-Price, Rosie Duffield, Barry Gardiner, Margaret Greenwood, Trudy Harrison, Sir John Hayes, Paul Howell, Dame Diana Johnson, Robert Langan, Andrew Lewer, David Morris, Will Quince, Tulip Siddiq and Jane Stevenson

*Select Committees: Reports***28 Business and Trade Committee**

Labour markets reform: workers' rights and protections: Written evidence, to be published (HC 703) (Liam Byrne).

29 Culture, Media and Sport Committee

(1) *Grassroots music venues*: Seventh Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 527);

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

(3) *The work of the BBC*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 472)

(Dame Caroline Dinéage).

30 Education Committee

(1) *Teacher recruitment, training and retention*: Second Report, with an Appendix, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 119);

(2) *Delivering effective financial education*: Third Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 265)

(Mr Robin Walker).

31 Energy Security and Net Zero Committee

(1) *Energy bills for domestic customers*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 299);

(2) *A flexible grid for the future*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 113);

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

(4) *Economics of the energy sector*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 609);

(5) *Net zero and trade*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 610)

(Angus Brendan MacNeil).

32 Environmental Audit Committee

The UK and the Antarctic environment: Oral and written evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Polar Research, to be published (HC 381) (James Gray).

33 European Scrutiny Committee

(1) Seventh Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 166-vi);

(2) *Negotiations with the European Union in respect of Gibraltar*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 170)

(Sir William Cash).

34 Health and Social Care Committee

(1) *Assisted Dying/Assisted Suicide: Government Response to the Committee's Second Report*: Third Special Report, to be printed (HC 744);

(2) *Prevention in Health and Social Care: Healthy Places: Government Response to the Committee's First Report*: Fourth Special Report, to be printed (HC 745);

(3) *Future Cancer: NICE Medicines Appraisal (Enhertu)*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 739)

(Steve Brine).

35 Procedure Committee

Written Parliamentary Questions: Departmental performance in Session 2022–23: Second Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 676) (Dame Karen Bradley).

36 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *Delivering value from government investment in major projects*: Thirty-second Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 456);

(2) *Preparations to extend childcare entitlements for working parents in England*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 657);

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

(4) *Decarbonising home heating*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 653);

(5) *Progress in implementing Universal Credit*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 458) (Dame Meg Hillier).

37 Science, Innovation and Technology Committee

(1) *UK astronomy*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 329);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Science, Research and Innovation*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Governance of artificial intelligence*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 38) (Greg Clark).

38 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

Twentieth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 36-xx) (Jessica Morden).

39 Statutory Instruments (Select Committee on)

Eleventh Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 35-xi) (Jessica Morden).

40 Transport Committee

Scrutiny of the Draft Rail Reform Bill: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 584) (Iain Stewart).

41 Treasury Committee

(1) *Work of the Financial Conduct Authority*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 210);

(2) *Are the UK's Russian financial sanctions working?*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 604)

(Dame Harriett Baldwin).

42 Welsh Affairs Committee

- (1) *Metal mine pollution in Wales*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 715);
- (2) *Correspondence with the Welsh Government relating to the loan to the Welsh Rugby Union*: Written evidence, to be published
(Stephen Crabb).

43 Women and Equalities Committee

- (1) *Non-consensual intimate image abuse*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 664);
- (2) *The rights of older people*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 132)
(Caroline Nokes).

44 Work and Pensions Committee

- (1) *Devolution of employment support*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 623);
- (2) *Back to Work Plan*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 679);
- (3) *Carer's Allowance*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 592);
- (4) *Correspondence with DWP Permanent Secretary relating to State Pension underpayments — divorce*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) *Disability employment*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 591);
- (6) *Norton pension schemes and the Fraud Compensation Fund*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 145)
(Sir Stephen Timms).

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 Government policy on the recognition of Western Sahara as Moroccan

Resolved, That this House has considered Government policy on the recognition of Western Sahara as Moroccan.—(*Daniel Kawczynski*.)

2 Road safety and headlight glare

Resolved, That this House has considered road safety and headlight glare.—(*Martin Vickers*.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.25 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 Countering hostile activities by Iran

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the matter of countering hostile activities by Iran.—(*Dame Margaret Hodge.*)

The sitting was suspended between 3.26 pm and 3.49 pm for divisions in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of countering hostile activities by Iran.

4 Universal postal service order in Rhondda constituency

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the universal postal service order in Rhondda constituency.—(*Sir Chris Bryant.*)

The sitting was suspended between 4.40 pm and 5.03 pm for divisions in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

Resolved, That this House has considered the universal postal service order in Rhondda constituency.

5 Government funding for transport in the West Midlands

Resolved, That this House has considered Government funding for transport in the West Midlands.—(*Rachel Maclean.*)

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

Adjourned at 6.15 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Licenses and Licensing

Draft Licensing Act 2003 (UEFA European Football Championship Licensing Hours) Order 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary James Cleverly)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Police

Ministry of Defence Police (Conduct, Performance and Appeals Tribunals) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 603), dated 2 May 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Leo Docherty)

3 Sanctions

Somalia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 609), dated 7 May 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (David Rutley)

Other papers

4 Civil Aviation

Explanatory Memorandum to the Aviation Security (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 590) (by Command) (Secretary Mark Harper)

5 Coroners and Justice

Annual Report of the Chief Coroner to the Lord Chancellor for 2023 (by Act) (Secretary Alex Chalk)

6 Fire and Rescue Services

Report by His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services on State of Fire and Rescue: Annual Assessment of Fire and Rescue Services in England for 2023 (by Act) (Clerk of the House)

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Election for Chair of the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee: Results (The Speaker)

8 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department for Work and Pensions: Investigation into the Pensions Dashboards Programme for 2024 (by Act), to be printed (HC 732) (Clerk of the House)

9 Treaty Series No. 24 (2024)

Free Trade Agreement, done at London on 31 January 2019, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Kingdom of Denmark in respect of the Faroe Islands (by Command) (CP 1076) (David Rutley)

10 Treaty Series No. 26 (2024)

Amendment, adopted at the 4th Conference of the Parties Bali, 21–25 March 2022, to Annex A of the Minamata Convention on Mercury (by Command) (CP 1079) (David Rutley)

Withdrawn papers

11 Civil Aviation

Explanatory Memorandum to the Aviation Security (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 590) (laid 2 May)