



House of Commons

Thursday 25 July 2024

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

1 Questions to the Minister for the Cabinet Office

2 Business Question (Leader of the House)

3 Great British Energy Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Secretary Ed Miliband, supported by the Prime Minister, Secretary Angela Rayner, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Jonathan Reynolds, Secretary Peter Kyle, Secretary Hilary Benn, Secretary Ian Murray, Secretary Jo Stevens, and Secretary Steve Reed, presented a Bill to make provision about Great British Energy.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 5) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 5–EN).

4 High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Secretary Louise Haigh, supported by the Prime Minister, Secretary Angela Rayner, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Secretary Steve Reed, presented a Bill to make provision for a railway between a junction with Phase 2a of High Speed 2 south of Crewe in Cheshire and Manchester Piccadilly Station; for a railway between Hoo Green in Cheshire and a junction with the West Coast Main Line at Bamfurlong, south of Wigan; and for connected purposes.

Bill deemed to have been read the first and second time and committed to a select committee without Question put (Order, 20 June 2022, in the last Parliament); and to be printed (Bill 6) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 6–EN).

5 Supply and Appropriation (Main Estimates) Bill: Second and Third Reading (Standing Order No. 56)

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

Question agreed to and Bill accordingly read a second time.

Motion made and Question put forthwith, That the Bill be now read the third time.

Question agreed to and Bill accordingly read the third time, and passed.

6 Criminal Law

Motion made and Question put, That the draft Criminal Justice Act 2003 (Requisite and Minimum Custodial Periods) Order 2024, which was laid before this House on 17 July, be approved.—(*Secretary Shabana Mahmood.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 5

Ayes: 323 (Tellers: Gerald Jones, Keir Mather)

Noes: 81 (Tellers: Mike Wood, Joy Morrissey)

Question agreed to.

7 Business of the House (Today)

Ordered, That at today's sitting the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motions in the name of Lucy Powell relating to (i) Code of Conduct and Guide to the Rules and (ii) Modernisation Committee not later than two hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order, or at 5 pm, whichever is the later; such Questions shall include the Questions on any Amendments selected by the Speaker which may then be moved; proceedings on those Motions may continue, though opposed, after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(*Jeff Smith.*)

8 Code of Conduct and Guide to the Rules

Motion made and Question proposed, That, with effect from 25 October 2024, paragraph 2 of Chapter 4 of the Guide to the Rules relating to the conduct of Members be amended to leave out:

"a) advice on public policy and current affairs;

b) advice in general terms about how Parliament works; and"—(*Lucy Powell.*)

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

Question put and agreed to.

9 Modernisation Committee

Ordered, That—

(1) There shall be a Select Committee, to be called the Modernisation Committee, to consider reforms to House of Commons procedures, standards, and working practices; and to make recommendations thereon;

(2) The Committee shall consist of not more than 14 Members, of which 4 will be the quorum of the Committee;

(3) Members shall be nominated to the Committee by a motion in the name of the Leader of the House;

(4) Unless the House otherwise orders, each Member nominated to the Committee shall continue to be a member of it for the remainder of the Parliament;

(5) The Committee shall have power to send for persons, papers and records; to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House; to adjourn from place to place; to report from time to time; and to appoint specialist advisers either to supply information which is not readily available or to elucidate matters of complexity within the Committee's order of reference;

(6) That this Order be a Standing Order of the House until the end of the present Parliament.—(*Lucy Powell.*)

10 Adjournment

Subject: Convention on Biological Diversity (Barry Gardiner)

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Gen Kitchen.*)

House adjourned without Question put (Standing Order No 9(7)).

Adjourned at 5.31 pm until tomorrow.

Sir Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Local Government

(1) Draft Gloucestershire (Electoral Changes) Order 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (The Speaker)

(2) Draft Surrey (Electoral Changes) Order 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (The Speaker)

Other papers

2 Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning

Report and Accounts of the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 183) (Secretary Bridget Phillipson)

3 Atomic Energy Authority

Report and Accounts of the UK Atomic Energy Authority for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 175) (Secretary Ed Miliband)

4 Care

Report and Accounts of the Health Research Authority for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 37) (Andrew Gwynne)

5 Charities

Accounts of the Official Custodian for Charities for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 177) (Stephanie Peacock)

6 Coal Industry

Report and Accounts of the Coal Authority for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 16) (Secretary Ed Miliband)

7 Constitutional Reform

Report and Accounts of the Judicial Appointments Commission for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 102) (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)

8 Energy

Statement of the Nuclear Decommissioning Funding Account for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 87) (Secretary Ed Miliband)

9 Government Resources and Accounts

(1) Report and Accounts of the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 38) (Secretary Steve Reed)

(2) Report and Accounts of the Legal Aid Agency for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 97) (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)

(3) Report and Accounts of the Rural Payments Agency for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 36) (Secretary Steve Reed)

(4) Report and Accounts of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority Pension Schemes for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 43) (James Murray)

10 Government Trading Funds

Report and Accounts of the Met Office for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 141) (Clerk of the House)

11 Health and Social Care

Report and Accounts of the Care Quality Commission for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 159) (Andrew Gwynne)

12 Higher Education and Research

Report and Accounts of the Office for Students for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 181) (Secretary Bridget Phillipson)

13 Human Fertilisation and Embryology

Report and Accounts of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 174) (Clerk of the House)

14 Human Tissue

Report and Accounts of the Human Tissue Authority for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 110) (Clerk of the House)

15 National Health Service

- (1) Report and Accounts of Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust for 2023–24 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)
- (2) Report and Accounts of Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust for 2023–24 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)
- (3) Report and Accounts of Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust for 2023–24 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)
- (4) Report and Accounts of Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for 2023–24 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)
- (5) Report and Accounts of Somerset NHS Foundation Trust for 2023–24 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)
- (6) Report and Accounts of the NHS Business Services Authority for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 39) (Karin Smyth)
- (7) Report and Accounts of The Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn NHS Foundation Trust for 2023–24 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)
- (8) Report and Accounts of The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust for 2023–24 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)
- (9) Report and Accounts of Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust for 2023–24 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)

16 National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions

- (1) Professional Standards Authority Business Plan 2024–2025 (by Act) (Andrew Gwynne)
- (2) Report and Accounts of the Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 40) (Andrew Gwynne)

17 National Loans

Report and Accounts of the Public Works Loan Board for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 199) (James Murray)

18 Public Records

Report and Accounts of The National Archives for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 71) (James Murray)

19 Railways

Report and Accounts of Transport Focus for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 165) (Secretary Louise Haigh)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

MONEY BILL

Supply and Appropriation (Main Estimates) Bill

The Speaker has certified that the Supply and Appropriation (Main Estimates) Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.