

Tuesday 5 November 2024

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Justice
- 2 Urgent Question: Connectivity issues (late cancellation of flights) (Mike Kane)
- 3 Tobacco and Vapes Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Secretary Wes Streeting, supported by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Yvette Cooper, Secretary Shabana Mahmood, Secretary Jonathan Reynolds, Secretary Hilary Benn, Secretary Ian Murray, Secretary Bridget Phillipson, Secretary Jo Stevens, Secretary Steve Reed and Andrew Gwynne, presented a Bill to make provision about the supply of tobacco, vapes and other products, including provision prohibiting the sale of tobacco to people born on or after 1 January 2009 and provision about the licensing of retail sales and the registration of retailers; to enable product and information requirements to be imposed in connection with tobacco, vapes and other products; to control the advertising and promotion of tobacco, vapes and other products; and to make provision about smoke-free places, vape-free places and heated tobacco-free places.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 121) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 121–EN).

4 Poly and perfluorinated alkyl substances (guidance): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the Chief Inspector of Drinking Water to issue guidance to water companies on poly and perfluorinated alkyl substances in drinking water; and for connected purposes;

That Munira Wilson, Tim Farron, Alex Sobel, James MacCleary, Alberto Costa, Edward Morello, Ellie Chowns, Sarah Olney, Ruth Cadbury, David Chadwick, Cameron Thomas and Mr Joshua Reynolds present the Bill.

Munira Wilson accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 24 January 2025, and to be printed (Bill 120).

Ways and Means: Income Tax (Charge): Adjourned debate on the Question proposed on 30 October

Debate resumed (Order, 4 November).

Question again proposed, That income tax is charged for the tax year 2025-26.

And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968.

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

Ordered, That the debate be now adjourned.—(Gerald Jones.)

Debate to be resumed tomorrow.

6 Adjournment

Subject: NHS dentistry in rural areas (Sarah Gibson)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Gerald Jones.)

Adjourned at 7.29 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

7 Renters' Rights Bill Committee

* This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings relating to Thursday 21 November 2024.

Sir Roger Gale (Chair) reported:

- (1) written evidence submitted to the Committee; and
- (2) the Bill, as amended.

Written evidence to be published.

Bill, as amended, to be considered tomorrow; and to be printed (Bill 127).

8 First Delegated Legislation Committee

Graham Stringer (Chair) reported the draft Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Enforcement Regulations 2024.

9 Second Delegated Legislation Committee

Carolyn Harris (Chair) reported the draft Pensions (Abolition of Lifetime Allowance Charge etc) (No. 3) Regulations 2024.

10 Third Delegated Legislation Committee

Peter Dowd (Chair) reported the draft Online Safety Act 2023 (Priority Offences) (Amendment) Regulations 2024.

11 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee

Andrew Rosindell (Chair) reported the draft Franchising Schemes (Franchising Authorities) (England) 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).

12 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Enforcement Regulations 2024)

Members: Ms Stella Creasy discharged and Andrew Cooper nominated in substitution.

13 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Pensions (Abolition of Lifetime Allowance Charge etc) (No. 3) Regulations 2024)

Members: Mr Louie French and Neil O'Brien discharged and Joy Morrissey and Ben Obese-Jecty nominated in substitution.

14 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Online Safety Act 2023 (Priority Offences) (Amendment) Regulations 2024)

Members: Alison Griffiths discharged and Harriet Cross nominated in substitution.

15 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Franchising Schemes (Franchising Authorities) (England) Regulations 2024)

Members: Helen Whately discharged and Gareth Bacon nominated in substitution.

16 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Barnsley and Sheffield (Boundary Change) Order 2024)

Members: Stuart Anderson discharged and Joy Morrissey nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

17 Backbench Business Committee

Transcript of representations made on Tuesday 5 November, to be published (Bob Blackman).

18 Business and Trade Committee

- (1) Post Office Horizon scandal: Fast and fair redress: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 341);
- (2) Correspondence from the Minister for Employment Rights, Competition and Markets: Written evidence, to be published

(Liam Byrne).

19 Culture, Media and Sport Committee

The work of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport: Written evidence, to be published (HC 330) (Dame Caroline Dinenage).

20 Defence Committee

One-off session on defence spending: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 327) (Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi).

21 Education Committee

- (1) Correspondence from the Secretaries of State for Education and for Work and Pensions relating to the Child Poverty Strategy: Written evidence, to be published;
- (2) Correspondence with the Secretary of State: Written evidence, to be published (Helen Hayes).

22 Foreign Affairs Committee

- (1) Correspondence with the Minister for the Constitution and European Union Relations relating to UK-EU relations: Written evidence, to be published;
- (2) Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to the FCDO's contribution to the Government's EU agenda: Written evidence, to be published (Emily Thornberry).

23 Home Affairs Committee

- (1) Correspondence from the Minister for Migration and Citizenship relating to a Gaza Family Scheme: Written evidence, to be published;
- (2) Correspondence from the Minister for Policing, Fire and Crime Prevention: Written evidence, to be published

(Dame Karen Bradley).

24 Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

- (1) Children in temporary accommodation: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 338);
- (2) HM Land Registry Main Estimate Memorandum 2024–25: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government Main Estimate Memorandum 2024–25 and accompanying tables: Written evidence, to be published (Florence Eshalomi).

25 Justice Committee

- * This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings relating to Tuesday 26 November 2024.
- (1) Correspondence from the Chief Executive of the Legal Services Board relating to Axiom Ince: Written evidence, to be published;
- (2) Correspondence from the Minister for Courts and Legal Services relating to legal aid means testing: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) Correspondence from the Minister for Prisons, Parole and Reducing Reoffending: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary relating to legal challenges to infrastructure projects: Written evidence, to be published

(Andy Slaughter).

26 Petitions Committee

* This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings relating to Monday 18 November 2024.

Record of the Committee's decisions relating to e-petitions, to be published (Jamie Stone).

27 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

- (1) Cabinet Office Main Estimate Memorandum 2024–25: Written evidence, to be published;
- (2) Civil Superannuation Main Estimate Memorandum 2024–25: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman Main Estimate Memorandum 2024–25: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) Royal Mail Statutory Pension Scheme Main Estimate Memorandum 2024–25: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) UK Statistics Authority Main Estimate Memorandum 2024–25: Written evidence, to be published

(Simon Hoare).

28 Scottish Affairs Committee

- (1) Correspondence with the Secretaries of State for Energy Security and Net Zero and for Scotland relating to the Grangemouth oil refinery: Written evidence, to be published;
- (2) Scotland Office and the Office of the Advocate General Main Estimate Memorandum 2024–25: Written evidence, to be published

(Patricia Ferguson).

29 Transport Committee

- (1) Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport: Written evidence, to be published;
- (2) Correspondence from the Secretaries of State for Business and Trade, for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, and for Transport relating to the launch of the Office of Trade Sanctions Implementation: Written evidence, to be published (Ruth Cadbury).

30 Treasury Committee

Budget 2024: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 320) (Dame Meg Hillier).

Sir Lindsay Hoyle
Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 11 am.

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

1 Inequalities faced by women in the north of England

Resolved, That this House has considered inequalities faced by women in the north of England.—(Mary Kelly Foy.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.28 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

2 Future of fishing after 2026

Resolved, That this House has considered the future of fishing after 2026.—(Rupert Lowe.)

The sitting was suspended between 3.45 pm and 4 pm.

3 Government support for Scotland's architectural heritage

Resolved, That this House has considered Government support for Scotland's architectural heritage.—(*Torcuil Crichton.*)

The sitting was suspended between 4.25 pm and 4.30 pm.

4 Funding for policing

Resolved, That this House has considered funding for policing.—(Alex Easton.) Sitting adjourned without Question put (Standing Order No. 10(14)).

Adjourned at 5.30 pm until tomorrow.

Ms Nusrat Ghani

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Broadcasting

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

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Agriculture

Feed Additives (Authorisations) and Uses of Feed Intended for Particular Nutritional Purposes (Amendment of Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/354) (England) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 1101), dated 4 November 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Andrew Gwynne)

3 Government Resources and Accounts

Whole of Government Accounts (Designation of Bodies) Order 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 1095), dated 4 November 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Darren Jones)

4 Government Trading Funds

Royal Mint Trading Fund (Extension and Variation) (Amendment) Order 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 1094), dated 1 November 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Darren Jones)

Other papers

5 Government Resources and Accounts

Report and Accounts of the Veterinary Medicines Directorate for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 259) (Secretary Steve Reed)

6 Parliamentary Standards

Report and Accounts of the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 288) (The Speaker)

ECCLESIASTICAL COMMITTEE

The Speaker has nominated the following Members to serve on the Ecclesiastical Committee during this Parliament pursuant to section 2(2) of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919:

Catherine Atkinson, Juliet Campbell, Tom Collins, Jonathan Davies, Marsha De Cordova, Patricia Ferguson, Zöe Franklin, Danny Kruger, Luke Myer, Dr Al Pinkerton, David Smith, Rebecca Smith, Sarah Smith, Dan Tomlinson and Martin Vickers.