



House of Commons

Monday 25 November 2024

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

- 1 **Questions to the Home Secretary**
- 2 **Tributes to Lord Prescott**
- 3 **Urgent Question: Israel-Gaza conflict: Arrest warrants (Hamish Falconer)**
- 4 **Statement: Storm Bert (Secretary Steve Reed)**
- 5 **Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers and Private Schools) Bill: Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, That the Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers and Private Schools) Bill be now read a second time.

Amendment proposed, to leave out from 'That' to the end of the Question and add 'this House observes that the Autumn Budget 2024 has cut central Government funding for retail, hospitality and leisure business rate relief in 2025–26, and that this Government funding will end completely in 2026–27; expresses concern that the Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers and Private Schools) Bill represents a stealth increase in business rates on high streets and the hospitality sector, as well as on larger businesses, on top of the Government's increases in National Insurance contributions; regrets the lack of a proper cumulative impact assessment on the effect on business; notes that the removal of charitable rate relief on independent schools, taken together with the imposition of VAT, will mean fewer children going to private schools and will therefore create extra pressure on state schools, will undermine aspiration and parental choice, and mean larger class sizes in state schools and increased costs for taxpayers; and therefore declines to give a Second Reading to the Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers and Private Schools) Bill.'—
(*Kevin Hollinrake.*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Division No. 46

Ayes: 173 (Tellers: Greg Smith, James Wild)

Noes: 335 (Tellers: Anna Turley, Keir Mather)

Question negatived.

Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 62(2)), That the Bill be now read a second time.

The House divided.

Division No. 47

Ayes: 336 (Tellers: Anna Turley, Keir Mather)

Noes: 175 (Tellers: Greg Smith, James Wild)

Question agreed to and Bill read a second time.

6 **Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers and Private Schools) Bill: Programme**

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers and Private Schools) Bill:

Committal

(1) The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee

(2) Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Tuesday 17 December 2024.

(3) The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

Consideration and Third Reading

(4) Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.

(5) Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.

(6) Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading.

Other proceedings

(7) Any other proceedings on the Bill may be programmed.—(*Chris Elmore.*)

Question agreed to.

7 **Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers and Private Schools) Bill: Money**

King's Recommendation signified.

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 52(1)(a)), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers and Private Schools) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act making provision about multipliers in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided.—(*Chris Elmore.*)

Question agreed to.

8 **Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers and Private Schools) Bill: Ways and Means**

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 52(1)(a)), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers and Private Schools) Bill, it is expedient to authorise any increase in the sums payable into the Consolidated Fund resulting from:

(1) multipliers that are up to 0.1 higher than the relevant non-domestic rating multiplier;

(2) the removal of charitable relief for private schools.—(*Anna McMorris.*)

Question agreed to.

9 Proxy Voting

Ordered, That the following change be made to Standing Order No. 39A: leave out subparagraph 2(c) and insert:

"(c) complications related to childbirth or pregnancy, miscarriage, baby loss or extended absence for fertility treatment;"—(*Lucy Powell*.)

10 Statutory instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Act 2023 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2024, which was laid before this House on 17 October, be approved.—(*Anna McMorrin*.)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Judicial Pensions (Amendment) Regulations 2024, which were laid before this House on 15 October, be approved.—(*Anna McMorrin*.)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (Amendment of Schedule A2) Order 2024, which was laid before this House on 17 October, be approved.—(*Anna McMorrin*.)

Question agreed to.

11 Changes to membership of select committees

(1) *Ordered*, That Bob Blackman and Alberto Costa be members of the Administration Committee.—(*Jessica Morden, on behalf of the Committee of Selection*.)

(2) *Ordered*, That Steve Barclay and Dr Andrew Murrison be members of the Finance Committee.—(*Jessica Morden, on behalf of the Committee of Selection*.)

(3) *Ordered*, That Sir Desmond Swayne be a member of the Joint Committee on Human Rights.—(*Jessica Morden, on behalf of the Committee of Selection*.)

(4) *Ordered*, That Dame Karen Bradley and Sir Julian Lewis be members of the Joint Committee on the National Security Strategy.—(*Jessica Morden, on behalf of the Committee of Selection*.)

(5) *Ordered*, That John Lamont be a member of the Petitions Committee.—(*Jessica Morden, on behalf of the Committee of Selection*.)

(6) *Ordered*, That Rosie Duffield and Shivani Raja be members of the Women and Equalities Committee.—(*Jessica Morden, on behalf of the Committee of Selection*.)

12 Adjournment

Subject: Impact of relocating homeless families outside London (Grahame Morris)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Anna McMorrin*.)

Adjourned at 10.31 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

13 First Delegated Legislation Committee

Carolyn Harris (Chair) reported the draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Ombudsman Scheme) (Fees) Regulations 2024.

14 Second Delegated Legislation Committee

Sir Roger Gale (Chair) reported the draft Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) 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 Employment Rights Bill Committee

Chairs: Sir Christopher Chope, David Mundell, Graham Stringer and Valerie Vaz

16 Employment Rights Bill Committee (Programming Sub-Committee)

Members: Steve Darling, Sir Ashley Fox, Preet Kaur Gill, Dame Nia Griffith, Anna McMorrin, Justin Madders and Laurence Turner

17 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Ombudsman Scheme) (Fees) Regulations 2024)

Chair: Carolyn Harris

18 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2024)

Chair: Sir Roger Gale

Members: David Reed discharged and Charlie Dewhurst nominated in substitution.

19 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Medical Devices (Post-market Surveillance Requirements) (Amendment) (Great Britain) Regulations 2024)

Chair: Clive Efford

Members: Adam Thompson discharged and Linsey Farnsworth nominated in substitution.

20 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Persistent Organic Pollutants (Amendment) Regulations 2024)

Chair: Sir Roger Gale

Members: Charlotte Cane discharged and Ben Maguire nominated in substitution.

- 21 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2025)**
Chair: Martin Vickers
- 22 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Aviation Safety (Amendment) Regulations 2024)**
Chair: Dr Rupa Huq
- 23 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Human Medicines (Amendment) (Modular Manufacture and Point of Care) Regulations 2024)**
Chair: Mr Clive Betts
- 24 Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Information Sharing (Disclosure by the Registrar) Regulations 2024)**
Chair: Dame Siobhain McDonagh
- 25 Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging and Packaging Waste) Regulations 2024)**
Chair: Mark Pritchard
Members: Aphra Brandreth discharged and Rebecca Paul nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

- 26 Public Accounts (Committee of)**
- (1) *NHS financial sustainability*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 350);
- (2) *Correspondence from the Chief Executive and First Permanent Secretary of HM Revenue and Customs relating to Securing our Technical Future, Critical Platform Transformation Programmes and Technical Health Programme*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Correspondence from the Chief Executive of Ofwat relating to the publication of Monitoring Financial Resilience and Executive Pay reports*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) *Correspondence from the Economic Secretary to the Treasury relating to the NatWest group share sale*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) *Correspondence from the Minister for Skills relating to the Local Government Pension Scheme guarantee for further education bodies in the statutory sector*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (6) *Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary of the Department for Work and Pensions relating to the implementation of Universal Credit*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (7) *Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary of the Home Office*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (8) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Business and Trade relating to UK Export Finance support for air defence exports to Poland*: Written evidence, to be published;

(9) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport relating to the development and co-production of the National Youth Strategy: Written evidence, to be published*

(Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown).

Sir Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 4.30 pm.

Debate on an e-petition (Standing Orders No. 10(1)(a) and No. 145A(7))

1 **Holidays during school term time**

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petition 658365 relating to holidays during school term time.—(Dave Robertson.)

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

Adjourned at 5.23 pm until tomorrow.

Ms Nusrat Ghani

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers presented and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 22 November under Standing Orders No. 158 and No. 159

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 **National Health Service**

Health and Care Act 2022 (Further Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 1205), dated 21 November 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Karin Smyth)

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 25 November

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

2 Environmental Protection

Draft Deposit Scheme for Drinks Containers (England and Northern Ireland) Regulations 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Steve Reed)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

3 Sea Fisheries

Thames Estuary Cockle Fishery (No. 2) Order 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 1211), dated 22 November 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Steve Reed)

4 Social Security

(1) State Pension Debits and Credits (Revaluation) Order 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 1208), dated 21 November 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Emma Reynolds)

(2) State Pension Revaluation for Transitional Pensions Order 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 1209), dated 21 November 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Emma Reynolds)

5 Local Authorities

* This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings relating to Tuesday 26 November 2024.

Local Authorities (Rental Auctions) (England) and Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 1139), dated 7 November 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Alex Norris)

Other papers

6 Energy

Explanatory Memorandum to the Draft Core Fuel Sanctions Guidance under section 286 of the Energy Act 2023 (by Command) (Michael Shanks) (laid 13 November)

7 Government Trading Funds

Explanatory Memorandum to the Meteorological Office Trading Fund (Maximum Borrowing) (Amendment) Order 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 1170), dated 14 November 2024 (by Command) (Feryal Clark)

8 Local Authorities

Explanatory Memorandum to the Local Authorities (Rental Auctions etc.) and Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 1139), dated 7 November 2024 (by Command) (Alex Norris)

9 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department of Health and Social Care and NHS England: Investigation into the NHS dental recovery plan (by Act), to be printed (HC 308) (Clerk of the House)

10 UK Infrastructure Bank

Report and Accounts of National Wealth Fund Limited (formerly known as UK Infrastructure Bank Limited) for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 473) (Darren Jones)

Withdrawn papers**11 Government Trading Funds**

Explanatory Memorandum to the Meteorological Office Trading Fund (Maximum Borrowing) (Amendment) Order 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 1170) (laid 18 November)

12 Local Authorities

Explanatory Memorandum to the Local Authorities (Rental Auctions etc.) and Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (laid 11 November)