



House of Commons

Thursday 5 December 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 Statement: Plan for Change: Milestones for mission-led government (Pat McFadden)

4 Backbench Business

(1) Detained British nationals abroad

Resolved, That this House is concerned by the number of arbitrarily detained British nationals at risk of human rights abuses abroad and the apparent lack of active support for those detained; and calls on the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office to provide regular reports on when it last raised the cases of those people with its international counterparts.—(*Sir Iain Duncan Smith.*)

(2) Improving public transport

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of improving public transport.—(*Sarah Dyke.*)

5 Adjournment

Subject: Detention of Alaa Abd El-Fattah (John McDonnell)

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

At 5 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 9(3)).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Jeff Smith.*)

Adjourned at 5.14 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

6 Employment Rights Bill Committee

Sir Christopher Chope (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

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).

7 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Search, Seizure and Detention of Property: Code of Practice) (Northern Ireland) Order 2024)

Members: Clive Lewis and Matt Vickers discharged and Josh Fenton-Glynn and Alicia Kearns nominated in substitution.

8 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Ivory Act 2018 (Meaning of “Ivory” and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024)

Members: Jayne Kirkham discharged and Ben Coleman nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

9 Backbench Business Committee

Determination of business to be taken on Thursday 12 December and Tuesday 17 December in Westminster Hall and Thursday 19 December in the Chamber (Bob Blackman).

10 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

Correspondence with the Northern Ireland Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs: Written evidence, to be published (Tonia Antoniazzi).

11 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *DWP Customer Service and Accounts 2023–24*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 354);

(2) *Asylum accommodation: Home Office acquisition of former HMP Northeye*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 361)

(Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown).

12 Standards (Committee on)

Bob Stewart: First Report, with Appendices, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 455) (Alberto Costa).

Sir Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 1.30 pm.

Business determined by the Backbench Business Committee (Standing Orders No. 10(7) and No. 14(4))

1 Pelvic mesh and the Cumberlege Review

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered pelvic mesh and the Cumberlege Review.—(*Chris Vince.*)

At 3 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

2 Financial sustainability of higher education

Resolved, That this House has considered the financial sustainability of higher education.—(*Adam Thompson.*)

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

Adjourned at 3.59 pm until Monday 9 December.

Ms Nusrat Ghani

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Defence

Draft Armed Forces (Court Martial) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Luke Pollard)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Income Tax

Designation of Special Tax Sites (Anglesey Freeport) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 1286), dated 4 December 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (James Murray)

3 Tribunals and Inquiries

First-tier Tribunal and Upper Tribunal (Chambers) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 1285), dated 2 December 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)

Other papers

4 Prime Minister's Office: 10 Downing Street

Plan for Change: Milestones for mission-led government (by Command) (CP 1210) (The Prime Minister)

5 Education and Inspections

Report of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills for 2023–24 (by Act), to be printed (HC 397) (Catherine McKinnell)

6 Government Resources and Accounts

Report and Accounts of The Great Britain-China Centre for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 434) (Catherine West)

7 Housing and Regeneration

Report and Accounts of the Regulator of Social Housing for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 424) (Secretary Angela Rayner)

8 Water Industry

Security and Emergency Measures (Water and Sewerage Undertakers and Water Supply Licensees) (Amendment and Revocation) Direction 2024 (by Act) (Secretary Steve Reed)