



House of Commons

Wednesday 11 December 2024

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 **Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Wales
(2) the Prime Minister**
- 2 **Statements: (1) International collaboration on border security (Secretary Yvette Cooper)
(2) Puberty suppressing hormones (Secretary Wes Streeting)**

3 **Deferred Divisions**

The Deputy Speaker announced the results of the Division which had been deferred to this day (Standing Order No. 41A).

Trade

That the draft Movement of Goods (Northern Ireland to Great Britain) (Animals, Feed and Food, Plant Health etc.) (Transitory Provision and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024, which were laid before this House on 28 October, be approved.

Division No. 63

Ayes: 375

Noes: 9

Question agreed to.

4 **Theft of tools of trade (sentencing): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)**

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision about sentencing for theft in relation to the theft of tools of trade; and for connected purposes;

That Amanda Martin, Ms Stella Creasy, Margaret Mullane, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Jodie Gosling, Dr Allison Gardner, Laurence Turner, Shaun Davies, Gurinder Singh Josan, Darren Paffey, Chris Bloore and Mark Ferguson present the Bill.

Amanda Martin accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 25 April 2025, and to be printed (Bill 143).

5 Finance Bill (Clauses 7 to 12 and Schedules 1 and 2, Clauses 15 to 18 and Schedule 3, Clauses 47 to 49 and Clauses 50 to 53, and any new Clauses or new Schedules relating to the subject matter of those Clauses and Schedules): Committee of the whole House (second day)

The House again resolved itself into a Committee (Programme Order, 27 November).

(In the Committee)

Clause 47 (Removal of exemption for private school fees)

Question put, That Clause 47 stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Division No. 64

Ayes: 338 (Tellers: Gerald Jones, Martin McCluskey)

Noes: 170 (Tellers: Rebecca Paul, Paul Holmes)

Question agreed to.

Clause 48 (Charge on pre-paid private school fees)

Question put, That Clause 48 stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Division No. 65

Ayes: 332 (Tellers: Martin McCluskey, Gerald Jones)

Noes: 170 (Tellers: Rebecca Paul, Paul Holmes)

Question agreed to.

Clause 49 agreed to.

New Clause NC8—(*Mel Stride*)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The Committee divided.

Division No. 66

Ayes: 167 (Tellers: Rebecca Paul, Paul Holmes)

Noes: 329 (Tellers: Gerald Jones, Martin McCluskey)

Question negatived.

Clause 50 agreed to.

Clauses 51 to 53 agreed to.

New Clause NC6—(*James Wild*)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The Committee divided.

Division No. 67

Ayes: 105 (Tellers: Rebecca Paul, Greg Smith)

Noes: 314 (Tellers: Gerald Jones, Kate Dearden)

Question negatived.

New Clause NC7—(*James Wild*)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The Committee divided.

Division No. 68

Ayes: 104 (Tellers: Rebecca Paul, Greg Smith)

Noes: 313 (Tellers: Kate Dearden, Gerald Jones)

Question negatived.

Bill (Clauses 7 to 12 and Schedules 1 and 2, Clauses 15 to 18 and Schedule 3, Clauses 47 to 49 and Clauses 50 to 53) to be reported.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Keir Mather reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill (Clauses 7 to 12 and Schedules 1 and 2, Clauses 15 to 18 and Schedule 3, Clauses 47 to 49 and Clauses 50 to 53) and made no amendments.

Clauses and Schedules to lie upon the Table.

6 Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament

Ordered, That Peter Dowd, Richard Foord, Sir John Hayes, Jessica Morden, Derek Twigg and Sir Jeremy Wright be appointed to the Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament under Section 1 of the Justice and Security Act 2013.—(*Lucy Powell.*)

7 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Environmental Permitting (Electricity Generating Stations) (Amendment) Regulations 2024, which were laid before this House on 30 October, be approved.—(*Keir Mather.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Search, Seizure and Detention of Property: Code of Practice) (Northern Ireland) Order 2024, which was laid before this House on 31 October, be approved.—(*Keir Mather.*)

Question agreed to.

8 Adjournment

Subject: Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects and local road networks (Calum Miller)

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

At 7 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 9(3)).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Keir Mather.*)

Adjourned at 7.10 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

9 Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers and Private Schools) Bill Committee

Dr Rupa Huq (Chair) reported:

(1) That the Committee had come to the following Resolution, That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication; and

(2) written evidence.

Written evidence to be published.

10 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee

Carolyn Harris (Chair) reported the draft Ivory Act 2018 (Meaning of “Ivory” and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024.

11 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee

Clive Efford (Chair) reported the draft Road Transport (International Passenger Services) (Amendment) 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 Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill Committee

Members: Jack Abbott, Lewis Atkinson, Juliet Campbell, Bambos Charalambous, Daniel Francis, Tom Gordon, Sarah Green, Rachel Hopkins, Sojan Joseph, Stephen Kinnock, Danny Kruger, Kim Leadbeater, Kit Malthouse, Sarah Olney, Dr Simon Opher, Rebecca Paul, Jake Richards, Sarah Sackman, Liz Saville Roberts, Naz Shah, Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst, Dr Marie Tidball and Sean Woodcock

13 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Recognition of Professional Qualifications and Implementation of International Recognition Agreements (Amendment) (Extension to Switzerland etc.) Regulations 2024)

Members: Mr Douglas Alexander, Alex Baker, Dame Harriett Baldwin, Paula Barker, Daisy Cooper, Paul Davies, Helena Dollimore, Kirith Entwistle, Alison Griffiths, Claire Hughes, Leigh Ingham, Clive Jones, Clive Lewis, Anna McMorris, Greg Smith, Nick Smith and Martin Vickers

14 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Asian Development Bank (Thirteenth Replenishment of the Asian Development Fund) Order 2024 and draft Inter-American Investment Corporation (Further Payments to Capital Stock) Order 2024)

Members: Dr Beccy Cooper, Neil Coyle, Ms Stella Creasy, Anneliese Dodds, Maya Ellis, Mark Ferguson, Alan Gemmell, Lincoln Jopp, Brian Mathew, Calum Miller, Dr Andrew Murrison, Andrew Rosindell, Naz Shah, Mr Andrew Snowden, Kirsteen Sullivan, Anna Turley and Matt Turmaine

15 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Local Digital Television Programme Services (Amendment) Order 2024)

Members: Sadik Al-Hassan, Saqib Bhatti, Nesil Caliskan, Vicky Foxcroft, Zöe Franklin, Mr Louie French, Gill German, Tom Hayes, Laura Kyrke-Smith, Edward Morello, Connor Naismith, Samantha Niblett, Matthew Patrick, Stephanie Peacock, Joe Robertson, Gregory Stafford and Elaine Stewart

16 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Road Transport (International Passenger Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2024)

Members: Joy Morrissey discharged and Mr Gagan Mohindra nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

17 Culture, Media and Sport Committee

- (1) *British film and high-end television 2*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 328);
- (2) *Creative artists in Afghanistan*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 329);
- (3) *The future of the BBC World Service*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 529) (Dame Caroline Dinenage).

18 Energy Security and Net Zero Committee

- (1) *Work of the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 396);
- (2) *Correspondence from the Department*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Retrofitting homes for net zero*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 453) (Bill Esterson).

19 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

- (1) *The future of farming*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 527);
- (2) *Correspondence with the Bakers, Food and Allied Workers Union Parliamentary Group relating to food security*: Written evidence, to be published (Mr Alistair Carmichael).

20 Environmental Audit Committee

The UK and the Antarctic environment: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 499) (Mr Toby Perkins).

21 Health and Social Care Committee

- (1) *10 Year Health Plan*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 386);
- (2) *Food Standards Agency Main Estimate Memorandum 2024–25*: Written evidence, to be published
- (Layla Moran).

22 International Development Committee

Pre-appointment hearing: Chief Commissioner of the Independent Commission for Aid Impact:

- (i) First Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 448);
- (ii) Oral evidence, to be published (HC 448)
- (David Mundell).

23 Liaison Committee

Dame Meg Hillier reported:

- (1) That she had been chosen as Chair of the Committee;
- (2) *Correspondence with the Prime Minister relating to his appearances before the Committee*: Written evidence, to be published.

24 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

Ninth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 291-xi) (Sir Bernard Jenkin).

25 Scottish Affairs Committee

Salmon farming: growth and sustainability: Written evidence, to be published (HC 442) (Patricia Ferguson).

26 Transport Committee

Rail services and infrastructure: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 445) (Ruth Cadbury).

27 Treasury Committee

Work of the Office for Value for Money: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 521) (Dame Meg Hillier).

28 Welsh Affairs Committee

- (1) *HMP Parc*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 513);
- (2) *The impact of the Budget on Wales*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 440) (Ruth Jones).

29 Women and Equalities Committee

(1) *Rights of older people*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 414);

(2) *Tackling non-consensual intimate image abuse*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 336)

(Sarah Owen).

Sir 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 support for the explosive ordnance disposal community

Resolved, That this House has considered Government support for the explosive ordnance disposal community.—(*Helen Maguire*.)

The sitting was suspended between 10.52 am and 11 am.

2 Dental healthcare provision in East Anglia

Resolved, That this House has considered dental healthcare provision in East Anglia.—(*Jerome Mayhew*.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.29 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 Responsibilities of housing developers

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the responsibilities of housing developers.—(*Robbie Moore*.)

The Chair announced a time limit on backbench speeches (under the authority of the Chairman of Ways and Means and Standing Order No. 47(1)).

Resolved, That this House has considered the responsibilities of housing developers.

4 Financial inclusion in rural areas

Resolved, That this House has considered financial inclusion in rural areas.—(*Anna Sabine*.)

The sitting was suspended between 4.23 pm and 4.30 pm.

5 Future of rail services in Devon

The sitting was suspended between 4.42 pm and 5.20 pm for divisions in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

Resolved, That this House has considered the future of rail services in Devon.—(*Steve Race*.)

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

Adjourned at 5.57 pm until tomorrow.

Ms Nusrat Ghani

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Local Government

Draft Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority Regulations 2025, and accompanying Report under section 20 of the Levelling-Up and Regeneration Act 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jim McMahon)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Housing

Housing (Right to Buy or Acquire) (Designated Rural Areas etc.) (England) Order 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 1309), dated 9 December 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Matthew Pennycook)

3 Immigration

Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 1313), dated 10 December 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

4 Local Government

(1) Draft Canterbury (Electoral Changes) Order 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (The Speaker)

(2) Draft Thurrock (Electoral Changes) Order 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (The Speaker)

(3) Draft Walsall (Electoral Changes) Order 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (The Speaker)

5 Medicines

Medicines (Gonadotrophin-Releasing Hormone Analogues) (Restrictions on Private Sales and Supplies) Order 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 1319), dated 11 December 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Wes Streeting)

Other papers**6 Agriculture**

UK Food Security Report 2024 (by Act) (Secretary Steve Reed)

7 Competition

Explanatory Memorandum to the Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Act 2024 and Consumer Rights Act 2015 (Turnover and Control) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 1243) (by Command) (Justin Madders)

8 Immigration

Report on United Kingdom Labour Market Enforcement for 2020–23 (by Act) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

9 Justice

(1) 10-Year Prison Capacity Strategy (by Command) (CP 1219) (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)

(2) Annual Statement on Prison Capacity 2024 (by Command) (CP 1220) (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)

10 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department for Transport: Public chargepoints for electric vehicles (by Act), to be printed (HC 379) (Clerk of the House)

11 National Lottery etc

Account of the Sports Council for Northern Ireland Lottery Distribution for the year ended 31 March 2018, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 516) (Clerk of the House)

12 Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation)

Report and Accounts of the Independent Commission for Reconciliation and Information Recovery for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 371) (Clerk of the House)

13 Social Security Administration

Account of the Social Fund for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 451) (Clerk of the House)

14 UK Borders

Report of the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration: An inspection of the Immigration Enforcement Competent Authority: January–June 2024 (by Act) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

Withdrawn papers

15 Competition

Explanatory Memorandum to the Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Act 2024 and Consumer Rights Act 2015 (Turnover and Control) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 1243) (laid 3 December)

16 Local Government

Draft Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority Regulations 2025, and accompanying Report under section 20 of the Levelling-Up and Regeneration Act 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (laid 26 November)