



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday 5 November 2020

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 **Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport
(2) the Attorney General**
- 2 **Urgent Question: Impact of new coronavirus regulations on the ability of terminally ill adults to travel abroad for an assisted death (Secretary Matt Hancock)**
- 3 **Business Question (Leader of the House)**
- 4 **Statements: (1) Economy update (Chancellor of the Exchequer)
(2) UK terrorism threat level (James Brokenshire)**

5 **Plastic Pollution Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Mr Alistair Carmichael, supported by Caroline Lucas, Dr Matthew Offord, Wera Hobhouse, Ben Lake, Lloyd Russell-Moyle, Stephen Timms, Chris Loder and Geraint Davies, presented a Bill to set targets for the reduction of plastic pollution; to require the Secretary of State to publish a strategy and annual reports on plastic pollution reduction; to establish an advisory committee on plastic pollution; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 29 January 2021, and to be printed (Bill 207).

6 **Backbench business**

(1) Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme

Resolved, That this House believes the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme is not adequately fulfilling its role for SMEs across the UK; and urges Government intervention to ensure that all businesses are provided with the financial support they need.—(*Owen Thompson*.)

(2) The UK Government's role in ensuring innovation and equitable access to treatment within the international COVID-19 response

Resolved, That this House has considered the UK Government's role in ensuring innovation and equitable access to treatment within the international COVID-19 response.—(*Wendy Chamberlain*.)

7 Adjournment

Subject: Offshore wind transmission connections (Duncan Baker)

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

At 5.00 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 9(3)).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*James Morris.*)

Adjourned at 5.27 pm until Monday 9 November.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

8 Environment Bill Committee

Sir George Howarth (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

9 Pension Schemes Bill [Lords] Committee

Mr Laurence Robertson (Chair) reported

(1) written evidence submitted to the Committee; and

(2) the Bill, with amendments.

Written evidence to be published.

Bill, as amended, to be considered on Monday 9 November; and to be printed (Bill 208).

10 Tenth Delegated Legislation Committee

Mr Philip Hollobone (Chair) reported the draft Sanctions (EU Exit) (Consequential Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations 2020.

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).

11 Forensic Science Regulator and Biometrics Strategy Bill Committee

Chair: Ms Angela Eagle

12 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Defence and Security Public Contracts (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020)

Chair: Sir David Amess

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- 13 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Pesticides (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 and draft Persistent Organic Pollutants (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020)**
Chair: Steve McCabe
- 14 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Definition of Qualifying Northern Ireland Goods (EU Exit) Regulations 2020)**
Chair: Mrs Maria Miller
- 15 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Non-Domestic Rating (Rates Retention, Levy and Safety Net and Levy Account: Basis of Distribution) (Amendment) Regulations 2020)**
Chair: Rushanara Ali
- 16 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Electronic Communications and Wireless Telegraphy (Amendment) (European Electronic Communications Code and EU Exit) Regulations 2020)**
Chair: Dr Rupa Huq
- 17 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Environment and Wildlife (Miscellaneous Amendments etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020)**
Chair: Philip Davies
- 18 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Organic Products (Production and Control) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 and draft Genetically Modified Organisms (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020)**
Chair: Peter Dowd
- 19 Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020)**
Chair: Mr Philip Hollobone
- 20 Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Road Vehicles and Non-Road Mobile Machinery (Type-Approval) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, draft New Heavy Duty Vehicles (Carbon Dioxide Emission Performance Standards) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 and draft Road Vehicle Carbon Dioxide Emission Performance Standards (Cars and Vans) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020)**
Chair: Christina Rees

Reports from Select Committees

- 21 Backbench Business Committee**
Determination of business to be taken on Thursday 12 November in the Chamber and on Thursday 19 November in Westminster Hall (Ian Mearns).
- 22 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee**
(1) *Forced labour in UK value chains*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 890);
(2) *Correspondence with Rt Hon. Gordon Brown relating to the BiFab contract*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Post-pandemic economic growth: Levelling up – local and regional structures and the delivery of economic growth*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 675);

(4) *UK Emissions Trading System Common Framework*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 890)

(Darren Jones).

23 Petitions Committee and Women and Equalities Committee

Black history and cultural diversity in the curriculum: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 893) (Catherine McKinnell).

24 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *COVID-19: Bounce Back Loans*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 687);

(2) *Department for Transport recall*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 850);

(3) *Home Office recall*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 678)

(Meg Hillier).

25 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

Data transparency and accountability: COVID-19: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 803) (Mr William Wragg).

26 Welsh Affairs Committee

Brexit and trade: implications for Wales: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 176) (Stephen Crabb).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 1.30 pm.

Business determined by the Backbench Business Committee (Standing Orders Nos. 10(7) and 14(4))

1 Effect of the COVID-19 outbreak on people experiencing baby loss

Resolved, That this House has considered the effect of the COVID-19 outbreak on people experiencing baby loss.—(Cherilyn Mackrory.)

Liaison Committee business (Standing Order No. 10(7))

2 COVID-19 and food supply

Resolved, That this House has considered the First Report of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee, COVID-19 and food supply, HC 263, and the Government response, HC 841.—(Neil Parish.)

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

Adjourned at 4.22 pm until Monday 9 November.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Education

Education (Student Fees, Awards and Support etc.) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1203), dated 3 November 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Michelle Donelan)

2 Electricity

Electricity Storage Facilities (Exemption) (England and Wales) Order 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1217), dated 4 November 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Kwasi Kwarteng)

3 Local Government

Local Authorities (Collection Fund: Surplus and Deficit) (Coronavirus) (England) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1202), dated 3 November 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Luke Hall)

4 London Government

Greater London Authority (Consolidated Council Tax Requirement Procedure) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1206), dated 3 November 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Luke Hall)

Other papers

5 Climate Change

Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme Order 2020 (laid 13 July) (by Command) (Secretary Alok Sharma)

6 Companies

Report on Auditors General for 2019–20 by the Independent Supervisor (by Act), to be printed (HC 817) (Secretary Alok Sharma)

7 Coroners and Justice

Sixth Report, for 2018–19, and Seventh Report, for 2019–20, of the Chief Coroner to the Lord Chancellor (by Act) (Secretary Robert Buckland)

8 Criminal Injuries Compensation

Report and Accounts of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 719) (Secretary Robert Buckland)

9 Exiting the European Union (Sanctions)

Explanatory Memorandum to the Sanctions (EU Exit) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 4) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 951) (laid 8 September) (by Command) (Nigel Adams)

10 Financial Services and Markets

Report and Accounts of the Financial Ombudsman Service for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 758) (John Glen)

11 Government Resources and Accounts

(1) Consolidated Report and Accounts of Department for Education for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 865) (Jesse Norman)

(2) Report and Accounts of HM Revenue and Customs for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 891) (Jesse Norman)

(3) Report and Accounts of the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 929) (Jesse Norman)

(4) Report and Accounts of Revenue and Customs Digital Technology Services for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 828) (Jesse Norman)

12 Housing and Regeneration

Report and Financial Statements of Homes England for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 866) (Secretary Robert Jenrick)

13 Income Tax

Explanatory Memorandum to the Coronavirus Life Assurance Scheme (Northern Irish Scheme) (Excluded Benefits for Tax Purposes) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1198) (laid 3 November) (by Command) (John Glen)

14 Local Government Finance

(1) Levy Account for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 802) (Secretary Robert Jenrick)

(2) Main Non-Domestic Rating Account for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 801) (Secretary Robert Jenrick)

15 National Heritage

Report and Accounts of the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 846) (Secretary George Eustice)

 Withdrawn papers
16 Climate Change

Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme Order 2020 (laid 13 July)

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SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

Voting by proxy

***1. New pandemic proxy voting arrangements**

The Speaker has certified, under the terms of the Standing Order (Voting by proxy), as amended by the temporary Orders of 23 September 2020 (Proxy voting during the pandemic) and 3 November 2020 (Proxy voting during the pandemic (No. 2)) and extended by the Order of 22 October 2020, that the Members listed in the table below are eligible to have a proxy vote cast on their behalf by the nominated proxies listed in the table below, starting on the dates specified below and ending on Tuesday 30 March 2021, unless the arrangement is ended or the House otherwise orders.

* This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings from 11 November 2020 for details.

Member	From	Proxy
Dawn Butler	09 November 2020	Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Lia Nici	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Martin Vickers	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Chris Skidmore	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Florence Eshalomi	09 November 2020	Chris Elmore
Andrea Jenkyns	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Mr Laurence Robertson	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Craig Williams	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
John Lamont	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Jane Hunt	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Victoria Atkins	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew

Robert Buckland	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Scott Benton	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Matt Hancock	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Daniel Kawczynski	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Nadhim Zahawi	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Chris Philp	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Nicola Richards	23 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Judith Cummins	09 November 2020	Chris Elmore
Karen Bradley	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Alexander Stafford	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Ms Nadine Dorries	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Kemi Badenoch	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Oliver Dowden	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Michael Gove	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Vicky Ford	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Mike Hill	09 November 2020	Chris Elmore
Matt Warman	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
David Mundell	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
James Cleverly	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Nick Smith	09 November 2020	Chris Elmore
Wendy Morton	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Gillian Keegan	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Julie Marson	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Alun Cairns	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Chris Clarkson	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Jesse Norman	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Shabana Mahmood	09 November 2020	Chris Elmore
Alex Burghart	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
George Freeman	09 November 2020	Bim Afolami
Emma Hardy	09 November 2020	Chris Elmore
Ben Bradley	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Nigel Adams	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Helen Whately	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Kit Malthouse	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Stuart C McDonald	09 November 2020	Patrick Grady

Sir Robert Neill	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Robert Jenrick	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Dr Thérèse Coffey	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Rachel Maclean	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Mr Robert Goodwill	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Richard Drax	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Julia Lopez	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Dr Luke Evans	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Elizabeth Truss	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
James Duddridge	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Rebecca Long Bailey	09 November	Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Kwasi Kwarteng	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
James Daly	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Caroline Dinenage	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Nigel Mills	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Mr Jack Alister	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Jacob Young	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Andrew Rosindell	09 November 2020	Rebecca Harris
Nigel Huddleston	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Damian Hinds	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Jeremy Quin	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Mark Eastwood	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Grant Shapps	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Brendan Clarke-Smith	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
George Eustice	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Jane Stevenson	09 November 2020	Stuart Andrew

2. Variation of existing pandemic proxy voting arrangements

The Speaker has certified, under the terms of the Standing Order (Voting by proxy), as amended by the temporary Orders of 23 September 2020 (Proxy voting during the pandemic) and 3 November 2020 (Proxy voting during the pandemic (No. 2)) and extended by the Order of 22 October 2020, that the following Members have given notice that they wish to amend their proxy voting arrangement. From 9 November: the nominated proxy for Geraint Davies will be Chris Evans instead of Dawn Butler; the nominated proxy for Kate Osborne will be Bell Ribeiro-Addy instead of Chris Elmore;

the nominated proxy for Jon Trickett will be Bell Ribeiro-Addy instead of Dawn Butler;
and

the nominated proxy for Ian Lavery will be Bell Ribeiro-Addy instead of Kate Osborne.

3. Ending pandemic proxy voting arrangements

The Speaker has certified, under the terms of the Standing Order (Voting by proxy), as amended by the temporary Orders of 23 September 2020 (Proxy voting during the pandemic) and 3 November 2020 (Proxy voting during the pandemic (No. 2)) and extended by the Order of 22 October 2020, that the following Member has given notice that she wishes to end her proxy voting arrangement with effect from when the Speaker takes the Chair on the date specified below:

Member	From
Debbie Abrahams	9 November 2020

CORRECTION

Monday 2 November 2020

The Speaker's Certificate relating to the variation of an existing pandemic proxy voting arrangement should not have appeared.