



House of Commons

Monday 25 October 2021

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

2 Speaker's Statement: Announcements to the House and to the media

3 Urgent Questions: (1) NHS England funding (Edward Argar)

(2) Afghan Citizens' Resettlement Scheme (Victoria Atkins)

(3) Arrest of the Sudanese Prime Minister (Vicky Ford)

(4) Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe (James Cleverly)

4 Social Media Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Rehman Chishti presented a Bill to make provision about hate speech on social media; to require social media platforms to verify the identity of their users; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 14 January 2022, and to be printed (Bill 173).

5 Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill: Second Reading

Bill read a second time.

6 Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill: Programme

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) 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 18 November 2021.

(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.—(*Amanda Solloway*.)

Question agreed to.

7 Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill: Money

Queen'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 Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill, it is expedient to authorise:

(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase in expenditure in the sums payable under other Acts out of money so provided, where that increase is attributable to:

(a) any provision of the Act relating to primates;

(b) any power in the Act to apply such provision to other animals; and

(2) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund.—(*Amanda Solloway*.)

Question agreed to.

8 Draft Online Safety Bill (Joint Committee) (Power to travel outside the United Kingdom)

Ordered, That the Order of the House of 21 July 2021 appointing a Select Committee to join with a Committee of the Lords to consider and report on the draft Online Safety Bill (CP 405) be amended by leaving out the words "to adjourn from place to place within the United Kingdom" and inserting the words "to adjourn from place to place".—(*Amanda Solloway*.)

9 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Heavy Commercial Vehicles in Kent (No. 1) (Amendment) Order 2021, which was laid before this House on 6 September, be approved.—(*Amanda Solloway*.)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the Heavy Commercial Vehicles in Kent (No. 2) (Amendment) Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 988), a copy of which was laid before this House on 6 September, be approved.—(*Amanda Solloway*.)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft National Security and Investment Act 2021 (Monetary Penalties) (Turnover of a Business) Regulations 2021, which were laid before this House on 6 September, be approved.—(*Amanda Solloway*.)

Question agreed to.

(4) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft National Security and Investment Act 2021 (Notifiable Acquisition) (Specification of Qualifying Entities) Regulations 2021, which were laid before this House on 6 September, be approved.—(*Amanda Solloway*.)

Question agreed to.

10 Public petitions

A public petition from residents of the constituency of Linlithgow and East Falkirk relating to the High Income Child Benefit Charge was presented and read by Martyn Day.

11 Adjournment

Subject: First anniversary of the Abraham Accords (Robert Jenrick)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Amanda Solloway*.)

Adjourned at 9.20 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Explanatory Notes to Bills

12 Approved Premises (Substance Testing) Bill

Explanatory Notes to the Bill to be printed (Bill 41–EN).

General Committees: Reports

13 First Delegated Legislation Committee

Stewart Hosie (Chair) reported the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Self-Isolation) (England) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1073).

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).

14 Subsidy Control Bill Committee

Members: Daniel Kawczynski discharged and Jill Mortimer nominated in substitution.

15 Subsidy Control Bill (Programming Sub-Committee)

Members: Kirsty Blackman, Felicity Buchan, Colleen Fletcher, Seema Malhotra, Robin Millar, Paul Scully and Michael Tomlinson

*Reports from Select Committees***16 Administration Committee**

Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 25 October, to be published (Sir Charles Walker).

17 Draft Online Safety Bill (Joint Committee on)

Draft Online Safety Bill: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 609) (Damian Collins).

18 European Scrutiny Committee

The UK's new relationship with the EU: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 122) (Sir William Cash).

19 Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

Long-term funding of adult social care: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 35) (Mr Clive Betts).

20 Procedure Committee

Correspondence to the Chancellor of the Exchequer relating to Budget resolutions: Written evidence, to be published (Karen Bradley).

21 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *Crossrail—A progress update*: Twenty-fourth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 184);

(2) *Achieving Net Zero: Follow up*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 642);

(3) *Correspondence from the COP26 President relating to COP26 Global Vaccine Programme and associated indemnities*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care relating to the Antivirals Taskforce*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence relating to the Committee's previous Reports*: Written evidence, to be published

(Dame Meg Hillier).

22 Scottish Affairs Committee

(1) *The UK Shared Prosperity Fund and Scotland: Government Response to the Committee's Third Report*: Second Special Report, to be printed (HC 791);

(2) *COP26: delivering a successful COP26 in Glasgow*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 784);

(3) *City Region and Growth Deals*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 610);

(4) *Correspondence relating to the second quarterly report on intergovernmental relations*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from Unite the Union relating to Virgin Money branch closures*: Written evidence, to be published

(Pete Wishart).

23 Treasury Committee

- (1) *Future of financial services*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 147);
- (2) *An equal recovery*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 152);
- (3) *Bank of England July Financial Stability Report and August Monetary Policy Report*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 672);
- (4) *Correspondence from the Financial Conduct Authority relating to prosecutions for money laundering offences*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) *Economic crime*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 145)
- (Mel Stride).

24 Work and Pensions Committee

Protecting pension savers—five years on from the Pension Freedoms: Accessing pension savings: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 237) (Stephen Timms).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 4.30 pm.

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

1 University tuition fees

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petition 550344, relating to university tuition fees.—(Tom Hunt.)

The sitting was suspended between 5.53 pm and 6.00 pm.

2 Animal testing

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petitions 581641 and 590216, relating to animal testing.—(Martyn Day.)

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

Adjourned at 7.30 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Value Added Tax

Value Added Tax (Distance Selling and Miscellaneous Amendments No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1165), dated 25 October 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Lucy Frazer)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Value Added Tax

Value Added Tax (Distance Selling and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1164), dated 25 October 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Lucy Frazer)

Papers laid under paragraphs 3(3) and 17(3) of Schedule 7 to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

3 Exiting the European Union (Official Statistics)

Proposal for an instrument titled UK Statistics (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021, with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Michael Ellis)

Other papers

4 National Health Service

Report and Accounts of University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust for 2020–21 (by Act) (Secretary Sajid Javid)