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House of Commons

Tuesday 1 February 2022

Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to the Chancellor of the Exchequer**
- 2 Social Housing (Emergency Protection of Tenancy Rights): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)**

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give social housing tenants the right to continuity of secure tenancy in circumstances when they have to move because of a threat to the personal safety of the tenant or someone in their household; to place associated responsibilities on local authorities and social housing providers; and for connected purposes;

That Helen Hayes, Mr Clive Betts, Bob Blackman, Ms Karen Buck, Stella Creasy, John Cryer, Florence Eshalomi, Robert Halfon, Dr Rupa Huq, Caroline Lucas, Luke Pollard and Christina Rees present the Bill.

Helen Hayes accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 25 February, and to be printed (Bill 243).

3 Opposition Day: Leader of the Opposition (11th allotted day (Standing Order No. 14))

(1) Tackling fraud and preventing Government waste

Resolved, That this House agrees with the remarks of Lord Agnew of Oulton in his resignation letter that the Government's record on tackling fraud is lamentable; recognises the vast amount of taxpayers' money that has been lost to waste and fraud since the start of the coronavirus pandemic, including the estimated £4.3 billion recently written off from Treasury-backed Covid business support schemes; notes the Government's unacceptable record of poor procurement over the last decade, including

£13 billion wasted on defence projects; further notes the warnings the Chancellor received in 2020 regarding the serious weaknesses allowing for public funds to be diverted to criminal enterprises; calls on the Government to set out a strategy to recover all taxpayers' money obtained by criminal groups and to fully engage with a thorough National Crime Agency investigation into all issues related to the fraudulent exploitation of the COVID-19 support schemes; and further calls on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to make a statement to this House before 31 March 2022 detailing how much taxpayers' money has been successfully retrieved.—(*Rachel Reeves.*)

(2) Windfall tax on oil and gas company profits

Motion made and Question put, That this House notes the cost-of-living crisis hitting families across the country and that the energy price cap is predicted to rise by 50 per cent from April; recognises that rocketing energy prices are hitting businesses as well as household budgets; calls on the Government to introduce a windfall tax on the profits of North Sea oil and gas producers; and further calls on the

Government to use that windfall tax to help fund a package of support for families and businesses facing the energy price crisis.—
(*Edward Miliband.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 179

Ayes: 192 (Tellers: Colleen Fletcher, Gerald Jones)

Noes: 0 (Tellers: Lilian Greenwood, Mark Tami)

Question agreed to.

Resolved, That this House notes the cost-of-living crisis hitting families across the country and that the energy price cap is predicted to rise by 50 per cent from April; recognises that rocketing energy prices are hitting businesses as well as household budgets; calls on the Government to introduce a windfall tax on the profits of North Sea oil and gas producers; and further calls on the Government to use that windfall tax to help fund a package of support for families and businesses facing the energy price crisis.

4 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2022, which was laid before this House on 6 January, be approved.—(*Scott Mann.*)

Question agreed to.

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the Plastic Packaging Tax (Descriptions of Products) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1417), dated 13 December 2021, a copy of which was laid before this House on 13 December 2021, be approved.—(*Scott Mann.*)

Question agreed to.

5 Public petitions

(1) A public petition from the residents of the United Kingdom relating to the proposed spur between Aylesbury and Milton Keynes was presented and read by Rob Butler.

(2) A public petition from the residents of Linlithgow and East Falkirk relating to the Acorn Project was presented and read by Martyn Day.

6 Adjournment

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—
(*Scott Mann.*)

Adjourned at 7.14 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

7 Third Delegated Legislation Committee

Stewart Hosie (Chair) reported the draft Non-Domestic Rating (Levy and Safety Net) (Amendment) Regulations 2022.

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).

8 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Non-Domestic Rating (Levy and Safety Net) (Amendment) Regulations 2022)

Members: Derek Thomas discharged and Sir Desmond Swayne nominated in substitution.

9 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Passenger, Crew and Service Information (Civil Penalties) (Amendment) Regulations 2022)

Members: Sarah Jones discharged and Holly Lynch nominated in substitution.

10 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Microchipping of Dogs (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2022)

Members: Elliot Colburn discharged and Jerome Mayhew nominated in substitution.

Reports from Select Committees

11 Backbench Business Committee

Transcript of representations made on Tuesday 1 February to be published (Ian Mearns).

12 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

(1) *Post-pandemic economic growth: State Aid and post-Brexit competition policy*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 742);

(2) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to regulatory measures in the energy sector*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to the better regulation*