



House of Commons

Tuesday 8 March 2022

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 **Speaker's Statement: Notification of an address by the President of Ukraine**
- 2 **Questions to the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs**
- 3 **Urgent Question: Ukraine: Refugee applications (Kevin Foster)**
- 4 **Official Development Assistance Equalities Impact Assessment (Women and Girls) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Layla Moran, supported by Daisy Cooper, Wendy Chamberlain, Sarah Olney, Sarah Green, Helen Morgan, Christine Jardine, Munira Wilson and Wera Hobhouse, presented a Bill to require the Secretary of State to lay before Parliament an equalities impact assessment of the effects on women and girls of the decision not to spend 0.7% of UK gross national income on official development assistance in each financial year until that target is again reached.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 18 March, and to be printed (Bill 268).

- 5 **Women Leaving Prison (Safe Accommodation) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Daisy Cooper, supported by Wendy Chamberlain, Layla Moran, Sarah Olney, Sarah Green, Helen Morgan, Christine Jardine, Munira Wilson and Wera Hobhouse, presented a Bill to place a duty on the Lord Chancellor to ensure the provision of safe and secure accommodation for all women leaving prison; to require the Lord Chancellor to review support provided to women leaving prison with the objective of preventing such women becoming homeless; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 18 March, and to be printed (Bill 269).

- 6 **State Pension Underpayments (Divorced Women) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Sarah Green, supported by Daisy Cooper, Wendy Chamberlain, Layla Moran, Sarah Olney, Helen Morgan, Christine Jardine, Munira Wilson and Wera Hobhouse, presented a Bill to require the Secretary of State to expand the scope of the legal entitlements and administrative practice exercise to correct state pension underpayments to include underpayments to divorced women; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 18 March, and to be printed (Bill 270).

7 Gender Pay Gap Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Sarah Olney, supported by Daisy Cooper, Wendy Chamberlain, Layla Moran, Sarah Green, Helen Morgan, Christine Jardine, Munira Wilson and Wera Hobhouse, presented a Bill to require the Secretary of State to review the effectiveness of gender pay gap reporting requirements.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 18 March, and to be printed (Bill 271).

8 Surgical Mesh (Support) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Sarah Green, supported by Daisy Cooper, Wendy Chamberlain, Layla Moran, Sarah Olney, Helen Morgan, Christine Jardine, Munira Wilson and Wera Hobhouse, presented a Bill to make provision about support for women who have suffered ill health as a result of the use of surgical mesh; to require the Secretary of State to report to Parliament on the merits of establishing a redress scheme for such women; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 18 March, and to be printed (Bill 272).

9 Maternity Services (Rural Areas) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Daisy Cooper, supported by Wendy Chamberlain, Layla Moran, Sarah Olney, Sarah Green, Helen Morgan, Christine Jardine, Munira Wilson and Wera Hobhouse, presented a Bill to place a duty on the Secretary of State to ensure equal access to maternity services for people living in rural and coastal areas to those living in other areas, including access to the same range of birthing methods and locations; to require consultant-led maternity services to be available within 45 minutes of an expectant mother's home; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 18 March, and to be printed (Bill 273).

10 Planning (Women's Safety) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Christine Jardine supported by Daisy Cooper, Wendy Chamberlain, Layla Moran, Sarah Olney, Sarah Green, Helen Morgan, Munira Wilson and Wera Hobhouse, presented a Bill to require an assessment of the impact on women's safety to be published as a condition of planning approval for major developments.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 18 March, and to be printed (Bill 274).

11 Miscarriage and Stillbirth (Black and Asian Women) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Munira Wilson, supported by Daisy Cooper, Wendy Chamberlain, Layla Moran, Sarah Olney, Sarah Green, Helen Morgan, Christine Jardine and Wera Hobhouse, presented a Bill to require the Secretary of State to lay before Parliament annual reports on progress in reducing miscarriage and stillbirth rates among Black and Asian women.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 18 March, and to be printed (Bill 275).

12 Rape (Conviction Rates) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Wera Hobhouse, supported by Daisy Cooper, Wendy Chamberlain, Layla Moran, Sarah Olney, Sarah Green, Helen Morgan, Christine Jardine and Munira Wilson, presented a Bill to establish an independent review of rape conviction rates and of the effects on the victims of rape; and to require the Secretary of State to act on the recommendations of the review.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 18 March, and to be printed (Bill 276).

13 Institutes of Technology (Royal Charter): 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 for Institutes of Technology to apply to receive a Royal Charter; and for connected purposes;

That Sir Robert Buckland, Chris Skidmore, Carolyn Harris, Robert Halfon, Richard Graham, Theo Clarke, Sir Robert Neill, Kelly Tolhurst, Mrs Pauline Latham, Jo Gideon, James Daly and Edward Timpson present the Bill.

Sir Robert Buckland accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 18 March, and to be printed (Bill 277).

14 Opposition Day: Leader of the Opposition (15th allotted day (Standing Order No. 14))

(1) National Insurance Contributions increase

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House calls on the Government to cancel its planned 1.25 per cent rise in National Insurance Contributions that will cost families an average of £500 per year from April 2022.—(*Rachel Reeves*.)

The Deputy Speaker announced a time limit on backbench speeches (Standing Order No. 47(1)).

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved, That this House calls on the Government to cancel its planned 1.25 per cent rise in National Insurance Contributions that will cost families an average of £500 per year from April 2022.

15 Suspension of sitting: Address by the President of Ukraine

The Deputy Speaker suspended the sitting for a virtual address to Members in the Chamber by President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine.

Members of the House of Lords attended in the galleries.

16 Opposition Day: Leader of the Opposition (15th allotted day (Standing Order No. 14)) (resumed)

(2) Support for victims of rape and sexual violence

Motions made and Question proposed, That this House commemorates International Women's Day; regrets that under this Government conviction rates for rape have reached a historic low and that the typical delay between reporting an offence of rape and the completion of the resulting criminal case is over 1,000 days; calls on the Government to introduce minimum sentences for stalking and rape, to raise minimum sentencing for spiking and to implement Labour's survivors' package for victims of rape and serious sexual violence to restore trust in the criminal justice system; and further calls on the Government to begin an immediate assessment of the impact of setting up specialist rape offence courts on the significant Crown Court backlog of rape cases, as recommended by HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate.—(*Ellie Reeves*.)

The Deputy Speaker announced a time limit on backbench speeches (Standing Order No. 47(1)).

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved, That this House commemorates International Women's Day; regrets that under this Government conviction rates for rape have reached a historic low and that the typical delay between reporting an offence of rape and the completion of the resulting criminal case is over 1,000 days; calls on the Government to introduce minimum sentences for stalking and rape, to raise minimum sentencing for spiking and to implement Labour's survivors' package for victims of rape and serious sexual violence to restore trust in the criminal justice system; and further calls on the Government to begin an immediate

assessment of the impact of setting up specialist rape offence courts on the significant Crown Court backlog of rape cases, as recommended by HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate.

17 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Scotland Act 2016 (Social Security) (Adult Disability Payment and Child Disability Payment) (Amendment) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 24 January, be approved.—(*Scott Mann.*)

Question agreed to.

18 Adjournment

Subject: Proposals for an energy from waste plant in Consett, County Durham (Mr Richard Holden)

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

Adjourned at 7.20 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Changes to Notices Given

19 Planning (Proper Maintenance of Land) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 18 March, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 6 May.

20 Paternity (Leave and Pay) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 18 March, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 6 May.

21 Social Media Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 18 March, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 6 May.

General Committees: Reports

22 Second Delegated Legislation Committee

James Gray (Chair) reported the draft Energy Performance of Buildings (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2022.

23 Third Delegated Legislation Committee

Christina Rees (Chair) reported the draft Human Medicines (Coronavirus and Influenza) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 and the draft Human Medicines (Amendments Relating to the Early Access to Medicines Scheme) Regulations 2022.

*Reports from Select Committees***24 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee**

- (1) *Energy security in the UK*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1191);
 - (2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Business, Energy and Corporate Responsibility relating to Company Law Common Framework*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Energy, Clean Growth and Climate Change relating to Bulb Energy SAR*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (4) *Correspondence with the Prime Minister relating to the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme*: Written evidence, to be published
- (Darren Jones).

25 Defence Committee

- (1) *Operation Isotrope: the use of the military to counter migrant crossings*: Fourth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1069);
 - (2) *Space Defence*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 271);
 - (3) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to the sale of General Electric's site in Rugby*: Written evidence, to be published
- (John Spellar).

26 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

- (1) *Major cultural and sporting events*: Ninth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 259);
 - (2) *Promoting Britain abroad*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 856);
 - (3) *Influencer culture*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 258);
 - (4) *What next for the National Lottery?*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 619)
- (Julian Knight).

27 Education Committee

Is the Catch-up Programme fit for purpose?: Fourth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 940) (Robert Halfon).

28 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

- (1) *Tree planting*: Third Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 356);
 - (2) *Australia FTA: Food and Agriculture*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 870);
 - (3) *Rural mental health*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 873)
- (Neil Parish).

29 Foreign Affairs Committee

- (1) *The situation in Ukraine and the UK's response*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1089);
 - (2) *Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office Supplementary Estimate 2021-22*: Written evidence, to be published
- (Tom Tugendhat).

30 Health and Social Care Committee

(1) *The impact of body image on mental and physical health*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 891);

(2) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State on the Mental Health Act*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Expert Panel: evaluation of the Government's commitments in the area of cancer services in England*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1025);

(4) *The future of General Practice*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 892);

(5) *Workforce recruitment, training and retention in health and social care*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 893)

(Jeremy Hunt).

31 International Development Committee

(1) *Correspondence from the Minister of State relating to Supplementary Estimates Explanatory Memorandum 2021-22*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Extreme poverty and the Sustainable Development Goals*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 932);

(3) *Future of UK aid*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 100)

(Sarah Champion).

32 Justice Committee

(1) *The work of the Criminal justice inspectorates*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1182);

(2) *Correspondence from Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prisons*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Justice*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State and Assistant Government Whip*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence with the Sentencing Council*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Human Rights Act Reform*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1087)

(Sir Robert Neill).

33 Petitions Committee

(1) Record of the Committee's decisions relating to e-petitions, to be published;

(2) List of closed e-petitions presented to the House, to be published

(Catherine McKinnell).

34 Standards (Committee on)

Review of fairness and natural justice in the House's standards system: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1183) (Chris Bryant).

35 Transport Committee

(1) *Correspondence with the Chief Executive of the Driver Vehicle Licensing Agency relating to licence application backlog*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Integrated Rail Plan*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 974)

(Huw Merriman).

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 9.30 am.

Business appointed by the Chairman of Ways and Means (Standing Order No. 10(6))

1 Reports of misogyny and sexual harassment in the Metropolitan Police

Resolved, That this House has considered reports of misogyny and sexual harassment in the Metropolitan Police.—(*Sarah Olney*.)

2 Paid miscarriage leave

Resolved, That this House has considered paid miscarriage leave.—(*Angela Crawley*.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.30 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 UK competition and consumer policy in response to the Penrose review

Resolved, That this House has considered UK competition and consumer policy in response to the Penrose review.—(*John Penrose*.)

4 Carnforth's bid to become the headquarters for Great British Railways

Resolved, That this House has considered Carnforth's bid to become the headquarters for Great British Railways.—(*David Morris*.)

5 Government support for breastfeeding

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered Government support for breastfeeding.—(*Alison Thewliss*.)

The sitting was suspended between 4.56 pm and 5.21 pm

Resolved, That this House has considered Government support for breastfeeding.

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

Adjourned at 5.24 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Sanctions

Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 241), dated 8 March 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (James Cleverly)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Capital Gains Tax

Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 230), dated 7 March 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Lucy Frazer)

3 Excise

(1) Hydrocarbon Oil Duties (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 234), dated 7 March 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Helen Whately)

(2) Hydrocarbon Oil Duties (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 238), dated 7 March 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Helen Whately)

4 Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries

Saint Mawes Pier and Harbour Revision Order 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 228), dated 7 March 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

5 Rating and Valuation

Non-Domestic Rating (Definition of Domestic Property) (England) Order 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 217), dated 3 March 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Kemi Badenoch)

6 Social Care

Care and Support (Charging and Assessment of Resources) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 243), dated 8 March 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Gillian Keegan)

Other papers

7 Health and Social Care

Health and Social Care Departmental Minute, dated 8 March 2022, concerning a contingent liability arising from an indemnity for the Independent Review of Maternity Services at Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust (by Command) (Maria Caulfield)

8 Independent Expert Panel

Report by the Independent Expert Panel: The Conduct of Mr John Bercow (by Standing Order), to be printed (HC 1189) (Clerk of the House)