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House of Commons

Monday 28 March 2022

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

1 Speaker's Statement: Letter from the Speaker of the Ukrainian Parliament

The Speaker informed the House that he had received the following communication from the Speaker of the Ukrainian Parliament:

On behalf of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, I express my sincere gratitude to you and the House of Commons for your strong position in support of Ukraine, condemning the unprovoked and unjustified military aggression of the Russian Federation against the Ukrainian State.

The constant presence of the Ukrainian issue on the agenda of the House of Commons helps to draw the attention of British politicians and the public to the

heroic resistance of the Ukrainian people. By defending their land, Ukrainians protect the common European ideals of freedom, democracy and peaceful coexistence.

I am sincerely grateful to you for organizing the Address of the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy to the Parliament of the United Kingdom, which has become a milestone event in the history of our bilateral relations.

Hoping for an end to the war as soon as possible and for the recovery of intensity of our interparliamentary contacts, I wish you, Mr. Speaker, inspiration and success in your responsible work.

2 Questions to the Secretary of State for Defence

3 Urgent Question: P&O Ferries (Robert Courts)

4 Statements: (1) Schools White Paper (Secretary Nadhim Zahawi)

(2) Ukraine (Secretary Elizabeth Truss)

5 Skills and Post-16 Education Bill [Lords]: Programme (No. 2)

Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the Skills and Post-16 Education Bill [Lords] for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 15 November 2021 (Skills and Post-16 Education Bill [Lords]: Programme):

Consideration of Lords Message

(1) Proceedings on the Lords Message shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion 2 hours after their commencement.

Subsequent stages

(2) Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

(3) The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.—(*Amanda Solloway.*)

6 Skills and Post-16 Education Bill [Lords]: Consideration of Lords Message

Lords Amendment 15B

Motion made and Question put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 15B proposed instead of the words left out of the Bill by its Amendment 15.—(*Alex Burghart.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 231

Ayes: 280 (Tellers: Gareth Johnson, Michael Tomlinson)

Noes: 152 (Tellers: Colleen Fletcher, Mary Glendon)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 15B accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendments 17B and 17C agreed to.

Motion made, and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83H(2)), That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment 15B.

That Sara Britcliffe, Alex Burghart, Mary Glendon, Toby Perkins, Michael Tomlinson and Matt Western be members of the Committee.

That Alex Burghart be the Chair of the Committee.

That three be the quorum of the Committee.

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(*Amanda Solloway*.)

Question agreed to.

7 Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill: Consideration of Lords Message

Lords Amendment 58

Motion made and Question proposed,
That this House insists on its disagreement with the Lords in their Amendment 58 and proposes Amendments (a), (b) and (c) in lieu.—(*Kit Malthouse*.)

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

Question put.

Division called.

No Members appointed Tellers for the Noes.

The Deputy Speaker declared that the Ayes had it.

Question agreed to.

Disagreement to Lords Amendment 58 accordingly insisted upon and Amendments (a), (b) and (c) accordingly made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment 58.

As it was more than one hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Lords Message, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on the Lords Message to a conclusion (Programme Order, 28 February).

The following Questions were put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83G).

(1) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 72B but proposes Amendments (a) and (b) in lieu (Question on any motion moved by a Minister of the Crown).—(*Kit Malthouse.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 232

Ayes: 283 (Tellers: Gareth Johnson, Michael Tomlinson)

Noes: 148 (Tellers: Mary Glendon, Colleen Fletcher)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 72B accordingly disagreed to and Amendments (a) and (b) accordingly made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment 72B.

(2) That this House insists on its disagreement with the Lords in their Amendment 73, insists on its Amendment 74A to Lords Amendment 74, disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 74B to that Amendment in lieu, disagrees with the Lords in their consequential Amendments 74C, 74D, 74E, 74F and 74G, insists on its disagreement with the Lords in their Amendment 87, insists on its Amendments 87A, 87B, 87C, 87D, 87E and 87F to the words restored to the Bill by its disagreement to that Amendment but proposes additional Amendment (a) to the words restored to the Bill by

its disagreement with the Lords in their Amendment 73 and additional Amendment (b) to the words restored to the Bill by its disagreement with the Lords in their Amendment 87 (Question on any motion moved by a Minister of the Crown).—(*Kit Malthouse.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 233

Ayes: 276 (Tellers: Gareth Johnson, Michael Tomlinson)

Noes: 202 (Tellers: Colleen Fletcher, Mary Glendon)

Question agreed to.

Disagreement to Lords Amendment 73 accordingly insisted upon, Commons Amendment 74A accordingly insisted upon, Lords Amendments 74B, 74C, 74D, 74E, 74F and 74G accordingly disagreed to, disagreement to Lords Amendment 87 accordingly insisted upon, Commons Amendments 87A, 87B, 87C, 87D, 87E and 87F accordingly insisted upon, Amendment (a) accordingly made to the words restored to the Bill by its disagreement with the Lords

in their Amendment 73 and Amendment (b) accordingly made to the words restored to the Bill by its disagreement with the Lords in their Amendment 87.

(3) That this House insists on its disagreement with the Lords in their Amendment 80, insists on its Amendments 80A, 80B, 80C, 80D, 80E and 80F to the words restored to the Bill by its disagreement with the Lords in that Amendment, disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 80G instead of the words left out by that Amendment but proposes Amendment (a) to the words restored to the Bill by its disagreement with the Lords in their Amendment 80 (Question on any motion moved by a Minister of the Crown).—(*Kit Malthouse.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 234

Ayes: 278 (Tellers: Gareth Johnson, Michael Tomlinson)

Noes: 202 (Tellers: Colleen Fletcher, Mary Glendon)

Question agreed to.

Disagreement to Lords Amendment 80 accordingly insisted upon, Commons Amendments 80A, 80B, 80C, 80D, 80E and 80F accordingly insisted upon, Lords Amendment 80G disagreed to and Amendment (a) accordingly made to the words restored to the Bill by disagreement with the Lords in their Amendment 80.

8 Business of the House (Today)

Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the business determined by the Backbench Business Committee may continue, though opposed, until 10.00 pm or for two hours after its commencement, whichever is the later, and shall then lapse if not previously disposed of, and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(*Mr Marcus Jones*.)

9 Backbench Business

War Pensions and Armed Forces Compensation Scheme payments

Resolved, That this House believes that the current process for claiming War Pensions and Armed Forces Compensation payments is not fit for purpose and urges the

Government to launch an independent inquiry into the system's failings.—(*Owen Thompson.*)

10 Sittings in Westminster Hall (19 April)

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 10(2)(b), the sitting in Westminster Hall on Tuesday 19 April shall begin at 11.30 am, shall be suspended from 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm, and may then continue for up to a further three hours.—(*Rebecca Harris.*)

11 Delegated Legislation (Social Security)

Ordered, That the Universal Credit and Jobseeker's Allowance (Work Search and Work Availability Requirements - limitations) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 108), laid before this House on 7 February 2022 be referred to a Delegated Legislation Committee.—(*Rebecca Harris.*)

12 Skills and Post-16 Education Bill [Lords]: Reasons Committee

Alex Burghart reported that the Committee had agreed the following Reason:

Lords Amendment 15B

Because the timetable for the rollout of the reform programme for post-16 qualifications should not be delayed further and the additional requirements would introduce unnecessary burdens.

The Reason was agreed to.

13Public petitions

A public petition from residents of the constituency of the Cities of London and Westminster relating to abuse of short-term letting was presented and read by Nickie Aiken.

14Adjournment

Subject: Lateral flow tests in health care settings (Mr Virendra Sharma)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—
(*Rebecca Harris.*)

Adjourned at 10.22 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

15 Health and Care Bill

The Lords agree to the Health and Care Bill with Amendments, to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

16 Skills and Post-16 Education Bill [Lords]

The Lords agree to the Amendments proposed by the Commons to the Skills and Post-16 Education Bill [Lords] and propose an Amendment instead of words so left out of the Bill and Amendments to an Amendment proposed by the Commons, to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

17 Education (Careers Guidance in Schools) Bill

The Lords agree to the Education (Careers Guidance in Schools) Bill without amendment.

18 Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles (Safeguarding and Road Safety) Bill

The Lords agree to the Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles (Safeguarding and Road Safety) Bill without amendment.

19 Coroners (Determination of Suicide) Bill [Lords]

The Lords have passed a Bill to require the coroner or jury at an inquest to record an opinion as to gambling addiction and any other relevant factors in a case of death by suicide; and for connected purposes, to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

Printing of Lords Amendments

20 Health and Care Bill

Lords Amendments to the Health and Care Bill to be considered on Monday 28 March, and to be printed (Bill 293) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 293–EN) pursuant to Standing Orders No. 78 and No. 57A.

21 Skills and Post-16 Education Bill [Lords]

Lords Message in relation to the Skills and Post-16 Education Bill [Lords] to be considered on Monday 28 March, and to be printed (Bill 294) pursuant to Standing Orders No. 78 and No. 57A.

General Committees: Reports

22 First Delegated Legislation Committee

Stewart Hosie (Chair) reported the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2022.

Reports from Select Committees relating to orders for printing made during the

adjournment under Standing Order No. 137

Friday 25 March

23 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

(1) Correspondence with the Post Office relating to the publication of accounts:

Written evidence, to be published;

(2) Covid loan fraud: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1190)

(Clerk of the House).

24 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee and Transport Committee

P&O Ferries: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1231) (Clerk of the House).

Reports from Select Committees made on Monday 28 March

* This section has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings from Tuesday 29 March 2022 for details."

25 Administration Committee

Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 28 March, to be published (Sir Charles Walker).

26 Education Committee

(1) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for School Standards relating to persistent and severe absences from schools:* Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to the publication of the Department's White Paper on Schools:* Written evidence, to be published

(Robert Halfon).

27 Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee

(1) *Exempt accommodation:* Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 959);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Rough Sleeping and Housing relating to reform of supported housing:* Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to the 80:20 rule and land value uplift*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Minister for Levelling Up, the Union and Constitution relating to supporting our high streets after COVID-19*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with the Permanent Secretary of the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities relating to the Department's Annual Report and Accounts 2020–21*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to the council tax rebate*: Written evidence, to be published.

(Mr Clive Betts).

28 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

Work of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 161) (Simon Hoare).

29 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *Roll out of the COVID-19 vaccine programme*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1101);

(2) *DHSC Annual Report and Accounts 2020–21*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1115);

(3) *Financial sustainability of schools in England*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 650);

(4) *MoD equipment plan 2021–31*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1164)

(Dame Meg Hillier).

30 Transport Committee

P&O Ferries: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1231) (Huw Merriman).

31 Treasury Committee

Spring Statement 2022: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1226) (Mel Stride).

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 Greyhound racing

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petition 554073, relating to greyhound racing.—(*Christina Rees*.)

2 Support for Black victims of domestic abuse

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered e-petition 578416, relating to support for Black victims of domestic abuse.—(*Abena Oppong-Asare*.)

The sitting was suspended between 6.40 pm and 6.55 pm for a division in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petition 578416, relating to support for Black victims of domestic abuse.

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

Adjourned at 7.36 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers presented and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 25 March 2022 under Standing Orders No. 158 and No. 159:

Other papers

1 Health and Social care

(1) Post Implementation Review of Tobacco Legislation: The Tobacco and Related Products Regulations 2016 (by Command) (CP 600) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

(2) Post Implementation Review of Tobacco Legislation: The Standardised Packaging of Tobacco Products Regulations 2015

(by Command) (CP 601) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on
Monday 28 March 2022

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

2 Financial Services

Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing
(High-Risk Countries) (Amendment)
Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 393), dated
28 March 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory
Memorandum (by Command) (John Glen)

3 Income Tax

Draft Alternative Finance (Income Tax,
Capital Gains Tax and Corporation Tax)
Order 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory
Memorandum (by Command) (John Glen)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

4 Income Tax

Income Tax (Construction Industry Scheme) (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 385), dated 28 March 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Lucy Frazer)

5 Road Traffic

M5 Motorway (Junctions 1 to 3) (60 Miles Per Hour Speed Limit) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 391), dated 26 March 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

6 Social Security

Social Security Contributions (Statutory Parental Bereavement Pay) (Amendment of Extent) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 384), dated 28 March 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Lucy Frazer)

Other papers

7 Budget Responsibility and National Audit

Code of Practice dealing with the relationship between the National Audit Office and the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1230) (Clerk of the House)

8 Education

Opportunity for all: Strong schools with great teachers for your child (by Command) (CP 650) (Secretary Nadhim Zahawi)

9 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department Health and Social Care: Investigation into the management of PPE contracts (by Act), to be printed (HC 1144) (Clerk of the House)

10 Sovereign Grant

Sovereign Grant Act 2011: Report of the Royal Trustees on the Sovereign Grant

2022–23 (by Act) (The Chancellor of the Exchequer)