



House of Commons

Wednesday 18 May 2022

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 **Speaker's Statement: Arrest of a Member**
- 2 **Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Scotland
(2) the Prime Minister**
- 3 **Statement: Foreign National Offender removal flights (Tom Pursglove)**
- 4 **Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address) (last day)**

Debate resumed (Order, 17 May).

Question again proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as follows:

Most Gracious Sovereign, We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which was addressed to both Houses of Parliament.

Subject: Achieving economic growth

Amendment proposed, at the end of the Question, to add 'but respectfully regret that the Gracious Speech fails to bring forward immediately an emergency budget to tackle the cost of living crisis or to set out a new approach to the economy that will end 12 years of slow growth and high taxation under successive Conservative Governments.'—(*Rachel Reeves.*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Division No. 2

Ayes: 229 (Tellers: Liz Twist, Jessica Morden)

Noes: 312 (Tellers: Michael Tomlinson, Gareth Johnson)

Question accordingly negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Question, to add 'but respectfully regret that the Gracious Speech fails to support unpaid carers despite a Bill having been prepared, fails to tackle issues in SEND education provision and does nothing to ensure pupils affected by the pandemic get extra support to catch up missed education, is not sufficiently ambitious in tackling the cost of living crisis and should include provision

for an emergency tax cut cutting the top rate of VAT from 20 per cent to 17.5 per cent; further regret that the Gracious Speech fails to tackle violence against women and girls, nor does it tackle fraud and scams, does nothing to provide safe and legal routes to sanctuary for refugees fleeing war and persecution, does nothing to tackle the chronic shortage of dentists and GPs which results in long waiting times for patients requiring essential treatment, ignores the growing waiting times for ambulances, does not reverse the misguided cut to the armed forces of up to 10,000 troops, and fails to restore with immediate effect the 0.7 per cent target of GNI for international development spending.'—(*Ed Davey*.)

Question put forthwith, That the Amendment be made (Standing Order No. 33).

The House divided.

Division No. 3

Ayes: 59 (Tellers: Mr Alistair Carmichael, Wendy Chamberlain)

Noes: 315 (Tellers: Michael Tomlinson, Gareth Johnson)

Question accordingly negated.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Question, to add 'but respectfully regret that the Gracious Speech fails to include bills that protect workers' rights, tackle the cost of living crisis, or the climate emergency; further regret that the Gracious Speech does not contain provision to uplift benefits and implement a windfall tax on companies which are benefiting from significantly increased profits as a result of impacts associated with the pandemic or the current international situation; and reject the proposals both for a Brexit Freedoms Bill, which will undermine devolution, and the Bill of Rights, which will weaken human rights protections.'—(*Ian Blackford*.)

Question put forthwith, That the Amendment be made (Standing Order No. 33).

The House divided.

Division No. 4

Ayes: 59 (Tellers: Marion Fellows, Richard Thomson)

Noes: 313 (Tellers: Michael Tomlinson, Gareth Johnson)

Question accordingly negated.

Main Question put.

The House divided.

Division No. 5

Ayes: 312 (Tellers: Gareth Johnson, Michael Tomlinson)

Noes: 229 (Tellers: Jessica Morden, Liz Twist)

Question accordingly agreed to.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as follows:

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Address to be presented to Her Majesty by Members of this House who are Privy Counsellors or Members of Her Majesty's Household.

5 Statutory Instruments: Motion for Approval

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Alternative Finance (Income Tax, Capital Gains Tax and Corporation Tax) Order 2022, which was laid before this House on 28 March in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(*Scott Mann.*)

Question agreed to.

6 Public petitions

(1) A public petition from residents of the United Kingdom relating to the Doncaster bid for Great British Railways headquarters was presented and read by Nick Fletcher.

(2) A public petition from residents of the United Kingdom relating to the Carnforth bid for Great British Railways headquarters was presented and read by David Morris.

7 Adjournment

Subject: Contribution of UK songwriters and composers to culture and the economy (Kevin Brennan)

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

Adjourned at 8.17 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

8 Second Delegated Legislation Committee

Sir Gary Streeter (Chair) reported the draft Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (Amendment) Order 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).

9 Online Safety Bill Committee

Members: Shaun Bailey, Kirsty Blackman, Dan Carden, Alex Davies-Jones, Steve Double, Nick Fletcher, Kate Griffiths, Mr Richard Holden, Barbara Keeley, Kim Leadbeater, Mrs Maria Miller, Navendu Mishra, Damien Moore, John Nicolson, Chris Philp, Dean Russell and Jane Stevenson

10 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Contracts for Difference (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2022)

Members: Adam Afriyie, Stuart Anderson, Caroline Ansell, Gareth Bacon, Alan Brown, Chris Bryant, Felicity Buchan, Rob Butler, Lilian Greenwood, Mrs Paulette Hamilton, Dame Meg Hillier, Gareth Johnson, Ian Mearns, Lee Rowley, Matt Vickers, Suzanne Webb and Dr Alan Whitehead

11 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (Amendment) Order 2022)

Members: Victoria Prentis discharged and Rebecca Pow nominated in substitution.

12 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Pollution Prevention and Control (Fees) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2022)

Members: Peter Aldous, Siobhan Baillie, Duncan Baker, Harriett Baldwin, Aaron Bell, Alan Brown, Anthony Browne, Mark Fletcher, George Freeman, Lilian Greenwood, Gareth Johnson, Siobhain McDonagh, Andy McDonald, Karl Turner, Christian Wakeford, Dr Alan Whitehead and James Wild

13 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Public Procurement (International Trade Agreements) (Amendment) Regulations 2022)

Members: Lee Anderson, Paul Blomfield, Ben Bradley, Jack Brereton, Felicity Buchan, Miriam Cates, Rachel Hopkins, Jane Hunt, Jessica Morden, Brendan O'Hara, Ms Marie Rimmer, Cat Smith, Graham Stringer, Michael Tomlinson, Shailesh Vara, Mrs Heather Wheeler and Mike Wood

14 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Passport (Fees) Regulations 2022)

Members: Bim Afolami, Simon Baynes, Andrew Bowie, Andrew Bridgen, Paul Bristow, Andy Carter, Chris Elmore, Kevin Foster, Barry Gardiner, Stephen Kinnock, Ian Lavery, Stuart C. McDonald, Scott Mann, Kate Osamor, Yasmin Qureshi, Alexander Stafford and Martin Vicker

Select Committees: Reports

15 Environmental Audit Committee

Net zero aviation and shipping: Oral and Written evidence, to be published (HC 105) (Dr Matthew Offord).

16 European Scrutiny Committee

Retained EU Law: Where next?: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 122) (Sir William Cash).

17 Foreign Affairs Committee

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care and with the World Health Organization relating to Taiwan: Written evidence, to be published (Tom Tugendhat).

18 Health and Social Care Committee

The future of General Practice: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 113) (Jeremy Hunt).

19 Home Affairs Committee

(1) *Drugs*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 198);

(2) *Investigation and prosecution of rape*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 242);

(3) *Violence against women and girls*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 203);

(4) *Work of the Home Office*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 200)

(Dame Diana Johnson).

20 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

- (1) *Protecting human rights in care settings*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 216);
- (2) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice relating to the National Security Bill*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 279);
- (3) *Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary relating to the proposal for a draft State Immunity Act 1978 (remedial order)*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 280);
- (4) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport relating to the Online Safety Bill*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for International Trade relating to post-Brexit trade agreements*: Written evidence, to be published (Harriet Harman).

21 International Development Committee

- (1) *Afghanistan: UK support for aid workers and the Afghan people: Government Response to the Fifth Report of the Committee, Session 2021–22*: First Special Report, to be printed (HC 152);
- (2) *Future of UK aid*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 148);
- (3) *Extreme poverty and the Sustainable Development Goals*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 147);
- (4) *Promoting dialogue and preventing atrocities: the UK government approach*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 149) (Sarah Champion).

22 International Trade Committee

- (1) *UK trade negotiations: Agreement with New Zealand*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 78);
- (2) *Department for International Trade Main Estimate Memorandum 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *The work of the Department for International Trade*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 16);
- (4) *UK trade negotiations: Agreement with Australia*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 117);
- (5) *UK trade negotiations: Agreement with India*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 77) (Mark Garnier).

23 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

- (1) *The effect of paramilitaries on society in Northern Ireland*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 24);
- (2) *Northern Ireland Office Main Estimate 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Tourism and the Common Travel Area*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 275) (Simon Hoare).

24 Public Accounts (Committee of)

- (1) *Use of evaluation and modelling in government*: Fourth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 254);
 - (2) *Local economic growth*: Fifth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 252);
 - (3) *Department of Health and Social Care 2020-21 Annual Report and Accounts*: Sixth Report, to be printed, with formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 253);
 - (4) *Government's contracts with Randox Laboratories Ltd*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 28)
- (Dame Meg Hillier).

25 Science and Technology Committee

- (1) *Diversity and inclusion in STEM*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 95);
 - (2) *Correspondence with the Ministry for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities relating to Burlington House*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (3) *Reproducibility and research integrity*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 101);
 - (4) *The right to privacy: digital data*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 97);
 - (5) *UK science, research and technology capability and influence in global disease outbreaks*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 96)
- (Greg Clark).

26 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

Second Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 4-ii) (Jessica Morden)

27 Statutory Instruments (Select Committee on)

First Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 5-i) (Jessica Morden).

28 Transport Committee

National Bus Strategy: one year on: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 161) (Huw Merriman).

29 Women and Equalities Committee

- (1) *Racial harassment and discrimination in higher education*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 88);
 - (2) *Black maternal health*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 94);
 - (3) *Menopause and the workplace*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 91);
 - (4) *Pornography and its impact on violence against women and girls*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 87)
- (Caroline Nokes).

30 Work and Pensions Committee

(1) *Universal Credit and Managed Migration*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 130);

(2) *Correspondence between the Parliamentary Health and Safety Ombudsman and the Permanent Secretary concerning the PHSO's investigation into the DWP handling of migration to ESA*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence to the Minister of State for Media, Data, and Digital Infrastructure relating to data protection legislation and pension schemes*: Written evidence to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with the Chair of the Trustees of the Water Companies Pension Scheme relating to the Bristol Section*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Permanent Secretary relating to state pension underpayments*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Health assessments for benefits*: Written evidence, to be published (HC128);

(7) *Protecting pension savers – five years on from the pension freedoms: Saving for later life*: Written evidence, to be published (HC126);

(8) *The cost of living*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 129)

(Stephen Timms).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Fire Precautions

Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 547), dated 17 May 2022 (by Statutory Instrument), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Priti Patel)

2 Value Added Tax

Value Added Tax (Reverse Charge Sales Statements) (Revocation, Saving and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 548), dated 17 May 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Lucy Frazer)

Other papers

3 Home Office

Reforming Our Fire and Rescue Service: Building professionalism, boosting performance and strengthening governance (by Command) (CP 670) (Secretary Priti Patel)

4 National Heritage

Government Indemnity Scheme: Statement to Parliament on the level of outstanding liabilities under the Scheme for the six-month period ending 31 March 2022 (by Act) (Nigel Huddleston)