



House of Commons

Monday 11 July 2022

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 3.30 pm.

Prayers

- 1 **Speaker's Statement: Late meeting of the House**
- 2 **Questions to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions**
- 3 **Urgent Question: Severance pay for ministers (Mrs Heather Wheeler)**
- 4 **Parliamentary Elections (Optional Preferential Vote) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Paul Maynard, supported by John Stevenson, presented a Bill to introduce the optional preferential voting system for Parliamentary elections; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 9 September, and to be printed (Bill 138).

- 5 **Energy (Oil and Gas) Profits Levy Bill: Business of the House Motion**

Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the proceedings on the Energy (Oil and Gas) Profits Levy Bill:

Timetable

(1) (a) Proceedings on Second Reading and in Committee of the whole House, any proceedings on Consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall be taken at today's sitting in accordance with this Order.

(b) Proceedings on Second Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion two hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order.

(c) Proceedings in Committee of the whole House, any proceedings on Consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion four hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order.

(d) This paragraph shall have effect notwithstanding the practice of the House as to the intervals between stages of a Bill brought in upon Ways and Means Resolutions.

Timing of proceedings and Questions to be put

(2) When the Bill has been read a second time, it shall, despite Standing Order No. 63 (Committal of bills not subject to a programme order), stand committed to a Committee of the whole House without any Question being put.

(3) (a) On the conclusion of proceedings in Committee of the whole House, the Chair shall report the Bill to the House without putting any Question.

(b) If the Bill is reported with amendments, the House shall proceed to consider the Bill as amended without any Question being put.

(4) For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph (1), the Chair or Speaker shall forthwith put the following Questions in the same order as they would fall to be put if this Order did not apply:

- (a) any Question already proposed from the chair;
- (b) any Question necessary to bring to a decision a Question so proposed;
- (c) the Question on any amendment, new Clause or new Schedule selected by the Chair or Speaker for separate decision;
- (d) the Question on any amendment moved or Motion made by a Minister of the Crown;
- (e) any other Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded;

and shall not put any other questions, other than the question on any motion described in paragraph (9)(a) of this Order.

(5) On a Motion made for a new Clause or a new Schedule, the Chair or Speaker shall put only the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill.

(6) If two or more Questions would fall to be put under paragraph (4)(d) on successive amendments moved or Motions made by a Minister of the Crown, the Chair or Speaker shall instead put a single Question in relation to those amendments or Motions.

(7) If two or more Questions would fall to be put under paragraph (4)(e) in relation to successive provisions of the Bill, the Chair shall instead put a single Question in relation to those provisions, except that the Question shall be put separately on any Clause or Schedule to the Bill which a Minister of the Crown has signified an intention to leave out.

Miscellaneous

(8) Standing Order No. 82 (Business Committee) shall not apply in relation to any proceedings to which this Order applies.

(9) (a) No Motion shall be made, except by a Minister of the Crown, to alter the order in which any proceedings on the Bill are taken, to recommit the Bill or to vary or supplement the provisions of this Order.

(b) No notice shall be required of such a Motion.

(c) Such a Motion may be considered forthwith without any Question being put; and any proceedings interrupted for that purpose shall be suspended accordingly.

(d) The Question on such a Motion shall be put forthwith; and any proceedings suspended under sub-paragraph (c) shall thereupon be resumed.

(e) Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to proceedings on such a Motion.

(10) (a) No dilatory Motion shall be made in relation to proceedings to which this Order applies except by a Minister of the Crown.

(b) The Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

(11) (a) The start of any debate under Standing Order No. 24 (Emergency debates) to be held at today's sitting shall be postponed until the conclusion of any proceedings to which this Order applies.

(b) Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply in respect of any such debate.

(12) Proceedings to which this Order applies shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

(13) (a) Any private business which has been set down for consideration at a time falling after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order shall, instead of being considered as provided by Standing Orders or by any Order of the House, be considered at the conclusion of any proceedings to which this Order applies.

(b) Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to the private business so far as necessary for the purpose of securing that the business may be considered for a period of three hours.—(*Mr Simon Clarke.*)

6 Energy (Oil and Gas) Profits Levy Bill: Second Reading

Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House (Order, today).

7 Energy (Oil and Gas) Profits Levy Bill: Committee of the whole House

The House resolved itself into a Committee (Order, today).

(In the Committee)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 (Additional expenditure treated as incurred for purposes of section 1)

Amendment 9 proposed—(*Stephen Flynn.*)

Question put, that the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Division No. 30

Ayes: 41 (Tellers: Richard Thompson, Marion Fellows)

Noes: 298 (Tellers: Craig Whittaker, Sir David Evennett)

Question accordingly negatived.

Question put, That Clause 2 stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Division No. 31

Ayes: 284 (Tellers: Craig Whittaker, Sir David Evennett)

Noes: 202 (Tellers: Colleen Fletcher, Liz Twist)

Question accordingly agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 19 agreed to.

Schedules 1 and 2 agreed to.

New Clause NC3—(*James Murray*)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Division No. 32

Ayes: 203 (Tellers: Colleen Fletcher, Liz Twist)

Noes: 289 (Tellers: Craig Whittaker, Sir David Evennett)

Question accordingly negated.

The occupant of the Chair left the Chair to report the Bill (Order, today).

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

David T C Davies reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made no amendment.

8 Energy (Oil and Gas) Profits Levy Bill: Third Reading

Bill read the third time and passed.

9 Business of the House (Today)

Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, notwithstanding Standing Orders No. 16 and No. 17, the Speaker shall put the Questions on the motions in the name of:

(1) Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng relating to the draft Conduct of Employment Agencies and Employment Businesses (Amendment) Regulations 2022; and

(2) Keir Starmer relating to the Liability of Trade Unions in Proceedings in Tort (Increase of Limits on Damages) Order 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 699)

not later than 90 minutes after the commencement of proceedings on the motion for this Order; the business on these motions may be proceeded with at any hour, though opposed; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(*Mr Peter Bone.*)

10 Employment Agencies, etc.

Motion made and Question proposed, That the draft Conduct of Employment Agencies and Employment Businesses (Amendment) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 27 June, be approved.—(*Jane Hunt.*)

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

Question put.

The House divided.

Division No. 33

Ayes: 289 (Tellers: Sir David Evennett, Craig Whittaker)

Noes: 202 (Tellers: Gerald Jones, Sarah Owen)

Question accordingly agreed to.

11 Trade Unions

As it was more than 90 minutes after the commencement of proceedings on the Business of the House (Today) Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question on the remaining Motion (Order, today).

Motion made and Question put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Liability of Trade Unions in Proceedings in Tort (Increase of Limits on Damages) Order 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 699), dated 22 June 2022, a copy of which was laid before this House on 24 June, be annulled.—(*Angela Rayner.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 34

Ayes: 201 (Tellers: Gerald Jones, Sarah Owen)

Noes: 290 (Tellers: Sir David Evennett, Craig Whittaker)

Question accordingly negatived.

12 Statutory Instruments: Motion for Approval

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Plant Health etc. (Miscellaneous Fees) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 6 June, be approved.—(*Adam Holloway.*)

Question agreed to.

13 Legislative Reform Orders: Motion for Approval

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 18(1)(a)), That the draft Legislative Reform (Provision of Information etc. Relating to Disabilities) Order 2022, which was laid before this House on 12 May, be approved.—(*Adam Holloway.*)

Question agreed to.

14 Statutory Instruments: Motion for Approval

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Police Act 1996 (Amendment and Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 9 June, be approved.—(*Adam Holloway.*)

Question agreed to.

15 Draft Mental Health Bill (Joint Committee)

Resolved, That this House concurs with the Lords Message of 5 July that it is expedient that a Joint Committee of Lords and Commons be appointed to consider and report on the draft Mental Health Bill (CP 699) presented to both Houses on 27 June.

Ordered, That a Select Committee of six Members be appointed to join with a Committee appointed by the Lords to consider the draft Mental Health Bill.

That the Committee should report by 16 December 2022.

That the Committee shall have power—

- (i) to send for persons, papers and records;
- (ii) to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House;
- (iii) to report from time to time;
- (iv) to appoint specialist advisers; and
- (v) to adjourn from place to place within the United Kingdom.

That the quorum of the Committee shall be two; and

That Dr Rosena Allin-Khan, Marsha De Cordova, Jonathan Gullis, Dr Dan Poulter, Dr Ben Spencer and Sir Charles Walker be members of the Committee.—(*Mr Peter Bone.*)

16 Changes to membership of select committees

Ordered, That Sir Robert Goodwill be discharged from the Environmental Audit Committee and Chris Skidmore be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

17 Adjournment

Subject: Green space on North Street in Keighley (Robbie Moore)

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Adam Holloway.*)

At 10.00 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 9(3)).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Gareth Johnson.*)

Adjourned at 10.09 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

18 First Delegated Legislation Committee

Dame Maria Miller (Chair) reported the draft Business and Planning Act 2020 (Pavement Licences) (Coronavirus) (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).

19 Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill Committee

Members: Stuart Andrew, Neil O'Brien, Miss Sara Dines and Danny Kruger discharged and Mr Marcus Jones, Lia Nici, Gareth Johnson and Scott Benton nominated in substitution.

20 National Security Bill Committee

Members: Damian Hinds discharged and Stephen McPartland nominated in substitution.

21 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Business and Planning Act 2020 (Pavement Licences) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2022)

Members: Miss Sarah Dines, Eddie Hughes, Mark Menzies and Johnny Mercer discharged and Edward Argar, Scott Benton, Jack Brereton and Mr Marcus Jones nominated in substitution.

22 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Financial Services Act 2021 (Prudential Regulation of Credit Institutions and Investment Firms) (Consequential Amendments and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2022)

Members: Robbie Moore, Richard Thomson and Suzanne Webb discharged and Felicity Buchan, Martyn Day and Paul Howell nominated in substitution.

23 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (Motion in the name of Mark Spencer relating to the Electoral Commission)

Members: Mr Marcus Jones discharged and Rebecca Harris nominated in substitution.

24 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020 (Exclusions from Market Access Principles: Single-Use Plastics) Regulations 2022)

Members: Miss Sarah Dines discharged and Gareth Johnson nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

25 Administration Committee

Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 11 July, to be published (Sir Charles Walker).

26 Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee

(1) *Correspondence from the Director General for Regulation at the Office for Statistics Regulation relating to the accessibility of Levelling Up policy funding stream data:* Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Rough Sleeping and Housing relating to local government and the path to net zero:* Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to legal advice provided by Rights: Community: Action:* Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Council tax collection:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 20);

(5) *Long-term funding of adult social care:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 19);

(6) *The regulation of social housing:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 18)

(Mr Clive Betts).

27 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *Regulation of energy suppliers:* Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 41);

(2) *Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy Annual Report and Accounts 2020–21:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 59)

(Dame Meg Hillier).

28 Treasury Committee

(1) *Bank of England Financial Stability Reports:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 140);

(2) *Correspondence relating to cross-border interchange fees:* Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Russia: Effective economic sanctions:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 136);

(4) *The venture capital market:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 134);

(5) *The work of the Financial Regulators Complaints Commissioner:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 145);

(6) *The work of the Payment Systems Regulator:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 144);

(7) *Work of the Financial Conduct Authority:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 142)

(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 Use of real bearskin hats by the Queen's Guards

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petition 602285, relating to the use of real bearskin hats by the Queen's Guards.—(*Martyn Day*.)

2 Hunting of dolphins and whales in the Faroe Islands

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petition 597171, relating to the hunting of dolphins and whales in the Faroe Islands.—(*John Nicolson*.)

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

Adjourned at 6.52 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Financial Services

Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (High-Risk Countries) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 782), dated 11 July 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Richard Fuller)

2 Merchant Shipping

Draft Merchant Shipping (Safety Standards for Passenger Ships on Domestic Voyages) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

3 Customs

Customs (Tariff and Reliefs) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 780), dated 11 July 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Lucy Frazer)

Other papers

4 Data Protection

Report by the Information Commissioner on Behind the screens: maintaining government transparency and data security in the age of messaging apps (by Act) (Clerk of the House)

5 Forestry

Report and Accounts of Forestry England for 2021–22, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 607) (Secretary George Eustice)

6 Government Resources and Accounts

(1) Report and Accounts of Scotland Office and Office of the Advocate General for Scotland for 2021–22, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 560) (Lucy Frazer)

(2) Report and Accounts of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee and JNCC Support Co for 2021–22, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 341) (Secretary George Eustice)

(3) Report and Accounts of the United Kingdom Debt Management Office and the Debt Management Account for 2021–22, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 441) (Clerk of the House)

7 Government Trading Funds

Cabinet Office Minute, dated 11 July 2022, concerning a contingent liability relating to the Crown Commercial Service Trading Fund (by Act) (Michael Ellis)

8 National Audit

(1) Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Cross-government: Accounting officer assessments: improving decision-making and transparency over government's major programmes (by Act), to be printed (HC 65) (Clerk of the House)

(2) Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department for Education: Developing workforce skills for a strong economy (by Act), to be printed (HC 570) (Clerk of the House)

Withdrawn papers

9 Forestry

Report and Accounts of Forestry England for 2021–22, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (laid 7 July)

MEMORANDA

ALLOCATION OF DELEGATED LEGISLATION COMMITTEES

Pursuant to Standing Order No. 118(1), the Speaker has rescinded the allocation of the following instrument, made on Wednesday 6 July, to the delegated legislation committee cited.

Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2022)

PANEL OF CHAIRS

The Speaker has discharged the following Member from the Panel of Chairs during this Parliament (Standing Order No. 4):

Mr Peter Bone

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

MONEY BILL

1 Energy (Oil and Gas) Profits Levy Bill

The Speaker has certified that the Energy (Oil and Gas) Profits Levy Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.