



House of Commons

Monday 24 October 2022

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Education

2 Taking of the Oath or making of the Affirmation

Several Members present took the Oath or made the Affirmation.

The Speaker suspended the House until 3.50 pm.

3 Urgent Questions: (1) Future of Great British Railways (Kevin Foster)

(2) Imminent closure of Doncaster Sheffield Airport (Katherine Fletcher)

4 Statement: Publication of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse Final Report (Secretary Grant Shapps)

5 Out-of-Turn Supplementary Estimates 2022–23

Resolved, That, for the year ending with 31 March 2023—

(1) for expenditure by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy:

(a) further resources, not exceeding £60,176,000,000, be authorised for use for current purposes as set out in HC 794 of Session 2022–23, and

(b) a further sum, not exceeding £60,176,000,000, be granted to His Majesty to be issued by the Treasury out of the Consolidated Fund and applied for expenditure on the use of resources authorised by Parliament; and

(2) for expenditure by HM Treasury:

(a) further resources, not exceeding £11,175,000,000, be authorised for use for capital purposes as set out in HC 794 of Session 2022–23, and

(b) a further sum, not exceeding £11,175,000,000, be granted to His Majesty to be issued by the Treasury out of the Consolidated Fund and applied for expenditure on the use of resources authorised by Parliament. —(*Andrew Griffith.*)

6 Supply and Appropriation (Adjustments): Motion to bring in a Bill

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolutions relating to Out-of-Turn Supplementary Estimates, 2022–2023;

That the Chairman of Ways and Means, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Edward Argar, Andrew Griffith, Richard Fuller and Felicity Buchan present the Bill.

Andrew Griffith accordingly presented a Bill to authorise the use of resources for the year ending with 31 March 2023; to authorise the issue of sums out of the Consolidated Fund for that year; and to appropriate the supply authorised by this Act for that year.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time today (Order, 19 October), and to be printed (Bill 170).

7 Supply and Appropriation (Adjustments) Bill: Second and Third Reading (Order 19 October and Standing Order No. 56)

Motion made and Question put forthwith, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question agreed to and Bill accordingly read a second time.

Motion made and Question put forthwith, That the Bill be now read the third time.

Question agreed to and Bill accordingly read the third time, and passed.

8 Stamp Duty Land Tax (Reduction): Business of the House

Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the proceedings on the Motion for Resolution 'Stamp Duty Land Tax (Reduction)' and to proceedings on any Bill brought in upon the Resolution:

Timetable

(1) (a) Proceedings on the Motion for Resolution 'Stamp Duty Land Tax (Reduction)', proceedings on presentation and first reading of any Bill brought in upon the Resolution, proceedings on Second Reading and in Committee of the whole House, any proceedings on Consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall be taken in two days in accordance with this Order.

(b) Proceedings on the Motion for the Resolution and proceedings on Second Reading shall be taken at today's sitting and shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion three 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 be taken on the second day and shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion two hours after the commencement of proceedings in Committee of the whole House.

(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 proceedings on the Motion for the Resolution have been concluded and the Bill has been read the first time and ordered to be printed, the Order for the Second Reading of the Bill shall be read.

(3) (a) 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.

(b) When the Order of the Day is read for the House to resolve itself into a Committee on the Bill, the Speaker shall leave the chair without putting any Question and the House shall resolve itself into a Committee forthwith, whether or not notice of an Instruction has been given.

(4) (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.

(5) 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 (12)(a) of this Order.

(6) 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.

(7) If two or more Questions would fall to be put under paragraph (5)(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.

(8) If two or more Questions would fall to be put under paragraph (5)(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.

Other proceedings

(9) Provision may be made for the taking and bringing to a conclusion of any other proceedings on the Bill.

Miscellaneous

(10) Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to any proceedings to which this Order applies.

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

(12) (a) No Motion shall be made, except by a Minister of the Crown, to alter the order in which any proceedings on the Motion for the Resolution or 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.

(13) (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.

(14) (a) The start of any debate under Standing Order No. 24 (Emergency debates) to be held on a day on which the Bill has been set down to be taken as an Order of the Day shall be postponed until the conclusion of any proceedings on that day to which this Order applies.

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

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

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

(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. —(*Richard Fuller.*)

9 Stamp Duty Land Tax (Reduction)

Motion made and Question proposed, That—

(1) Part 4 of the Finance Act 2003 is amended as follows.

(2) In section 55(1B) (amount of stamp duty land tax chargeable: general), for Table A substitute—

“TABLE A: RESIDENTIAL

<i>Part of relevant consideration</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
So much as does not exceed £250,000	0%
So much as exceeds £250,000 but does not exceed £925,000	5%
So much as exceeds £925,000 but does not exceed £1,500,000	10%
The remainder (if any)	12%”.

(3) In Schedule 4ZA (higher rates of stamp duty land tax for additional dwellings etc), for the Table A in section 55(1B) mentioned in paragraph 1(2) substitute—

“TABLE A: RESIDENTIAL

<i>Part of relevant consideration</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
So much as does not exceed £250,000	3%
So much as exceeds £250,000 but does not exceed £925,000	8%
So much as exceeds £925,000 but does not exceed £1,500,000	13%
The remainder (if any)	15%”.

(4) In Schedule 5 (amount of SDLT chargeable in respect of rent), in paragraph 2(3), for Table A substitute—

“TABLE A: RESIDENTIAL

<i>Rate bands</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
£0 to £250,000	0%
Over £250,000	1%”.

(5) In Schedule 6ZA (relief for first-time buyers)—

(a) in paragraph 1(3), for “£500,000” substitute “£625,000”, and

(b) for the Table A in section 55(1B) mentioned in paragraph 4 substitute—

“TABLE A: RESIDENTIAL

<i>Part of relevant consideration</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
So much as does not exceed £425,000	0%
Any remainder (so far as not exceeding £625,000)	5%”.

(6) The amendments made by this Resolution have effect in relation to land transactions the effective date of which falls on or after 23 September 2022. And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968.—(*Richard Fuller.*)

Amendment (a) proposed, to leave out paragraph (3).—(*Tim Farron.*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Division No. 68

Ayes: 165 (Tellers: Mary Glendon, Colleen Fletcher)

Noes: 293 (Tellers: Wendy Morton, Craig Whittaker)

Question accordingly negatived.

Main Question put.

The House divided.

Division No. 69

Ayes: 290 (Tellers: Wendy Morton, Craig Whittaker)

Noes: 167 (Tellers: Mary Glendon, Colleen Fletcher)

Question accordingly agreed to.

10 Stamp Duty Land Tax (Reduction): Motion to bring in a Bill

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing resolutions;

That the Chairman of Ways and Means, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Edward Argar, Andrew Griffith, Richard Fuller and Felicity Buchan present the Bill.

Richard Fuller accordingly presented a Bill to reduce the amount of stamp duty land tax chargeable on the acquisition of residential property.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time today (Order, today), and to be printed (Bill 171) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 171–EN).

11 Stamp Duty Land Tax (Reduction) Bill: Second Reading

Motion made and Question put, That the Stamp Duty Land Tax (Reduction) Bill be now read a second time.

The House divided.

Division No. 70

Ayes: 288 (Tellers: Wendy Morton, Craig Whittaker)

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

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

Committee tomorrow.

12 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) Accessibility (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 18 July, be approved.—*(Rebecca Harris.)*

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Digital Government (Disclosure of Information) (Amendment) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 15 July, be approved.—*(Rebecca Harris.)*

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Merchant Shipping (Additional Safety Measures for Bulk Carriers) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 21 June, be approved.—*(Rebecca Harris.)*

Question agreed to.

(4) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Merchant Shipping (High Speed Craft) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 4 July, be approved.—*(Rebecca Harris.)*

Question agreed to.

(5) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Exclusivity Terms for Zero Hours Workers (Unenforceability and Redress) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 6 July, be approved.—*(Rebecca Harris.)*

Question agreed to.

(6) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Alterations to the Search Powers Code for England and Wales and Scotland) Order 2022, which was laid before this House on 18 July, be approved.—*(Rebecca Harris.)*

Question agreed to.

13 Adjournment

Subject: Potential closure of Doncaster Sheffield Airport (Nick Fletcher)

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

Adjourned at 9.32 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Changes to Notices Given

14 Pensions (Extension of Automatic Enrolment) Bill

Order for second reading on Friday 28 October, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 25 November.

15 Benefit Cap (Report on Abolition) Bill

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 24 March 2023.

*General Committees: Reports***16 First Delegated Legislation Committee**

Mr Laurence Robertson (Chair) reported the draft Airports Slot Allocation (Alleviation of Usage Requirements) (No. 3) Regulations 2022.

17 Second Delegated Legislation Committee

Mrs Sheryll Murray (Chair) reported the Draft Water Fluoridation (Consultation) (England) Regulations 2022 and the Draft Health and Care Act 2022 (Further Consequential Amendments) 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).

18 Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill Committee

Members: Lia Nici discharged and Nigel Huddleston nominated in substitution.

19 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Airports Slot Allocation (Alleviation of Usage Requirements) (No. 3) Regulations 2022)

Members: Katherine Fletcher discharged and Lucy Frazer nominated in substitution.

20 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Water Fluoridation (Consultation) (England) Regulations 2022) and draft Health and Care Act 2022 (Further Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2022

Chair: Mrs Sheryll Murray in place of Peter Dowd.

Members: Kevin Hollinrake and Mr Shailesh Vara discharged and Sir Oliver Heald and Jane Hunt nominated in substitution.

21 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Merchant Shipping (Safety Standards for Passenger Ships on Domestic Voyages) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2022)

Members: Anthony Browne and Dame Caroline Dinenage discharged and Tracey Crouch and Marco Longhi nominated in substitution.

22 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Crime (International Co-operation) Act 2003 (Designation of Participating Countries) (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) Order 2022)

Members: John Lamont and Tom Tugendhat discharged and Andrew Bowie and Jeremy Quin nominated in substitution.

23 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Order 2022)

Members: Mr Richard Bacon and Rob Butler discharged and Peter Gibson and Rachel Maclean nominated in substitution.

24 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Armed Forces (Covenant) Regulations 2022 and draft Armed Forces (Service Court Rules) (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 2022)

Members: Damian Hinds discharged and Mr Robin Walker nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

25 Administration Committee

(1) *General Election planning and services*: Part of the oral evidence, to be published (HC 209);

(2) Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 24 October, to be published (Sir Charles Walker).

26 Environmental Audit Committee

(1) *The financial sector and the UK's net zero transition*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 308);

(2) *Sustainable timber and deforestation*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 637) (Philip Dunne).

27 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *Correspondence with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office relating to contingent liabilities to undertake to support the economic stability of Ukraine*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Correspondence with HM Treasury*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *The Affordable Homes programme since 2015*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 684)

(Dame Meg Hillier).

28 Scottish Affairs Committee

Firearms licensing regulations in Scotland: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 710) (Pete Wishart).

29 Treasury Committee

Re-appointment of Sir Dave Ramsden as Deputy Governor for Markets and Banking, Bank of England:

(i) Seventh Report to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 785);

(ii) Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 785)

(Dame Angela Eagle).

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 Safety of covid-19 vaccines

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petition 602171 relating to the safety of covid-19 vaccines.—(*Elliot Colburn*.)

2 Human Rights legislation reform

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered e-petition 607712 relating to Human Rights legislation reform.—(*Scott Benton*.)

The sitting was suspended between 6.44 pm and 7.07 pm for divisions in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petition 607712 relating to Human Rights legislation reform.

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

Adjourned at 7.44 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Agriculture

Draft Food and Feed (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Dr Caroline Johnson)

2 Representation of the People

Draft Assistance with Voting for Persons with Disabilities (Amendments) Regulations 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Lee Rowley)

3 Transport and Works

Draft Transport and Works (Guided Transport Modes) (Amendment) Order 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Anne-Marie Trevelyan)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

4 Sentencing

Serious Violence Reduction Orders: Draft Statutory Guidance (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

5 Criminal Law

Sentencing Act 2020 (Serious Violence Reduction Orders: Retention and Disposal of Seized Items) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 1071), dated 17 October 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

Other papers

6 Companies

Explanatory Memorandum to the Accounting Standards (Prescribed Bodies) (United States of America and Japan) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No.943) (by Command) (Secretary Jacob Rees-Mogg)

7 Social Security

Explanatory Memorandum to the Social Security Additional Payments (Second Qualifying Day) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No.1011) (by Command) (Victoria Prentis)

Withdrawn papers

8 Social Security

Explanatory Memorandum to the Social Security Additional Payments (Second Qualifying Day) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No.1011) (laid 3 October)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

SUPPLY AND APPROPRIATION (ADJUSTMENTS) BILL

The Speaker has certified that the Supply and Appropriation (Adjustments) Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.