



House of Commons

Tuesday 25 October 2022

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

1 City of Chester Writ

Ordered, That the Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County Constituency of the City of Chester in the room of Christian John Patrick Matheson, who since his election for the said County Constituency has been appointed to the Office of Steward and Bailiff of His Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Burnham in the county of Buckingham.—(*Sir Alan Campbell.*)

2 Questions to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

3 Urgent Questions: (1) Crisis in Iran (Gillian Keegan)

(2) Avanti West Coast contract renewal (Kevin Foster)

4 Ministerial and other Pensions and Salaries (Amendment) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

David Linden, supported by Drew Hendry, Gavin Newlands, Brendan O'Hara and Alan Brown, presented a Bill to provide that a person who ceases to hold a ministerial office is entitled to a grant only after holding the relevant office for two years or more; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 18 November, and to be printed (Bill 172).

5 NHS Prescriptions (Drug Tariff Labelling): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require community pharmacies and other providers of NHS-funded prescriptions to show, on the patient label, the prevailing Drug Tariff value of the items dispensed; and for connected purposes;

That Craig Mackinlay, Julian Knight, Alicia Kearns, Dr Kieran Mullan, Ben Bradley, Greg Smith, Royston Smith, Sir Robert Goodwill, Matt Hancock, Mr Mark Francois, Harriett Baldwin and Virginia Crosbie present the Bill.

Craig Mackinlay accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 3 February 2023, and to be printed (Bill 173).

6 Motion to sit in private

David Linden moved, That the House sit in private.

Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 163).

The House divided.

Division No. 71

Ayes: 39 (Tellers: David Linden, Brendan O'Hara)

Noes: 240 (Tellers: Amanda Solloway, Mark Jenkinson)

Question accordingly negated.

7 Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill: Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, That the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill be now read a second time.

Amendment moved, to leave out from 'That' to the end of the Question and add 'this House declines to give a Second Reading to the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill because, notwithstanding the need to address the future status and suitability of retained EU law following departure from the European Union, the Bill creates substantial uncertainty for businesses and workers risking business investment into the UK, is a significant threat to core British rights and protections for working people, consumers and the environment as signalled by the wide body of organisations opposed to the Bill, could jeopardise the UK's need to maintain a level playing field with the Single Market under the terms of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement, and contains powers which continue a dangerous trend of growing executive power, undermining democratic scrutiny and accountability.'—(*Jonathan Reynolds*.)

8 Royal Assent

The Deputy Speaker reported that the King had signified Royal Assent to the following Acts under the Royal Assent Act 1967:

Supply and Appropriation (Adjustments) Act 2022
Social Security (Special Rules for End of Life) Act 2022
Health and Social Care Levy (Repeal) Act 2022
Energy Prices Act 2022

9 Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill: Second Reading (resumed)

The House resumed the debate.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Division No. 72

Ayes: 223 (Tellers: Gerald Jones, Sarah Owen)

Noes: 277 (Tellers: Sir David Evennett, Damien Moore)

Question accordingly negated.

Question, That the Bill be now read a second time, put forthwith (Standing Order No. 62(2)).

The House divided.

Division No. 73

Ayes: 280 (Tellers: Sir David Evennett, Damien Moore)

Noes: 225 (Tellers: Gerald Jones, Sarah Owen)

Question accordingly agreed to and Bill read a second time.

10 Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill: Programme

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill:

Committal

(1) The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee

(2) Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on 22 November 2022.

(3) The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

Proceedings on Consideration and on Third Reading

(4) Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which proceedings on Consideration are commenced.

(5) Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.

(6) Standing Order No.83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading.

Other proceedings

(7) Any other proceedings on the Bill may be programmed.—(*Jacob Young.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 74

Ayes: 270 (Tellers: Damien Moore, Darren Henry)

Noes: 45 (Tellers: Marion Fellows, Steven Bonnar)

Question accordingly agreed to.

11 Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill: Money

King's Recommendation signified.

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 52(1)(a)), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of:

(1) any expenditure incurred under or by virtue of the Act by a Minister of the Crown or by a government department;

(2) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under or by virtue of any other Act out of money so provided.—(*Jacob Young.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 75

Ayes: 265 (Tellers: Darren Henry, Damien Moore)

Noes: 44 (Tellers: Marion Fellows, Steven Bonnar)

Question accordingly agreed to.

12 Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill: Ways and Means

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 52(1)(a)), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill, it is expedient to authorise:

(1) any taxation, fees or charges or any other charge on the people in consequence of the exercise of a power which, by virtue of the Act, is to be read as being capable of being exercised to modify (or, as the case may be, result in the modification of) any retained direct EU legislation or anything which is retained EU law by virtue of section 4 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018;

(2) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund or the National Loans Fund.—(*Jacob Young*).

The House divided.

Division No. 76

Ayes: 260 (Tellers: Darren Henry, Damien Moore)

Noes: 4 (Tellers: Steven Bonnar, Marion Fellows)

Question accordingly agreed to.

13 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Airports Slot Allocation (Alleviation of Usage Requirements) (No. 3) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 20 July, be approved.—(*Jacob Young*.)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Water Fluoridation (Consultation) (England) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 20 July, be approved.—(*Jacob Young*.)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Health and Care Act 2022 (Further Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 20 July, be approved.—(*Jacob Young*.)

Question agreed to.

14 Changes to membership of select committees

(1) *Ordered*, That Richard Fuller, Ms Nusrat Ghani, Paul Howell and Mark Jenkinson be discharged from the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee and Ruth Edwards, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Robert Langan and Bim Afolami be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(2) *Ordered*, That Stuart Anderson and Sarah Atherton be discharged from the Defence Committee and Andrew Bowie and Robert Courts be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(3) *Ordered*, That Dr Caroline Johnson be discharged from the Education Committee and Andrew Lewer be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(4) *Ordered*, That Marco Longhi and Dean Russell be discharged from the Health and Social Care Committee and James Morris and Helen Whately be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(5) *Ordered*, That Darren Henry and Sara Britcliffe be discharged from the Levelling-up, Housing and Communities Committee and Paul Holmes and Mrs Natalie Elphicke be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(6) *Ordered*, That Scott Benton be discharged from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee and Mr Robin Walker be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(7) *Ordered*, That Katherine Fletcher and Dehenna Davison be discharged from the Science and Technology Committee and Stephen Metcalfe and Iain Stewart be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(8) *Ordered*, That Simon Jupp be discharged from the Transport Committee and Jack Brereton be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(9) *Ordered*, That Jackie Doyle-Price be discharged from the Women and Equalities Committee and Victoria Atkins be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(10) *Ordered*, That Anthony Higginbotham, Craig Mackinlay and Shaun Bailey be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts and Anne Marie Morris and Mr Jonathan Djanogly be added.—(*Sir Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

15 Adjournment

Subject: Eastern Link undersea cable and electricity generation and regional development (Kenny MacAskill)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Jacob Young.*)

Adjourned at 8.11 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

16 Supply and Appropriation (Adjustments) Bill

The Lords agree to the Supply and Appropriation (Adjustments) Bill without amendment.

17 Energy Prices Bill

The Lords agree to the Energy Prices Bill without amendment.

General Committees: Reports

18 Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill

Sir Christopher Chope (Chair) reported:

(1) That the Committee had come to the following Resolution, That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication; and

(2) written evidence.

Written evidence to be published.

19 Financial Services and Markets Bill Committee

Dame Maria Miller (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

20 Third Delegated Legislation Committee

Ms Esther McVey (Chair) reported the draft Merchant Safety (Safety Standards for Passenger Ships on Domestic Voyages) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2022.

General Committees: Appointments

*This item has been corrected since publication. See the correction in the Votes and Proceedings relating to Wednesday 26 October 2022.

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).

21 Pensions Dashboards (Prohibition of Indemnification) Bill Committee

Members: Mark Tami

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

Members: Shaun Bailey discharged and Gareth Davies nominated in substitution.

*Select Committees: Reports***23 Backbench Business Committee**

Transcript of representations made on Tuesday 25 October to be published (Ian Mearns).

24 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

(1) *Preparations for UNFCCC COP27*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 813);

(2) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to the Energy Prices Bill*: Written evidence, to be published

(Darren Jones).

25 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

(1) *Reimagining where we live: cultural placemaking and the levelling up agenda*:

(i) Third Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 155);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 155);

(2) *Safety at major sporting events*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 596);

(3) *Sustainability of local journalism*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 153)

(Julian Knight).

26 Draft Mental Health Bill (Joint Committee on)

Draft Mental Health Bill: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 696) (Sir Charles Walker).

27 Education Committee

(1) *Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG)*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 54);

(2) *Exam results 2022*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 718)
(Robert Halfon).

28 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

(1) *Sealife mortality off the north east coast*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 796);

(2) *UK Seafood Fund*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 290)
(Sir Robert Goodwill).

29 Foreign Affairs Committee

(1) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Defence relating to former UK Armed Forces training the Chinese military*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *The FCDO's approach to state-level hostage situations*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 166);

(3) *The Wagner Group and beyond: proxy Private Military Companies*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 167)

(Alicia Kearns).

30 Justice Committee

(1) *Open justice: court reporting in the digital age*: Fifth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 339);

(2) *The role of adult custodial remand in the criminal justice system*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 264);

(3) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State relating to the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman's Annual Report 2020–21*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Chair of the Sentencing Council relating to the consultation on guidelines for the offence of sale of knives to persons under 18*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State relating to the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence with the Minister of State for Justice relating to section 28*: Written evidence, to be published

(Sir Robert Neill).

31 Petitions Committee

Record of the Committee's decisions relating to e-petitions, to be published (Catherine McKinnell).

32 Transport Committee

(1) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to Transport Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Integrated Rail Plan*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 292);

(3) *Self-driving vehicles*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 519);

(4) *Travel disruption*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 661)

(Huw Merriman).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 9.30 am.

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

1 **Baby loss and safe staffing in maternity care**

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered baby loss and safe staffing in maternity care.—(*Jill Mortimer*.)

The Chair announced a time limit on backbench speeches (under the authority of the Chairman of Ways and Means and Standing Order No. 47(1)).

Resolved, That this House has considered baby loss and safe staffing in maternity care.

2 **The contribution of the Rugby League World Cup 2022 to culture and sport in the UK**

Resolved, That this House has considered the contribution of the Rugby League World Cup 2022 to culture and sport in the UK.—(*Judith Cummins*.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.27 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 **Potential merits of ending Section 21 evictions**

Resolved, That this House has considered the potential merits of Section 21 evictions.—(*Dan Carden*.)

4 **Government support for a potential super health hub in Plymouth city centre**

Resolved, That this House has considered Government support for a potential super health hub in Plymouth city centre.—(*Luke Pollard*.)

5 **Agriculture in Sussex**

Resolved, That this House has considered agriculture in Sussex.—(*Caroline Ansell*.)

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

Adjourned at 5.28 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Exiting the European Union (Financial Services)

Financial Services (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 1080), dated 24 October 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Andrew Griffith)

Other papers

2 Environment

Report and Accounts of the Environment Agency for 2021–22, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 749) (Secretary Ranil Jayawardena)

3 Government Resources and Accounts

Report and Accounts of the Veterinary Medicines Directorate for 2021–22, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 473) (Secretary Ranil Jayawardena)

4 National Health Service

Report and Accounts of Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for 2021–22 (by Act) (Secretary Thérèse Coffey)