



House of Commons

Wednesday 24 May 2023

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 **Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Wales
(2) the Prime Minister**
- 2 **Urgent Question: Student visas (Robert Jenrick)**
- 3 **Statement: Rock review of agricultural tenancies (Mark Spencer)**
- 4 **British Nationality (Regularisation of Past Practice) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Secretary Suella Braverman, supported by the Prime Minister and Robert Jenrick, presented a Bill to make provision for immigration restrictions to be disregarded for the purposes of the British Nationality Act 1981 in historical cases in which such restrictions were in practice disregarded.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 313) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 313–EN).

- 5 **Ministerial Conduct (Training) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Wendy Chamberlain presented a Bill to require Ministers of the Crown to undertake annual training in matters relating to propriety, ethics and standards; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 24 November, and to be printed (Bill 315).

- 6 **Aviation Banning Orders (Disruptive Passengers): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)**

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for court orders to prohibit disruptive passengers from flying, and for connected purposes;

That Gareth Johnson, Jim Shannon, Mrs Heather Wheeler, Michael Fabricant, Tim Loughton, Chris Grayling, Craig Mackinlay, Sir David Evennett and Henry Smith present the Bill.

Gareth Johnson accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 24 November, and to be printed (Bill 316).

7 Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill: Programme (No. 3)

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 for the purpose of supplementing the Orders of 25 October (Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill: Programme) and 7 November 2022 (Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill: Programme (No. 2)):

Consideration of Lords Amendments

(1) Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion four hours after their commencement.

(2) The Lords Amendments shall be considered in the following order: 6, 1, 16, 15, 42, 2 to 5, 7 to 14, 17 to 41, 43.

Subsequent stages

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

(4) 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.—(*Fay Jones*.)

Question agreed to.

8 Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill: Consideration of Lords Amendments

Lords Amendment 6

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 6.

9 Royal Assent

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

Protection from Redundancy (Pregnancy and Family Leave) Act 2023

Carer's Leave Act 2023

Electricity Transmission (Compensation) Act 2023

Neonatal Care (Leave and Pay) Act 2023

Northern Ireland (Interim Arrangements) Act 2023

10 Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill: Consideration of Lords Amendments (resumed)

The House resumed the debate.

Question put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 6.

The House divided.

Division No. 241

Ayes: 296 (Tellers: Julie Marson, Steve Double)

Noes: 215 (Tellers: Liz Twist, Mary Glendon)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 6 accordingly disagreed to.

As it was more than four hours after the commencement of consideration of Lords Amendments, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on Lords Amendments to a conclusion (Programme Order, today).

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

(1) That Amendment (a) be made to Lords Amendment 1 (Question on any Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown to a Lords Amendment).—(*Michael Tomlinson.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 242

Ayes: 298 (Tellers: Julie Marson, Steve Double)

Noes: 216 (Tellers: Liz Twist, Mary Glendon)

Question accordingly agreed to.

(2) That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment 1, as amended (Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to agree with a Lords Amendment, as amended).—(*Michael Tomlinson.*)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 1, as amended, accordingly agreed to.

(3) That Amendments (a) and (b) be made to Lords Amendment 16 (Single Question on any Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to a Lords Amendment).—(*Michael Tomlinson.*)

Question agreed to.

(4) That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment 16, as amended (Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to agree with a Lords Amendment, as amended).—(*Michael Tomlinson.*)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 16, as amended, accordingly agreed to.

(5) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 15 (Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to disagree with a Lords Amendment).—(*Michael Tomlinson.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 243

Ayes: 294 (Tellers: Julie Marson, Steve Double)

Noes: 217 (Tellers: Liz Twist, Mary Glendon)

Question accordingly agreed to.

Lords Amendment 15 accordingly disagreed to.

(6) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 42 (Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to disagree with a Lords Amendment).—(*Michael Tomlinson.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 244

Ayes: 294 (Tellers: Julie Marson, Steve Double)

Noes: 217 (Tellers: Liz Twist, Mary Glendon)

Question accordingly agreed to.

Lords Amendment 42 accordingly disagreed to.

(7) That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendments 2 to 5, 7 to 14, 17 to 41 and 43 (Single Question to agree with all remaining Lords Amendments).

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendments 2 to 5, 7 to 14, 17 to 41 and 43 accordingly agreed to.

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83H(2)), That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments 6, 15 and 42.

That Shaun Bailey, Taiwo Owatemi, Jonathan Reynolds, Alyn Smith, Alexander Stafford, Michael Tomlinson and Mike Wood be members of the Committee;

That Michael Tomlinson be the Chair of the Committee;

That three be the quorum of the Committee;

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(*Ruth Edwards.*)

Question agreed to.

11 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Packaging Waste (Data Reporting) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 20 April, be approved.—(*Ruth Edwards.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Road Vehicles (Authorised Weight) (Amendment) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 26 April, be approved.—(*Ruth Edwards.*)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Act 2007 (Extension of Duration of Non-jury Trial Provisions) Order 2023, which was laid before this House on 24 April, be approved.—(*Ruth Edwards.*)

Question agreed to.

12 Public petitions

A public petition from councillors representing wards in the Manchester Gorton constituency relating to pavement parking was presented and read by Afzal Khan.

13 Adjournment

Subject: Dental care in Durham (Mary Kelly Foy)

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

At 7.00 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 9(3)).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Ruth Edwards.*)

Adjourned at 7.13 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

14 Neonatal Care (Leave and Pay) Bill

The Lords agree to the Neonatal Care (Leave and Pay) Bill without amendment.

15 Northern Ireland (Interim Arrangements) Bill

The Lords agree to the Northern Ireland (Interim Arrangements) Bill without amendment.

Changes to Notices Given

16 Plastics (Wet Wipes) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 26 May, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 16 June.

Reasons Committees: Reports

17 Retained EU (Revocation and Reform) Bill: Reasons Committee

Michael Tomlinson reported that the Committee had agreed the following Reasons:

Lords Amendment 6

Because the retention of anything which is retained EU law by virtue of section 4 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 would be inconsistent with the abolition of the principle of supremacy of EU law.

Lords Amendment 15

Because the Commons do not consider the Lords Amendment necessary in order to maintain environmental protection or food standards.

Lords Amendment 42

Because the Commons consider the scrutiny procedure imposed by the Lords Amendment to be inappropriate.

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 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Animal By-Products, Pet Passport and Animal Health (Fees) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2023)

Chair: Sir Robert Syms

Members: Debbie Abrahams, Alun Cairns, Jo Churchill, Elliot Colburn, Wayne David, Kevin Foster, Peter Gibson, Mary Glendon, Mrs Paulette Hamilton, Trudy Harrison, Kate Hollern, Mr David Jones, Chris Loder, Jason McCartney, Chris Skidmore, Alex Sobel and Karl Turner

19 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Amendments of the Law (Resolution of Silicon Valley Bank UK Limited) (No. 2) Order 2023)

Chair: Esther McVey

Members: Nickie Aiken, Sarah Atherton, Jackie Doyle-Price, Mr Marcus Fysh, Peter Grant, Andrew Griffith, Paul Howell, Jack Lopresti, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Anne Marie Morris, Holly Mumby-Croft, Tulip Siddiq, Nick Smith, Andrew Stephenson, Zarah Sultana, Sam Tarry and Liz Twist

Select Committees: Reports

20 Culture, Media and Sport Committee

(1) *Economics of music streaming: follow-up*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 874);

(2) *Minority languages*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1206);

(3) *Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Media Bill*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1287);

(4) *The work of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 158)

(Dame Caroline Dinenage).

21 Environmental Audit Committee

(1) *The UK and the Arctic environment*: Oral and written evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Polar Research, to be published (HC 1141);

(2) *Technological innovations and climate change: onshore solar energy*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 856)

(Philip Dunne).

22 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

(1) *Soil health*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 963);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Environmental Quality and Resilience relating to the British Waterways Board Transfer Scheme 2012*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Local Government and Building Safety relating to Internal Drainage Board Levies and the final 2023/24 Local Government Finance Settlement*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to import check readiness and the EU Entry/Exit System and agrifood trade*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Main Estimate Memorandum 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published

(Sir Robert Goodwill).

23 European Scrutiny Committee

(1) Eighteenth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 119-xvi);

(2) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland relating to the list of EU law applicable in Northern Ireland*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Ministerial correspondence*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 119);

(4) *Regulating after Brexit*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 125)
(Sir William Cash).

24 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

- (1) *Human rights and assisted dying*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1195);
- (2) *Correspondence with the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice relating to an invitation to give oral evidence to the Joint Committee on Human Rights*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Human rights of asylum seekers in the UK*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 821);
- (4) *Protecting human rights in care settings*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 216)
(Joanna Cherry).

25 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

- (1) *The funding and delivery of public services in Northern Ireland*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1165);
- (2) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to the Northern Ireland Office Supplementary Estimates 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Northern Ireland Office Main Estimate Memorandum 2023–24*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) *The effectiveness of the institutions of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 781)
(Simon Hoare).

26 Petitions Committee

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs relating to e-petition 624406: Written evidence, to be published (Catherine McKinnell).

27 Science, Innovation and Technology Committee

- (1) *Governance of artificial intelligence (AI)*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 945);
- (2) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to funding for mathematical science*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Department for Science, Innovation and Technology Main Estimate Memorandum with Table 2023–24*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) *Emerging diseases and learnings from covid-19*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1303);
- (5) *Insect decline and UK food security*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1239)
(Greg Clark).

28 Standards (Committee on)

Correspondence with the Leader of the House relating to Ministerial transparency returns: Written evidence, to be published (Sir Chris Bryant).

29 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

Thirty-eighth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 4-xxxviii) (Maggie Throup).

30 Transport Committee

Minimum service levels for rail: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1153) (Iain Stewart).

31 Treasury Committee

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

(2) *The crypto-asset industry*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 615)
(Harriett Baldwin).

32 Welsh Affairs Committee

(1) *Floating offshore wind in Wales: Government Response to the Committee's Second Report*: Fourth Special Report, to be printed (HC 1405);

(2) *University research funding*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1261);

(3) *Water quality in Wales*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1113)
(Stephen Crabb).

33 Women and Equalities Committee

Misogyny in music: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 317) (Caroline Nokes).

34 Work and Pensions Committee

(1) *Benefit levels in the UK*: Part of written evidence, to be published (HC 1126);

(2) *Correspondence with the Pension Protection Fund relating to the Fraud Compensation Fund and the Norton Motorcycles Pension Scheme*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Cost of living support payments*: Part of written evidence, to be published (HC 1277);

(4) *Department for Work and Pensions Main Estimate Memorandum 2023–24*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Plan for Jobs and employment support*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 600);

(6) *The effectiveness of sanctions*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1308)

(Sir Stephen Timms).

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 Regulation of the private rented sector

Resolved, That this House has considered regulation of the private rented sector.—(Dan Carden.)

The sitting was suspended between 10.30 am and 11.00 am.

2 Doubledykes crossing and Network Rail

Resolved, That this House has considered Doubledykes crossing and Network Rail.—(*Peter Grant*.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.25 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 Provision of NHS dentists in the South West

Resolved, That this House has considered the provision of NHS dentists in the South West.—(*Chris Loder*.)

4 Furniture affordability and social housing

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of furniture affordability and social housing.—(*Paul Maynard*.)

5 Future of Heathrow Airport expansion

Resolved, That this House has considered the future of Heathrow Airport expansion.—(*Fleur Anderson*.)

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

Adjourned at 5.29 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Church of England (General Synod) (Measures)

Measure passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, entitled Diocesan Stipends Funds (Amendment) Measure (by Act), to be printed (HC 1413) (Clerk of the House)

2 Electricity

Draft Electricity and Gas (Energy Company Obligation) Order 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

3 Customs

(1) Customs (Origin of Chargeable Goods: Developing Countries Trading Scheme) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 557), dated 22 May 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Victoria Atkins)

(2) Trade Preference Scheme (Developing Countries Trading Scheme) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 561), dated 22 May 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Nigel Huddleston)

4 Senior Courts of England and Wales

Civil Procedure (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 572), dated 22 May 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Alex Chalk)

Other papers**5 Church of England (General Synod) (Measures)**

Report by the Ecclesiastical Committee on the Diocesan Stipends Funds (Amendment) Measure (by Act), to be printed (HC 1412) (Clerk of the House)

6 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Cross-government: Lessons learned: How to deliver effective regulation locally (by Act), to be printed (HC 1373) (Clerk of the House)

7 National Heritage

(1) Acceptance-in-Lieu Scheme: Statement to Parliament listing items accepted in lieu of inheritance tax during the financial year 2022–23 (by Act) (Sir John Whittingdale)

(2) Government Indemnity Scheme: Statement to Parliament on the level of outstanding liabilities under the Scheme for the six-month period ending 31 March 2023 (by Act) (Sir John Whittingdale)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES**VOTING BY PROXY****1 Variation of proxy voting arrangement**

The Speaker has certified, under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A (Voting by proxy), that Tony Lloyd has given notice that he wishes to vary his proxy vote arrangement. His period of proxy voting will now end on 30 June.