



House of Commons

Monday 23 October 2023

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

1 Introduction of new Members

Sarah Edwards, Member for Tamworth, made the Affirmation required by law.

Alistair Strathern, Member for Mid Bedfordshire, made the Affirmation required by law.

2 Private Bills: City of London (Markets) Bill: Suspension

Ordered, That the promoters of the City of London (Markets) Bill, which was originally introduced in this House in this Session on 30 January 2023, should have leave to suspend any further proceedings on the Bill from the day on which the current Session ends in order to proceed with it, if they think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, according to the provisions of Standing Order No. 188A (Suspension of Bills).—(*Chairman of Ways and Means.*)

To be communicated to the Lords, and their agreement desired thereto.

3 Private Bills: Bishop's Stortford Cemetery Bill [Lords]: Suspension

Ordered, That the promoters of the Bishop's Stortford Cemetery Bill [Lords], which was originally introduced in the House of Lords in this Session on 23 January 2023, should have leave to suspend any further proceedings on the Bill from the day on which the current Session ends in order to proceed with it, if they think fit, in the next Session of Parliament according to the provisions of Standing Order No. 188A (Suspension of Bills).—(*Chairman of Ways and Means.*)

To be communicated to the Lords, and their agreement desired thereto.

4 Questions to the Secretary of State for Education

5 Statements: (1) Israel and Gaza (The Prime Minister)

(2) Flood response to Storm Babet (Rebecca Pow)

6 Renters (Reform) Bill: Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, That the Renters (Reform) Bill be now read a second time.

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

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

7 Renters (Reform) Bill: Programme

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Renters (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 Tuesday 5 December 2023.

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

Consideration and 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 those proceedings 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.—(*Andrew Stephenson.*)

Question agreed to.

8 Renters (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 Renters (Reform) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of:

(a) any expenditure incurred under or by virtue of the Act by the Secretary of State; and

(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided.—(*Andrew Stephenson.*)

Question agreed to.

9 Renters (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 Renters (Reform) Bill, it is expedient to authorise:

(1) the charging of fees under or by virtue of the Act; and

(2) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund.—(*Andrew Stephenson.*)

Question agreed to.

10 Renters (Reform) Bill: Carry-over

Motion made, and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 80A(1)(a)), That if, at the conclusion of this Session of Parliament, proceedings on the Renters (Reform) Bill have not been completed, they shall be resumed in the next Session.—(*Andrew Stephenson.*)

Question agreed to.

11 Public petitions

A public petition from residents of the United Kingdom relating to the Kytes Regeneration Project was presented and read by Dean Russell.

12 Adjournment

Subject: Environmental, social and governance developments (Alexander Stafford)

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

At 10 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 9(3)).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Andrew Stephenson.*)

Adjourned at 10.21 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

13 Private Bills: Royal Albert Hall Bill [Lords]

The Lords communicate that they have come to the following resolution in respect of the Royal Albert Hall Bill [Lords] to which they desire the agreement of the Commons—

That the promoters of the Royal Albert Hall Bill [Lords] which was originally introduced in this House in this session on 23 January 2023 should have leave to suspend any further proceedings on the bill in order to proceed with it, if they think fit, in the next session of Parliament according to the provisions of Private Business Standing Order 150A (*Suspension of Bills*).

14 Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill

The Lords insist on an Amendment to the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill to which the Commons have disagreed, for which insistence they assign their Reason; they do not insist on an Amendment to which the Commons have disagreed, but propose an Amendment in lieu to which they desire the agreement of the Commons; they do not insist on the other Amendments to which the Commons have disagreed; they agree without amendment to the Commons Amendments in lieu; and they agree to the Commons Amendments.

Printing of Lords Messages

15 Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill

Lords Message relating to the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill to be considered tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 376).

*Standing Orders (Public Business)***16 Standing Orders (Public Business)**

Ordered, That the Standing Orders relating to Public Business be printed (HC 1932).

*General Committees: Reports***17 First Delegated Legislation Committee**

Mrs Pauline Latham (Chair) reported the draft Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases (Amendment) Regulations 2023.

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 Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases (Amendment) Regulations 2023)

Members: Chris Skidmore discharged and Selaine Saxby nominated in substitution.

19 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Representation of the People (Franchise Amendment and Eligibility Review) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2023)

Members: Sir James Duddridge discharged and Jo Gideon nominated in substitution.

20 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Public Charge Point Regulations 2023)

Members: Sir Conor Burns, Simon Jupp and James Morris discharged and Siobhan Baillie, Mark Jenkinson and Lia Nici nominated in substitution.

*Select Committees: Reports***21 Administration Committee**

Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 23 October, to be published (Sir Charles Walker).

22 High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill (Select Committee on the)

(1) *High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill*: Second Special Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1944);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Transport relating to the Government's proposals for Network North*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Transport relating to the Government's request to adjourn the Committee*: Written evidence, to be published

(Andrew Percy).

23 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *Progress with Making Tax Digital*: Eightieth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1333);

(2) *Lessons learned: competition in public procurement*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1760)

(Dame Meg Hillier).

24 Scottish Affairs Committee

(1) *Science and Scotland*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1448);

(2) *Correspondence relating to the punctuality of flights between Scotland and London*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Cost of living: impact on rural communities in Scotland*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 982)

(Pete Wishart).

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 Honesty in politics

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petitions 561730 and 576886, relating to honesty in politics.—(*Martyn Day*.)

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

Adjourned at 5.50 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Criminal Law

Draft Sentencing Act 2020 (Amendment of Schedule 21) Regulations 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Alex Chalk)

2 Income Tax

Draft Major Sporting Events (Income Tax Exemption) (World Athletics Indoor Championships Glasgow 24) Regulations 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Victoria Atkins)

3 Legal Services

Draft Legal Services Act 2007 (Approved Regulator) Order 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Alex Chalk)

4 Police

Draft Representation of the People (Overseas Electors etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Jacob Young)

5 Representation of People (Northern Ireland)

Draft Representation of the People (Overseas Electors etc.) (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris)

6 Retained EU Law Reform

Draft Plant Protection Products (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Mark Spencer)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

7 Defence

(1) Armed Forces (Amendment of Court Rules) Rules 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1097), dated 17 October 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Dr Andrew Murrison)

(2) Service Custody and Service of Relevant Sentences (Amendment) Rules 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1103), dated 17 October 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Dr Andrew Murrison)

Other papers

8 Armed Forces

Report and Accounts of Greenwich Hospital and Travers Foundation for 2021–22, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1292) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

9 Food Standards

Our Food 2022: An annual review of food standards across the UK (by Act), to be printed (HC 1859) (Clerk of the House)

10 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Cabinet Office: Cabinet Office Functional Savings (by Act), to be printed (HC 1865) (Clerk of the House)

11 Reserve Forces

Report under section 56(7) of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 on the renewal of call-out orders for operations in support of HM Government's Cyber and Electromagnetic Activities (CEMA) and Military Aid to the Civil Authorities (MACA) (by Act) (James Heappey)

12 Water Industry

Storm Overflows Discharge Reduction Plan (by Act) (Secretary Thérèse Coffey)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

VOTING BY PROXY

13 Variation of proxy voting arrangement

(1) The Speaker has certified, under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A (Voting by proxy), that Jane Hunt has given notice that she wishes to vary her proxy vote arrangement. Her period of proxy voting will now end on 10 March 2024.

(2) The Speaker has certified, under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A (Voting by proxy), that Helen Whately has given notice that she wishes to vary her proxy vote arrangement. Her period of proxy voting will now end on 27 October.