



House of Commons

Tuesday 21 November 2023

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

1 Selection

Ordered, That Jo Churchill and Steve Double be discharged from the Committee of Selection and Joy Morrissey and Stuart Anderson be added.—(*Mr Marcus Jones.*)

2 Questions to the Secretary of State for Justice

**3 Statements: (1) International development white paper (Mr Andrew Mitchell)
(2) Veteran welfare services (Johnny Mercer)**

4 Media Bill: Second Reading

Bill read a second time.

5 Media Bill: Programme

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Media 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 Thursday 14 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.—(*Mark Fletcher.*)

Question agreed to.

6 Media 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 Media Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided.—(*Mark Fletcher.*)

Question agreed to.

7 Media 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 Media Bill, it is expedient to authorise:

(1) the charging of fees under the Act; and

(2) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund.—(*Mark Fletcher.*)

Question agreed to.

8 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Justification Decision (Scientific Age Imaging) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 13 September, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(*Mark Fletcher.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Immigration (Age Assessments) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 14 September, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(*Mark Fletcher.*)

Question agreed to.

9 Public petitions

A public petition from residents of Linlithgow and East Falkirk relating to a UK meal card scheme was presented and read by Martyn Day.

10 Adjournment

Subject: Government policy on a further independence referendum for Scotland (Neale Hanvey)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Mark Fletcher.*)

Adjourned at 6.54 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

11 Renters (Reform) Bill Committee

James Gray (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

12 Third Delegated Legislation Committee

Sir George Howarth (Chair) reported the draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Amendment) (Equal Treatment) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2023, the draft Pensions (Pension Protection Fund Compensation) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2023, the draft Pensions Act 2004 (Amendment) (Pension Protection Fund Compensation) Regulations 2023 and the draft Pensions Act 2004 and the Equality Act 2010 (Amendment) (Equal Treatment by Occupational Pension Schemes) Regulations 2023.

13 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee

Derek Twigg (Chair) reported the draft Aviation (Consumers) (Amendment) Regulations 2023.

14 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee

Sir Gary Streeter (Chair) reported the draft Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 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).

15 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Aviation (Consumers) (Amendment) Regulations 2023)

Members: Mr Marcus Fysh discharged and James Sunderland nominated in substitution.

16 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Public Service Obligations in Transport Regulations 2023)

Members: Sir Oliver Heald discharged and Sir Robert Goodwill nominated in substitution.

17 Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Health Protection (Coronavirus, Testing Requirements and Standards) (England) (Amendment and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2023)

Members: Sally-Ann Hart discharged and Peter Gibson nominated in substitution.

*Select Committees: Reports***18 Business and Trade Committee**

- (1) *The performance of investment zones and freeports in England*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 272);
 - (2) *Correspondence from Ofcom relating to Royal Mail's quality of service performance in 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (3) *Correspondence from the Chief Network Officer at Vodafone UK relating to their merger with Three*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (4) *Correspondence from the Deputy Prime Minister relating to a National Security and Investment System call for evidence*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (5) *Correspondence from the Minister for Industry and Economic Security relating to a trade agreement between the UK and Mexico*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (6) *Correspondence with Companies House relating to the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (7) *Correspondence with the Co-owner of Asda relating to the accuracy of information provided to the Committee*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (8) *The work of the Department for Business and Trade*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 268)
- (Liam Byrne).

19 Culture, Media and Sport Committee

- (1) *Connected tech: smart or sinister?: Government and the Information Commissioner's Office Response to the Committee's Tenth Report of Session 2022–23*: Second Special Report, to be printed (HC 302);
 - (2) *Women's sport*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 177);
 - (3) *Correspondence with Ofcom*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (4) *Gambling regulation*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 176)
- (Dame Caroline Dinéage).

20 Education Committee

- (1) *Screen time: Impacts on education and wellbeing*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 118);
 - (2) *Ofsted's work with schools*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 117)
- (Mr Robin Walker).

21 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

- (1) *UK trade policy: food and agriculture*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 162);
 - (2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Food, Farming and Fisheries relating to free-range egg marketing status and avian influenza*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (3) *Pet welfare and abuse*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 161)
- (Sir Robert Goodwill).

22 Foreign Affairs Committee

Work of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office: Written evidence, to be published (HC 325) (Alicia Kearns).

23 Health and Social Care Committee

(1) *Pharmacy*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 140);

(2) *Assisted dying/assisted suicide*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 321);

(3) *Correspondence from the Equality and Human Rights Commission*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the General Medical Council*: Written evidence, to be published (Rachael Maskell).

24 Justice Committee

(1) *Whiplash reform and the official injury claim service: Government response to the Committee's Ninth Report of Session 2022–23*: First Special Report, to be printed (HC 317);

(2) *Future prison population and estate capacity*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 29);

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Courts and Legal Services relating to assessing access to justice in HMCTS services*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Minister for Prisons and Probation relating to the urgent notification at HMP Bedford*: Written evidence, to be published (Sir Robert Neill).

25 Petitions Committee

(1) Record of the Committee's decisions relating to e-petitions, to be published;

(2) List of closed e-petitions presented to the House, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Minister for Women and Equalities relating to conversion therapy*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs relating to pet theft*: Written evidence, to be published

(Cat Smith).

26 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

(1) *Civil Service leadership and reform*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 201);

(2) *Correspondence with the Chair of the House of Lords Appointments Commission relating to the appointment of the Rt Hon David Cameron to the House of Lords*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Independent Adviser on Ministers' Interests relating to the appointment of the Rt Hon David Cameron as Foreign Secretary and to the House of Lords*: Written evidence, to be published

(Mr William Wragg).

27 Transport Committee

(1) *Self-driving vehicles: Government Response to the Committee's Seventh Report of Session 2022–23*: First Special Report, to be printed (HC 264);

(2) *Accessible transport: legal obligations*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 82);

(3) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to the Automated Vehicles Bill and micromobility*: Written evidence, to be published

(Iain Stewart).

28 Treasury Committee

(1) *Bank of England Monetary Policy Reports*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 211);

(2) *Sexism in the City*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 240);

(3) *Small and medium enterprise finance*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 27)

(Harriett Baldwin).

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 International Men's Day

Resolved, That this House has considered International Men's Day.—(*Nick Fletcher*.)

2 Cost of energy and energy charges

Resolved, That this House has considered the cost of energy and energy charges.—(*Kenny MacAskill*.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.24 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 Debt in Africa

Resolved, That this House has considered debt in Africa.—(*Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi*.)

4 Impact of reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete at St Leonard's Catholic School, City of Durham

Resolved, That this House has considered the impact of reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete at St Leonard's Catholic School, City of Durham.—(*Mary Kelly Foy*.)

The sitting was suspended between 4.25 pm and 4.30 pm.

5 Autism and learning disability training for education staff

Resolved, That this House has considered autism and learning disability training for education staff.—(*Dame Caroline Dinenage*.)

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

Adjourned at 5.30 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Corporation Tax

Insurance Companies ("The Long-term Business Fixed Capital") Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1236), dated 20 November 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Bim Afolami)

2 Electronic Communications

Electronic Communications Code (Jurisdiction) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1220), dated 16 November 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Sir John Whittingdale)

3 Immigration

Immigration Act 2014 (Commencement No. 9) and Immigration Act 2014 (Commencement No. 8) (Revocation) Order 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1245), dated 21 November 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary James Cleverly)

4 Local Government

Draft West Northamptonshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (The Speaker)

5 Representation of the People

Overseas Electors, Postal Vote Handling and Secrecy (Amendment) Rules 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1233), dated 20 November 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jacob Young)

6 Social Security

Social Security (Widow's Benefit and Retirement Pensions) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1237), dated 20 November 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Paul Maynard)

Other papers

7 Charities

Consolidated Financial Statements of the National Army Museum for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 96) (Clerk of the House)

8 Culture, Media and Sport

Report and Accounts of Building Digital UK 2022–23 (by Command) (Sir John Whittingdale)

9 Data Protection

Explanatory Memorandum to the Data Protection (Adequacy) (United States of America) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1028) (by Command) (Sir John Whittingdale)

Withdrawn papers

10 Data Protection

Explanatory Memorandum to the Data Protection (Adequacy) (United States of America) Regulations 2023 (laid 21 September)

MEMORANDUM

PANEL OF CHAIRS

The Speaker has nominated Gordon Henderson and Valerie Vaz to the Panel of Chairs during this Parliament (Standing Order No. 4(1)).

CORRECTION

Monday 20 November 2023

Item 8 (Papers Laid) should not have appeared.