



# House of Commons

Monday 5 February 2024

## Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

**1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions**

**2 Statements: (1) Red Sea update (Secretary Grant Shapps)**

**(2) Disability Action Plan launch (Mims Davies)**

**3 Finance Bill: Ways and Means**

*Resolved*, That provision may be made for the electricity generator levy not to apply to new generating plant.—(*Nigel Huddleston*.)

Question agreed to.

**4 Finance Bill: Consideration of the Bill not amended in Committee or in the Public Bill Committee**

New Clause NC5—(*Nigel Huddleston*)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

At 6 pm, the Speaker debate was interrupted.

**5 Speaker's Statement: Health of His Majesty the King**

**6 Finance Bill: Consideration of the Bill not amended in Committee or in the Public Bill Committee (resumed)**

The House resumed the debate.

Question put and agreed to.

New Clause NC5 added to the Bill.

New Clause NC6—(*James Murray*)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Division No. 71

Ayes: 185 (Tellers: Christian Wakeford, Kim Leadbeater)

Noes: 285 (Tellers: Mr Gagan Mohindra, Suzanne Webb)

Question negatived.

New Clause NC7—(*James Murray*)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Division No. 72

Ayes: 182 (Tellers: Christian Wakeford, Kim Leadbeater)

Noes: 289 (Tellers: Mr Gagan Mohindra, Suzanne Webb)

Question negatived.

Amendments 1 to 6 made.

Consideration completed.

## 7 Finance Bill: Third Reading

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

The House divided.

Division No. 73

Ayes: 283 (Tellers: Mr Gagan Mohindra, Suzanne Webb)

Noes: 39 (Tellers: Peter Grant, Steven Bonnar)

Question agreed to.

Bill read the third time and passed.

## 8 Statutory Instruments: Motions for approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017 (Amendment) Regulations 2024, which were laid before this House on 11 December 2023, be approved.—(*Robert Lorgan*.)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Combined Authorities (Mayors) Filling of Vacancies Order 2017 (Amendment) Regulations 2024, which were laid before this House on 11 December 2023, be approved.—(*Robert Lorgan*.)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Animal Welfare (Primate Licences) (England) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 14 December 2023, be approved.—(*Robert Lorgan*.)

Question agreed to.

## 9 Business of the House (7 February)

*Ordered*, That at the sitting on Wednesday 7 February, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 16 (Proceedings under an Act or on European Union documents), the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on

(1) the Motion in the name of Secretary James Cleverly relating to Police Grant Report not later than three hours after the commencement of proceedings on that Motion, and

(2) the Motions in the name of Secretary Michael Gove relating to Local Government Finance not later than three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the first such Motion or six hours after the commencement of proceedings relating to Police Grant Report, whichever is the later; proceedings on those Motions may continue, though

opposed, after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(*Penny Mordaunt*.)

#### 10 Adjournment

Subject: Tri-service safety officers in Devon and Cornwall (Steve Double)

*Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Robert Langan*.)

Adjourned at 7.59 pm until tomorrow.

## Other Proceedings

### *Changes to Notices Given*

#### 11 Road Traffic and Street Works Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 19 April, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 26 April.

#### 12 Support for Infants Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 1 March, read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

### *General Committees: Reports*

#### 13 First Delegated Legislation Committee

Yvonne Fovargue (Chair) reported the draft European Organization for Astronomical Research in the Southern Hemisphere and the European Space Agency (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) 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).*

#### 14 Building Societies Act 1986 (Amendment) Bill Committee

Chair: Stewart Hosie

#### 15 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft European Organization for Astronomical Research in the Southern Hemisphere and the European Space Agency (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 2023)

(1) Chair: Yvonne Fovargue

(2) Members: Cherilyn Mackrory discharged and Paul Holmes nominated in substitution.

- 16 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (The Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (High-Risk Countries) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No.69))**  
(1) Chair: Sir Robert Syms  
(2) Members: Paul Howell, Holly Lynch and Nadhim Zahawi discharged and Jerome Mayhew, Mr Gagan Mohindra and Mark Tami nominated in substitution.
- 17 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Gender Recognition (Approved Countries and Territories and Saving Provision) Order 2023)**  
(1) Chair: Mrs Sheryll Murray  
(2) Members: Dehenna Davison, Steve Double and Vicky Ford discharged and Andy Carter, Dr Neil Hudson and James Sunderland nominated in substitution.
- 18 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Water Industry (Special Administration) Regulations 2024) and (draft Water Industry Act 1991 (Amendment) Order 2024)**  
(1) Chair: Martin Vickers  
(2) Members: Dr Neil Hudson and Sir Alok Sharma discharged and Sir David Evennett and David Simmonds nominated in substitution.
- 19 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft East Midlands Combined County Authority Regulations 2024)**  
Chair: Mr Laurence Robertson
- 20 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Social Security (Contributions) (Limits and Thresholds, National Insurance Funds Payments and Extension of Veterans Relief) Regulations 2024) and draft Tax Credits, Child Benefit and Guardian's Allowance Up-rating Regulations 2024)**  
Chair: Sir Charles Walker

*Select Committees: Reports*

- 21 Administration Committee**  
Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 5 February, to be published (Sir Charles Walker).
- 22 Environmental Audit Committee**  
*The UK and the Antarctic environment*: Oral evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Polar Research, to be published (HC 381) (James Gray).
- 23 Health and Social Care Committee**  
*Prevention in health and social care: alcohol, drugs, smoking and gambling*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 141) (Steve Brine).
- 24 Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee**  
(1) *Disabled people in the housing sector*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 63);  
(2) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Social Housing and Faith relating to social housing allocation in England*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Minister of State for Housing Planning and Building Safety*: Written evidence, to be published  
(Clive Betts).

## 25 Liaison Committee

*Scrutiny of strategic thinking in Government*: Written evidence received by the Sub-Committee, to be published (HC 31) (Sir Bernard Jenkin).

## 26 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *Cross-government working*: Twelfth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 75);

(2) *Preparedness for online safety*: Thirteenth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 73);

(3) *Homes for Ukraine*: Fourteenth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 69);

(4) *Civil service workforce: Recruitment, pay and performance management*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 452);

(5) *Cabinet Office functional savings*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 423);

(6) *Correspondence from HMRC relating to the Trader Support Service*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Correspondence from the British Museum relating to the BM Energy Centre Programme*: Written evidence, to be published;

(8) *Correspondence relating to the Committee's previous Reports*: Written evidence, to be published;

(9) *Lessons for government: Monitoring and responding to companies in distress*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 425);

(10) *Lessons learned: Competition in public procurement*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 385);

(11) *Levelling up funding to local government*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 424);

(12) *Reducing the harm from illegal drugs*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 72);

(13) *Reforming adult social care in England*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 427);

(14) *Restoration and Renewal Recall*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 173)

(Dame Meg Hillier).

## 27 Scottish Affairs Committee

(1) *Scottish Youth Parliament*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 492);

(2) *Science and Scotland*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 151);

(3) *Scotland's space sector*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 150);

(4) *Secretary of State for Scotland 11 December 2023*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 154)

(Pete Wishart).

*Lindsay Hoyle*

Speaker

## Papers Laid

### Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

#### 1 Local Government Finance

(1) Local Government Finance Report (England) 2024–25 (by Act), to be printed (HC 318) (Secretary Michael Gove)

(2) Referendums Relating to Council Tax Increases (Alternative Notional Amounts) (England) Report 2024–25 (by Act), to be printed (HC 320) (Secretary Michael Gove)

(3) Referendums Relating to Council Tax Increases (Principles) (England) Report 2024–25 (by Act), to be printed (HC 319) (Secretary Michael Gove)

### Papers subject to Negative Resolution

#### 2 Agriculture

Official Controls (Import of High-Risk Food and Feed of Non-Animal Origin) (Amendment of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793) (England) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 120), dated 1 February 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Andrea Leadsom)

#### 3 Terms and Conditions of Employment

Statutory Paternity Pay (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 121), dated 1 February 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Kevin Hollinrake)

### Other papers

#### 4 Work and Pensions

Disability Action Plan (by Command) (CP 1014) (Secretary Mel Stride)

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## SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

### MONEY BILL

#### Finance Bill

The Speaker has certified that the Finance Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.