



House of Commons

Tuesday 15 October 2024

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

1 Independent Inquiry into the issues raised by the David Fuller case — Phase 2 Interim Report — Funeral Sector

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, That he will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return of a Report, dated 15 October 2024, entitled Independent Inquiry into the issues raised by the David Fuller case — Phase 2 Interim Report — Funeral Sector.—(*Taiwo Owatemi.*)

2 Questions to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

3 Urgent Question: Gaza and Lebanon (Anneliese Dodds)

4 House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) Bill: Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, That the House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) Bill be now read a second time.

Amendment proposed, to leave out from 'That' to the end of the Question and add 'this House declines to give a Second Reading to the House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) Bill because it is not an acceptable or effective method of enacting major constitutional change, because it proposes a significant alteration to the composition of the House of Lords which should not be considered in isolation from other changes, having regard to the undertakings given by the then Government in 1999, because it drip-feeds changes that hinder proper scrutiny of measures that could change the relationship between the two Houses, because it risks unintended consequences, does not reflect the lack of political consensus on House of Lords reform and does not provide for full consultation and pre-legislative scrutiny which would give the opportunity to consider the case for overall reform, seek cross-party engagement on proposals, and review the implications of all proposals'.—(*Sir Oliver Dowden.*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Division No. 19

Ayes: 105 (Tellers: Paul Holmes, Joy Morrissey)

Noes: 453 (Tellers: Martin McCluskey, Taiwo Owatemi)

Question negatived.

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

Question agreed to and Bill read a second time.

5 House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) Bill: Programme

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) Bill:

Committal

(1) The Bill shall be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Proceedings in Committee, on Consideration and on Third Reading

(2) Proceedings in Committee of the whole House shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion five hours after their commencement.

(3) Any proceedings on Consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion six hours after the commencement of proceedings in Committee of the whole House.

(4) Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings in Committee of the whole House, to any proceedings on Consideration or to proceedings on Third Reading.

Other proceedings

(5) Any other proceedings on the Bill may be programmed.—(*Vicky Foxcroft.*)

Question agreed to.

6 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Government of Wales Act 2006 (Devolved Welsh Authorities) (Amendment) Order 2024, which was laid before this House on 21 May, in the last Parliament, be approved.—(*Vicky Foxcroft.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 (Disability Assistance) (Consequential Modifications) Order 2024, which was laid before this House on 26 July, be approved.—(*Vicky Foxcroft.*)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Juxtaposed Controls) (Amendment) Order 2024, which was laid before this House on 29 July, be approved.—(*Vicky Foxcroft.*)

Question agreed to.

7 Deferred Divisions

Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply to the Motion in the name of Lucy Powell relating to the House of Commons Commission.—(*Vicky Foxcroft.*)

8 House of Commons Commission

Resolved, That Nick Smith and Marie Goldman be appointed to the House of Commons Commission in pursuance of section 1(2)(d) of the House of Commons (Administration) Act 1978.—(*Lucy Powell.*)

9 Adjournment

Subject: Spice-spiked vapes (Wera Hobhouse)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Vicky Foxcroft*.)

Adjourned at 7.41 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

10 Joint Committee on Consolidation etc. Bills

The Lords communicate that they have appointed a Committee consisting of twelve Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons as the Joint Committee on Consolidation etc. Bills.

11 Joint Committee on Human Rights

The Lords communicate that they have appointed a Committee consisting of five Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons as the Joint Committee on Human Rights.

12 Joint Committee on National Security Strategy

The Lords communicate that they have appointed a Committee consisting of ten Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons as the Joint Committee on the National Security Strategy.

13 Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments

The Lords communicate that they have appointed a Committee consisting of seven Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons as the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments.

General Committees: Reports

14 Great British Energy Bill Committee

Dr Rupa Huq (Chair) reported:

(1) written evidence submitted to the Committee; and

(2) the Bill without Amendment.

Written evidence to be published.

Bill, not amended, to be considered tomorrow.

15 First Delegated Legislation Committee

Dame Siobhain McDonagh (Chair) reported the draft Armed Forces Act 2006 (Continuation) Order 2024.

16 Second Delegated Legislation Committee

Clive Efford (Chair) reported the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Amendment) (No.2) Order 2024.

17 Third Delegated Legislation Committee

Peter Dowd (Chair) reported the draft Insurance and Reinsurance Undertakings (Prudential Requirements) (Amendment and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2024.

Sir 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 Scotland's economy

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered Scotland's economy.—(*John Grady*.)

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 Scotland's economy.

2 Role of the Northern Ireland Veterans Commissioner

Resolved, That this House has considered the role of the Northern Ireland Veterans Commissioner.—(*Robin Swann*.)

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

3 Community benefits from renewable energy projects

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered community benefits from renewable energy projects.—(*Mr Angus MacDonald*.)

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 community benefits from renewable energy projects.

4 Estate adoption in the North East

Resolved, That this House has considered estate adoption in the North East.—(*Emma Foody*.)

The sitting was suspended between 4.24 pm and 4.30 pm.

5 Business confidence

Resolved, That this House has considered business confidence.—(*Mims Davies*.)

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

Adjourned at 5.30 pm until tomorrow.

Ms Nusrat Ghani

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Financial Services

Draft Collective Investment Schemes (Temporary Recognition) and Central Counterparties (Transitional Provision) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Tulip Siddiq)

2 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism

Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Alterations to the Search Powers Code for Northern Ireland) Order 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Hilary Benn)

3 Public Service Pensions

Draft Judicial Pensions (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)

4 Representation of the People

Draft Voter Identification (Amendment of List of Specified Documents) Regulations 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Alex Norris)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

5 Thailand No. 1 (2024)

Agreement, done at Bangkok on 20 March 2024, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand concerning Air Services (by Command) (CP 1175), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary David Lammy)

Other papers

6 Defence

Report of the Service Police Complaints Commissioner for 2023 (by Act) (Secretary John Healey)

7 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

Departmental Minute from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, dated 15 October 2024, concerning a contingent liability relating to the Innovative Finance Facility for Climate in Asia and the Pacific (IFCAP) (by Command) (Anneliese Dodds)

8 Health and Social Care

Return to an Address to His Majesty for a Return of the Report, dated 15 October 2024, of the Independent Inquiry into the issues raised by the David Fuller case — Phase 2 Interim Report — Funeral Sector (pursuant to Resolution, today), to be printed (HC 260) (Secretary Wes Streeting)

9 Terrorism

Code of Practice (Northern Ireland) for the authorisation and exercise of stop and search powers relating to sections 43, 43A, 43C and 47A of, and Schedule 6B to, the Terrorism Act 2000 (by Act) (Secretary Hilary Benn)