



House of Commons

Thursday 21 November 2024

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

1 Death of a former Member

The Speaker reported to the House the death of Lord Prescott, the former Member for Kingston upon Hull East, and extended the sympathy of the House to the former Member's family and friends.

2 Questions to the Secretary of State for Transport

3 Statement: G20 and COP29 Summits (Prime Minister)

4 Business Statement (Leader of the House)

5 Deputy Speaker's Statement: Sub judice (Strategic lawsuits against public participation)

6 Backbench Business

(1) Strategic lawsuits against public participation and freedom of speech

Resolved, That this House recognises the impact of Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPPs) on the publication of stories in the public interest; acknowledges that most cases of SLAPPs do not reach the courts, but are blocked or changed at an earlier, unseen stage; further recognises the importance of disclosing suppressed stories under parliamentary privilege in order to highlight the broader impact of legal threats on free speech; further acknowledges efforts made to tackle SLAPPs through the Economic Crime and Transparency Act 2023; and calls on the Government to introduce comprehensive anti-SLAPP legislation that provides swift dismissal of such cases, protects those targeted from prohibitive legal costs, and ensures that SLAPP filers face significant financial deterrents.—(*Lloyd Hatton.*)

(2) International Men's Day

Resolved, That this House has considered International Men's Day, issues affecting boys' and men's health and wellbeing and gender equality.—(*Sam Rushworth.*)

7 Deputy Speaker's Statement: Sub judice waiver (Cleat Hill gas explosion: Coroner's inquest)

8 Adjournment

Subject: Impact of the Cleat Hill heat pump incident on residents (Richard Fuller)

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

At 5 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 9(3)).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Keir Mather*.)

Adjourned at 5.24 pm until Monday 25 November.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

9 Passenger Railway Services (Public Ownership) Bill

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Passenger Railway Services (Public Ownership) Bill to which the Commons have disagreed.

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).

10 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Medical Devices (Post-market Surveillance Requirements) (Amendment) (Great Britain) Regulations 2024)

Members: Chris Webb discharged and David Burton-Sampson nominated in substitution.

11 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Persistent Organic Pollutants (Amendment) Regulations 2024)

Members: Tom Morrison discharged and Charlotte Cane nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

12 Backbench Business Committee

Determination of business to be taken on Thursday 28 November in the Chamber and Thursday 28 November, Tuesday 3 December and Thursday 5 December in Westminster Hall (Bob Blackman).

13 Defence Committee

Introductory session with the Secretary of State for Defence: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 345) (Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi).

14 Energy Security and Net Zero Committee

Correspondence with the Minister for Energy Consumers relating to the Warm Homes Plan: Written evidence, to be published (Bill Esterson).

15 Public Accounts (Committee of)

Local roads in England: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 349) (Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown).

16 Treasury Committee

Correspondence with the Office for National Statistics relating to the Labour Force Survey: Written evidence, to be published (Dame Meg Hillier).

Sir Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Agriculture

Draft Free-Range Egg Marketing Standards (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Steve Reed)

2 Energy

Draft Clean Heat Market Mechanism Regulations 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Ed Miliband)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

3 Income Tax

Offshore Asset Moves Penalty (Specified Territories) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 1195), dated 19 November 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (James Murray)

4 Serbia No. 1 (2024)

Agreement, done at Belgrade on 21 May 2024, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Republic of Serbia on Cooperation and Mutual Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters (by Command) (CP 1176), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary David Lammy)

Other papers

5 Civil Liability

Statutory Review of the Whiplash Injury Regulations 2021: Lord Chancellor's Report and Recommendations (by Act) (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)

6 Culture, Media and Sport

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements of Historic Royal Palaces for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Command) (Sir Chris Bryant)

7 Energy

Report and Accounts of the Civil Nuclear Police Authority for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 254) (Secretary Ed Miliband)

8 Government Resources and Accounts

(1) Report and Accounts of LocatED Property Limited for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 420) (Stephen Morgan)

(2) Report and Accounts of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 374) (James Murray)

(3) Report and Accounts of the National Infrastructure Commission for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 227) (Darren Jones)

(4) Report of the Government Property Agency for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 214) (Georgia Gould)

(5) Report and Accounts of the National Museum of the Royal Navy for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 342) (Secretary John Healey)

9 Government Trading Funds

Report and Accounts of the Patent Office for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 248) (Feryal Clark)

10 Isle of Man

Commissioners of HM Revenue and Customs in Account with the Government of the Isle of Man for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 311) (James Murray)

11 Treaty Series No. 86 (2024)

Agreement, done at Skopje on 10 December 2021, in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Republic of North Macedonia amending the Partnership, Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Republic of North Macedonia (by Command) (CP 1201) (Secretary David Lammy)

12 Treaty Series No. 87 (2024)

Agreement, done at Washington on 31 January 2019, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America on the Mutual Recognition of certain distilled Spirits/Spirit Drinks (by Command) (CP 1202) (Secretary David Lammy)

13 Treaty Series No. 88 (2024)

Additional Protocol, done at Geneva on 20 February 2008, to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR) concerning the Electronic Consignment Note (by Command) (CP 1203) (Secretary David Lammy)

MEMORANDUM

PANEL OF CHAIRS

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 4 (Panel of Chairs), the Speaker has discharged Andrew Rosindell from the Panel of Chairs.

CORRECTION

Tuesday 5 November 2024

Item 7 should have read:

Renters' Rights Bill Committee

Sir Roger Gale (Chair) reported:

- (1) written evidence submitted to the Committee; and
- (2) the Bill, as amended.

Written evidence to be published.

Bill, as amended, to be considered tomorrow; and to be printed (Bill 127).