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New EDMs

879 125th anniversary of Confederation of Indian Industry

Tabled: 14/09/20 Signatories: 1

Bob Blackman

That this House congratulates the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) as it marks its 125th year in shaping India's development journey; notes that this year, more than ever before, the CII will continue to proactively transform Indian industry's role in nation building not only in India but in the UK as well; thanks the CII for its role in representing Indian industry in the UK; recognises the huge contribution made by the 842 Indian companies in the UK by creating over 110,793 jobs and contributing £41.2 billion in revenue, noting the encouraging figures published in the India Meets Britain Tracker of CII and Grant Thornton; and urges the Governments of India and the UK to enter into a free trade agreement to encourage preferential economic partnership between the two countries.

880 Suspension of income requirements for family visas

Tabled: 14/09/20 Signatories: 1

Stuart C McDonald

That this House notes that there are thousands of couples and families who are currently separated, or at imminent risk of becoming separated, due to restrictive income requirements for British nationals and settled residents wishing to be joined in the UK by a partner from outside the EEA; welcomes the Minister for Immigration's commitment of 23 March 2020 that no one will have a negative outcome through the immigration system due to a circumstance that was beyond their control; further notes that family separation would clearly constitute such a negative outcome; further welcomes that Minister's statement of 1 September 2020 that the circumstances brought about by the coronavirus pandemic are exceptional; notes with concern, however, that income requirements continue to be imposed on the sponsors of people applying to enter or remain in the UK with their British families despite those assurances; notes that guidance for caseworkers

makes no mention of flexibility in the application of income requirements; is deeply troubled by the potential impact on those who must meet those income requirements of mass job losses caused by the coronavirus pandemic; and calls on the Government therefore to immediately suspend income requirements.

881 Commemoration of Martyrdom Day of Kashmiris

Tabled: 14/09/20 Signatories: 1

Bob Blackman

That this House commemorates with deep sadness the Martyrdom Day of Kashmiri Hindus on 14 September, those Hindus having lost their lives to cross-border Islamic Jihad who committed atrocities on the population of Jammu and Kashmir, India; expresses its condolences to the families and friends of all those who were killed, raped and injured in that act of genocide; is concerned that the Kashmiris who fled to save life and limb have still not secured justice for those atrocities committed against them; commends the resilience and courage shown by the members of the Kashmiri Pandit community who survived that gruesome ethnic genocide; recognises the role of Panun Kashmir in campaigning for the rights of Hindus in Kashmir; and urges the Government of India to legislate a Genocide Crime Punishment Law in fulfilment of their international obligation by being a proposer and signatory to the UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

882 BBC Scotland and daily covid-19 briefings

Tabled: 14/09/20 Signatories: 1

Patricia Gibson

That this House condemns the decision of BBC Scotland to stop broadcasting the Scottish Government's briefings on the covid-19 pandemic in Scotland; notes the consistent public interest in these briefings throughout this health crisis; is bewildered by the timing of this decision given that this is now a critical point when the public needs to be kept fully and speedily informed of any changes in public health advice as covid-19 cases begin to rise again; questions the BBC's status as a public service broadcaster in the light of this decision given that this televised covid-19 updates are particularly valuable to older people, those with hearing difficulties and those who are not always able to access online information; is not aware that medical experts were consulted on the efficacy of this decision and the implications it potentially poses for public health; is concerned that this decision was made following pressure from both the Conservative and Labour parties; and is aware that many have questioned the political neutrality of this BBC decision given that the new BBC director general is a former Conservative party councillor.

883 19th anniversary of the arrest and disappearance of Aster Fissehatsion

Tabled: 14/09/20 Signatories: 1

Carol Monaghan

That this House notes that 18 September 2020 marks the 19th anniversary of the arrest and disappearance of Aster Fissehatsion and 10 other political leaders following their demands that Eritrea's constitution be implemented and that elections be held; condemns the ending of media freedom a few days later with the closure of all non-Government newspapers and the arrest and disappearance of Dawit Isaak, Seyoum Tsehaye and nine other journalists; urges the UK Government and international institutions to press the Government of Eritrea to release those prisoners who

are still alive and to advise the families of those who are deceased; and calls for recognition of the thousands of other Eritreans who have been arrested and disappeared during the past 19 years.

884 Centrica

Tabled: 14/09/20 Signatories: 16

John Cryer
Chris Stephens
Dawn Butler
Neil Coyle
John McDonnell
Judith Cummins

Mohammad Yasin
 Charlotte Nichols
 Andrew Gwynne
 Jon Cruddas

Ian Lavery
 Sam Tarry
 Grahame Morris

Stephen Timms
 Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
 Peter Dowd

That this House recognises the constructive approach taken by GMB Union and Unison in negotiations around their members' pay and conditions with British Gas and its parent company Centrica; condemns the tactics employed by that company in commencing those negotiations with threats to dismiss and re-engage its UK workforce on lesser terms; commends British Gas workers who while furloughed during the covid-19 outbreak voluntarily delivered thousands of food parcels with the Trussell Trust; and calls on the company to do the right thing, withdraw the Section 188 notice of potential redundancies and negotiate in good faith with workers' unions.

885 Opening of the Parkhead Pantry

Tabled: 14/09/20 Signatories: 1

David Linden

That this House congratulates Parkhead Pantry on its opening; expresses best wishes to this volunteer-run co-operative local Pantry which provides low-cost food items to its members; and notes that the opening of the Parkhead Pantry means the regeneration of the previously derelict Parkhead public school drill hall.

886 Heartstone project in Glasgow North

Tabled: 14/09/20 Signatories: 2

Patrick Grady
Drew Hendry

That this House welcomes the efforts of Heartstone a non-profit project helping to educate young people on issues of racism and xenophobia; notes that Heartstone has been working for over 35 years to challenge prejudice and intolerance most recently through its publishing of Heartstone Odyssey, a trilogy of children's fantasy books addressing issues of race and gender; recognises its commitment to tackling bullying and hate crime, the results of which were presented in an event in the Palace of Westminster in 2016; welcomes its latest project launching in Glasgow North this year; encourages local businesses and organisations to support it in reaching its fundraising target; and wishes it every success in growing the Heartstone project in the future.

887 Gas Safety week

Tabled: 14/09/20 Signatories: 1

Mr Barry Sheerman

That this House welcomes the 10th Annual Gas Safety Week, running from 14 to 20 September 2020; recognises the importance that this awareness campaign, organised by the Gas Safe Register, plays in highlighting the importance of gas safety to the public; notes the devastating ripple effect that a gas incident, including death from carbon monoxide poisoning, can have on families and communities; further recognises the importance of having gas appliances regularly serviced by a Gas Safe registered engineer, particularly during the covid-19 outbreak given the significantly increased periods of time people are spending in the home; and urges all organisations involved in energy and gas provision to support Gas Safety Week and ensure their customers receive the required information to stay gas safe as we approach the winter heating season.

Added Names

Below are EDMs tabled in the last two weeks to which names have been added. Only the first 6 names and any new names are included.

797 Reinstatement of IKEA shop steward Richie Venton

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 44

Chris Stephens
Patrick Grady
Gavin Newlands
Ronnie Cowan
Paula Barker
Grahame Morris

Drew Hendry

Ian Mearns

That this House condemns the sacking of IKEA Glasgow USDAW Shop Steward and convenor Richie Venton for carrying out his duties as an elected workers' representative who sought to prevent hardship, while protecting workers' health during the ongoing covid-19 pandemic; notes Mr Venton opposed IKEA's plans to remove wages from workers self-isolating as a result of covid-19; further notes employees excluded from IKEA's sick benefit had to live on £95 statutory sick pay; is concerned that Mr Venton's efforts to raise with management his concerns that financial hardship could force employees to make the incorrect decision to come into workplace while unwell, potentially spreading the virus, were ignored; opposes any attempts by IKEA to change the terms in conditions in employees' contracts which would reduce worker's rights, including efforts to limit sick benefit entitlement; urges IKEA to give consideration to the suggestion of an average wage; and demands that IKEA immediately reinstate life-long trade unionist, and campaigner for worker's rights, Richie Venton to his role within their organisation and his elected union position.

802 Roadchef Employee Benefit Trust

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 17

Neil Gray
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Alison Thewliss
Chris Stephens
Chris Law

Patrick Grady

That this House deplores the failure to date of HMRC to propose a resolution to the dispute with the Roadchef Employee Benefits Trust; notes that Honourable Members and Ministers have been informed by HMRC that they are seeking a resolution but regrets HMRC's considerable delay in proposing a resolution, further notes that the scandal affecting over 4000 mainly low paid catering and cleaning staff working at Roadchef Motorway Services including Norton Cranes, Taunton Dene, Tibshelf, Sandbach, Clacket Lane, Strensham, Rownhams, Killington Lake, Pont Abraham, Annandale Water and Harthill has been ongoing for over 30 years; is saddened to note the recent death of Tim Warwick the Company Secretary who exposed the Roadchef share scandal perpetrated by former Chief Executive Tim Ingram Hill; notes that other beneficiaries have also died waiting for HMRC to decide what tax, if any, they and the Trust should be liable for despite Parliament's intention that such employee benefits schemes should be tax free; calls on the Chief Executive of HMRC to meet with the Trust with proposals to resolve this matter urgently; and calls on the Government to propose legislation to protect participants of employee benefit schemes from the unscrupulous actions of trustees as occurred in the Roadchef case.

806 Remembering Denny Oliver

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 10

David Linden
Jim Shannon
Drew Hendry
Alison Thewliss
Chris Stephens
Brendan O'Hara

Patrick Grady

That this House celebrates the life and legacy of Mr Denny Oliver who sadly passed away at home on 11 July 2020 at the age of 68; acknowledges the huge contribution that he made to the Glasgow music scene as guitarist and vocalist of Glasgow band Scheme; notes that he is considered to be a local musical legend as a key part of the first ever unsigned band to sell out Glasgow's Apollo Theatre; praises the enormous contribution that Mr Oliver made to Easterhouse and to the city of Glasgow in general, in particular through his considerable charitable work; acknowledges his role in nurturing the musical talents of younger people through guitar lessons and song writing workshops; and commends the work of his friends and family following his passing to ensure that his life and legacy are remembered and celebrated.

816 VAT on sunscreen

Tabled: 1/09/20 Signatories: 20

Patricia Gibson
Stephen Farry
Paula Barker
Ronnie Cowan
Jim Shannon
Liz Saville Roberts

Patrick Grady

That this House calls for sunscreen to be reclassified as an essential healthcare item and therefore be exempted from VAT, given the important role it plays in preventing serious health conditions like skin cancer; understands that sunscreen is currently classified as a cosmetic product in the UK and is therefore subject to 20 per cent VAT, which adds around £1.50 to the cost of each bottle; recognises that Cancer Research UK has concluded that being sunburnt once every two years can triple the risk of melanoma skin cancer, and that melanoma skin cancer incidence rates have more than doubled in the UK since the early 1990s; and calls on the UK Government to therefore take action to remove VAT on this essential product to make it more affordable and to encourage people to protect themselves from the harmful effects of the sun.

831 Protecting and valuing whistleblowers

Tabled: 2/09/20 Signatories: 19

Dr Philippa Whitford
Jim Shannon
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Allan Dorans
Caroline Lucas
Jonathan Edwards

Chris Law

Patrick Grady

That this House recognises that the Public Interest Disclosure Act (1998) does not provide a sufficient degree of protection for employees who 'whistleblow' or raise concerns with their employers, whether in public service or private business, when they identify a risk to personal safety, the environment or of fraud, particularly when this results from a failure to observe pertinent, guidance, regulations or laws; believes that a replacement of the Act is necessary to ensure that employees are sufficiently protected so they have confidence to disclose their concerns; and further believes that an Independent Whistleblower Commission should be established, to set standards so that such concerns are thoroughly investigated and the findings acted on, whilst protecting 'whistleblowers' from recrimination or mistreatment.

840 LoveMilton

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 3

Anne McLaughlin
Jim Shannon
Chris Law

That this House appreciates the work of LoveMilton during the covid-19 outbreak; notes that the organisation has been serving families in the Milton area of Glasgow with food parcels, holiday hunger lunch packs and activities during lockdown; appreciates the difference that this service has made to families; notes also the extensive range of online activities provided by the service, such as online cooking classes, fitness classes and one-to-one support for young people; appreciates the

contributions this organisation has made in preventing isolation and tackling issues such as healthy eating and at-home schooling; and wishes them every success in the future.

841 Covid diaries and scavenger hunts in North Glasgow

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 3

Anne McLaughlin
Jim Shannon
Chris Law

That this House congratulates North Glasgow Community Food Initiative for their work during the covid-19 lockdown; notes that the organisation received Scottish Government funding to provide emergency food provision and activity packs for children during the pandemic; appreciates that the organisation provided these services to families in Milton, Springburn and Royston, and provided food for around 150 people a week; notes that they delivered 665 activity packs to date, to children and young people across the local area, with activities so far ranging from indoor and outdoor scavenger hunts to covid diaries; from wildflower seed bombs to chocolate Rice Krispie cake kits; further appreciates the organisation's focus on sustainable food provision through growing food in community gardens and providing seeds and advice to the community; and wishes them every success in the future.

842 Powerful response in Possilpark

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 3

Anne McLaughlin
Jim Shannon
Chris Law

That this House congratulates Young People's futures in Possilpark on their response to the covid-19 outbreak; understands that they have worked extremely hard to provide families and individuals with breakfast packs, activity packs for children and over 50 hot meals delivered daily since the beginning of the outbreak; understands that in partnership with the Scottish Book Trust the organisation also distributed reading books around Possilpark and surrounding areas; appreciates that these services provide a lifeline for people impacted by lockdown; and wishes them every success in the future.

843 Voluntary work to support north Glasgow babies children and parents

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 3

Anne McLaughlin
Jim Shannon
Chris Law

That this House congratulates North Glasgow Baby Bank on providing essentials to young families before and during the covid-19 pandemic; understands that they have provided formula milk, baby food and other essentials for hundreds of families across the north of Glasgow and appreciates the contribution they have made to the community, and the environmental as well as financial impact of reusing baby clothes and toys; appreciates that the project is run by four magnificent volunteer co-ordinators, Catherine Yuill, Gemma Coyle, Maggie Watson and Tracy Pender; and thanks these volunteers for all their hard work around the clock and wishes them all the very best in future endeavours.

844 Springburn rises to the challenge of covid-19

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 5

Anne McLaughlin
Jim Shannon
Alison Thewliss
Marion Fellows
Chris Law

That this House congratulates Springburn Community Council who, in conjunction with Springburn Parish Church and the Salvation Army made tremendous efforts to support the Springburn community during the covid-19 outbreak; understands that those organisations have worked in unison and around the clock to provide whatever support was required by vulnerable people during lockdown; appreciates that their Food Hub has so far delivered thousands of food packages to people in need, alongside toiletries, prescription medicine, sanitary products and other essential items; appreciates that the church has been used as a hub for the welfare of people in the area since the end of March; and thanks all volunteers for their tireless efforts.

846 Brain tumour awareness and research

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 18

Kirsten Oswald
Mr Alistair Carmichael
Patricia Gibson
Jim Shannon
Tahir Ali
Alyn Smith

Chris Law

That this House calls for an increase in both awareness of and research into brain tumours; notes that this type of cancer presently receives less than 3 per cent of the UK's cancer research budget despite being the biggest cancer killer of children and adults under 40; specifically recognises the need to raise awareness of diffuse midline glioma, commonly known as DIPG, the second most common type of primary high-grade brain tumour found in British children; expresses concern that treatment for DIPG has been unchanged for almost 40 years, with only 10 per cent of children with DIPG surviving for more than 2 years following their diagnosis; understands that symptoms of DIPG include difficulty in speaking and walking, weakness of facial muscles, problems with eye movement, headaches, and nausea; welcomes the fantastic effort of Fiona Govan, whose e-petition to this parliament to generate more publicity for DIPG and to achieve further funding for a disease that presently has no cure has gained over 100,000 signatures; commends the valuable research and efforts of organisations such as the Brain Tumour Charity that is currently leading new drugs research to target, prevent, and treat DIPG; and urges the Government to increase funding dedicated to research into DIPG and to expand recognition and treatment of this distressing disease.

849 Contribution to the community of the Girvan Soup Group

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 6

Allan Dorans
 Jim Shannon
 Marion Fellows
 Dr Philippa Whitford
 Chris Law
 Patrick Grady

That this House acknowledges the outstanding work of the The Girvan Soup Group; originating as a simple idea of making a pot or two of soup for elderly neighbours at the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic, expanded to provided homemade soup, bread, homemade cakes and other sweet treats to vulnerable, isolating or shielding people, seven days a week free of charge; notes that to date they have provided over 10,000 portions of soup and provided essential social interaction and significantly reduced isolation within the community; highlights and celebrates the commitment and dedications of volunteers including cooks, delivery drivers and general volunteer helpers; acknowledges the contribution and assistance provided by the Milestone Church, Age Concern Girvan and the incredible support of the local community who have helped with fundraising and donations of over £2500; and notes the contribution of local businesses including Grants Distillery and Nestle for their generous support and the generosity of the Girvan Community Council without all of these, this outstanding community initiative would not have been possible.

853 Covid-19 inspired literature

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 5

Owen Thompson
 Jim Shannon
 Alison Thewliss
 Marion Fellows
 Chris Law

That this House congratulates Bonnyrigg library assistant Ryan Sturrock on self-publishing his debut novel entitled Death's Whisper; understands that Death's Whisper features eerie similarities to the current covid-19 pandemic due to being split between 1645 Edinburgh and a present-day plague; notes that Ryan began writing the book two years ago, before the coronavirus pandemic, and that the advent of covid-19 and living through a real-life pandemic has given him both the time and inspiration he needed to finish it; and recognises the importance of literature in revitalising the cultural sector to both enrich lives and assist economic recovery.

854 World Suicide Prevention Day

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 45

Owen Thompson
 Jim Shannon
 Margaret Ferrier
 Jonathan Edwards
 Richard Thomson
 Kirsty Blackman

Chris Stephens

Chris Law

That this House marks Thursday 10 September 2020 as World Suicide Prevention Day; notes with worry that suicide rates in the UK are increasing; further notes with extreme concern that suicide is the leading cause of death in young people in the UK, with young men and LGBT+ people being

particularly affected; recognises that we all have a part to play in tackling the stigma that still exists around mental health by having open and honest conversations with our friends and family, by reminding others that they are not alone, and ultimately by looking out for each other; and commends all those who work in suicide prevention, including mental health services, third sector organisations and individual citizens in communities.

858 Food from Fife success

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 4

Wendy Chamberlain
Jim Shannon
Jamie Stone
Chris Stephens

That this House celebrates the nomination of three North East Fife members of Food From Fife in the Great British Food magazine's Reader Awards; notes that Ardross Farm Shop and Balgove Larder are finalists in the Best Farm Shop and Deli category; further notes that the Bowhouse market is a finalist in the Best Food Market category; thanks those businesses for their contribution to the local economy and their excellent produce; and wishes them the best in the final of the competition.

859 Fife Voluntary Action and Covid-19

Tabled: 7/09/20 Signatories: 4

Wendy Chamberlain
Jim Shannon
Jamie Stone
Chris Stephens

That this House expresses its thanks for the work of Fife Voluntary Action throughout the covid-19 outbreak; recognises that during the covid-19 lockdown, Fife Voluntary Action operated multiple services in the community including Helping Hand, which co-ordinates community responses to covid by linking those in need of help with Fife Council services and neighbourhood volunteers, Prescription Delivery Service and Shopping Delivery Service; notes that those services provided a huge source of support to many people in Fife, including those shielding; further notes that over 5,000 prescriptions were delivered to shielding and vulnerable people during lockdown; and expresses its thanks to the team at Fife Voluntary Action and all the volunteers for helping the community during the pandemic.

860 Employment practices on redundancy and rehiring

Tabled: 8/09/20 Signatories: 32

Gavin Newlands
Grahame Morris
Chris Stephens
Sam Tarry
Drew Hendry
Kirsten Oswald

Chris Law

Patrick Grady

Ian Mearns

That this House notes with alarm the growing number of employers, especially in the retail, hospitality and aviation sectors, who are making employees redundant before re-employing them on less-favourable terms and conditions; believes that these employers are cynically using

the covid-19 crisis as cover to reduce staff costs at a time when they should instead be focused on supporting their employees through this pandemic; agrees with Unite the union and others that this fire-and-rehire practice makes a mockery of workers' rights and goes against the spirit, if not the letter, of UK employment legislation; and calls on the Government to close this legal loophole as a matter of urgency, for example by amending the Employment Rights Act 1996 to specify that such redundancies should automatically be regarded as unfair dismissals.

861 Universal Service Obligation

Tabled: 8/09/20 Signatories: 30

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Zarah Sultana
Ms Diane Abbott
Apsana Begum
Claudia Webbe
Ian Lavery

Chris Stephens

That this House recognises that the ongoing covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the severity of the digital divide prevalent in the UK; notes that part of the problem that exasperates the digital divide is slow or poor broadband connection; further notes that part of the solution to improving broadband is to upgrade or build a new network; notes with concern that the costs of building a new network is often high and furthers the digital divide as better network connection becomes reliant on available income; recognises that the Government's Universal Service Obligation offers an attempt to bridge the digital divide by upgrading broadband connection for eligible households and providing £3,400 worth of funding for upgrading infrastructure; notes that this funding is inadequate and that the costs of building a new network often far exceeds £3,400; calls on this Government to recognise the severity of the digital divide in the UK and provide further funding for households to build a new network to improve broadband speeds.

862 Commemorating the 200th anniversary of the death of Hardie & Baird of the 1820 Radicals

Tabled: 8/09/20 Signatories: 6

Kenny MacAskill
Joanna Cherry
Marion Fellows
Chris Stephens
John McDonnell
Patrick Grady

That this House commemorates the deaths of Andrew Hardie and John Baird, who died on 8 September 1820; recalls that they were the last people hanged and beheaded in the UK and were executed on charges of high treason; recognises the various events across Scotland that have been postponed due to the pandemic; and recalls the foresight of them, and of all the 1820 Radicals, in their campaign for democracy, universal suffrage and the rights of working people.

863 Post-Covid-19 supportTabled: **8/09/20** Signatories: **24**

Carol Monaghan
Andrew Gwynne
Clive Lewis
Jim Shannon
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Margaret Ferrier

Fiona Bruce

Chris Stephens

Chris Law

That this House is concerned that many individuals who contracted covid-19 are continuing to be affected by the virus many months after their initial infection; notes that these post-viral symptoms can include: extreme fatigue, dizziness, severe headaches and muscular pain, inability to concentrate and post-exertional malaise; further notes that exercise can amplify these symptoms; recognises that many of these symptoms are familiar to those suffering from post-viral conditions, such as myalgic encephalomyelitis; calls on the Government to make a clear statement that increasing levels of exercise may have adverse long-term health effects for those recovering from covid-19; and urges the Government to make a statement on the financial support that will be made available for people who are currently unable to return to work as a result of post-Covid-19 symptoms.

864 Researching and supporting people with long Covid-19 symptomsTabled: **8/09/20** Signatories: **57**

Andrew Gwynne
Layla Moran
Caroline Lucas
Tony Lloyd
Clive Lewis
Rosie Duffield

Deidre Brock

That this House recognises that around 10 per cent of people experience prolonged illness after covid-19 and calls upon the Government to urgently collect and regularly report on the number of those living with long covid by following up on those with confirmed or clinical diagnoses of covid-19; notes that research into the disease should encompass both those who were and were not hospitalised to understand the true scale of the morbidity of the virus; and calls on the Government to swiftly consider and implement measures to support those living with long covid, including offering information and incentives to employers to retain their recovering staff who may or may not have confirmed cases due to limitations in testing, and ensuring that the NHS can support patients in their longer term recovery.

866 Hebburn Town FC

Tabled: 9/09/20 Signatories: 14

Kate Osborne
Ian Mearns
Ian Lavery
Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Grahame Morris
Mick Whitley

Chris Stephens

John McDonnell

Apsana Begum

That this House warmly congratulates Hebburn Town Football Club from the Northern League on the outstanding achievement of reaching the final of the FA Vase which is to be held at Wembley Stadium on Sunday 27 September 2020; notes that this success is the culmination of many years of hard work and commitment both on and off the pitch and much praise should go to the owners, players, coaches, officials, management committee and supporters; acknowledges the club have made history by booking their place in an all North East FA Vase Final for the first time in its 108-year history; believes that the club will receive tremendous support at the final from people living in the town of Hebburn and the wider South Tyneside area; and wishes the club, its supporters, and everyone connected to Hebburn Town FC an enjoyable and successful day at Wembley.

867 Polish LGBT+ rights

Tabled: 9/09/20 Signatories: 4

Lloyd Russell-Moyle
John McDonnell
Chris Stephens
Jonathan Edwards

That this House condemns President Duda of Poland for his recent re-election campaign; notes that his campaign was run on the basis of discriminatory anti-semitic and homophobic tropes; further notes that this has led to a rise in attacks on the LGBTQ+ community, with several municipalities in Poland declaring themselves LGBTQ+ free zones; points out that President Duda has claimed he plans to ban any mention of LGBTQ+ people in schools; further points out that similarly he plans to undermine the rights of same-sex couples by banning same-sex couples from adopting and same-sex marriage; notes that LGBTQ+ activists have been arrested in Poland simply for defending their rights; and calls for international solidarity with LGBT and Jewish Polish citizens around the world in their struggle for freedom from oppression.

868 10th anniversary of the papal visit

Tabled: 9/09/20 Signatories: 6

Mike Kane [R]
Mohammad Yasin
Patrick Grady
Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Chris Stephens
John McDonnell

That this House warmly recalls the visit of Pope Benedict XVI to the UK between 16 and 19 September 2010; notes his address to parliamentarians in Westminster Hall where he reminded us that religion is not a problem for legislators to solve, but a vital contributor to the national conversation; recognises the important contribution of Catholic parishes, charities and schools to

our communities; and sends its best wishes to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Pope Francis and the Catholic community across the entire UK on this important anniversary.

869 Casual Workers' Rights

Tabled: 10/09/20 Signatories: 10

Sir George Howarth
John McDonnell
Ian Lavery
Claudia Webbe
Mick Whitley
Chris Stephens

Peter Dowd
 Jonathan Edwards

Paula Barker

Ian Byrne

That this House regrettably notes that casual workers' rights are wholly inadequate; further notes that zero-hours, rolling and other forms of insecure contracts have eroded job security and work-based entitlements to the extent that many people employed by such means are unable to buy or rent a home, afford utility costs or food; and calls on the Government to introduce legislative proposals to regulate insecure employment practices and institute rights for those employed by such means.

870 Opposing Lawfare in Latin America

Tabled: 10/09/20 Signatories: 11

Richard Burgon
Jeremy Corbyn
Ms Diane Abbott
Ian Lavery
Apsana Begum
Claudia Webbe

Kate Osborne
 Zarah Sultana

Paula Barker

Jonathan Edwards

That this House is deeply concerned by the growing abuses of the legal system for political purposes in Latin America to exclude candidates from running in elections; notes that this practice known as lawfare was used to prevent Workers' Party leader Lula da Silva from standing in the last presidential election in Brazil, where he was favourite to win, with Jair Bolsonaro subsequently elected; condemns the recent use of lawfare against Rafael Correa in Ecuador that has ruled him out as a candidate for Vice President in the coming elections and the exclusion of Evo Morales as a candidate for the Bolivian Senate; believes free and fair elections in those countries would include those candidates; notes that such anti-democratic practices have targeted politicians opposed to unpopular neo-liberal policies; and further believes that the UK government should make clear its opposition to the use of lawfare.

871 Greencore

Tabled: 10/09/20 Signatories: 13

Dawn Butler
John McDonnell
Ian Lavery
Clive Lewis
Claudia Webbe
Mr Virendra Sharma

Zarah Sultana
 Paula Barker
 Apsana Begum

Mick Whitley
 Jonathan Edwards

Kate Osborne
 Richard Burgon

That this House notes that the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Greencore) Regulations 2020 (921) require staff at the company, which makes M&S sandwiches, to self-isolate for 14 days, without compensating staff for loss of earnings either at Greencore or elsewhere; further notes that staff have either been on SSP or furlough payments below the national living wage; notes that the regulations also apply to their family members without compensation for their loss of earnings; further notes that these regulations have caused extreme hardship to many staff members and their families forcing them to turn to food banks; and also notes that the company has continued production despite the Secretary of State for Health deciding it should close; this House congratulates the Bakers, Food and Allied Workers Union on its actions in support of its members at the factory and calls on the Government to intervene to require Greencore to provide staff with 100 per cent pay during their period of self-isolation in accordance with SI 2020 /921.

872 Statutory sick pay (No. 2)

Tabled: 10/09/20 Signatories: 11

John McDonnell
Ian Lavery
Jeremy Corbyn
Claudia Webbe
Dr Philippa Whitford
Kate Osborne

Chris Stephens
 Clive Lewis

Paula Barker
 Apsana Begum

Jonathan Edwards

That this House recognises that the covid-19 pandemic has highlighted that statutory sick pay (SSP) of £95.80 per week is not enough to live on, and that nearly two million low-paid part-time or zero hours workers are excluded from any sick pay at all; is gravely concerned that this situation puts them in the impossible situation of having to work while potentially unwell, thus putting their lives and those of their colleagues, customers and even patients at risk; recognises that many thousands of good employers already offer decent contractual sick pay arrangements for their workers, and believes they should not be undercut by bad employers who pass their responsibility onto taxpayers; recognises that the cost of failing to protect public health also causes severe economic damage; and supports the Don't Leave, Organise campaign in calling for Full Sick Pay Now via legislation to make it compulsory for all employers to provide six weeks of contractual sick pay at full pay, followed by an increased rate of statutory sick linked to the level of statutory maternity pay, with further steps to cover self-employed and zero hours workers.

873 The global wildlife trade and prevention of future zoonotic pandemics

Tabled: 10/09/20 Signatories: 2

Sir David Amess
Jonathan Edwards

That this House notes with concern the increased risks of future pandemics from the continued exploitation and commodification of wildlife in the global wildlife trade; further notes that zoonotic diseases are responsible for over two billion cases of human illness and over two million human deaths each year, that sixty percent of emerging infectious diseases are zoonotic and that seventy percent of these are thought to originate from wild animals; understands that the trade in wild animals is the likely cause for the emergence of the covid-19 pandemic and that the over-exploitation of wildlife has been identified as one of the dominant drivers of biodiversity loss; considers that this is not the first time that infectious zoonotic diseases have been linked to wild animals in recent years with SARS, Ebola and MERS all believed to have passed from wildlife to humans; and calls on the Government to show global leadership to ensure a pandemic like this never happens again by utilising the opportunity of the G20 meeting of world leaders in November to call for a ban of the international commercial trade in wild animals and wild animal products, and to work with other Governments, global institutions and bodies elsewhere to bring about an end to the global wildlife trade.

874 Weaponisation of water in Syria.

Tabled: 10/09/20 Signatories: 9

Lloyd Russell-Moyle
John McDonnell
John Spellar
Claudia Webbe
Dr Philippa Whitford
Mick Whitley

Chris Stephens

Paula Barker

Jonathan Edwards

That this House is deeply concerned that Turkey has shut down the Alouk Water Station which supplies water to 460000 civilians in an area of North East Syria known as the Autonomous Administration of North East Syria (AANES); notes that Turkish forces took over the Alouk Water Station in October during its so called Peace Spring Operation and has shut it down on three occasions since causing immense suffering; is seriously concerned about the fate of the local civilian population, the displaced people from other parts of Syria and the inmates of camps holding the families of ISIS prisoners from around the world; further notes that water supply should not be subject to political and military strategy; and calls on the Foreign Secretary to intervene with his Turkish counterpart as a matter of urgency in order to avert a large scale humanitarian disaster.

875 47th anniversary of the Chilean military coup

Tabled: 11/09/20 Signatories: 7

Owen Thompson
Kenny MacAskill
Chris Stephens
Jonathan Edwards
Paula Barker
John McDonnell

Patrick Grady

That this House notes that 11 September 2020 marks the 47th anniversary of the military coup d'état in Chile that overthrew the democratically elected Government of Salvador Allende and led to 17 years of military dictatorship; solemnly pays tribute to the more than 3,000 people murdered and 30,000 tortured in the coup's aftermath; condemns the actions of the Pinochet dictatorship and those successive UK Governments that supported it; further notes that democracy and peace must never be taken for granted; and vows to expel all violence and violent rhetoric from politics.

876 National Hygiene Week

Tabled: 11/09/20 Signatories: 6

Munira Wilson
Layla Moran
Liz Saville Roberts
Hywel Williams
Sarah Olney
Sir Mike Penning

That this House notes that National Hygiene Week ran by The Hygiene Bank falls on the week beginning 14 September; highlights that one fifth of the UK population lives in poverty and that the number is growing exponentially in 2020 due to the covid-19 outbreak; is concerned that people who are facing poverty are having to make difficult financial decisions between basic living costs such as rent, food and hygiene; further notes that people experiencing hygiene poverty are not able to access what they need to be clean, safe and well; commends the work of The Hygiene Bank, founded by Lizzy Hall, and volunteers all over the UK in raising awareness of hygiene poverty and taking action to tackle it; and urges the Government to take steps to solve hygiene poverty to restore people's dignity, self-confidence and mental wellbeing.

877 Honk for Hope Campaign

Tabled: 11/09/20 Signatories: 6

Hywel Williams
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
Dave Doogan
Chris Stephens
Jonathan Edwards

That this House notes with concern the effect of the covid-19 outbreak on the coach industry; supports the aims of the Honk for Hope Campaign organised by Jenna Rush; is disappointed that the coach industry has been excluded from the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant fund; further notes the significant financial losses operators have endured throughout the covid-19 outbreak;

recognises the invaluable contributions of the coach industry to the UK leisure and tourism sector; and calls on the Government to provide further financial support for the coach industry.

878 Auchengeich Mining Disaster

Tabled: 11/09/20 Signatories: 19

Steven Bonnar
Dr Philippa Whitford
Stuart C McDonald
Dave Doogan
Allan Dorans
Kenny MacAskill

Chris Stephens
Jonathan Edwards
Chris Law
Martyn Day

Richard Thomson
Ian Byrne
David Linden

Ian Blackford
Neil Gray
Patrick Grady

That this House acknowledges that Friday 18 September 2020 is the 61st anniversary of the Auchengeich Mining disaster; respectfully remembers the 47 men who lost their lives after a fault with equipment caused a fire in the mine; further remembers that 41 women were widowed by this tragedy, and 67 children lost their father; expresses gratitude to the Auchengeich Memorial Committee for their commitment in continuing to commemorate the disaster by arranging a memorial service every year at the Auchengeich Memorial statue in Moodiesburn; notes with regret that the memorial service due to take place on Sunday 13 September 2020 has had to be cancelled but that a prayer and a blessing will be conducted after a wreath is laid by the Memorial Committee; and conveys its sympathies to the family and loved ones of the miners.