



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday 17 September 2020

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Transport

2 Speaker's Statements: (1) Division system

(2) Transfer of oral questions and timeliness of written answers

3 Business Question (Leader of the House)

4 Statement: COVID-19 update (Secretary Matt Hancock)

5 Select Committee Statement (Standing Order No. 22D)

Publication of the Fifth Report from the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee, A Public Inquiry into the Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, HC 541 (Mr William Wragg).

6 Backbench Business

(1) Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House welcomes the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and calls on the Government to examine, improve and extend that scheme's operation and application to ensure that people who started work after the furlough scheme started are included and that this support continues until the UK's economy is more robust, so that the goal of retaining as many jobs as possible is secured.—(*Patricia Gibson.*)

The Deputy Speaker announced a time limit on backbench speeches (Standing Order No. 47(1)).

Question put and agreed to.

(2) Support for self-employed and freelance workers during the COVID-19 outbreak

The Deputy Speaker announced a time-limit on backbench speeches (Standing Order No. 47(1)).

Resolved, That this House has considered support for the self-employed and freelance workers during the COVID-19 outbreak.—(*Caroline Lucas.*)

7 Adjournment

Subject: Earlier diagnosis for Axial Spondyloarthritis (Tom Randall)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Rebecca Harris*.)

Adjourned at 5.26 pm until Monday 21 September.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

8 Fourteenth Delegated Legislation Committee

Graham Stringer (Chair) reported the draft Infrastructure Planning (Electricity Storage Facilities) Order 2020.

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).

9 Fourteenth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Infrastructure Planning (Electricity Storage Facilities) Order 2020)

Members: Craig Mackinlay discharged and Mr Philip Hollobone nominated in substitution.

10 First Delegated Legislation Committee (Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions on Gatherings) (North of England) Regulations (S.I, 2020, No. 828), and the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions on Gatherings) (North of England) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I, 2020, No. 846) and the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions on Gatherings) (North of England) (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations 2020 (S.I, 2020, No. 865) and the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (North of England) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I, 2020, No. 897) and the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (North of England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (S.I, 2020, No. 931))

Members: Craig Williams and Jacob Young discharged and Julie Marson and David Simmonds nominated in substitution.

11 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Restriction of Public Sector Exit Payments Regulations 2020)

Members: Pat McFadden discharged and Wes Streeting nominated in substitution.

12 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Blackburn with Darwen and Bradford) Regulations 2020 (S.I, 2020, No. 822) and the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Blackburn with Darwen and Bradford) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I, 2020, No. 898) and the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Blackburn with Darwen and Bradford) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (S.I, 2020, No. 930) and the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Blackburn with Darwen and Bradford) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2020 (S.I, 2020, No. 935))

Members: Alex Norris discharged and Dr Rosena Allin-Khan nominated in substitution.

13 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Greencore) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020, No. 921))

Members: Andrew Griffith and Mark Pawsey discharged and Aaron Bell and Mrs Heather Wheeler nominated in substitution.

14 Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Services of Lawyers and Lawyer's Practice (Revocation etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020)

Members: Ben Bradley and Brendan Clarke-Smith discharged and Peter Gibson and Mr Richard Holden nominated in substitution.

Reports from Select Committees

15 Backbench Business Committee

Determination of business to be taken on Thursday 24 September in the Chamber, to be published (Ian Mearns).

16 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

(1) *OneWeb*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 806);

(2) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State and the Attorney General relating the UK Internal Market Bill*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Minister for Business, Energy and Clean Growth relating to the UK ETS common framework*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Delivering audit reform*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 266);

(6) *Post-pandemic economic growth*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 393);

(7) *Post-pandemic economic growth: Industrial strategy*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 674);

(8) *Post-pandemic economic growth: Levelling up*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 675)

(Darren Jones).

17 Environmental Audit Committee

(1) *Electronic waste and the circular economy*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 220);

(2) *Biodiversity and ecosystems*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 636);

(3) *Greening the post-COVID recovery*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 347);

(4) *One-off session with the Secretary of State for Defra*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 319)

(Philip Dunne).

18 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

Legislative Scrutiny: Overseas Operations (Service Personnel and Veterans) Bill: Written evidence, to be published (HC 665) (Ms Harriet Harman).

19 International Trade Committee

- (1) *UK Export Finance*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 700);
- (2) *UK Freeports*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 258);
- (3) *UK trade negotiations*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 233);
- (4) *UK trade remedies policy*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 701);
- (5) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (6) *Correspondence from the Chair to Tony Abbott relating to a potential appearance before the Committee*: Written evidence, to be published
(Angus Brendan MacNeil).

20 Petitions Committee

E-petition session: Support for households during COVID-19: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 754) (Catherine McKinnell).

21 Public Accounts (Committee of)

- (1) *Digital transformation in the NHS*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 680);
- (2) *Tackling the tax gap*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 650)
(Meg Hillier).

22 Science and Technology Committee

UK science, research and technology capability and influence in global disease outbreaks: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 136) (Greg Clark).

23 Scottish Affairs Committee

- (1) *Coronavirus and Scotland*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 314);
- (2) Correspondence relating to the UK Internal Market Bill: Written evidence, to be published
(Pete Wishart).

24 Standards (Committee on)

David Morris:

- (i) Eighth Report, with Appendices, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 771);
- (ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 771)
(Chris Bryant).

25 Welsh Affairs Committee

Brexit and trade: implications for Wales: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 176) (Stephen Crabb).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Exiting the European Union (Electricity)

Draft Electricity (Risk-Preparedness) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Alok Sharma)

2 Exiting the European Union (Health Care and Associated Professions)

Draft European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) (EFTA States) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Edward Argar)

3 Public Health

(1) Health Protection (Coronavirus, Collection of Contact Details etc and Related Requirements) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1005), dated 17 September 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

(2) Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (North East of England) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1010), dated 17 September 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

(3) Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Obligations of Hospitality Undertakings) (England) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1008), dated 17 September 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Alok Sharma)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

4 Employment Tribunals

Employment Tribunals (Constitution and Rules of Procedure) (Early Conciliation: Exemptions and Rules of Procedure) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1003), dated 16 September 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Paul Scully)

Other papers

5 Crown Estate

Integrated Report and Accounts of The Crown Estate for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 723) (Clerk of the House)

6 European Union (Withdrawal)

Report of the Bank of England and the Prudential Regulation Authority on the exercise of sub-delegated powers under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 in the year ended 29 February 2020 (by Act) (John Glen)

7 Government Resources and Accounts

(1) Report and Accounts of the Crown Estate Office for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 724) (Jesse Norman)

(2) Report and Accounts of the Department for Transport for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 718) (Jesse Norman)

(3) Report and Accounts of the Supreme Court for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 721) (Jesse Norman)

8 Government Resources and Accounts (Audit of Non-profit-making Companies)

Report and Accounts of the Great Britain China Centre for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Statutory Instrument), to be printed (HC 614) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

9 Modern Slavery

Report of the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner (by Act) (Secretary Priti Patel)

10 National Health Service

Report and Accounts of NHS Blood and Transplant for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 773) (Helen Whately)

11 Natural Environment and Rural Communities

Report and Accounts of Natural England for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 712) (Secretary George Eustice)

12 Statutory Instruments (Notification)

Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation: Insolvency (Moratorium) (Special Administration for Energy Licensees) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 943) (by Standing Order) (The Speaker)

Withdrawn papers

13 Digital Services Tax

Explanatory Memorandum to the Taxes (Interest Rate) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 995), dated 15 September 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jesse Norman) (laid 16 September)

14 Exiting the European Union (Health Care and Associated Professions)

Draft European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) (EFTA States) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Edward Argar) (laid 22 July)

15 Exiting the European Union (Recovery of Taxes)

Explanatory Memorandum to the MARD (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 996), dated 15 September 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jesse Norman) (laid 16 September)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

Proxy Voting (Medical or public health reasons connected with the pandemic)

1. New proxy voting arrangements

The Speaker has certified, under the terms of the temporary Standing Order on voting by proxy and the Resolutions of the House of 28 January 2019, 16 January, 4 and 10 June, and 20 July 2020, that the Members listed in the table below are eligible to have a proxy vote cast on their behalf by the nominated proxy listed in the table below, starting on the date specified below and ending on Tuesday 28 September, unless the House otherwise orders.

Member	From	Proxy
Margaret Greenwood	21 September 2020	Chris Elmore
Angus Brendan MacNeil	21 September 2020	Patrick Grady
Pete Wishart	21 September 2020	Patrick Grady
Dr Luke Evans	21 September 2020	Stuart Andrew
Tommy Sheppard	21 September 2020	Patrick Grady
Ian Byrne	21 September 2020	Beth Winter
Amy Callaghan	21 September 2020	Patrick Grady

2. Variation of existing proxy voting arrangements

The Speaker has certified, under the terms of the temporary Standing Order on voting by proxy and the Resolutions of the House of 28 January 2019, 16 January, 4 and 10 June, and 20 July 2020, that the following Member has given notice that he wishes to amend his proxy voting arrangement.

From 21 September, the nominated proxy for Imran Hussain will be Chris Elmore instead of Judith Cummins.

3. Ending proxy voting arrangements

The Speaker has certified, under the terms of the temporary Standing Order on voting by proxy and the Resolutions of the House of 28 January 2019, 16 January, 4 and 10 June, and 20 July 2020, that the following Members have given notice that they wish to end their proxy voting arrangements with effect from when the Speaker takes the Chair on the dates specified below:

Member	From
James Brokenshire	21 September 2020
Dr Lisa Cameron	21 September 2020
Mr Simon Clarke	21 September 2020
Martin Docherty-Hughes	21 September 2020
Paul Girvan	21 September 2020
Dan Jarvis	21 September 2020
Anne McLaughlin	21 September 2020

Carol Monaghan	21 September 2020
Layla Moran	21 September 2020
Dr Philippa Whitford	21 September 2020
Mr Geoffrey Cox	21 September 2020
Naz Shah	21 September 2020