



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday 1 October 2020

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 **Questions to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office**
- 2 **Statements: (1) Imposition of a 10 pm curfew on the hospitality industry (Secretary Matt Hancock)**
(2) Business (Leader of the House)
(3) Lifetime skills guarantee and post-16 education (Secretary Gavin Williamson)

3 **Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill: Business of the House**

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the following provisions shall apply to the proceedings on the Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill:

Timetable:

(1) (a) Proceedings on Second Reading and in Committee of the whole House, any proceedings on Consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall be taken at today's sitting in accordance with this Order.

(b) Proceedings on Second Reading, in Committee of the whole House, and on Consideration shall be brought to a conclusion (so far as not previously concluded) at 4.00 p.m.

(c) Proceedings on Third Reading shall be brought to a conclusion (so far as not previously concluded) at 5.00 p.m.

Timing of proceedings and Questions to be put

(2) When the Bill has been read a second time:

(a) it shall, despite Standing Order No. 63 (Committal of bills not subject to a programme order), stand committed to a Committee of the whole House without any Question being put;

(b) proceedings on the Bill shall stand postponed while the Question is put, in accordance with Standing Order No. 52(1) (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), on any financial resolution relating to the Bill;

(c) on the conclusion of proceedings on any financial resolution relating to the Bill, proceedings on the Bill shall be resumed and the Speaker shall leave the Chair whether or not notice of an Instruction has been given.

- (3) (a) On the conclusion of proceedings in Committee of the whole House, the Chairman shall report the Bill to the House without putting any Question.
- (b) If the Bill is reported with amendments, the House shall proceed to consider the Bill as amended without any Question being put.
- (4) For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph (1), the Chairman or Speaker shall forthwith put the following Questions in the same order as they would fall to be put if this Order did not apply:
- (a) any Question already proposed from the Chair;
- (b) any Question necessary to bring to a decision a Question so proposed;
- (c) the Question on any amendment, new Clause or new Schedule selected by the Chair or Speaker for separate decision;
- (d) the Question on any amendment moved or Motion made by a Minister of the Crown;
- (e) any other Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded; and shall not put any other questions, other than the question on any motion described in paragraph (15)(a) of this Order.
- (5) On a Motion so made for a new Clause or a new Schedule, the Chairman or Speaker shall put only the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill.
- (6) If two or more Questions would fall to be put under paragraph (4)(d) on successive amendments moved or Motions made by a Minister of the Crown, the Chairman or Speaker shall instead put a single Question in relation to those amendments or Motions.
- (7) If two or more Questions would fall to be put under paragraph (4)(e) in relation to successive provisions of the Bill, the Chairman shall instead put a single Question in relation to those provisions, except that the Question shall be put separately on any Clause of or Schedule to the Bill which a Minister of the Crown has signified an intention to leave out.

Consideration of Lords Amendments

- (8) (a) Any Lords Amendments to the Bill may be considered forthwith without any Question being put; and any proceedings interrupted for that purpose shall be suspended accordingly.
- (b) Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement; and any proceedings suspended under sub-paragraph (a) shall thereupon be resumed.
- (9) Paragraphs (2) to (7) of Standing Order No. 83F (Programme orders: conclusion of proceedings on consideration of Lords amendments) apply for the purposes of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph (8) of this Order.

Subsequent stages

- (10) (a) Any further Message from the Lords on the Bill may be considered forthwith without any Question being put; and any proceedings interrupted for that purpose shall be suspended accordingly.
- (b) Proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement; and any proceedings suspended under sub-paragraph (a) shall thereupon be resumed.
- (11) Paragraphs (2) to (5) of Standing Order No. 83G (Programme orders: conclusion of proceedings on further messages from the Lords) apply for the purposes of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph (10) of this Order.

Reasons Committee

(12) Paragraphs (2) to (6) of Standing Order No. 83H (Programme orders: reasons committee) apply in relation to any committee to be appointed to draw up reasons after proceedings have been brought to a conclusion in accordance with this Order.

Miscellaneous

(13) Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to proceedings on the Bill.

(14) Standing Order No. 82 (Business Committee) shall not apply in relation to any proceedings to which this Order applies.

(15) (a) No Motion shall be made, except by a Minister of the Crown, to alter the order in which any proceedings on the Bill are taken, to recommit the Bill or to vary or supplement the provisions of this Order.

(b) No notice shall be required of such a Motion.

(c) Such a Motion may be considered forthwith without any Question being put; and any proceedings interrupted for that purpose shall be suspended accordingly.

(d) The Question on such a Motion shall be put forthwith; and any proceedings suspended under subparagraph (c) shall thereupon be resumed.

(e) Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to proceedings on such a Motion.

(16) (a) No dilatory Motion shall be made in relation to proceedings to which this Order applies except by a Minister of the Crown.

(b) The Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

(17) No debate shall be held in accordance with Standing Order No. 24 (Emergency debates) at today's sitting after this Order has been agreed.

(18) Proceedings to which this Order applies shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

(19) No private business may be considered at today's sitting after this Order has been agreed.—(*David T. C. Davies*)

Question put and agreed to.

4 Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill: Second Reading

Bill read a second time.

5 Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill: Money

Queen's Recommendation signified.

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 52(1)(a)), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided.—(*David T. C. Davies.*)

Question agreed to.

6 Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill: Committee of the whole House

The House resolved itself into a Committee (Order, today).

(In the Committee)

Clause 1 (Up-rating of state pension and certain other benefits following review in tax year 2020-21)

Amendment 1 proposed.—(*Chris Stephens.*)

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 agreed to.

The occupant of the Chair left the Chair to report the Bill (Order, today).

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

James Morris reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made no amendment.

7 Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill: Third Reading

Bill read the third time, and passed.

8 Adjournment

Subject: Increasing penalties for fly-tipping (Paul Bristow)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*James Morris.*)

Adjourned at 3.49 pm until Monday 5 October.

Other Proceedings

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 Overseas Operations (Service Personnel and Veterans) Bill Committee

Members: Sir Oliver Heald discharged and Joy Morrissey nominated in substitution.

10 First Delegated Legislation Committee (Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Birmingham, Sandwell and Solihull) Regulations 2020 (S.I., 2020, No. 988))

Members: Katherine Fletcher discharged and Andy Carter nominated in substitution.

11 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (Draft European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) (EFTA States) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020)

Members: Andrew Griffith discharged and Theo Clarke nominated in substitution.

12 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (Draft Electricity (Risk-Preparedness) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020)

Members: Mrs Flick Drummond discharged and Mr Gareth Bacon nominated in substitution.

13 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996 (Code of Practice) Order 2020)

Members: Theo Clarke and Miriam Cates discharged and Andrew Griffith and Gareth Davies nominated in substitution

Reports from Select Committees

14 Backbench Business Committee

Determination of business to be taken on Thursday 8 and 15 October and Tuesday 13 October in Westminster Hall, to be published (Ian Mearns).

15 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

(1) *Post-pandemic economic growth: Levelling up: local and regional structures and the delivery of economic growth*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 675);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Regional Growth and Local Government relating to the Non-domestic Rating (Lists) (No.2) Bill*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Small Business, Consumers & Labour Markets relating to the draft State Aid (Revocations and Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the BEIS Department relating to the ETS Common Framework*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to British Bank Reservation Notices*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to the extension of CBILS and CLBILS*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Post-pandemic economic growth*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 393)
(Darren Jones).

16 Environmental Audit Committee

(1) *Correspondence with the Chief Nursing Officer for England relating to single-use plastics and PPE*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Energy efficiency of existing homes*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 346)
(Philip Dunne).

17 European Scrutiny Committee

(1) Twenty-third Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 229-xix);

(2) *Ministerial correspondence*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 229)
(Sir William Cash).

18 Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

(1) *Correspondence to the Secretary of State relating to planning*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Pre-Legislative Scrutiny of the Building Safety Bill*: Written evidence, to be published (HC466);

(3) *Supporting our high streets after COVID-19*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 624)

(Mr Clive Betts).

19 Petitions Committee

The Government's response to coronavirus: Written evidence, to be published (HC 252) (Catherine McKinnell).

20 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *Asylum accommodation and support transformation programme*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 683);

(2) *Correspondence from the Home Office following up from the evidence session on the Home Office recall*: Written evidence to be published (HC 678)

(Meg Hillier).

21 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 Education

Draft Education (Exemption from School and Further Education Institutions Inspections) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Nick Gibb)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Mental Health

Mental Health (Hospital, Guardianship and Treatment) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1072), dated 30 September 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Ms Nadine Dorries)

3 Public Health

Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (England) (Amendment) (No. 16) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1070), dated 30 September 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

4 Social Security

Social Security Contributions (Disregarded Payments) (Coronavirus) (England) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1065), dated 30 September 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jesse Norman)

Other papers**5 Care**

Report and Accounts of the Health Research Authority for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 747) (Helen Whately)

6 Coronavirus

Two monthly report on the status on the non-devolved provisions of the Coronavirus Act 2020 (by Command) (CP 298) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

7 National Audit

(1) Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority: Progress report: terminating the Magnox contract (by Act), to be printed (HC 727) (Clerk of the House)

(2) Twenty-fifth Report of the Public Accounts Commission: Work of the Commission in 2019 (by Act), to be printed (HC 830) (Mr Richard Bacon)

8 National Health Service

(1) Report and Accounts of Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust for 2019–20 (by Act) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

(2) Report and Accounts of Basildon and Thurrock University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for 2019–20 (by Act) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

(3) Report and Accounts of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust for 2019–20 (by Act) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

(4) Report and Accounts of Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust for 2019–20 (by Act) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

(5) Report and Accounts of Southend University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust for 2019–20 (by Act) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

(6) Report and Accounts of The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust for 2019–20 (by Act) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

9 Reserve Forces

Report under section 56(7) of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 on the renewal of call-out orders under section 56(1B) and (3) of that Act, dated 29 September 2020, for operations in Afghanistan, operations with the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) and operations in relation to NATO's Assurance and Adaptation Measures (by Act) (James Heapey)

Withdrawn papers

10 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority: Progress report: Terminating the Magnox contract (laid 9 September)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

Voting by proxy

1. New pandemic proxy voting arrangements

The Speaker has certified, under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A (Voting by proxy), as amended by the temporary Order of 23 September 2020 (Proxy voting during the pandemic), that the Members listed in the table below are eligible to have a proxy vote cast on their behalf by the nominated proxies listed in the table, starting on the dates specified below and ending on Tuesday 3 November 2020, unless the arrangement is ended or the House otherwise orders.

Member	From	Proxy
Ian Blackford	05 October 2020	Patrick Grady
Dan Jarvis	05 October 2020	Chris Elmore
John McDonnell	05 October 2020	Zarah Sultana
Julian Knight	05 October 2020	Stuart Andrew
Tommy Sheppard	05 October 2020	Patrick Grady
Bill Esterson	05 October 2020	Chris Elmore
Edward Miliband	05 October 2020	Chris Elmore
Katherine Fletcher	12 October 2020	Stuart Andrew

2. Ending pandemic proxy voting arrangements

The Speaker has certified, under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A (Voting by proxy), as amended by the temporary Order of 23 September 2020 (Proxy voting during the pandemic), that the following Members have given notice that they wish to end their proxy voting arrangement with effect from when the Speaker takes the Chair on the dates specified below:

Member	From
Judith Cummins	5 October 2020
Steve Double	5 October 2020
Johnny Mercer	5 October 2020
Anne Marie Morris	5 October 2020

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker has revised the allocation of instruments to the First Delegated Legislation Committee.

The following instrument is no longer allocated to the Committee: The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Leicester) (No. 2) (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 987).