



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday 5 October 2020

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

- 1 **Questions to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government**
- 2 **Speaker's Statement: Sub judice and the Urgent Question on the Criminal Cases Review Commission's decision on 44 Post Office prosecutions**
- 3 **Urgent Question: Criminal Cases Review Commission's decision on 44 Post Office prosecutions (Paul Scully)**

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

- 5 **Covert Human Intelligence Sources (Criminal Conduct) Bill: Second Reading**

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Covert Human Intelligence Sources (Criminal Conduct) Bill be now read a second time.

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

Question put, That the Bill be now read a second time.

The House divided.

Division No. 125

Ayes: 182 (Tellers: James Morris, Eddie Hughes)

Noes: 20 (Tellers: Lloyd Russell-Moyle, Bell Ribeiro-Addy)

Question accordingly agreed to, and Bill read a second time.

- 6 **Covert Human Intelligence Sources (Criminal Conduct) Bill: Programme**

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Covert Human Intelligence Sources (Criminal Conduct) Bill:

Committal

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

Proceedings in Committee, on Consideration and up to and including Third Reading

(2) Proceedings in Committee, any proceedings on Consideration and any proceedings in legislative grand committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a

conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which proceedings in Committee of the whole House are commenced.

(3) Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.

(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 other proceedings up to and including Third Reading.

Other proceedings

(5) Any other proceedings on the Bill may be programmed.—(*James Morris.*)

Question agreed to.

7 Business of the House (Private Members' Bills)

Ordered, That:

(1) the Resolution of the House of 16 January 2020 (Business of the House (Private Members' Bills)), as amended by the Orders of the House of 25 March, 22 April, 12 May, 10 June and 1 July 2020 (Business of the House (Private Members' Bills)), is further amended as follows:

leave out "30 October 2020" and insert "6 November 2020";

(2) the Orders for Second Reading of Bills on the day listed under Day 1 in the table below are read and discharged;

(3) each such Bill is ordered to be read a second time on the corresponding day listed under Day 2 in the table; and

(4) those Bills are set down to be read a second time on the appropriate Day 2 in the order in which they were set down to be read a second time on the corresponding Day 1.

Day 1

Day 2

30 October 2020

6 November 2020

—(*James Morris.*)

8 Adjournment (October)

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 25), That this House, at its rising on Friday 23 October, do adjourn until Monday 2 November.—(*James Morris.*)

Question agreed to.

9 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the Insolvency (Moratorium) (Special Administration for Energy Licensees) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 943), dated 2 September 2020, a copy of which was laid before this House on 4 September, be approved.—(*James Morris.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (Insolvency and Dissolution) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 856), dated 12 August 2020, a copy of which was laid before this House on 13 August, be approved.—(*James Morris.*)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Apprenticeships (Alternative English Completion Conditions and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020, which were laid before this House on 10 September, be approved.—(*James Morris.*)

Question agreed to.

(4) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Bolton) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 974), dated 10 September 2020, a copy of which was laid before this House on 10 September, be approved.—(*James Morris.*)

Question agreed to.

10 Changes to membership of select committees

Ordered, That Mark Fletcher be discharged from the Future Relationship with the European Union Committee and Lee Anderson be added. —(*Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

11 Adjournment

Subject: The Unduly Lenient Sentence Scheme (Lee Anderson)

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

At 10.00 pm, the motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 9(3)).

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

Adjourned at 10.25 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

12 Agriculture Bill

The Lords agree to the Agriculture Bill with amendments to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

Printing of Lords Amendments

Lords Amendments to the Agriculture Bill to be considered tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 191) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 191-EN).

General Committees: Reports

13 First Delegated Legislation Committee

James Gray (Chair) reported the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Birmingham, Sandwell and Solihull) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 988).

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).

14 Overseas Operation (Service Personnel and Veterans) Bill (Programming Sub-Committee)

Members: Johnny Mercer, Leo Docherty, Jack Brereton, Stuart Anderson, Liz Twist, Stephen Morgan and Martin Docherty-Hughes

15 Overseas Operations (Service Personnel and Veterans) Bill Committee

Members: Chris Clarkson discharged and Peter Gibson nominated in substitution.

16 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Adjacent Waters Boundaries (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2020)

Members: Miss Sarah Dines discharged and Laura Trott nominated in substitution.

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

Members: Theo Clarke and Jane Stevenson discharged and Felicity Buchan and Mark Jenkinson nominated in substitution.

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

Members: Ian Levy discharged and Mr Robert Goodwill nominated in substitution.

Reports from Select Committees relating to orders for printing made during the adjournment under Standing Order No. 137

Friday 2 October

19 Home Affairs Committee

Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to proposals for offshore asylum processing: Written evidence, to be published (Clerk of the House).

Reports from Select Committees

20 Administration Committee

Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 5 October, to be published (Sir Charles Walker).

21 European Scrutiny Committee

UK parliamentary scrutiny of the Withdrawal Agreement Joint Committee and application of the Northern Ireland Protocol: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 741) (Sir William Cash).

22 Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

(1) *Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Building Safety Bill*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 466);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Housing relating to permitted development rights*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from tobacco companies relating to tobacco related litter*: Written evidence, to be published

(Mr Clive Betts).

23 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

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

24 Procedure Committee

Procedure under coronavirus restrictions: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 300) (Karen Bradley).

25 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *The Nuclear Decommissioning Authority's management of the Magnox contract*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 653);

(2) *Asylum accommodation and support transformation programme*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 683);

(3) *Correspondence from Crossrail Limited relating to the Crossrail progress update: Summer 2020*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from HM Treasury relating to the HM Treasury Annual Report and Accounts 2019–20*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Department for International Trade relating to the Government's support for exporters*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government relating to the Treasury Minute extension*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Correspondence from the UK Statistics Authority relating to the effectiveness of Official Development Assistance expenditure*: Written evidence, to be published;

(8) *Correspondence relating to the Committee's 42nd Report of Session 2017–19, on Modernising the Disclosure Barring Service*: Written evidence, to be published;

(9) *Correspondence relating to the Committee's 72nd Report of Session 2017–19, on Mental health services for children and young people*: Written evidence, to be published;

(10) *Correspondence relating to the Committee's 81st Report of Session 2017–19, on Rail Management and Timetabling*: Written evidence, to be published;

(11) *Correspondence relating to the Committee's 104th Report of Session 2017–19, on Transport infrastructure in the South West*: Written evidence, to be published

(Meg Hillier).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 4.30 pm.
Debate on e-petitions (Standing Order No. 10(1)(a))

1 Impact of COVID-19 on maternity and parental leave

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered e-petition 306691 relating to the impact of COVID-19 on maternity and parental leave.—
(*Catherine McKinnell.*)

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 e-petition 306691 relating to the impact of COVID-19 on maternity and parental leave.—(*Catherine McKinnell.*)

2 The UK's departure from the EU

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petitions 241848, 250178 and 300412 relating to the UK's departure from the EU.—(*Mike Hill.*)

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

Adjourned at 7.24 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers presented and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 2 October 2020 under Standing Orders No. 158 and No. 159:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Public Health

Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (North of England and North East and North West of England etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1074), dated 1 October 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Public Health

Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (England) (Amendment) (No. 17) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1076), dated 2 October 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 5 October 2020

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

3 Exiting the European Union (Agriculture)

(1) Draft Agriculture (Payments) (Amendment, etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary George Eustice)

(2) Draft Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products (Producer Organisations and Wine) (Amendment, etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary George Eustice)

4 Exiting The European Union (Environmental Protection)

Draft Timber and Timber Products and FLEGT (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary George Eustice)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

5 Prisons

Prison and Young Offender Institution (Coronavirus, etc.) (Amendment) (No. 3) Rules 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1077), dated 29 September 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Robert Buckland)

6 Proceeds of Crime

Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (References to Financial Investigators) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Order 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1078), dated 30 September 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Robert Buckland)

Other papers

7 Justice and Security

Report of the Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament on Northern Ireland-related terrorism for 2020 (by Act), to be printed (HC 844) (Clerk of the House)

8 Loans to Ireland

Report under section 2 of the Loans to Ireland Act 2010: 1 April 2020 to 30 September 2020 (by Act) (John Glen)

9 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on HM Treasury, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy and British Business Bank plc: Investigation into the Bounce Back Loan Scheme (by Act), to be printed (HC 860) (Clerk of the House)

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 and ending on Tuesday 3 November 2020, unless the arrangement is ended or the House otherwise orders.

| Member | From | Proxy |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Mhairi Black | 05 October 2020 | Patrick Grady |
| Bob Seely | 05 October 2020 | Stuart Andrew |
| Ruth Jones | 05 October 2020 | Chris Elmore |
| Chris Clarkson | 05 October 2020 | Stuart Andrew |
| Mary Robinson | 05 October 2020 | Stuart Andrew |
| Chloe Smith | 05 October 2020 | Stuart Andrew |
| Tom Hunt | 05 October 2020 | Dehenna Davison |
| Beth Winter | 05 October 2020 | Nadia Whittome |
| Imran Ahmad Khan | 05 October 2020 | Stuart Andrew |
| Michelle Donelan | 05 October 2020 | Stuart Andrew |
| Chris Skidmore | 05 October 2020 | Stuart Andrew |
| Christine Jardine | 05 October 2020 | Wendy Chamberlain |
| Ms Nusrat Ghani | 05 October 2020 | Mr Steve Baker |
| Ian Byrne | 05 October 2020 | Bell Ribeiro-Addy |
| Joanna Cherry | 06 October 2020 | Patrick Grady |
| Sir William Cash | 06 October 2020 | Stuart Andrew |
| Anne Marie Morris | 06 October 2020 | Stuart Andrew |
| Stephen Farry | 06 October 2020 | Wendy Chamberlain |
| Pete Wishart | 06 October 2020 | Patrick Grady |
| Dame Diana Johnson | 06 October 2020 | Chris Elmore |
| Stephen Metcalfe | 06 October 2020 | Stuart Andrew |

2. Variation of existing 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 amend their proxy voting arrangements.

From 5 October:

the nominated proxy for Jon Trickett will be Dawn Butler instead of Ian Byrne.

From 6 October:

the nominated proxy for Geraint Davies will be Dawn Butler instead of Chris Evans.

3. 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 |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Andy Carter | 5 October 2020 |
| Mr David Davis | 5 October 2020 |
| Dr Luke Evans | 5 October 2020 |
| Rachel Maclean | 5 October 2020 |
| Ellie Reeves | 5 October 2020 |
| Olivia Blake | 5 October 2020 |
| Scott Benton | 5 October 2020 |
| Florence Eshalomi | 5 October 2020 |
| Margaret Ferrier | 5 October 2020 |
| Dr Rosena Allin-Khan | 6 October 2020 |
| Mr Simon Clarke | 6 October 2020 |
| Ms Nadine Dorries | 6 October 2020 |
| Colleen Fletcher | 6 October 2020 |
| Neale Hanvey | 6 October 2020 |
| Mr Marcus Jones | 6 October 2020 |
| Julian Knight | 6 October 2020 |
| Shabana Mahmood | 6 October 2020 |
| Carol Monaghan | 6 October 2020 |
| Gavin Newlands | 6 October 2020 |
| Mr Toby Perkins | 6 October 2020 |
| Bob Seely | 7 October 2020 |
| Neil Gray | 7 October 2020 |
| Christina Rees | 8 October 2020 |