



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday 20 October 2020

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

1 Questions to the Chancellor of the Exchequer

2 Equal Pay (Information and Claims): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for a right for employees to obtain information relating to the pay of a comparator; to reform remedies and time limits relating to equal pay; to provide a right to equal pay where a single source can rectify unequal pay; to amend the statutory statement of particulars to include equal pay; to provide for requirements on certain employers to publish information about the differences in pay between male and female employees and between employees of different ethnic origins; and for connected purposes;

That Stella Creasy, Caroline Nokes, Ms Harriet Harman, Neil Gray, Christine Jardine, Caroline Lucas, Bell Ribeiro-Addy, Florence Eshalomi, Chris Bryant, Nadia Whittome, Chris Evans and Anne McLaughlin present the Bill.

Stella Creasy accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 13 November, and to be printed (Bill 199).

3 Non-Domestic Rating (Lists) (No. 2) Bill: Committee of the whole House

The House resolved itself into a Committee (Programme Order, 30 September).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Michael Tomlinson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made no amendment.

4 Non-Domestic Rating (Lists) (No. 2) Bill: Third Reading

Bill read the third time, and passed.

5 Backbench Business

Black History Month

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered Black History Month.—(*Abena Oppong-Asare.*)

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

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved, That this House has considered Black History Month.

6 Statement: COVID-19 update (Secretary Matt Hancock)**7 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval**

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 (Coronavirus) (Extension of the Relevant Period) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1031), dated 23 September 2020, a copy of which was laid before this House on 24 September, be approved.—(*Eddie Hughes.*)

The Speaker's opinion as to the decision of the Question was challenged.

Division deferred until tomorrow (Standing Order No. 41A).

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Self-Isolation) (England) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1045), dated 27 September 2020, a copy of which was laid before this House on 28 September, be approved.—(*Eddie Hughes.*)

The Speaker's opinion as to the decision of the Question was challenged.

Division deferred until tomorrow (Standing Order No. 41A).

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (North of England, North East and North West of England and Obligations of Undertakings (England) etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1057), dated 30 September 2020, a copy of which was laid before this House on 30 September, be approved.—(*Eddie Hughes.*)

The Speaker's opinion as to the decision of the Question was challenged.

Division deferred until tomorrow (Standing Order No. 41A).

(4) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Community Infrastructure Levy (Amendment) (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2020, which were laid before this House on 28 September, be approved.—(*Eddie Hughes.*)

The Speaker's opinion as to the decision of the Question was challenged.

Division deferred until tomorrow (Standing Order No. 41A).

8 Church of England (General Synod) (Measures)

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the General Synod (Remote Meetings) (Temporary Standing Orders) Measure (HC 879), passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, be presented to Her Majesty for her Royal Assent in the form in which it was laid before Parliament.—(*Andrew Selous.*)

Question agreed to.

9 Public petitions

(1) A public petition from residents of Glasgow North relating to the closure of the Partick branch of TSB Bank in Glasgow was presented and read by Patrick Grady.

(2) A public petition from residents of Glasgow North West relating to the closure of the Anniesland, Drumchapel and Partick branches of TSB Bank in Glasgow was presented and read by Carol Monaghan.

(3) A public petition from the residents of the constituency of Kilmarnock and Loudoun relating to Universal Credit uplift was presented and read by Alan Brown.

10 Adjournment

Subject: Remote education for pupils self-isolating during the COVID-19 outbreak (Siobhain McDonagh)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Eddie Hughes*.)

Adjourned at 8.39 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Changes to Notices Given

11 Decarbonisation and Economic Strategy Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 23 October, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 5 March 2021.

12 Sexual Offences (Sports Coaches) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 23 October, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 5 February 2021.

13 Vagrancy (Repeal) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 23 October, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 12 March 2021.

14 European Citizens' Rights Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 23 October, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 13 November.

15 Remote Participation in House of Commons Proceedings (Motion) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 23 October, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 13 November.

16 Death by Dangerous Driving (Sentencing) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 23 October, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 6 November.

Explanatory Notes to Bills

17 National Minimum Wage Bill

Explanatory Notes to the Bill to be printed (Bill 15–EN).

General Committees: Reports

18 Overseas Operations (Service Personnel and Veterans) Bill Committee

David Mundell (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

19 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee

James Gray (Chair) reported the draft Communications Act (e-Commerce) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020.

20 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee

Christina Rees (Chair) reported the draft Higher Education (Fee Limits and Student Support) (England) (Coronavirus) (Revocation) Regulations 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).

21 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Higher Education (Fee Limits and Student Support) (England) (Coronavirus) (Revocation) Regulations 2020)

Members: Gareth Bacon discharged and Dean Russell nominated in substitution.

Reports from Select Committees

22 Defence Committee

(1) *In Search of Strategy—The 2020 Integrated Review: Government Response to the Committee's First Report*: Third Special Report, to be printed (HC 910);

(2) *Progress in delivering the British Army's armoured vehicle capability*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 659)

(Mr Tobias Ellwood).

23 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

Broadband and the road to 5G: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 153) (Julian Knight).

24 Education Committee

Accountability hearings: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 262) (Robert Halfon).

25 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

- (1) *Flooding*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 170);
 - (2) *Air quality*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 468);
 - (3) *Government support to the dairy sector during the COVID-19 pandemic*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 598);
 - (4) *Labour in the food supply chain*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 231);
 - (5) *Public sector procurement of food*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 469);
 - (6) *The work of DEFRA*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 261)
- (Neil Parish).

26 Foreign Affairs Committee

The UK's role in strengthening multilateral organisations: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 513) (Tom Tugendhat).

27 Health and Social Care Committee

Workforce burnout and resilience in the NHS and social care: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 703) (Jeremy Hunt).

28 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

Judicial review and enforcing human rights: Written evidence, to be published (HC 871) (Ms Harriet Harman).

29 International Development Committee

- (1) *Sexual exploitation and abuse in the aid sector: next steps*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 605);
 - (2) *Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary relating to the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's review of the Independent Commission for Aid Impact*: Written evidence, to be published
- (Sarah Champion).

30 Justice Committee

- (1) *Sentencing Council consultation on sentencing guidelines for firearms offences*: Tenth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 827);
 - (2) *The Coroner Service*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 282);
 - (3) *Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (4) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Justice*: Written evidence, to be published
- (Sir Robert Neill).

31 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

- (1) *The evolution of devolution: English devolution*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 825);
- (2) *Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman scrutiny 2019–20*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 843);

(3) *The Government's Constitution, Democracy and Rights Commission*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 829);

(4) *The work of the Cabinet Office*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 118)

(Mr David Jones).

32 Science and Technology Committee

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

33 Standards (Committee on)

The House of Commons and the criminal law: protocols between the police and the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards and the Committee on Standards: Tenth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 883) (Chris Bryant).

34 Transport Committee

Young and novice drivers: Written evidence, to be published (HC 169) (Huw Merriman).

35 Treasury Committee

(1) *Tax after coronavirus*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 664);

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

(3) *Correspondence from the Chief Executive of the Financial Conduct Authority relating to bank account closures*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Economic Secretary to the Treasury relating to the Annual Reports and Accounts for 2019–20 of the Financial Conduct Authority and of The Payment Systems Regulator Limited*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence relating to the FinCen Papers*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Decarbonisation and green finance*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 147)

(Mel Stride).

36 Women and Equalities Committee

(1) *Unequal impact? Coronavirus and gendered economic impact*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 385);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Women and Equalities*: Written evidence, to be published

(Caroline Nokes).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 9.55 am.

Business appointed by the Chairman of Ways and Means (Standing Order No. 10(6))

1 Support for children and families during the COVID-19 outbreak

Resolved, That this House has considered support for children and families during the COVID-19 outbreak.—(Danny Kruger.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.30 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

2 Local clean air targets

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered local clean air targets.—(Jeff Smith.)

At 4.00 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

3 Historical discrimination in boxing

Resolved, That this House has considered historical discrimination in boxing.—(Gerald Jones.)

4 Role of colleges in a skills-led recovery from the COVID-19 outbreak

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the role of colleges in a skills-led recovery from the COVID-19 outbreak.—(Peter Aldous.)

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)).

At 5.30 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(14)).

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

Adjourned at 5.30 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Exiting the European Union (Animals)

Draft Import of, and Trade in, Animals and Animal Products (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary George Eustice)

2 Exiting the European Union (Environmental Protection)

Draft Waste and Environmental Permitting etc. (Legislative Functions and Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary George Eustice)

3 Exiting the European Union (Medicines)

Draft Human Medicines (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jo Churchill)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

4 Road Traffic

(1) M1 Motorway (Junction 2) (50 Miles Per Hour Speed Limit) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1136), dated 14 October 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

(2) M25 Motorway (Junction 5) (50 Miles Per Hour Speed Limit) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1135), dated 14 October 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

5 Social Security

Universal Credit (Earned Income) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1138), dated 19 October 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Will Quince)

Other papers

6 Prison

Report of HM Chief Inspector of Prisons for England and Wales for 2019–20 (by Act), to be printed (HC 856) (Secretary Robert Buckland)

7 Public Health

(1) Explanatory Memorandum to the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Local COVID-19 Alert Level) (Very High) (England) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1105) (laid 12 October) (by Command) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

(2) Explanatory Memorandum to the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Obligations of Hospitality Undertakings) (England) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1008) (laid 17 September) (by Command) (Secretary Alok Sharma)

8 Reserve Forces

Report under section 56(7) of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 on the making of a call-out order under section 56(1B) of that Act, dated 19 October 2020, in support of HM Government contingency planning relating to the end of the transition period under the agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union (by Act) (James Heappey)

Withdrawn papers

9 Exiting the European Union (Customs)

Draft Customs Safety, Security and Economic Operators Registration and Identification (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 and Explanatory Memorandum (laid 14 October)

10 Exiting the European Union (European Union)

Draft European Union Withdrawal (Consequential Modifications) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 and Explanatory Memorandum (laid 8 October)

11 Public Health

(1) Explanatory Memorandum to the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Local COVID-19 Alert Level) (Very High) (England) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1105) (laid 12 October)

(2) Explanatory Memorandum to the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Obligations of Hospitality Undertakings) (England) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1008) (laid 17 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 and ending on Tuesday 3 November 2020, unless the arrangement is ended or the House otherwise orders.

Member	From	Proxy
Julian Knight	21 October 2020	Stuart Andrew
Marsha De Cordova	21 October 2020	Rachel Hopkins
Ben Bradley	21 October 2020	Stuart Andrew
Christina Rees	21 October 2020	Chris Elmore
Jess Phillips	21 October 2020	Chris Elmore
Mr Simon Clarke	21 October 2020	Stuart Andrew

Conor McGinn	21 October 2020	Chris Elmore
Stephanie Peacock	21 October 2020	Chris Elmore
Stella Creasy	21 October 2020	Chris Elmore
John Lamont	21 October 2020	Stuart Andrew
Carol Monaghan	21 October 2020	Patrick Grady

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 Member has given notice that he wishes to amend his proxy voting arrangement.

From 21 October the nominated proxy for Mr Marcus Fysh will be Craig Mackinlay instead of Stuart Andrew.

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 arrangements with effect from when the Speaker takes the Chair on the dates specified below:

Member	From
Apsana Begum	21 October 2020
Katherine Fletcher	21 October 2020
Dr Ben Spencer	21 October 2020
Guy Opperman	2 November 2020
Cherilyn Mackrory	21 October 2020

CORRECTION

Wednesday 16 September

The title of item 4 should have read:

Remote Participation in House of Commons Proceedings (Motion): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)