



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday 24 November 2020

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs

2 Urgent Question: Liability for removal of flammable cladding from the exterior of leasehold properties (Christopher Pincher)

3 Telecommunications (Security) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Matt Warman, supported by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Dominic Raab, Secretary Priti Patel, Michael Gove and Secretary Alok Sharma, presented a Bill to make provision about the security of public electronic communications networks and public electronic communications services.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 216), with Explanatory Notes (Bill 216–EN).

4 National Health Service Reserve Staff: Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a system of reserve National Health Service staff; and for connected purposes;

That Alan Mak, Sir Iain Duncan Smith, Sir Graham Brady, Jeremy Hunt, Damian Green, Greg Clark, Joy Morrissey, James Cartlidge, Kevin Hollinrake, Tom Tugendhat, Danny Kruger and Andrew Griffith present the Bill.

Alan Mak accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 12 March 2021, and to be printed (Bill 217).

5 Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Bill [Lords]: Programme (No. 2)

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Bill [Lords] for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 2 September 2020 (Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Bill [Lords] (Programme)):

Consideration of Lords Message

(1) Proceedings on the Lords Message shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.

Subsequent stages

(2) Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

(3) The 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.—(*David T C Davies.*)

Question agreed to.

6 Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Bill [Lords]: Consideration of Lords Message

The House proceeded to consider the Lords Message received on 19 November relating to the Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Bill [Lords].

Commons Amendment No. 1

Resolved, That this House agrees to Lords Amendments 1A and 1B to Commons Amendment No. 1.—(*Alex Chalk.*)

Commons Amendment No. 4

Resolved, That this House agrees to Lords Amendments 4A to 4E to Commons Amendment No. 4.—(*Alex Chalk.*)

7 Exiting the European Union

Resolved, That the draft Prohibition on Quantitative Restrictions (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, which were laid before this House on 9 November, be approved.—(*Amanda Solloway.*)

8 Virtual participation in debate

Motion made and Question proposed, That the Order of 4 June 2020 (Virtual participation in proceedings during the pandemic (Temporary Orders)), as amended on 22 October, be further amended by adding at the end the following paragraphs:

() The Speaker shall draw up and publish a scheme to permit Members who are certified by a medical practitioner as clinically extremely vulnerable (or equivalent) according to relevant official public health guidance issued in England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland, to participate virtually in such debates as are designated for virtual participation by the Speaker.

() The scheme drawn up by the Speaker shall include:

(a) arrangements for demonstrating and registering eligibility for virtual participation in designated debates; and

(b) any other provisions the Speaker considers necessary to secure the effective implementation of this Order.—(*Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg.*)

At 7.00 pm the Speaker interrupted the debate (Standing Order No. 9(3)).

9 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Customs Safety, Security and Economic Operators Registration and Identification (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, which were laid before this House on 21 October, be approved.—(*James Morris.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Law Enforcement and Security (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, which were laid before this House on 22 October, be approved.—(*James Morris.*)

Question agreed to.

10 Adjournment

Subject: COVID-19 infections at HMP Frankland in Durham (Mary Kelly Foy)

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

Adjourned at 7.30 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

11 Fire Safety Bill

The Lords agree to the Fire Safety Bill with Amendments to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

12 Joint Committee on the Fixed-term Parliaments Act

The Lords communicate that they concur with the Commons Message of 11 November that it is expedient that a Joint Committee of Lords and Commons be appointed to:

(a) carry out a review of the operation of the Fixed-term Parliaments Act 2011, pursuant to section 7 of that Act, and if appropriate in consequence of its findings, make recommendations for the repeal or amendment of that Act; and

(b) consider, as part of its work under subparagraph (a), and report on any draft Government Bill on the repeal of the Fixed-term Parliaments Act 2011 presented to both Houses in this session;

that a Committee of six Lords be appointed to join with the Committee appointed by the Commons and that the Committee should report by Friday 26 February 2021;

that the Committee have power to agree with the Committee appointed by the Commons in the appointment of a Chairman;

that the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records;

that the Committee have power to appoint specialist advisers;

that the Committee have leave to report from time to time;

that the Committee have power to adjourn from place to place within the United Kingdom;

that the reports of the Committee from time to time be printed, regardless of any adjournment of the House;

that the evidence taken by the Committee be published, if the Committee so wishes; and

that the quorum of the Committee shall be two.

Printing of Lords Amendments

13 Fire Safety Bill

Lords Amendments to the Fire Safety Bill to be considered tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 218) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 218-EN).

General Committees: Reports

14 Financial Services Bill Committee

Dr Rupa Huq (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

15 National Security and Investment Bill Committee

Derek Twigg (Chair) reported, That the Committee had come to the following Resolution, That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication.

16 Third Delegated Legislation Committee

Mr Philip Hollobone (Chair) reported the draft Business and Planning Act 2020 (London Spatial Development Strategy) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020.

17 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee

Christina Rees (Chair) reported the draft Immigration (Leave to Enter and Remain) (Amendment) (EU Exit) 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).

18 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Immigration (Leave to Enter and Remain) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Order 2020)

Members: Scott Benton and Dehenna Davison discharged and Andrew Bowie and Craig Whittaker nominated in substitution.

19 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Agricultural Products, Food and Drink (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 and the draft Food (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020)

Members: Fay Jones discharged and Andrew Lewer nominated in substitution.

20 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Veterinary Medicines and Residues (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 and the draft Aquatic Animal Health and Alien Species in Aquaculture, Animals, and Marketing of Seed, Plant and Propagating Material (Legislative Functions and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020)

Members: Ms Marie Rimmer discharged and Jeff Smith nominated in substitution.

21 Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland (Democratic Consent Process) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020)

Members: Robert Langan and Danny Kruger discharged and Scott Benton and Dehenna Davison nominated in substitution.

22 Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Human Medicines (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 and the draft Medical Devices (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020)

Members: Maggie Throup discharged and Maria Caulfield nominated in substitution.

Reports from Select Committees

23 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

(1) *COP26: Principles and priorities—a POST survey of expert views:*

(i) Fourth Special Report, to be printed (HC 1000);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 1000);

(2) *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);

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Small Business, Consumers and Labour Markets relating to product safety:* Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for the Constitution and Devolution relating to parliamentary scrutiny of UK Common Frameworks:* Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to the Ten Point Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution:* Written evidence, to be published;

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

(7) *Forced labour in UK value chains:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 810)

(Darren Jones).

24 Defence Committee

Defence contribution to the UK's pandemic response: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 357) (Mr Tobias Ellwood).

25 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

Economics of music streaming: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 868) (Julian Knight).

26 Education Committee

Home education: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 839) (Robert Halfon).

27 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

(1) *Pet smuggling:* Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 926);

(2) *Air quality:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 468);

(3) *COVID-19 and food supply:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 263);

(4) *Public sector procurement of food:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 469);

- (5) *Tree planting and woodlands*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 814);
- (6) *UK-Norway Framework Fisheries Agreement*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 916)
- (Neil Parish).

28 European Statutory Instruments Committee

Thirteenth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 786) (Andrew Jones).

29 Foreign Affairs Committee

- (1) *The FCO's role in blocking foreign asset stripping in the UK*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 296);
- (2) *Correspondence from the Acting National Security Adviser relating to the Integrated Review*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Environmental diplomacy*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 202) (Tom Tugendhat).

30 Health and Social Care Committee*

- (1) *Workforce burnout and resilience in the NHS and social care*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 703);
- (2) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Delivering core NHS and care services during the pandemic and beyond*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 320) (Jeremy Hunt).

* This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings from 25 November 2020 for details.

31 Health and Social Care Committee and Science and Technology Committee

Coronavirus: lessons learnt: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 877) (Jeremy Hunt).

32 International Development Committee

- (1) *Humanitarian crises monitoring: coronavirus in developing countries: secondary impacts*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 292);
- (2) *Correspondence with the acting National Security Adviser relating to the Integrated Review*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Correspondence with the Minister for the Overseas Territories and Sustainable Development relating to the Committee's views on the FCDO review of the ICAI*: Written evidence, to be published (Sarah Champion).

33 Justice Committee

- (1) *Appointment of the Chair of the Independent Monitoring Authority*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 954);
- (2) *The work of the Law Commission*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 956);

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

(4) *Correspondence with the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice*: Written evidence, to be published

(Sir Robert Neill).

34 Petitions Committee

(1) Record of the Committee's decisions relating to e-petitions, to be published;

(2) List of closed e-petitions presented to the House, to be published

(Catherine McKinnell).

35 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

(1) *Data transparency and accountability: COVID-19*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 803);

(2) *Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman scrutiny 2019–20*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 843)

(Mr William Wragg).

36 Standards (Committee on)

(1) *Code of Conduct*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 671);

(2) *All-Party Parliamentary Groups*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 672)

(Chris Bryant).

37 Transport Committee

(1) *Brexit: Transport Common Frameworks*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1041);

(2) *Coronavirus: implications for transport*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 268);

(3) *Young and novice drivers*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 169)

(Huw Merriman).

* This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings from 12 April 2021 for details

38 Women and Equalities Committee

(1) *Appointment of the Chair of the Equality and Human Rights Commission: Second Report, with Appendices*, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 966);

(2) *Changing the perfect picture: an inquiry into body image*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 274);

(3) *Reform of the Gender Recognition Act*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 884)

(Caroline Nokes).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 9.30 am.

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

1 Charity-funded medical research in the 2020 Spending Review

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of recognising and preserving the value of charity-funded medical research in the 2020 Spending Review.—(*Dr James Davies*.)

The sitting was suspended between 10.55 am and 11.00 am.

2 NHS funding for treatment of pectus deformity

Resolved, That this House has considered NHS funding for treatment of pectus deformity.—(*Mr Simon Clarke*.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.25 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 Adequacy of funding for local authorities during the COVID-19 outbreak

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)).

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the adequacy of funding for local authorities during the COVID-19 outbreak.—(*Rushanara Ali*.)

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

4 Acquired brain injury and COVID-19

Resolved, That this House has considered acquired brain injury and COVID-19.—(*Chris Bryant*.)

5 Business and economic opportunities after Huawei's exclusion from the 5G network

Resolved, That this House has considered business and economic opportunities after Huawei's exclusion from the 5G network.—(*Alun Cairns*.)

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

Adjourned at 5.22 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Environmental Protection

Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1336), dated 23 November 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary George Eustice)

2 Pensions

Occupational Pensions (Revaluation) Order 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1332), dated 20 November 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Guy Opperman)

3 Public Health

Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (England) (Amendment) (No. 26) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1337), dated 23 November 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

4 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge

Statute, dated 1 June 2020, made by the Governing Body of Robinson College in the University of Cambridge, amending the existing Statutes of the University (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Gavin Williamson)

Other papers

5 Transport

Government overview of the case for HS2 Phase 2a and its environmental impacts: update for the House of Lords (by Command) (CP 325) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

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 Orders of 23 September 2020 (Proxy voting during the pandemic) and 3 November 2020 (Proxy voting during the pandemic (No. 2)) and extended by the Order of 22 October 2020, 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 below, starting on the dates specified below and ending on Tuesday 30 March 2021, unless the arrangement is ended or the House otherwise orders.

Member	From	Proxy
Tom Tugendhat	25 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Jessica Morden	25 November 2020	Chris Elmore

Priti Patel	25 November 2020	Stuart Andrew
Mr Tobias Ellwood	25 November 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 Orders of 23 September 2020 (Proxy voting during the pandemic) and 3 November 2020 (Proxy voting during the pandemic (No. 2)) and extended by the Order of 22 October 2020, that the following Member has given notice that he wishes to end his proxy voting arrangement with effect from when the Speaker takes the Chair on the date specified below:

Member	From
Sajid Javid	25 November

CORRECTION

Thursday 19 November 2020

The following item should have appeared after item 11:

Eleventh Delegated Legislation Committee

Ms Nusrat Ghani (Chair) reported the draft Supplementary Protection Certificates (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020.