



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday 26 November 2020

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

1 The Life and Death of Elizabeth Dixon: A Catalyst for Change

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that she will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return of a Paper, entitled The Life and Death of Elizabeth Dixon: A Catalyst for Change, dated 26 November 2020.—(*James Morris.*)

2 Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

(2) the right hon. Member representing the Church Commissioners and the hon. Member representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission

3 Business Question (Leader of the House)

4 Statements: (1) COVID-19 update (Secretary Matt Hancock)

(2) Development update (Secretary Dominic Raab)

5 Speaker's Statement: Division (numbers incorrectly reported)

The Deputy Speaker reported to the House that in the deferred Division No. 173 on Wednesday 26 November relating to the draft European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (Relevant Court) (Retained EU Case Law) Regulations 2020, the numbers voting Aye had been misreported as 354 instead of 356; and that the correct number was: Ayes 356, Noes 261.

6 Backbench Business

(1) Final report of Climate Assembly UK on the path to net zero

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House welcomes the report of Climate Assembly UK; gives thanks to the citizens who gave up their time to inform the work of select committees, the development of policy and the wider public debate; and calls on the Government to take note of the recommendations of the Assembly as it develops the policies necessary to achieve the target of net zero emissions by 2050.—(*Darren Jones.*)

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

Question put and agreed to.

(2) Work and Pensions Committee report on the DWP's response to the coronavirus outbreak

Resolved, That this House notes the First Report of the Work and Pensions Committee, DWP's response to the coronavirus outbreak, HC 178; and calls on the Government to increase relevant legacy benefits in line with increases to universal credit, to take steps to return people who have been inadvertently left worse off under universal credit compared with their previous benefits, and to suspend the no recourse to public funds visa condition for the duration of the coronavirus outbreak.—(*Stephen Timms*.)

7 Delegated Legislation (Financial assistance to industry)

Ordered, That the Motion in the name of Nadhim Zahawi relating to financial assistance to industry shall be treated as if it related to an instrument subject to the provisions of Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees) in respect of which notice has been given that the instrument be approved.—(*David Duguid*.)

8 Adjournment

Subject: Use of hydrogen transport (Alexander Stafford)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*David Duguid*.)

Adjourned at 5.29 pm until Monday 30 November.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

9 Parliamentary Constituencies Bill

The Lords do not insist on their amendments to the Parliamentary Constituencies Bill to which the Commons have disagreed.

General Committees: Reports

10 Environment Bill Committee

James Gray (Chair) reported:

- (1) written evidence submitted to the Committee, and
- (2) the Bill as amended.

Written evidence to be published.

Bill, as amended, to be considered Monday 28 November; and to be printed (Bill 220).

11 Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee

Esther Mcvey (Chair) reported the Draft Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland (Democratic Consent Process) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020.

12 Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee

Andrew Rosindell (Chair) reported the draft Human Medicines (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 and the draft Medical Devices (Amendment etc.) (EU 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).

13 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Official Controls (Animals, Feed and Food, Plant Health etc.) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 and the draft Import of, and Trade in, Animals and Animal Products (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020)

Members: Mark Fletcher and Jane Hunt discharged and Mr Gagan Mohindra and Rob Roberts nominated in substitution.

Reports from Select Committees

14 Backbench Business Committee

Determination of business to be taken on Thursday 3 December in the Chamber and Thursday 10 December in Westminster Hall (Ian Mearns).

15 Fixed-Term Parliaments Act (Joint Committee on)

John Spellar reported, That Lord McLoughlin had been chosen as the Chair of the Committee.

16 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *Whitehall preparations for EU Exit*: Twenty-ninth Report, to be printed, with formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 682);

(2) *Managing colleges' financial sustainability*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 692)

(Meg Hillier).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 1.30 pm.

Business determined by the Backbench Business Committee (Standing Orders Nos. 10(7) and 14(4))

1 COVID-19 pandemic on freedom of religion or belief

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on freedom of religion or belief.—(*Fiona Bruce.*)

At 3.00 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

2 International development and gender-based violence

Resolved, That this House has considered international development and gender-based violence.—(*Anthony Mangnall.*)

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

Adjourned at 4.20 pm until Monday 30 November.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Exiting The European Union (Customs)

Draft Customs Safety and Security Procedures (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jesse Norman)

2 Financial Services and Markets

Draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) Order 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (John Glen)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

3 Exiting the European Union (Environmental Protection)

Air Quality (Amendment) (Northern Ireland Protocol) (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1352), dated 25 November 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary George Eustice)

Papers laid under paragraphs 3(3) and 17(3) of Schedule 7 to the European Union
(Withdrawal) Act 2018

4 Exiting the European Union

Proposal for an instrument titled European Institutions and Consular Protection (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2020, with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

5 Exiting the European Union (Agriculture)

Proposal for an instrument titled Food and Drink (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary George Eustice)

Other papers

6 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Minute, dated 26 November 2020, concerning the notification of the revised contingent liability arising from the contract with Imperial College for the Human Challenge Project (by Command) (Secretary Alok Sharma)

7 Enterprise

Accounts of the Competition Appeal Tribunal and Competition Service for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1038) (Clerk of the House)

8 Government Resources and Accounts

(1) Report and Accounts of Public Health England for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 913) (Jo Churchill)

(2) Report and Accounts of Royal Mail Statutory Pension Scheme for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 551) (Jesse Norman)

(3) Report and Accounts of Valuation Office Agency for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 720) (Jesse Norman)

9 Health and Social Care

Return to an Address to Her Majesty for a Return of the Report, dated 26 November 2020, of The Life and Death of Elizabeth Dixon: A Catalyst for Change (pursuant to Resolution today), to be printed (HC 1025) (Ms Nadine Dorries)

10 Isle of Man

Commissioners of HM Revenue and Customs in Account with the Government of the Isle of Man for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 967) (Jesse Norman)

11 Mental Health

Report of the Care Quality Commission: Monitoring the Mental Health Act in 2019–20 (by Act) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

12 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Cabinet Office: Investigation into government procurement during the COVID-19 pandemic (by Act), to be printed (HC 959) (Clerk of the House)

13 National Heritage

Government Indemnity Scheme: Statement to Parliament on the level of outstanding liabilities under the Scheme for the six-month period ending 30 September 2020 (by Act) (Caroline Dinéage)

Withdrawn papers

14 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Cabinet Office: Investigation into government procurement during the COVID-19 pandemic (HC 959) (laid 16 November)

15 Exiting the European Union (Agriculture)

Proposal for an instrument titled Food and Drink (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (laid 19 November)

16 Exiting the European Union (Customs)

Draft Customs Safety and Security Procedures (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (laid 16 November)

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 |
|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| Sajid Javid | 30 November 2020 | Stuart Andrew |
| Karen Bradley | 30 November 2020 | Stuart Andrew |
| Chris Evans | 30 November 2020 | Chris Elmore |

17 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 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 |
|------------------|------------------|
| Andrew Griffith | 30 November 2020 |
| Dr Kieran Mullan | 30 November 2020 |
| Wera Hobhouse | 30 November 2020 |
| Selaine Saxby | 30 November 2020 |
| Stephen Hammond | 1 December 2020 |

CORRECTION

25 November 2020

Item 3 should have read:

Deferred Divisions

The Deputy Speaker announced the result of the Division which had been deferred to this day (Standing Order No. 41A).

That the draft European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (Relevant Court) (Retained EU Case Law) Regulations 2020, which were laid before this House on 15 October, be approved.

Division No. 173

Ayes: 356

Noes: 261

Question accordingly agreed to.