



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday 4 February 2021

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport
(2) the Attorney General**
- 2 Urgent Question: Treatment of Uyghur women in Xinjiang detention camps (Nigel Adams)**
- 3 Speaker's Statement: Division timings**
- 4 Business Question (Leader of the House)**
- 5 Statement: COVID-19 update (Nadhim Zahawi)**
- 6 Ministerial and other Maternity Allowances Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Penny Mordaunt, supported by the Prime Minister, Secretary Priti Patel, Michael Gove, Secretary Robert Buckland and Secretary Elizabeth Truss, presented a Bill to make provision for payments to or in respect of Ministers and holders of Opposition offices on maternity leave.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 255) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 255–EN).
- 7 Backbench Business**
 - (1) Future of the UK space industry**

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the future of the UK space industry.—(*Owen Thompson.*)

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

Question put and agreed to.
 - (2) Towns Fund**

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the Towns Fund.—(*Paul Bristow.*)

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

Question put and agreed to.

8 Adjournment

Subject: Driving tests in High Wycombe (Mr Steve Baker)

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

Adjourned at 5.17 pm until Monday 8 February.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

9 Second Delegated Legislation Committee

Dr Rupa Huq (Chair) reported the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Non-Domestic Rating Multipliers) (England) Order 2021.

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).

10 Air Traffic Management and Unmanned Aircraft Bill [Lords] Bill (Programming Sub-Committee)

Members: Robert Courts, Colleen Fletcher, Mike Kane, Mr Gagan Mohindra, Dean Russell, Owen Thompson, Maggie Throup

Reports from Select Committees

11 Backbench Business Committee

Revised determination of business: business set down for Thursday 11 February now to be taken on Tuesday 9 February in the Chamber (Ian Mearns).

12 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

(1) *Decarbonising heat in homes*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 851);

(2) *The impact of coronavirus on businesses and workers*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 219)

(Darren Jones).

13 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

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

14 Fixed-term Parliaments Act (Joint Committee on)

Fixed-term Parliaments Act: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1046) (John Spellar).

15 Home Office

Preparedness for COVID-19 (coronavirus): Written evidence, to be published (HC 232) (Yvette Cooper).

16 Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

(1) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to vaccination priorities for staff working in the homelessness sector:* Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Correspondence with Kingspan relating to the Grenfell Tower inquiry:* Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Minister for Rough Sleeping and Housing relating to his appearance before the Committee of 28 January:* Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Local Authority Financial Sustainability and the Section 114 Regime:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 1054)

(Mr Clive Betts).

17 Petitions Committee

E-petitions session: Arrangements for touring professionals and artists in the EU: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1166) (Catherine McKinnell).

18 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *COVID-19: Government procurement and supply of Personal Protective Equipment: Forty-second Report,* to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 928);

(2) *Defence Equipment Plan 2020–2030:* Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 693)

(Meg Hillier).

19 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

Data transparency and accountability: COVID-19: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 803) (Mr William Wragg).

20 Scottish Affairs Committee

Fisheries and Scotland: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1180) (Pete Wishart).

21 Welsh Affairs Committee

(1) *The UK-EU trade deal and border arrangements: one-month on:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1179);

(2) *Correspondence with the Minister of State for the Constitution and Devolution relating to the Police and Crime Commissioner Elections (Welsh Forms) Order 2021:* Written evidence, to be published

(Stephen Crabb).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Environmental Protection

Draft Single Use Carrier Bags Charges (England) (Amendment) Order 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary George Eustice)

2 Local Government Finance

(1) Local Government Finance Report (England) 2021–22 (by Act), to be printed (HC 1200) (Secretary Robert Jenrick)

(2) Referendums relating to Council Tax Increases (Alternative Notional Amounts) (England) Report 2021–22 (by Act), to be printed (HC 1201) (Secretary Robert Jenrick)

(3) Referendums relating to council tax increases (Principles) (England) Report 2021–22 (by Act), to be printed (HC 1202) (Secretary Robert Jenrick)

3 Police

Police Grant Report (England and Wales) for 2021–22 (by Act), to be printed (HC 1162) (Secretary Priti Patel)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

4 Insolvency

Insolvency Practitioners (Recognised Professional Bodies) (Revocation of Recognition) Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 110), dated 29 January 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

5 Local Government

(1) Draft London Borough of Bromley (Electoral Changes) Order 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (The Speaker)

(2) Draft London Borough of Wandsworth (Electoral Changes) Order 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (The Speaker)

(3) Draft Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames (Electoral Changes) Order 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (The Speaker)

Other papers

6 Defence (Votes A), 2020–21

(1) Estimates of the maximum numbers of personnel to be maintained for service in the Reserve Land Forces and Air Force Service for the year ending 31 March 2021: Supplementary Votes (by Command), to be printed (HC 1126) (Secretary Ben Wallace)

(2) Estimates of the maximum numbers of personnel to be maintained for service with the Armed Forces for the year ending 31 March 2022 (by Command), to be printed (HC 1125) (Secretary Ben Wallace)

7 Government Resources and Accounts

Report and Accounts of East West Railway Company Limited for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 831) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

8 Justice

Monitoring places of detention: Eleventh Annual Report of the United Kingdom's National Preventive Mechanism for the year 2019–20 (by Command) (CP 366) (Secretary Robert Buckland)

9 Treasury

Government response to the consultation on public service pension schemes: changes to the transitional arrangements to the 2015 schemes (by Command) (CP 373) (Steve Barclay)

10 Treaty Series No.5 (2021)

Agreement, done at London on 13 January 2021, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Japan on Co-operation and Mutual Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters (by Command) (CP 378) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

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
Maria Caulfield	8 February	Stuart Andrew
David Rutley	8 February	Stuart Andrew
Jeff Smith	8 February	Mark Tami
Sir Alan Campbell	8 February	Mark Tami
James Morris	8 February	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 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 amend their proxy voting arrangement:

From Monday 8 February the nominated proxy for Gavin Robinson will be Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson instead of Sammy Wilson.

From Monday 8 February 2021 the nominated proxy for the following members will be Mark Tami instead of Sir Alan Campbell:

Debbie Abrahams	Mike Kane
Tahir Ali	Barbara Keeley
Rushanara Ali	Liz Kendall
Dr Rosena Allin-Khan	Afzal Khan
Mike Amesbury	Stephen Kinnock
Fleur Anderson	Peter Kyle
Tonia Antoniazzi	David Lammy
Jonanthan Ashworth	Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Paula Barker	Clive Lewis
Margaret Beckett	Tony Lloyd
Hilary Benn	Holly Lynch
Mr Clive Betts	Justin Madders
Olivia Blake	Mr Khalid Mahmood
Paul Blomfield	Shabana Mahmood
Tracy Brabin	Seema Malhotra
Mr Ben Bradshaw	Rachael Maskell
Kevin Brennan	Chris Matheson
Ms Lyn Brown	Steve McCabe
Chris Bryant	Kerry McCarthy
Ms Karen Buck	Siobhain McDonagh
Liam Byrne	Andy McDonald
Ian Byrne	Pat McFadden
Ruth Cadbury	Conor McGinn
Dan Carden	Alison McGovern
Sarah Champion	Catherine McKinnell
Feryal Clark	Jim McMahan
Rosie Cooper	Anna McMorris
Yvette Cooper	Edward Miliband
Neil Coyle	Navendu Mishra
Stella Creasy	Jessica Morden
Jon Cruddas	Stephen Morgan

John Cryer	Grahame Morris
Judith Cummins	James Murray
Alex Cunningham	Ian Murray
Janet Daby	Lisa Nandy
Wayne David	Charlotte Nichols
Geraint Davies	Alex Norris
Alex Davies-Jones	Chi Onwurah
Thangam Debbonaire	Abena Opong-Asare
Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi	Taiwo Owatemi
Anneliese Dodds	Sarah Owen
Stephen Doughty	Stephanie Peacock
Peter Dowd	Matthew Pennycook
Jack Dromey	Mr Toby Perkins
Rosie Duffield	Jess Phillips
Maria Eagle	Bridget Phillipson
Ms Angela Eagle	Luke Pollard
Clive Efford	Lucy Powell
Julie Elliott	Yasmin Qureshi
Chris Elmore	Angela Rayner
Florence Eshalomi	Steve Reed
Bill Esterson	Christina Rees
Chris Evans	Ellie Reeves
Yvonne Fovargue	Rachel Reeves
Vicky Foxcroft	Jonathan Reynolds
Barry Gardiner	Ms Marie Rimmer
Preet Kaur Gill	Matt Rodda
Mary Glendon	Lloyd Russell-Moyle
Kate Green	Naz Shah
Margaret Greenwood	Mr Virendra Sharma
Lilian Greenwood	Mr Barry Sheerman
Nia Griffith	Tulip Siddiq
Andrew Gwynne	Andy Slaughter
Louise Haigh	Nick Smith
Fabian Hamilton	Cat Smith
Emma Hardy	Karin Smyth

Ms Harriet Harman	Alex Sobel
Carolyn Harris	Keir Starmer
Helen Hayes	Jo Stevens
John Healey	Wes Streeting
Sir Mark Hendrick	Graham Stringer
Mike Hill	Sam Tarry
Dame Margaret Hodge	Gareth Thomas
Mrs Sharon Hodgson	Nick Thomas-Symonds
Kate Hollern	Emily Thornberry
Rachel Hopkins	Stephen Timms
Sir George Howarth	Karl Turner
Dr Rupa Huq	Derek Twigg
Dan Jarvis	Catherine West
Dame Diana Johnson	Dr Alan Whitehead
Kim Johnson	Mick Whitley
Gerald Jones	Nadia Whittome
Ruth Jones	Beth Winter
Sarah Jones	Mohammad Yasin
Darren Jones	Daniel Zeichner
Mr Kevan Jones	

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 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
Michael Tomlinson	8 February
Gill Furniss	8 February
Colleen Fletcher	8 February
Mark Tami	8 February
Tom Pursglove	8 February
Liz Twist	8 February