



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday 8 February 2021

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

1 Questions to the Home Secretary

**2 Urgent Questions: (1) Yemen (James Cleverly)
(2) UK shellfish exports (Secretary George Eustice)**

3 Armed Forces Bill: Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

4 Armed Forces Bill: Programme

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Armed Forces Bill:

Select Committee

(1) The Bill shall be committed to a Select Committee.

(2) The Select Committee shall report the Bill to the House on or before 29 April 2021.

Committee of the whole House, Consideration and Third Reading

(3) On report from the Select Committee, the Bill shall be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House.

(4) Proceedings in Committee of the whole House on recommitment, any proceedings on Consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall be taken in one day in accordance with the following provisions of this Order.

(5) Proceedings in Committee of the whole House and any proceedings on Consideration 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.

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

Programming committee

(7) Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings in Committee of the whole House, to any proceedings on Consideration or to proceedings on Third Reading.

Other proceedings

(8) Any other proceedings on the Bill may be programmed.—(Rebecca Harris.)

Question agreed to.

5 Armed Forces Bill: Money

Queen's Recommendation signified.

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 52(1)(a)), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Armed Forces Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided.—(Rebecca Harris.)

Question agreed to.

6 Armed Forces Bill: Carry-over

Motion made, and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 80A(1)(a)), That if, at the conclusion of this Session of Parliament, proceedings on the Armed Forces Bill have not been completed, they shall be resumed in the next Session.—(Rebecca Harris.)

Question agreed to.

7 Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill

Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill:

(1) The Committee shall have 16 members, to be nominated by the Committee of Selection.

(2) The Committee shall have power—

(a) to send for persons, papers and records, to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House, to adjourn from place to place and to report from day to day the minutes of evidence taken before it;

(b) to admit the public during the examination of witnesses and during consideration of the Bill (but not otherwise); and

(c) to appoint specialist advisers either to supply information not readily available or to elucidate matters of complexity relating to the provisions of the Bill.

(3) The order of the House of 24 March 2020 (Select Committees (Participation and Reporting) (Temporary Order)) shall apply to the Committee as if it had the power to report from time to time.—(Rebecca Harris.)

8 Defence

Resolved, That the draft Armed Forces Act (Continuation) Order 2021, which was laid before this House on 18 January, be approved.—(Johnny Mercer.)

9 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Non-Domestic Rating Multipliers) (England) Order 2021, which was laid before this House on 11 January, be approved.—(Rebecca Harris.)

Question agreed to.

10 Business of the House (9 February)

Ordered, That, at the sitting on Tuesday 9 February, the business determined by the Backbench Business Committee may continue until 7.00 pm or for two hours after its commencement, whichever is the later, and shall then lapse if not previously disposed of, and may be proceeded with, though opposed, after the moment of interruption, and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(Rebecca Harris.)

11 Business of the House (10 February)

Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 10 February—

(1) Standing Order No. 16 (Proceedings under an Act or on European Union documents) shall not apply to proceedings on the Motion in the name of Secretary Priti Patel relating to Police Grant Report or on the Motions in the name of Secretary Robert Jenrick relating to Local Government Finance;

(2) the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on—

(a) the Motion in the name of Secretary Priti Patel relating to Police Grant Report not later than three hours after the commencement of proceedings on that Motion, and

(b) the Motions in the name of Secretary Robert Jenrick relating to Local Government Finance not later than three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the first of those Motions or six hours after the commencement of proceedings relating to Police Grant Report, whichever is the later; and

(3) those Motions may be proceeded with, though opposed, after the moment of interruption, and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(Rebecca Harris.)

12 Business of the House

Ordered, That, in respect of the Ministerial and other Maternity Allowances Bill, notices of Amendments, new Clauses and new Schedules to be moved in Committee may be accepted by the Clerks at the Table before the Bill has been read a second time.—(Rebecca Harris.)

13 Adjournment

Subject: Zoos and aquaria during the COVID-19 outbreak (Emma Hardy)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Rebecca Harris.)

Adjourned at 10.21 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

14 First Delegated Legislation Committee

Sir Graham Brady (Chair) reported the draft Community Infrastructure Levy (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2021.

15 Second Delegated Legislation Committee

Sir David Amess (Chair) reported the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (All Tiers) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 53) and the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (All Tiers and Self- Isolation) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 97).

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).

16 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Social Security (Contributions) (Rates, Limits and Thresholds Amendments and National Insurance Funds Payments) Regulations 2021 and the draft Tax Credits, Child Benefit and Guardian's Allowance Up-rating Regulations 2021)

Members: Gill Furniss discharged and Mark Tami nominated in substitution.

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

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17 Science and Technology Committee

UK science, research and technology capability and influence in global disease outbreaks: Written evidence, to be published (HC 136) (Clerk of the House).

18 Work and Pensions Committee

The temporary increase in Universal Credit and Working Tax Credit: Fourth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1193) (Clerk of the House).

*Reports from Select Committees made on Monday 8 February***19 Administration Committee**

Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 8 February, to be published (Sir Charles Walker).

20 European Scrutiny Committee

The UK's new relationship with the EU: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1197) (Sir William Cash).

21 Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

(1) *Local Authority financial sustainability and the Section 114 Regime: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1054);*

(2) *Correspondence from the Chair of the Local Government Association relating to devolution in England: Written evidence, to be published;*

(3) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to preparations for local elections in May 2021: Written evidence, to be published*

(Mr Clive Betts).

22 Liaison Committee

Correspondence from the Prime Minister relating to his appearance before the Committee on 13 January: Written evidence, to be published (Sir Bernard Jenkin).

23 Petitions Committee

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

24 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *Managing the expiry of PFI contracts:* Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1114);

(2) *Correspondence from HM Revenue and Customs relating to pay and contract reform for HMRC's employees:* Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Home Office relating to police funding in 2021–22:* Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *COVID-19: Free school meals voucher scheme:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 689);

(5) *COVID-19: Support for jobs:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 920);

(6) *Whitehall preparations for EU Exit:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 682) (Meg Hillier).

25 Treasury Committee

(1) *The Financial Conduct Authority's regulation of London Capital & Finance plc:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1191);

(2) *Correspondence from the Chair of the Financial Conduct Authority relating to the publication of the Woolard Review:* Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Chief Executive and Permanent Secretary of HM Revenue and Customs relating to HM Revenue and Customs' working arrangements:* Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Deputy National Statistician for Economic Statistics at the Office for National Statistics relating to international comparisons of GDP:* Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Economic impact of coronavirus:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 882) (Mel Stride).

26 Welsh Affairs Committee

Correspondence relating to the flow of pharmaceutical products between the UK and EU: Written evidence, to be published (Stephen Crabb).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Papers Laid

Papers presented and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 5 February 2021 under Standing Orders No. 158 and No. 159:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Corporation Tax

Capital Allowances Act 2001 (Car Emissions) (Extension of First-year Allowances) (Amendment) Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 120), dated 4 February 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jesse Norman)

2 Education

Education (Coronavirus, Remote Education Information) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 122), dated 4 February 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Nick Gibb)

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 8 February 2021

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

3 Equality

Draft Financial Reporting Council (Miscellaneous Provisions) Order 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

4 Local Government

Draft Mayoral and Police and Crime Commissioner Elections (Coronavirus, Nomination of Candidates) (Amendment) Order 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Chloe Smith)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

5 Criminal Law

Prosecution of Offences Act 1985 (Specified Proceedings) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 126), dated 5 February 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Attorney General)

6 Electronic Communications

Communications (Television Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 124), dated 3 February 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Oliver Dowden)

7 Exiting the European Union (Education)

Education (Student Fees, Awards and Support) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 127), dated 4 February 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Michelle Donelan)

8 Social Security

Loans for Mortgage Interest (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 131), dated 5 February 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Guy Opperman)

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

9 Intellectual Property

Proposal for an instrument titled Patents (European Patent with Unitary Effect and Unified Patent Court) (Repeal and Revocation) Regulations 2021, with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

Other papers**10 Data Protection**

Report on the Review of Provisions on the Representation of Data Subjects (by Act) (Mr John Whittingdale)

11 Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal)

Statement in relation to legal routes from the EU for protection claimants including family reunion of unaccompanied children (by Act) (Secretary Priti Patel)

12 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and Department of Health and Social Care: Protecting and supporting the clinically extremely vulnerable during lockdown (by Act), to be printed (HC 1131) (Clerk of the House)

13 Treaty Series No. 6 (2021)

Convention on Social Security, done at Dublin on 1 February 2019, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Ireland (by Command) (CP 379) (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
Bambos Charalambous	8 February	Mark Tami
Jim Shannon	8 February	Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Owen Thompson	8 February	Patrick Grady
Sammy Wilson	8 February	Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
David Linden	9 February	Patrick Grady
Giles Watling	9 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 8 February 2021 the nominated proxy for Mr Gregory Campbell, Carla Lockhart, Paul Girvan and Ian Paisley will be Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson instead of Sammy Wilson.

From 9 February 2021 the nominated proxy for Bob Seely and Imran Ahmad Khan will be Ms Nusrat Ghani instead of Stuart Andrew.

From 9 February 2021 the nominated proxy for Rehman Chishti will be Sir Iain Duncan Smith 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 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
Maggie Throup	8 February
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson	8 February
Ms Nusrat Ghani	9 February
Mr Jonathan Djanogly	9 February
Sir Iain Duncan Smith	9 February
Leo Docherty	9 February