

No.174



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday 9 February 2021

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy**
- 2 Statement: COVID-19 update (Secretary Matt Hancock)**
- 3 Victims of Crime and Anti-social Behaviour, Etc (Rights, Entitlements and Related Matters): 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 about the duties and responsibilities of the Victims' Commissioner and about the Victims' Code; to make provision about the rights of victims of persistent anti-social behaviour; to require local police forces to prepare victims' services

plans and take steps in connection with victim representative bodies; to establish a duty to report suspected child exploitation by those working in regulated activities; to establish a right of appeal by victims against a decision to cease a criminal investigation; to make provision for reviews of open or reopened homicide cases; to make provision about court procedures relating to vulnerable victims and witnesses; and for connected purposes;

That Peter Kyle, Keir Starmer, Angela Rayner, Mr David Lammy, Nick Thomas-Symonds, Rachel Reeves, Valerie Vaz, Mr Nicholas Brown, Jess Phillips, Holly Lynch, Wes Streeting and Yvette Cooper present the Bill.

Peter Kyle accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 256).

4 Social Security

Resolved, That the draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2021, which was laid before this House on 18 January, be approved.—(*Will Quince*.)

5 Pensions

Resolved, That the draft Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 2021, which was laid before this House on 18 January, be approved.—(*Guy Opperman.*)

6 Trade Bill: Consideration of Lords Message

The House proceeded to consider forthwith the Lords Message received on 3 February relating to the Trade Bill (Programme Order, 19 January).

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment No. 1B in lieu.—(*Greg Hands.*)

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

After one hour the debate was interrupted (Programme Order, 19 January).

The Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on consideration of the Lords Message to a conclusion (Programme Order, 19 January).

The following Questions were put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83G).

(1) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment No. 1B in lieu (Question already proposed from the Chair).

The House divided.

Ayes: 351 (Tellers: Leo Docherty, Tom Pursglove)

Noes: 276 (Tellers: Liz Twist, Colleen Fletcher)

Question agreed to.

(2) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment Nos. 2B and 3B in lieu but proposes amendments (a) and (b) in lieu of those Amendments (Question on a Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown relating to other items in the Lords Message).—(*Greg Hands.*)

The House divided.

Ayes: 318 (Tellers: Tom Pursglove, Leo Docherty)

Noes: 303 (Tellers: Liz Twist, Colleen Fletcher)

Question agreed to.

Title accordingly amended, as follows:

A Bill to make provision about international trade agreements; to make provision establishing the Trade Remedies Authority

and conferring functions on it; and to make provision about the collection and disclosure of information relating to trade.

(3) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment No. 6B in lieu but proposes amendments (a) to (c) in lieu of that Amendment (Question on a Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown relating to other items in the Lords Message).—(*Greg Hands.*)

The House divided.

Ayes: 363 (Tellers: Leo Docherty, Tom Pursglove)

Noes: 267 (Tellers: Colleen Fletcher, Liz Twist)

Question agreed to.

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83H(2)), That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment No. 1B in lieu.

That Leo Docherty, Patrick Grady, Greg Hands, Emily Thornberry and Maggie Throup be members of the Committee.

That Greg Hands be the Chair of the Committee.

That three be the quorum of the Committee.

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(*Mike Freer.*)

Question agreed to.

7 Backbench Business

Publication of the Integrated Review of Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy

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

Resolved, That this House has considered the publication of the Integrated Review of Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy.—(*Tobias Ellwood.*)

8 Trade Bill: Reasons Committee

Greg Hands reported that the Committee had agreed the following Reason:

Lords Amendment 1B

Because Parliamentary scrutiny of trade agreements is ensured by existing measures and UK standards cannot be changed without further implementing legislation (itself subject to Parliamentary scrutiny).

The Reason was agreed to.

9 Statutory Instruments (Motions for Approval)

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Community Infrastructure Levy (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2021, which were laid before this House on 17 December, be approved.—(*Tom Pursglove.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (All Tiers) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 53), dated 18 January 2021, a copy of which was laid before this House on 19 January, be approved.—(*Tom Pursglove.*)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (All Tiers and Self-Isolation) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 97), dated 28 January 2021, a copy of which was laid before this House on 29 January, be approved.—(*Tom Pursglove.*)

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

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

10Adjournment

Subject: UK's response to the climate and ecological emergency (Caroline Lucas)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—
(*Tom Pursglove*.)

Adjourned at 8.33 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

11Covert Human Intelligence Sources (Criminal Conduct) Bill

The Lords do not insist on certain of their Amendments to the Covert Human Intelligence Sources (Criminal Conduct) Bill to which the Commons have disagreed, but propose Amendments in lieu thereof to which they desire the agreement of the Commons; they do not insist on certain other of their Amendments to which the Commons have disagreed; and they agree without amendment to the Amendment

proposed by the Commons to a Lords Amendment.

Printing of Lords Message

12 Covert Human Intelligence Sources (Criminal Conduct) Bill

Lords Message in relation to the Covert Human Intelligence Sources (Criminal Conduct) Bill to be considered tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 258).

General Committees: Reports

13 Air Traffic Management and Unmanned Aircraft Bill [Lords]

Sir Charles Walker (Chair) reported:

(1) 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; and

(2) written evidence; and

(3) the Bill as amended.

Written evidence to be published.

Bill, as amended, to be considered tomorrow; and to be printed (Bill 257).

14 Third Delegated Legislation Committee

Dr Rupa Huq (Chair) reported the draft Bank for International Settlements (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2021.

15 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee

David Mundell (Chair) reported the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Rates, Limits and Thresholds Amendments and National Insurance Funds Payments) Regulations 2021 and the draft Tax Credits, Child Benefits and Guardian's Allowance Up-rating Regulations 2021.

Reports from Select Committees

16 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

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

(2) Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs relating to the single-use carrier bag charge: Written evidence, to be published

(Darren Jones).

17 Defence Committee

(1) Foreign Involvement in the Defence Supply Chain:

(i) Fourth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 699);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 699);

(2) Armed forces and veterans mental health: follow-up: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1133)

(Mr Tobias Ellwood).

18 Education Committee

(1) Accountability hearings: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 262);

(2) *Left behind white pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 279);

(3) *Education: Are prisoners being left behind?*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1007);

(4) *Exams 2021*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1068);

(5) *The impact of COVID-19 on education and children's services*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 254)

(Robert Halfon).

19 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

(1) *COVID-19 and food supply: follow up*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1156);

(2) *Correspondence relating to the transfer of the RSPCA's prosecuting role to the Crown Prosecution Service*: Written evidence, to be published

(Neil Parish).

20 European Statutory Instruments Committee

Nineteenth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1136) (Andrew Jones).

21 Foreign Affairs Committee

(1) *Xinjiang detention camps*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 800);

(2) *The work of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 253);

(3) *Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary on the Committee's inquiry into Flying Home: The FCO's consular response to the COVID-19 pandemic*: Written evidence, to be published

(Tom Tugendhat).

22 Health and Social Care Committee

(1) *Treatment of autistic people and individuals with learning disabilities*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1195);

(2) *Safety of maternity services in England*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 677)

(Jeremy Hunt).

23 International Development Committee

The Changing Nature of UK Aid in Ghana Review: Report from the Sub-Committee on the Work of ICAI: Government Response to the Committee's Sixth Report: Sixth Special Report, to be printed (HC 1198) (Sarah Champion).

24 Justice Committee

(1) *The future of legal aid*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 289);

(2) *Court capacity*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 284)

(Sir Robert Neill).

25 Liaison Committee

Correspondence with the Minister of State for the Constitution and Devolution relating to the scrutiny of Common Frameworks: Written evidence, to be published (Sir Bernard Jenkin).

26 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).

27 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

- (1) *COVID-19: Government preparations and contingency planning for local elections in May 2021*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1199);
 - (2) *Data transparency and Accountability: COVID-19*: Written evidence to be published (HC 803);
 - (3) *The evolution of devolution: English devolution*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 825)
- (Mr William Wragg).

28 Science and Technology Committee

(1) *A new UK research funding agency: Third Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 778);*

(2) *The role of hydrogen in achieving Net Zero: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1066)*

(Greg Clark).

29 Standards (Committee on)

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

(2) *Code of conduct: Written evidence, to be published (HC 671)*

(Chris Bryant).

30 Transport Committee

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

(2) *Reforming public transport after the pandemic: Written evidence, to be published (HC 676)*

(Huw Merriman).

31 Treasury Committee

Correspondence from Rt Hon Dame Elizabeth Gloster relating to the Independent Investigation into the Financial Conduct Authority's Regulation of London Capital & Finance plc: Written evidence, to be published (Mel Stride).

32 Welsh Affairs Committee

Railway infrastructure in Wales: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1044) (Stephen Crabb).

33 Women and Equalities Committee

Correspondence from Women's Aid relating to separating domestic abuse from the Violence Against Women and Girls strategy: Written evidence, to be published (Caroline Nokes).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Papers Laid

Other papers

1 Treaty Series No. 2 (2021)

Agreement, done at London on 16 December 2020, between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland regarding Mutual Assistance in Customs Matters between their Customs Administrations (by Command) (CP 385) (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