



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday 8 March 2021

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

- 1 **Questions to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions**
- 2 **Urgent Question: NHS staff pay (Helen Whately)**
- 3 **Statement: Women's Health Strategy (Ms Nadine Dorries)**
- 4 **Housing and Homelessness (Local Accommodation Duty): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)**

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to place a duty on local authorities to ensure that persons for whom a homeless duty has been accepted are accommodated in the local area, including on discharge into private rented accommodation; to require local authorities to publish annual reports on steps relating to housing demand and supply taken or intended to be taken to meet that duty; and for connected purposes;

That Ms Karen Buck, Robert Halfon, Bob Blackman, Fleur Anderson, Ms Lyn Brown, Siobhain McDonagh, Dawn Butler, Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi, Feryal Clark and Dame Margaret Hodge present the Bill.

Ms Karen Buck accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 266).

- 5 **Ways and Means: Income Tax (Charge): Adjourned debate on the Question proposed on 3 March**

Debate resumed (Order, 4 March).

Question again proposed, That income tax is charged for the tax year 2021–22.

And it is declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968.

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

Ordered, That the debate be now adjourned.—(David T C Davies.)

Debate to be resumed tomorrow.

6 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft National Minimum Wage (Amendment) Regulations 2021, which were laid before this House on 1 February, be approved.—(*David T C Davies.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Authority to Carry Scheme and Civil Penalties Regulations 2021, which were laid before this House on 28 January, be approved.—(*David T C Davies.*)

Question agreed to.

7 Changes to membership of select committees

Ordered, That Marco Longhi be discharged from the Environmental Audit Committee and James Gray be added.—(*Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

8 Adjournment

Subject: Flooding caused by disused mineworks in Skewen (Stephen Kinnock)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*David T C Davies.*)

Adjourned at 10.20 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

9 First Delegated Legislation Committee

James Gray reported the draft Energy Performance of Buildings (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2021.

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

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10 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

Broadband and the road to 5G: Government Response to Committee's Fourth Report: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1256) (Clerk of the House).

11 Education Committee

Correspondence with the Permanent Secretary relating to the Department's use of consultants: Written evidence, to be published (Clerk of the House).

12 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

Legislative scrutiny: Overseas Operations (Service Personnel and Veterans) Bill: Written evidence, to be published (HC 665) (Clerk of the House).

Reports from Select Committees made on Monday 8 March

13 Administration Committee

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

14 Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

(1) *Cladding Remediation: Follow-up*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1249);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for the Constitution and Devolution relating to local elections*: Written evidence, to be published

(Mr Clive Betts).

15 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

Citizenship and passport processes in Northern Ireland: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1111) (Simon Hoare).

16 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *COVID-19: housing people sleeping rough*: Forty-ninth Report, to be printed, with formal minutes relating to the report (HC 934);

(2) *Environmental tax measures*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 937);

(3) *Asylum accommodation and support transformation programme*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 683);

(4) *Correspondence relating to the Committee's previous Reports*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *COVID-19: Planning for a vaccine (Part 1)*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 930);

(6) *Managing the expiry of PFI contracts*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1114);

(7) *Ministry of Justice recall*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1190);

(8) *UK Border 2021: Update*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1154)

(Meg Hillier).

17 Treasury Committee

(1) *Budget 2021*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1196);

(2) *Correspondence with the True and Fair Campaign relating to Woodford Investment Management*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Government Actuary's Department Supplementary Estimates Memorandum 2020–21*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *HM Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor Supplementary Estimates Memorandum 2020–21*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Statistics Board Supplementary Estimates Memorandum 2020–21*: Written evidence, to be published;

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

(Mel Stride).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 4.30 pm (Order, 25 February).

Debate on an e-petition (Standing Orders No. 10(1)(a) and No. 145A(7))

1 Press freedoms and safety of protesters in India

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered e-petition 563473 relating to press freedoms and safety of protestors in India.—(*Martyn Day*.)

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)).

At 6.00 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(14)).

The sitting was suspended between 6.00 pm and 6.15 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

2 LGBT conversion therapy

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petition 300976 relating to LGBT conversion therapy.—(*Elliot Colburn*.)

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

Adjourned at 7.45 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

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

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Public Health

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Wearing of Face Coverings in a Relevant Place and Restrictions: All Tiers) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 247), dated 5 March (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Children and Young Persons

Early Years Foundation Stage (Learning and Development Requirements) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 234), dated 3 March (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Vicky Ford)

3 Electronic Communications

Communications (Television Licensing) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 227), dated 2 March (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Oliver Dowden)

Other papers

4 Town and Country Planning

Impact Assessment to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 756) (laid 21 July 2020) (by Command) (Christopher Pincher)

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

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

5 Church of England (General Synod) (Measures)

(1) Measure passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, entitled Cathedrals Measure (by Act) (HC 1260) (Clerk of the House)

(2) Measure passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, entitled Diocesan Boards of Education Measure (by Act) (HC 1259) (Clerk of the House)

6 Exiting the European Union (Financial Services)

Draft Recognised Auction Platforms (Amendment and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (John Glen)

7 Senior Courts of England and Wales

Draft Civil Proceedings Fees (Amendment) Order 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Robert Buckland)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

8 Income Tax

Income Tax (Pay As You Earn) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 218), dated 5 March (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jesse Norman)

9 Magistrates' Courts

Magistrates' Courts (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2021 (SR (NI), 2021, No. 51), dated 3 March (by Statutory Instrument), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Robert Buckland)

10 Pensions

Armed Forces (Enhanced Learning Credit Scheme and Further and Higher Education Commitment Scheme) (Amendment) Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 226), dated 2 March (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Johnny Mercer)

11 Public Health

Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel and Information for Passengers) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 252), dated 5 March (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

12 Social Security

(1) Guardian's Allowance Up-rating Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 256), dated 5 March (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Steve Barclay)

(2) Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 219), dated 5 March (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jesse Norman)

Other papers**13 Church of England (General Synod) (Measures)**

Report by the Ecclesiastical Committee on the Diocesan Boards of Education Measure and Cathedrals Measure (by Act), to be printed (HC 1258) (Clerk of the House)

14 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government: Local government finance in the pandemic (by Act), to be printed (HC 1240) (Clerk of the House)

15 Statutory Instruments (Notification)

Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation:

Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel and Information for Passengers) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 252) (by Standing Order) (The Speaker)

Withdrawn papers

16 Exiting the European Union (Financial Services)

Draft Recognised Auction Platforms (Amendment and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2021, with an Explanatory Memorandum (laid 11 February)

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
Leo Docherty	8 March	Mike Freer
Sammy Wilson	8 March	Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Mike Freer	9 March	Stuart Andrew
Adam Afriyie	10 March	Stuart Andrew
Matt Western	12 March	Mark Tami

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 March the nominated proxy for Ian Paisley, Carla Lockhart will be Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson instead of Sammy Wilson.

From 9 March the nominated proxy for the following members will be Stuart Andrew instead of Mike Freer:

Nigel Adams	Vicky Ford	Mrs Maria Miller
Bim Afolami	Kevin Foster	Amanda Milling
Imran Ahmad Khan	Dr Liam Fox	Nigel Mills

Nickie Aiken	Mr Mark Francois	Mr Andrew Mitchell
Peter Aldous	Lucy Frazer	Mr Gagan Mohindra
Lucy Allan	George Freeman	Damien Moore
Sir David Amess	Mr Marcus Fysh	Penny Mordaunt
Stuart Anderson	Sir Roger Gale	David Morris
Stuart Andrew	Mark Garnier	Anne Marie Morris
Caroline Ansell	Ms Nusrat Ghani	Joy Morrissey
Edward Argar	Nick Gibb	Wendy Morton
Sarah Atherton	Peter Gibson	Holly Mumby-Croft
Victoria Atkins	Jo Gideon	David Mundell
Mr Richard Bacon	Dame Cheryl Gillan	Mrs Sheryll Murray
Gareth Bacon	John Glen	Dr Andrew Murrison
Kemi Badenoch	Mr Robert Goodwill	Sir Robert Neill
Shaun Bailey	Michael Gove	Lia Nici
Siobhan Baillie	Richard Graham	Caroline Nokes
Duncan Baker	Mrs Helen Grant	Jesse Norman
Harriett Baldwin	James Gray	Neil O'Brien
Steve Barclay	Chris Grayling	Dr Matthew Offord
Mr John Baron	Damian Green	Guy Opperman
Simon Baynes	Andrew Griffith	Neil Parish
Aaron Bell	Kate Griffiths	Priti Patel
Scott Benton	James Grundy	Mr Owen Paterson
Sir Paul Beresford	Jonathan Gullis	Mark Pawsey
Jake Berry	Robert Halfon	Sir Mike Penning
Saqib Bhatti	Luke Hall	John Penrose
Bob Blackman	Stephen Hammond	Chris Philp
Crispin Blunt	Matt Hancock	Christopher Pincher
Mr Peter Bone	Greg Hands	Dr Dan Poulter
Andrew Bowie	Mr Mark Harper	Rebecca Pow
Karen Bradley	Rebecca Harris	Victoria Prentis
Ben Bradley	Trudy Harrison	Mark Pritchard
Suella Braverman	Simon Hart	Tom Pursglove
Jack Brereton	Sally-Ann Hart	Jeremy Quin
Andrew Bridgen	Sir John Hayes	Will Quince
Steve Brine	Sir Oliver Heald	Dominic Raab

Paul Bristow	James Heappey	Tom Randall
Sara Britcliffe	Chris Heaton-Harris	John Redwood
James Brokenshire	Gordon Henderson	Nicola Richards
Anthony Browne	Darren Henry	Angela Richardson
Fiona Bruce	Damian Hinds	Rob Roberts
Felicity Buchan	Simon Hoare	Mr Laurence Robertson
Robert Buckland	Kevin Hollinrake	Mary Robinson
Alex Burghart	Adam Holloway	Andrew Rosindell
Conor Burns	Paul Holmes	Douglas Ross
Rob Butler	Paul Howell	Lee Rowley
Alun Cairns	John Howell	Dean Russell
Andy Carter	Nigel Huddleston	Selaine Saxby
James Cartlidge	Dr Neil Hudson	Paul Scully
Sir William Cash	Eddie Hughes	Bob Seely
Miriam Cates	Jane Hunt	Andrew Selous
Alex Chalk	Jeremy Hunt	Grant Shapps
Rehman Chishti	Mr Alister Jack	Alok Sharma
Jo Churchill	Sajid Javid	Alec Shelbrooke
Greg Clark	Mr Ranil Jayawardena	David Simmonds
Theo Clarke	Sir Bernard Jenkin	Chris Skidmore
Mr Simon Clarke	Mark Jenkinson	Chloe Smith
Brendan Clarke-Smith	Andrea Jenkyns	Royston Smith
Chris Clarkson	Robert Jenrick	Julian Smith
James Cleverly	Dr Caroline Johnson	Henry Smith
Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown	Gareth Johnson	Greg Smith
Dr Therese Coffey	Boris Johnson	Amanda Solloway
Elliot Colburn	David Johnston	Dr Ben Spencer
Damian Collins	Fay Jones	Alexander Stafford
Alberto Costa	Mr David Jones	Andrew Stephenson
Robert Courts	Andrew Jones	Jane Stevenson
Claire Coutinho	Mr Marcus Jones	John Stevenson
Mr Geoffrey Cox	Simon Jupp	Iain Stewart
Stephen Crabb	Daniel Kawczynski	Bob Stewart
Virginia Crosbie	Alicia Kearns	Sir Gary Streeter
Tracey Crouch	Gillian Keegan	Mel Stride

James Daly	Sir Greg Knight	Graham Stuart
Mims Davies	Julian Knight	Julian Sturdy
Gareth Davies	Danny Kruger	Rishi Sunak
Philip Davies	Kwasi Kwarteng	James Sunderland
Dr James Davies	John Lamont	Sir Robert Syms
David T C Davies	Robert Lorgan	Derek Thomas
Mr David Davis	Andrea Leadsom	Maggie Throup
Caroline Dinenge	Sir Edward Leigh	Edward Timpson
Miss Sarah Dines	Ian Levy	Kelly Tolhurst
Mr Jonathan Djanogly	Andrew Lewer	Justin Tomlinson
Leo Docherty	Brandon Lewis	Michael Tomlinson
Michelle Donelan	Dr Julian Lewis	Craig Tracey
Ms Nadine Dorries	Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger	Anne-Marie Trevelyan
Steve Double	Mark Logan	Laura Trott
Oliver Dowden	Marco Longhi	Elizabeth Truss
Jackie Doyle-Price	Julia Lopez	Tom Tugendhat
Richard Drax	Jack Lopresti	Mr Shailesh Vara
Mrs Flick Drummond	Mr Jonathan Lord	Martin Vickers
James Duddridge	Tim Loughton	Theresa Villiers
David Duguid	Craig Mackinlay	Mr Robin Walker
Sir Iain Duncan Smith	Cherilyn Mackrory	Dr Ben Wallace
Philip Dunne	Rachel Maclean	Dr Jamie Wallis
Mark Eastwood	Alan Mak	David Warburton
Ruth Edwards	Kit Malthouse	Matt Warman
Jonathan Edwards	Scott Mann	Giles Watling
Michael Ellis	Julie Marson	Suzanne Webb
Mr Tobias Ellwood	Mrs Theresa May	Helen Whately
Mrs Natalie Elphicke	Jerome Mayhew	Mrs Heather Wheeler
George Eustice	Paul Maynard	Craig Whittaker

Dr Luke Evans	Jason McCartney	Mr John Whittingdale
Sir David Evennett	Karl McCartney	Bill Wiggin
Michael Fabricant	Stephen McPartland	James Wild
Laura Farris	Esther McVey	Craig Williams
Simon Fell	Mark Menzies	Gavin Williamson
Margaret Ferrier	Johnny Mercer	Mike Wood
Katherine Fletcher	Huw Merriman	Jeremy Wright
Nick Fletcher	Stephen Metcalfe	Jacob Young
Mark Fletcher	Robin Millar	Nadhim Zahawi

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
Jeff Smith	8 March
James Morris	8 March
Owen Thompson	9 March
Stuart Andrew	9 March
Bambos Charalambous	9 March
Mark Harper	9 March