



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday 18 March 2021

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

1 Questions to the Chancellor of the Exchequer

**2 Urgent questions: (1) COVID protections at the UK border (Secretary Priti Patel)
(2) Government plan for the reopening of educational settings (Nick Gibb)**

3 Armed Forces Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Secretary Ben Wallace, supported by the Prime Minister, the Attorney General, Secretary Priti Patel, Secretary Alister Jack, Secretary Brandon Lewis and Secretary Simon Hart, presented a Bill to continue the Armed Forces Act 2006; to amend that Act and other enactments relating to the armed forces; to make provision about service in the reserve forces; to make provision about pardons for certain abolished service offences; to make provision about war pensions; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 244) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 244–EN).

4 Football (Regulation): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish an independent football regulator in England; to make provision for that regulator to license football clubs, distribute funds within football, review English Football League club finances, and reform the governance of the Football Association; to require the regulator to take steps in connection with football supporters' groups; and for connected purposes.

That Mrs Helen Grant, Damian Collins, Mrs Heather Wheeler, Dawn Butler, Jamie Stone, Christian Wakeford, Karl McCartney, Jason McCartney, John Cryer and Joy Morrissey present the Bill.

Mrs Helen Grant accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 245).

5 Business of the House (Environment Bill: Carry-over)

Ordered, That—

(a) if, at the conclusion of this Session of Parliament, proceedings on the Environment Bill have not been completed, they shall be resumed in the next Session;

(b) paragraphs (9) to (14) of Standing Order No. 80A shall have effect in relation to the Bill as if it had been ordered to be carried over to the next Session of Parliament in pursuance of a carry-over motion under paragraph (1) of that Standing Order, except that

paragraph (13) shall have effect as if the period on the expiry of which proceedings on the Bill shall lapse is two years from the date of its first reading in this House.—(*Rebecca Pow.*)

6 Environment Bill: Programme (No. 5)

Ordered, That the Order of 26 February 2020 (Environment Bill: Programme) as varied by the Orders of 4 May 2020 (Environment Bill: Programme (No. 2)), 22 June 2020 (Environment Bill: Programme (No. 3)) and 28 September 2020 (Environment Bill: Programme (No. 4)), be further varied as follows:

(1) Paragraphs (4) and (5) of the Order shall be omitted.

(2) Proceedings on Consideration and up to and including Third Reading shall be taken in two days in accordance with the following provisions of this Order.

(3) Proceedings on Consideration—

(a) shall be taken on each of those days in the order shown in the first column of the following Table, and

(b) shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the times specified in the second column of the Table.

TABLE

Proceedings	Time for conclusion of proceedings
First day	
New Clauses and new Schedules relating to Part 1; amendments to Part 1; new Clauses and new Schedules relating to Part 2; amendments to Part 2.	Three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the motion relating to Business of the House (Environment Bill: Carry-over).
New Clauses and new Schedules relating to Part 3; amendments to Part 3; new Clauses and new Schedules relating to Part 4; amendments to Part 4; new Clauses and new Schedules relating to Part 5; amendments to Part 5; new Clauses and new Schedules relating to Clause 131 or Schedule 20; amendments to Clause 131 or Schedule 20.	Six hours after the commencement of proceedings on the motion relating to Business of the House (Environment Bill: Carry-over).
Second day	
New clauses and new Schedules relating to Part 6; amendments to Part 6; new Clauses and new Schedules relating to Part 7; amendments to Part 7; new Clauses and new Schedules relating to Clauses 132 to 139; amendments to Clauses 132 to 139.	Three hours after the commencement of proceedings on Consideration on the second day.
Remaining proceedings on Consideration.	Five hours after the commencement of proceedings on Consideration on the second day.

(4) Proceedings on Third Reading shall be taken on the second day and shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion six hours after the commencement of proceedings on Consideration on the second day.—(*Rebecca Pow.*)

7 Environment Bill (Report Stage): Consideration of the Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee (first day)

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

New Clause—NC1—(*Caroline Lucas*) brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Division No. 213

Ayes: 266 (Tellers: Liz Twist, David Linden)

Noes: 366 (Tellers: Maggie Throup, Leo Docherty)

Question accordingly negatived.

As it was more than three hours after the start of proceedings on the motion relating to Business of the House (Environment Bill: Carry-over), the Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on new Clauses and new Schedules relating to Part 1, amendments to Part 1, new Clauses and new Schedules relating to Part 2 and amendments to Part 2 to a conclusion (Programme Order, today).

(1) That New Clause NC5 be added to the Bill (New Clause selected by the Chair for separate decision).—(*Hilary Benn.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 214

Ayes: 217 (Tellers: Colleen Fletcher, Liz Twist)

Noes: 360 (Tellers: Leo Docherty, Maggie Throup)

Question accordingly negatived.

(2) That Amendment 25 be made (Amendment selected by the Chair for separate decision).—(*Ruth Jones.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 215

Ayes: 227 (Tellers: Liz Twist, Colleen Fletcher)

Noes: 354 (Tellers: Rebecca Harris, David Duguid)

Question accordingly negatived.

(3) That Amendment 6 be made (Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown).—(*Rebecca Pow.*)

Question agreed to.

(4) That Amendment 39 be made (Amendment selected by the Chair for separate decision).—(*Luke Pollard.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 216

Ayes: 221 (Tellers: Colleen Fletcher, Liz Twist)

Noes: 366 (Tellers: Rebecca Harris, David Duguid)

Question accordingly negated.

(5) That Amendments 31 and 9 to 20 be made (Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown).—(*Rebecca Pow.*)

Question agreed to.

New Clause (NC8)—(*Ruth Jones*)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the new Clause be read a second time.

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

Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments 32 to 35, 7 and 8 made.

Amendment 24 proposed.—(*Ruth Jones.*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Division No. 217

Ayes: 227 (Tellers: Colleen Fletcher, Liz Twist)

Noes: 357 (Tellers: Maggie Throup, Leo Docherty)

Question accordingly negated.

Bill to be further considered tomorrow.

8 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6), That the Agricultural Products, Food and Drink (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1661), dated 31 December 2020, a copy of which was laid before this House on 31 December, be approved.—(*Mike Freer.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6), That the Organic Production (Organic Indications) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1669), dated 31 December 2020, a copy of which was laid before this House on 5 January, be approved.—(*Mike Freer.*)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6), That the Drivers' Hours and Tachographs (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1658), dated 31 December 2020, a copy of which was laid before this House on 31 December, be approved.—(Mike Freer.)

Question agreed to.

(4) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6), That the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (All Tiers) (England) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 1654), dated 30 December 2020, a copy of which was laid before this House on 30 December, be approved.—(Mike Freer.)

Question agreed to.

9 Public petitions

A public petition from residents of the constituency of Enfield North relating to the impact of the M25 junction 25 improvement scheme was presented and read by Feryal Clark.

10 Adjournment

Subject: Detention of Anoosheh Ashoori in Iran (Janet Daby)

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

Adjourned at 9.18 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

11 Telecommunications (Security) Bill Committee

Steve McCabe (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 tomorrow; and to be printed (Bill 246).

12 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee

Ian Paisley (Chair) reported the Public Health (Coronavirus) (Protection from Eviction) (England) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 15).

Reports from Select Committees

13 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

(1) *Post-pandemic economic growth: Industrial Strategy*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 674);

(2) *Correspondence from Boohoo relating to the publication of Sir Brian Leveson's first report on the implementation of the Agenda for Change Programme*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Science, Research and Innovation relating to the publication of the Research and Development Roadmap*: Written evidence, to be published

(Darren Jones).

14 Defence Committee

Armed Forces and veterans mental health: follow-up: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1133) (Mr Tobias Ellwood).

15 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

Online harms and the ethics of data: Oral evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Online Harms and Disinformation, to be published (HC 646) (Julian Knight).

16 Education Committee

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

(2) *Home Education*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 839);

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

(Robert Halfon).

17 European Statutory Instruments Committee

Eighteenth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1135) (Andrew Jones).

18 Finance Committee

Record of the Committee's decisions taken at its meeting on 26 January, to be published (Lilian Greenwood).

19 Foreign Affairs Committee

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

(2) *Correspondence with the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs relating to the Committee's inquiry into the FCDO's role in blocking foreign asset stripping in the UK*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary relating to elections to the International Court of Justice on the Committee's inquiry into the UK's role in strengthening multilateral organisations*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary relating to the ambassador of the EU to the UK*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Xinjiang detention camps*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 800)

(Tom Tugendhat).

20 Health and Social Care Committee

Drugs policy: Government Response to the Committee's First Report of Session 2019: Third Special Report, to be printed (HC 1178) (Jeremy Hunt).

21 Health and Social Care Committee and Science and Technology Committee

Coronavirus: lessons learnt: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 877) (Jeremy Hunt).

22 International Development Committee

Future of UK aid: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1141) (Sarah Champion).

23 Justice Committee

(1) *Court capacity*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 284);

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

(3) *Coronavirus (COVID-19): The impact on prison, probation and court systems*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 299);

(4) *Correspondence with the Minister of State for Justice*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Justice*: Written evidence, to be published

(Sir Robert Neill).

24 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee, Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Scottish Affairs Committee and Welsh Affairs Committee

Correspondence with the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster relating to Lord Dunlop's Review of Union Capability: Written evidence, to be published (Mr William Wragg).

25 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;

(3) *Black history and cultural diversity in the curriculum*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 893);

(4) *Public engagement on e-petitions*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 546)

(Catherine McKinnell).

26 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

(1) *Correspondence from Colin McGrath MLA relating to Scrutiny of Common Frameworks*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Correspondence with Rupert McNeil relating to Civil Service churn*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman scrutiny 2019–20*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 843);

(4) *The work of the Electoral Commission*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 488) (Mr William Wragg).

27 Transport Committee

(1) *Coronavirus: transport network pressures over Christmas*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1076);

(2) *COVID-19 outbreak at the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1181);

(3) *Trains fit for the future?:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 876)
(Huw Merriman).

28 Women and Equalities Committee

(1) *Unequal impact? Coronavirus and the gendered economic impact:* Fifth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 385);

(2) *Changing the perfect picture: an inquiry into body image:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 274);

(3) *Correspondence from London Borough of Hackney relating to trans, non-binary and gender diverse inclusion:* Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Reform of the Gender Recognition Act:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 884)
(Caroline Nokes).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Agriculture

Official Controls (Temporary Measures) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 78), dated 26 January 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary George Eustice)

Other papers

2 Channel Tunnel (Security)

Report on the number of notices served, directions given and enforcement notices served under the Channel Tunnel (Security) Order 1994 during 2020 (by Statutory Instrument) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

3 Social Security

Explanatory Memorandum to the Social Fund Funeral Expenses Payment (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 65) (by Command) (Guy Opperman)

Withdrawn papers

4 Social Security

Explanatory Memorandum to the Social Fund Funeral Expenses Payment (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 65) (laid 21 January 2021)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

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
Dehenna Davison	26 January	Ben Everitt
Sir Iain Duncan Smith	27 January	Stuart Andrew