

No.205



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday 22 April 2021

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

1 Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

(2) the hon. Member representing the Church Commissioners, the hon. Member representing the House of Commons Commission, the right hon. Member representing the Parliamentary Works Sponsor Body, the hon. Member representing the Public Accounts Commission and the hon. Member representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission

2 Speaker's Statement: Anniversary of hybrid sittings

3 Business Question (Leader of the House)

4 Speaker's Statement: Select Committees (Participation and Reporting) (Extension of Temporary Order)

The Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (4) of the Temporary Order (Select Committees (Participation and Reporting)) of 24 March 2020, that in his opinion it was expedient that the arrangements under that Order should continue in force until Monday 21 June 2021.

5 Statement: Commonwealth War Graves Commission - Special Committee Report on Historical Inequalities (Secretary Ben Wallace)

6 Select Committee Statement (Standing Order No. 22D)

Special Report of the Committee on the Armed Forces Bill, Armed Forces Bill, HC 1281 (James Sunderland).

7 Backbench Business

(1) Eighth Report of the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Government transparency and accountability during COVID-19: The data underpinning decisions, HC 803

Resolved, That this House has considered the Eighth Report of the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee, Government transparency and accountability during Covid-19: The data underpinning decisions, HC 803.—(*Mr William Wragg*.)

(2) Mass human rights abuses and crimes against humanity in Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region

Resolved, That this House believes that Uyghurs and other ethnic and religious minorities in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region are suffering crimes against humanity and genocide; and calls on the Government to act to fulfil its obligations under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Genocide and all relevant instruments of international law to bring it to an end.—(*Ms Nusrat Ghani*.)

8 Adjournment

Subject: Future of British wrestling (Mark Fletcher)

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

Adjourned at 5.29 pm until Monday 26 April.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

9 Domestic Abuse Bill

The Lords do not insist on certain of their amendments to the Domestic Abuse Bill but propose Amendments in lieu thereof to which they desire the agreement of the Commons; they do not insist on an Amendment to which the Commons have disagreed, disagree to the Amendments proposed by the Commons in lieu of the Lords Amendment and propose Amendments in lieu thereof to which they desire the agreement of the Commons; and they do not insist on their remaining

Amendments to which the Commons have disagreed.

10 Highgate Cemetery Bill [Lords]

The Lords have passed the Highgate Cemetery Bill [Lords] to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

11 Forensic Science Regulator Bill

The Lords have passed the Forensic Science Regulator Bill without amendment.

Printing of Lords Amendments

12 Domestic Abuse Bill: Lords Amendments

Lords Amendments to be considered tomorrow, and to be printed pursuant to Standing Order No. 57A (Bill 290).

Private Business

13 Highgate Cemetery Bill [Lords]

Bill read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Rules Relating to the Conduct of Members

14 Code of Conduct

Ordered, That the Code of Conduct together with the Guide to the Rules relating to the Conduct of Members be printed (HC 1386).

General Committees: Reports

15 Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill

Mr Philip Hollobone (Chair) reported the Bill without amendment.

16 Finance (No. 2) Bill Committee

Sir Gary Streeter (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.

Written evidence to be published.

17 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee

Sir Charles Walker (Chair) reported the draft Single Use Carrier Bags Charges (England) (Amendment) 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).

18 First Delegated Legislation Committee (the Abortion (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2021 (SI 2021, 365))

Chair: Stewart Hosie

Members: Tim Loughton and Caroline Nokes discharged and Sara Britcliffe and Angela Richardson nominated in substitution.

19 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Steps and Local Authority Enforcement Powers) (England))

(Amendment) Regulations 2021 (S.I., 2021, No. 455))

Chair: James Gray

20Third Delegated Legislation Committee (the Heather and Grass etc. Burning (England) Regulations 2021 (S.I. 2021, No. 158))

Chair: Judith Cummins

Members: Stephanie Peacock discharged and Ruth Jones nominated in substitution.

21Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Air Quality (Legislative Functions) (Amendment) Regulations 2021)

Chair: Sir Christopher Chope

22Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Food and Drink (Miscellaneous Amendments Relating to Food and Wine Composition, Information and Labelling) Regulations 2021)

Chair: Caroline Nokes

23Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Employment Rights Act 1996

(Protection from Detriment in Health and Safety Cases) (Amendment) Order 2021)

Chair: Philip Davies

24Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Civil Liability Act 2018 (Financial Conduct Authority) (Whiplash) Regulations 2021) and (draft Whiplash Injury Regulations 2021)

Chair: Mr Philip Hollobone

Reports from Select Committees

25Backbench Business Committee

Determination of business to be taken on Thursday 29 April in Westminster Hall (Ian Mearns).

26Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

Seafood and meat exports to the EU: Eighth report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1189) (Neil Parish).

27 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

(1) *The Government response to COVID-19: fixed penalty notices*: Fourteenth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1364) (Order of 24 March 2020);

(2) *Correspondence from the Leader of the House of Commons relating to the timing of second reading debates for bills with human rights implications*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *The Government's response to COVID-19: human rights implications of long lockdown*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1004) (Ms Harriet Harman).

28 International Development Committee

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

29 International Trade Committee

UK-EU trading relationship: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1206) (Angus Brendan MacNeil).

30 Liaison Committee

Correspondence with Rachel Reeves MP relating to commercial lobbying: Written evidence, to be published (Sir Bernard Jenkin).

31 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

Cross-border co-operation on policing, security and criminal justice after Brexit: Fourth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 766) (Simon Hoare).

32 Public Accounts (Committee of) Committee

(1) Environmental tax measures: Fifty-fifth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 937);

(2) Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund: Fifty-sixth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 941);

(3) Equitable Life: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1369);

(4) Lessons from Greensill Capital: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1368);

(5) *Public Sector Pensions*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 947)

(Meg Hillier).

33 Scottish Affairs Committee

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

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 1.30 pm.

Business determined by the Backbench Business Committee (Standing Orders No. 10(7) and No. 14(4))

1 Land rights for religious minorities including Baha'is in Iran

Resolved, That this House has considered land rights for religious minorities including Baha'is in Iran.—(*Jim Shannon*.)

The sitting was suspended between 2.39 pm and 3.15 pm (Order, 25 February).

2 Social care and the COVID-19 outbreak

*Resolved, That this House has considered social care and the COVID-19 outbreak.—
(Helen Hayes.)*

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

Adjourned at 4.43 pm until Monday 26 April.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Public Health

Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (England) (Amendment) (No. 13) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 498), dated 21 April 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory

Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

2 Social Security

Social Security and Tax Credits (Miscellaneous and Coronavirus Amendments) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 495), dated 21 April 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Steve Barclay)

3 Taxes

International Tax Compliance (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 485), dated 19 April 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jesse Norman)

Other papers

4 Air Force (Constitution)

Air Publication 3376 Volume 1 (Thirteenth Edition) - Terms and Conditions of Service for Airmen of the Royal Air Force (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (by Act) (James Heapey)

5 House of Commons Commission

Report of the House of Commons Commission on Amendments to the Independent Complaints and Grievance Scheme, to be printed (HC 1384) (The Speaker)

6 Justice and Security

Report on use of closed material procedure (from 25 June 2019 to 24 June 2020) (by Act) (Secretary Robert Buckland)

7 Law Commissions

Report of the Law Commission on Consumer sales contracts: transfer of ownership (by Act), to be printed (HC 1365) (Secretary Robert Buckland)

8 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums

Business Plan of the Electoral Commission for 2021–22, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1273) (The Speaker)

9 Supply Estimates 2021–22

(1) Local Government Boundary Commission for England: Main Supply Estimate for 2021–22, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1360) (The Speaker)

(2) The Electoral Commission: Main Supply Estimates for 2021–22, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1371) (The Speaker)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

Voting by proxy

1. New pandemic proxy voting arrangements

I certify that, under the terms of the Standing Order (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 Orders of 22 October 2020 and 25 March 2021, 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 Monday 21 June 2021, unless the arrangement is ended or the House otherwise orders.

Member	From	Proxy
Leo Docherty	23 April	Stuart Andrew
Jessica Morden	26 April	Chris Elmore
Sajid Javid	26 April	Stuart Andrew
Chris Loder	26 April	Anthony Mangnall

2. Ending pandemic proxy voting arrangements

I certify that, under the terms of the Standing Order (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 Orders of 22 October 2020 and 25 March 2021, 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
Kirsty Blackman	26 April
Colleen Fletcher	26 April

CORRECTIONS

Wednesday 10 February 2021

Item 19 (Other Proceedings) should have read:

European Scrutiny Committee

(1) *Brexit: The future operation of the Channel Tunnel Fixed Link*: Thirty-sixth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1062);

(2) Thirty-seventh Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 229-xxxii);

(3) *Ministerial correspondence*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 229)

(Sir William Cash).

Wednesday 21 April 2021

These items should have appeared after item 33 (Other Proceedings):

Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on) Forty-Seventh Report, to be printed (HC 75-xlvii) (Jessica Morden).

Statutory Instruments (Select Committee on) Thirty-Ninth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 73-xxxix) (Jessica Morden).