



# House of Commons

Wednesday 26 May 2021

## Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

**1 Private Bills: Highgate Cemetery Bill [Lords]: Second Reading**

Bill read a second time and committed.

**2 Questions to (1) the Minister for Women and Equalities**

**(2) the Prime Minister**

**3 Environment Bill (Report Stage): Further consideration of the Bill, as amended on consideration (second day)**

New Clause NC21—(*Rebecca Pow*)—brought up and read the first time.

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

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

Question put and agreed to.

Amendment (a) proposed to New Clause 21.—(*Caroline Lucas*.)

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

New Clause NC21 added to the Bill.

New Clause NC22—(*Rebecca Pow*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC25—(*Ruth Jones*)—brought up and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Division No. 15

Ayes: 217 (Tellers: Mark Tami, Liz Twist)

Noes: 352 (Tellers: Scott Mann, James Morris)

Question accordingly negatived.

Amendment 29 proposed.—(*Sarah Olney*.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Division No. 16

Ayes: 210 (Tellers: Mr Alistair Carmichael, Tim Farron)

Noes: 359 (Tellers: James Morris, Scott Mann)

Question accordingly negatived.

New Clause NC12—(*Ruth Jones*)—brought up and read the first time.

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

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

Question put.

The House divided.

Division No. 17

Ayes: 216 (Tellers: Mark Tami, Liz Twist)

Noes: 357 (Tellers: James Morris, Scott Mann)

Question accordingly negatived.

New Clause NC24—(*Ruth Jones*)—brought up and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Division No. 18

Ayes: 208 (Tellers: Mark Tami, Liz Twist)

Noes: 360 (Tellers: Scott Mann, James Morris)

Question accordingly negatived.

#### **4 Environment Bill: Third Reading**

Secretary George Eustice signified Queen's consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned.

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Bill read the third time and passed.

#### **5 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval**

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the Global Anti-Corruption Sanctions Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 488), dated 23 April 2021, a copy of which was laid before this House on 26 April, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(*David T C Davies.*)

Question agreed to.

#### **6 Public petitions**

A public petition from residents of the United Kingdom relating to voter ID was presented and read by David Linden.

#### **7 Adjournment**

Subject: Decision-making on Walsall's transit site (Valerie Vaz)

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

Adjourned at 6.43 pm until tomorrow.

## Other Proceedings

### *General Committees: Reports*

#### **8 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee**

Clive Efford (Chair) reported the draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Investigative Powers of Prosecutors: Code of Practice) Order 2021, the draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Search, Seizure and Detention of Property: Code of Practice) (Northern Ireland) Order 2021, the draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Cash Searches: Code of Practice) Order 2021, the draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Investigations: Code of Practice) Order 2021 and the draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Recovery of Listed Assets: Code of Practice) Regulations 2021.

#### **9 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee**

Sir David Amess (Chair) reported the draft Pollution Prevention and Control (Fees) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 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).*

#### **10 First Delegated Legislation Committee (Motion in the name of Mr John Whittingdale relating to the Information Commissioner (Remuneration))**

Members: Tahir Ali, Maria Caulfield, Chris Evans, Rebecca Harris, Darren Jones, Alan Mak, Scott Mann, Jessica Morden, James Morris, Lia Nici, Chi Onwurah, Tom Pursglove, David Rutley, Zarah Sultana, Richard Thomson, Maggie Throup and Mr John Whittingdale

#### **11 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Ecodesign for Energy-Related Products and Energy Information Regulations 2021)**

Members: Mr Ben Bradshaw, Maria Caulfield, Mark Fletcher, Rebecca Harris, Mr Kevan Jones, Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck, Alan Mak, Scott Mann, James Morris, Tom Pursglove, Ms Marie Rimmer, David Rutley, Andy Slaughter, Richard Thomson, Michael Tomlinson, Anne-Marie Trevelyan and Dr Alan Whitehead

#### **12 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Payment and Electronic Money Institution Insolvency Regulations 2021)**

Members: Maria Caulfield, Claire Coutinho, Rosie Duffield, Marion Fellows, Barry Gardiner, John Glen, Rebecca Harris, Mr Pat McFadden, Alan Mak, Scott Mann, James Morris, Tom Pursglove, David Rutley, Graham Stringer, Maggie Throup, Liz Twist and Mick Whitley

**13 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2021 and the draft Immigration (Collection, Use and Retention of Biometric Information and Related Amendments) Regulations 2021)**

Members: Olivia Blake, Maria Caulfield, Sarah Champion, Bambos Charalambous, Stella Creasy, Kevin Foster, Rebecca Harris, Paul Holmes, Alan Mak, Scott Mann, Grahame Morris, James Morris, Taiwo Owatemi, Tom Pursglove, Richard Thomson, Maggie Throup and Michael Tomlinson

**14 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Conformity Assessment (Mutual Recognition Agreements) and Weights and Measures (Intoxicating Liquor) (Amendment) Regulations 2021)**

Members: Debbie Abrahams, Maria Caulfield, David Duguid, Dame Angela Eagle, Mary Kelly Foy, Jo Gideon, Rebecca Harris, Alan Mak, Seema Malhotra, Scott Mann, James Morris, Ms Marie Rimmer, David Rutley, Paul Scully, Richard Thomson, Stephen Timms and Michael Tomlinson

*Reports from Select Committees*

**15 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee**

*The future of UK music festivals*: First Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 49) (Julian Knight).

**16 Environmental Audit Committee**

- (1) *Water quality in rivers*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 74);  
(2) *Biodiversity and ecosystems*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 136) (Philip Dunne).

**17 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee**

*Correspondence to the Secretary of State for International Trade relating to trade negotiations with Australia*: Written evidence, to be published (Neil Parish).

**18 European Scrutiny Committee**

- (1) Second Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 121-ii);  
(2) *Ministerial correspondence*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 121) (Sir William Cash).

**19 Finance Committee**

Mr Nicholas Brown reported:

- (1) that he had been chosen as Chair of the Committee; and  
(2) the record of the Committee's decisions taken at its meeting on 26 May, to be published.

**20 Home Affairs Committee**

- (1) *Home Office preparedness for COVID-19 (coronavirus)*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 215);  
(2) *Police conduct and complaints*: Part of the written evidence, to be published (HC 140);

(3) *The Macpherson Report: twenty-one years on*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 139);

(4) *UK-EU security co-operation*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 272);

(5) *Violence against women and girls*: Part of the written evidence, to be published (HC 138)

(Yvette Cooper).

## 21 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

*Legislative scrutiny: Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 91) (Ms Harriet Harman).

## 22 International Trade Committee

(1) *UK trade remedies policy: Government Response to the Committee's Third Report of Session 2019-21*:

(i) First Special Report, to be printed (HC 269);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 269);

(2) *Correspondence from the Chair-Designate of the Trade Remedies Authority relating to a steel safeguards transition review*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Farming, Fisheries and Food relating to a Statutory Instrument to be introduced by the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to US tariffs on steel, aluminium and derivatives*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *The G7 and international trade*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 125)

(Angus Brendan MacNeil).

## 23 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

(1) *Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 157);

(2) *Compensation for victims of Gaddafi-sponsored IRA attacks*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 162)

(Simon Hoare).

## 24 Science and Technology Committee and Health and Social Care Committee

*Coronavirus: lessons learnt*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 92) (Greg Clark).

## 25 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

Second Report, to be printed (HC 56-iii) (Jessica Morden).

## 26 Statutory Instruments (Select Committee on)

Second Report, to be printed (HC 57-iii) (Jessica Morden).

## 27 Transport Committee

*Williams-Shapps plan for rail*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 230) (Huw Merriman).

**28 Treasury Committee**

(1) *Tax After Coronavirus: the Government's response*: First Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 144);

(2) *Future of Financial Services*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 147)  
(Mel Stride).

**29 Work and Pensions Committee**

(1) *Universal Credit: natural migration: Government Response to the Committee's Twenty-seventh Report of Session 2017–19*: First Special Report, to be printed (HC 228);

(2) *Children in poverty: Measurement and targets*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 188);

(3) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy relating to the Employment Bill*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Minister for Welfare Delivery relating to fraud and error in Universal Credit*: Written evidence, to be published

(Stephen Timms).

*Lindsay Hoyle*

Speaker

## Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 9.25 am (Orders, 25 February and 25 March)

Business appointed by the Chairman of Ways and Means (Standing Order No. 10(6))

**1 Regulation of business rates reduction services**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered regulation of business rates reduction services.—(Kevin Hollinrake.)

*The sitting was suspended between 10.25 am and 11.00 am.*

**2 Istanbul Convention and the position of the UK Government**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the Istanbul Convention and the position of the UK Government.—(John Howell.)

*The sitting was suspended between 11.28 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).*

**3 Support for children entitled to free school meals**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered support for children entitled to free school meals.—(Catherine West.)

*The sitting was suspended between 3.45 pm and 4.05 pm.*

**4 Proposals to remove classification of prescription-only medicine from injectable B12 vitamin**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered proposals to remove classification of prescription-only medicine from injectable B12 vitamin.—(Jane Hunt.)

*The sitting was suspended between 4.35 pm and 4.50 pm (Orders, 25 February and 25 March).*

**5 Potential merits of driverless cars**

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the potential merits of driverless cars.—(*Ben Everitt.*)

*The sitting was suspended between 5.22 pm and 5.35 pm for divisions in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).*

*Resolved,* That this House has considered the potential merits of driverless cars.

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

Adjourned at 5.58 pm until tomorrow.

*Eleanor Laing*

Chairman of Ways and Means

## Papers Laid

### Papers subject to Negative Resolution

**1 Local Government**

(1) Draft Mid Devon (Electoral Changes) Order 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (The Speaker)

(2) Draft New Forest (Electoral Changes) Order 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (The Speaker)

### Other papers

**2 National Citizen Service**

National Citizen Service Trust Business Plan (by Act) (Secretary Oliver Dowden)

**3 Parliamentary Commissioner**

Report by the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman: An investigation into HS2's failure to communicate with a family about acquiring their home (by Act), to be printed (HC 211) (Clerk of the House)

### Withdrawn papers

**4 Electronic Communications**

Draft Audiovisual Media Services (Amendment) Regulations 2021 and Explanatory Memorandum (laid 25 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 Orders of 22 October 2020 and 25 March 2021, 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 21 June 2021, unless the arrangement is ended or the House otherwise orders.

<b>Member</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Proxy</b>
Tim Farron	27 May	Wendy Chamberlain
Mr Alistair Carmichael	27 May	Wendy Chamberlain

#### 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 Orders of 22 October 2020 and 25 March 2021, that the following Member has given notice that they wish to amend their proxy voting arrangement:

From 27 May the nominated proxy for Ian Paisley will be Jim Shannon instead of Sammy Wilson.