



# House of Commons

Monday 28 June 2021

## Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

- 1 **Questions to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions**
- 2 **Urgent Question: Loss of secret documents from the Ministry of Defence (Jeremy Quin)**
- 3 **Speaker's Statement: Implications of recent events in Whitehall for security arrangements in the House**
- 4 **Urgent Question: Security arrangements relating to ministerial offices and communications (Julia Lopez)**
- 5 **Statement: COVID-19 update (Secretary Sajid Javid)**
- 6 **Rating (Coronavirus) and Directors Disqualification (Dissolved Companies) Bill: Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, That the Rating (Coronavirus) and Directors Disqualification (Dissolved Companies) Bill be now read a second time.—(*Luke Hall.*)

Amendment moved, to leave out from 'That' to the end of the Question and add 'That this House, while agreeing that the disqualification regime should be extended to directors of dissolved companies, declines to give a Second Reading to the Rating (Coronavirus) and Directors Disqualification (Dissolved Companies) Bill because it retrospectively overrules more than 500,000 business rates appeals made by 170,000 businesses, fails to consult the affected businesses to deliver adequate support, puts business and jobs at risk by delaying the delivery of additional business rates relief, ignores the impact of the pandemic on companies that have been excluded from business rates relief, fails to recognise the impact of the pandemic on jobs and businesses in the supply chain of retail, hospitality and leisure businesses from office-based companies to manufacturing firms, severely limits the only route available to tens of thousands of businesses in claiming Government support during the pandemic, sets a troubling precedent for future crises by retrospectively limiting businesses' right to challenge their business rates bill, fails to bring forward meaningful reforms of the business rates system and risks leading to more job losses and company closures during an economic crisis.'.— (*Sarah Olney.*)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Bill read a second time.

## **7 Rating (Coronavirus) and Directors Disqualification (Dissolved Companies) Bill: Programme**

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Rating (Coronavirus) and Directors Disqualification (Dissolved Companies) Bill:

### *Committal*

(1) The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

### *Proceedings in Public Bill Committee*

(2) Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 8 July 2021.

(3) The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

### *Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading*

(4) Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which proceedings on Consideration are commenced.

(5) Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.

(6) Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading.

### *Other proceedings*

(7) Any other proceedings on the Bill may be programmed.—(*Scott Mann.*)

Question agreed to.

## **8 Committee on Standards**

*Resolved*, That, in accordance with Standing Order No. 149A, Ms Mehmuda Mian be appointed as a lay member of the Committee on Standards for a period of six years, with immediate effect.—(*Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg.*)

## **9 Parliamentary Works Sponsor Body**

*Resolved*, That Marta Phillips, Dr Simon Thurley and Simon Wright be appointed as external members of the Parliamentary Works Sponsor Body under Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Parliamentary Buildings (Restoration and Renewal) Act 2019.—(*Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg.*)

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

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Financial Markets and Insolvency (Transitional Provision) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2021, which were laid before this House on 13 May, be approved.—(*Scott Mann.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Customs Safety and Security Procedures (EU Exit) Regulations 2021, which were laid before this House on 24 May, be approved.—(*Scott Mann.*)

Question agreed to.

**11 Adjournment**

Subject: East West Rail route consultation and North East Bedfordshire (Richard Fuller)

*Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn.—(Scott Mann.)

Adjourned at 8.08 pm until tomorrow.

## Other Proceedings

### *General Committees: Reports*

**12 First Delegated Legislation Committee**

Mr Laurence Robertson (Chair) reported the draft Contracting Out (Functions in Relation to Space) Order 2021, the draft Space Industry Regulations 2021, the draft Space Industry (Appeals) Regulations 2021 and the draft Spaceflight Activities (Investigation of Spaceflight Accidents) Regulations 2021.

**13 Second Delegated Legislation Committee**

Mr Philip Hollobone (Chair) reported the draft Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Juxtaposed Controls) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2021.

**14 Third Delegated Legislation Committee**

Clive Efford (Chair) reported the draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications, Deemed Applications, Requests and Site Visits) (England) (Amendment) 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).*

**15 Northern Ireland (Ministers, Elections and Petitions of Concern) Bill**

Chair: Graham Stringer in place of Judith Cummins

**16 Northern Ireland (Ministers, Elections and Petitions of Concern) Bill (Programming Sub-Committee)**

Members: Alex Davies-Jones, Miss Sarah Dines, Claire Hanna, Scott Mann, Robbie Moore, Taiwo Owatemi and Mr Robin Walker

**17 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Contracting Out (Functions in Relation to Space) Order 2021, draft Space Industry Regulations 2021, draft Space Industry (Appeals) Regulations 2021 and draft Spaceflight Activities (Investigation of Spaceflight Accidents) Regulations 2021)**

Chair: Mr Laurence Robertson in place of Mr Peter Bone

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*Reports from Select Committees***18 Administration Committee**

Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 28 June, to be published (Sir Charles Walker).

**19 Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee**

(1) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Rough Sleeping and Housing relating to the lifting of restrictions on evictions in England and COVID-19 related rent arrears*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Permitted development rights*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 32)  
(Mr Clive Betts).

**20 Procedure Committee**

(1) *Procedure under coronavirus restrictions*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 212);

(2) *The procedure of the House of Commons and the territorial constitution*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 213)

(Karen Bradley).

**21 Public Accounts (Committee of)**

(1) *Progress with defence estate disposals*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 179);

(2) *Correspondence from the Cabinet Office relating to central oversight of arm's length bodies*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the National Care Forum relating to the PHE report published on 27 May 2021*: Written evidence, to be published;

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

(5) *COVID-19: Local Government Finance*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 239);

(6) *Crossrail: A progress update*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 184);

(7) *Defence Equipment Plan 2020–2030*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 498);

(8) *Home Office recall: Spring 2021*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 174);

(9) *Initial lessons from the Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 175);

(10) *Principles of effective regulation*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 176);

(11) *Whitehall preparations for EU Exit*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 251)

(Meg Hillier).

**22 Scottish Affairs Committee**

(1) *Renewable energy in Scotland*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 51);

(2) *Secretary of State for Scotland*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 53)

(Pete Wishart).

*Lindsay Hoyle*

Speaker

## Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 4.30 pm.

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

### 1 Microchipping of pets

*Resolved*, That this House has considered e-petitions 300010 and 300025 relating to microchipping of pets.—(*Jonathan Gullis*.)

*The sitting was suspended between 5.58 pm and 6.15 pm (Orders, 25 February and 16 June).*

### 2 Black history and cultural diversity in the curriculum

*Resolved*, That this House has considered e-petition 324092 relating to Black history and cultural diversity in the curriculum.—(*Chris Evans*.)

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

Adjourned at 7.17 pm until Wednesday 30 June (Orders, 25 February and 16 June).

*Eleanor Laing*

Chairman of Ways and Means

## Papers Laid

Papers presented and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 25 June under Standing Orders No. 158 and No. 159:

### Papers subject to Negative Resolution

#### 1 Belgium No. 1 (2021)

Agreement, done at Brussels on 1 December 2020, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium concerning the Protection of Classified Information (by Command) (CP 462), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

### Other papers

#### 2 Treaty Series No. 15 (2021)

Agreement, done at Basel on 12 April and London on 29 April 2021, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Bank for International Settlements (by Command) (CP 459) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

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Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 28 June

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

**3 Exiting the European Union (Value Added Tax)**

Value Added Tax (Miscellaneous Amendments and Repeals) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 714), dated 28 June 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jesse Norman)

**4 Pensions**

Draft Pensions Regulator (Employer Resources Test) Regulations 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Guy Opperman)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

**5 Exiting the European Union (Value Added Tax)**

Value Added Tax (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 715), dated 28 June 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jesse Norman)

**6 Family Law**

Child Support (Collection and Enforcement and Maintenance Calculation) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 763), dated 25 June 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Guy Opperman)

**7 Pensions**

Pensions Regulator (Information Gathering Powers and Modification) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 754), dated 23 June 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Guy Opperman)

**8 Public Health**

Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel and Operator Liability) (England) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 766), dated 27 June 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

Other papers

**9 Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction**

Report and Accounts of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 330) (The Speaker)

**10 Treasury**

Treasury Minutes on the Fifty-second to the Fifty-sixth Reports of the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2019–21 (by Command) (CP 456) (Kemi Badenoch)

## 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 of 25 March and 16 June 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 22 July 2021, unless the arrangement is ended or the House otherwise orders.

<b>Member</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Proxy</b>
Neale Hanvey	28 June	Kenny MacAskill
Michael Tomlinson	29 June	Mike Freer
Mr Steve Baker	7 July	Stuart Andrew

## 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 of 25 March and 16 June 2021, that the following Members have given notice that they wish to amend their proxy voting arrangement:

From 29 June the nominated proxy for the following Members will be Mike Freer instead of Stuart Andrew:

Nigel Adams	Edward Argar	Steve Barclay
Bim Afolami	Sarah Atherton	Mr John Baron
Adam Afriyie	Victoria Atkins	Simon Baynes
Imran Ahmad Khan	Mr Richard Bacon	Aaron Bell
Nickie Aiken	Gareth Bacon	Scott Benton
Lucy Allan	Kemi Badenoch	Sir Paul Beresford
Sir David Amess	Shaun Bailey	Jake Berry
Stuart Anderson	Siobhan Baillie	Saqib Bhatti
Lee Anderson	Duncan Baker	Bob Blackman
Caroline Ansell	Harriett Baldwin	Crispin Blunt
Mr Peter Bone	Philip Davies	Ms Nusrat Ghani
Andrew Bowie	Dr James Davies	Nick Gibb
Karen Bradley	David TC Davies	Peter Gibson
Ben Bradley	Mr David Davis	Jo Gideon

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Jack Brereton	Caroline Dinéage	John Glen
Andrew Bridgen	Miss Sarah Dines	Mr Robert Goodwill
Steve Brine	Mr Jonathan Djanogly	Michael Gove
Paul Bristow	Leo Docherty	Richard Graham
Sara Britcliffe	Michelle Donelan	Mrs Helen Grant
James Brokenshire	Ms Nadine Dorries	James Gray
Anthony Browne	Steve Double	Chris Grayling
Fiona Bruce	Oliver Dowden	Damian Green
Felicity Buchan	Richard Drax	Andrew Griffith
Robert Buckland	Mrs Flick Drummond	Kate Griffiths
Alex Burghart	James Duddridge	James Grundy
Conor Burns	David Duguid	Jonathan Gullis
Rob Butler	Sir Iain Duncan Smith	Robert Halfon
Alun Cairns	Philip Dunne	Luke Hall
Andy Carter	Mark Eastwood	Stephen Hammond
James Cartlidge	Ruth Edwards	Matt Hancock
Sir William Cash	Jonathan Edwards	Greg Hands
Miriam Cates	Michael Ellis	Mark Harper
Alex Chalk	Mr Tobias Ellwood	Trudy Harrison
Rehman Chishti	Mrs Natalie Elphicke	Simon Hart
Jo Churchill	George Eustice	Sally-Ann Hart
Theo Clarke	Dr Luke Evans	Sir John Hayes
Mr Simon Clarke	Sir David Evennett	Sir Oliver Heald
Brendan Clarke-Smith	Michael Fabricant	James Heapey
Chris Clarkson	Laura Farris	Chris Heaton-Harris
James Cleverly	Simon Fell	Gordon Henderson
Dr Thérèse Coffey	Margaret Ferrier	Darren Henry
Elliot Colburn	Katherine Fletcher	Antony Higginbotham
Damian Collins	Nick Fletcher	Damian Hinds
Alberto Costa	Mark Fletcher	Simon Hoare
Robert Courts	Vicky Ford	Richard Holden
Claire Coutinho	Kevin Foster	Kevin Hollinrake
Mr Geoffrey Cox	Dr Liam Fox	Adam Holloway
Stephen Crabb	Mr Mark Francois	Paul Holmes
Virginia Crosbie	Lucy Frazer	Paul Howell



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Tracey Crouch	George Freeman	John Howell
James Daly	Richard Fuller	Nigel Huddleston
Mims Davies	Mr Marcus Fysh	Dr Neil Hudson
Gareth Davies	Sir Roger Gale	Eddie Hughes
Jeremy Hunt	Mark Garnier	Jane Hunt
Tom Hunt	Rachel Maclean	Sir Mike Penning
Mr Alister Jack	Alan Mak	John Penrose
Sajid Javid	Kit Malthouse	Andrew Percy
Mr Ranil Jayawardena	Julie Marson	Chris Philp
Sir Bernard Jenkin	Mrs Theresa May	Rebecca Pow
Mark Jenkinson	Jerome Mayhew	Victoria Prentis
Andrea Jenkyns	Paul Maynard	Mark Pritchard
Robert Jenrick	Karl McCartney	Jeremy Quin
Dr Caroline Johnson	Jason McCartney	Will Quince
Gareth Johnson	Stephen McPartland	Dominic Raab
Boris Johnson	Esther McVey	Tom Randall
David Johnston	Mark Menzies	John Redwood
Fay Jones	Huw Merriman	Nicola Richards
Mr David Jones	Stephen Metcalfe	Angela Richardson
Mr Marcus Jones	Robin Millar	Mr Laurence Robertson
Andrew Jones	Mrs. Maria Miller	Mary Robinson
Simon Jupp	Amanda Milling	Andrew Rosindell
Daniel Kawczynski	Nigel Mills	Douglas Ross
Alicia Kearns	Andrew Mitchell	Lee Rowley
Gillian Keegan	Mr Gagan Mohindra	Dean Russell
Sir Greg Knight	Damien Moore	Gary Sambrook
Julian Knight	Robbie Moore	Selaine Saxby
Danny Kruger	Penny Mordaunt	Paul Scully
Kwasi Quarteng	David Morris	Bob Seely
John Lamont	Anne Marie Morris	Andrew Selous
Robert Langan	Joy Morrissey	Grant Shapps
Mrs Pauline Latham	Jill Mortimer	Alok Sharma
Andrea Leadsom	Wendy Morton	Alec Shelbrooke
Sir Edward Leigh	Dr Kieran Mullan	David Simmonds
Ian Levy	Holly Mumby-Croft	Chris Skidmore

Andrew Lewer	David Mundell	Chloe Smith
Brandon Lewis	Mrs Sheryll Murray	Royston Smith
Dr Julian Lewis	Dr Andrew Murrison	Julian Smith
Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger	Sir Robert Neill	Henry Smith
Chris Loder	Lia Nici	Greg Smith
Mark Logan	Caroline Nokes	Amanda Solloway
Marco Longhi	Jesse Norman	Dr Ben Spencer
Julia Lopez	Neil O'Brien	Alexander Stafford
Jack Lopresti	Dr Matthew Offord	Andrew Stephenson
Mr Jonathan Lord	Guy Opperman	Jane Stevenson
Tim Loughton	Neil Parish	John Stevenson
Craig Mackinlay	Priti Patel	Iain Stewart
Cherilyn Mackrory	Mr Owen Paterson	Bob Stewart
Mel Stride	Mark Pawsey	Sir Gary Streeter
Graham Stuart	Laura Trott	Suzanne Webb
Julian Sturdy	Elizabeth Truss	Helen Whately
Rishi Sunak	Tom Tugendhat	Mrs Heather Wheeler
James Sunderland	Mr Shailesh Vara	Craig Whittaker
Sir Desmond Swayne	Martin Vickers	Mr John Whittingdale
Sir Robert Syms	Matt Vickers	Bill Wiggin
Derek Thomas	Theresa Villiers	James Wild
Edward Timpson	Mr Robin Walker	Craig Williams
Kelly Tolhurst	Dr Ben Wallace	Gavin Williamson
Justin Tomlinson	Dr Jamie Wallis	Mike Wood
Craig Tracey	David Warburton	Jeremy Wright
Anne-Marie Trevelyan	Matt Warman	Jacob Young
	Giles Watling	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 Orders of 22 October 2020 and of 25 March and 16 June 2021, 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
Kenny MacAskill	28 June

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Richard Thomson	29 June
Maria Caulfield	29 June
Mark Spencer	29 June
Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown	29 June

#### 4. Variation of proxy voting arrangement\*

The Speaker has certified, under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A (Voting by proxy), as amended by the Order of 3 November 2020, that Suella Braverman has given notice that she wishes to vary her proxy vote arrangement. Her nominated proxy will be Mike Freer with effect from 29 June.

\*This item was revised as a correction since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings from 29 June 2021 for details confirming the correction.

### CORRECTIONS

Tuesday 15 June 2021

Item 27 (Other Proceedings) should have read:

#### **Women and Equalities Committee**

(1) *Changing the perfect picture: an inquiry into body image: Government's Response to Committee's Sixth Report of Session 2019–21: Second Special Report*, to be printed (HC 359);

(2) *Correspondence to the Minister for Safeguarding, Minister for Online Harms and Minister for Schools relating to changing cultures underpinning male violence against women*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Gender sensitive Parliament (House of Commons)*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 131)

(Caroline Nokes).

Thursday 24 June 2021

Item 18 (Other Proceedings) should have read:

#### **Backbench Business Committee**

Determination of business to be taken on Thursday 1 July in the Chamber and in Westminster Hall and recommendation to the Liaison Committee on subjects for Estimates Day debates (Ian Mearns).