



House of Commons

Tuesday 7 September 2021

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

1 Questions to the Chancellor of the Exchequer

2 Statements: (1) Sustainable plan for the NHS and social care (The Prime Minister)

(2) Business (Leader of the House)

(3) Pensions update (Secretary Thérèse Coffey)

3 Misuse of Fireworks Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Sarah Owen, supported by Rachel Hopkins, presented a Bill to make provision about offences relating to the misuse of fireworks and penalties for such offences; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 21 January 2022, and to be printed (Bill 156).

4 Transport (Disabled Passenger Charter): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a passenger charter for disabled land transport passengers setting out their rights, the legal obligations of transport operators, complaints procedures, passenger assistance schemes and accessibility requirements; and for connected purposes;

That Charlotte Nichols, Lilian Greenwood, Huw Merriman, Alan Brown, Jim Shannon, Jamie Stone, Florence Eshalomi, Bell Ribeiro-Addy, Paula Barker, Kim Johnson, Ian Byrne and Navendu Mishra present the Bill.

Charlotte Nichols accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 3 December, and to be printed (Bill 157).

5 Elections Bill: Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

Amendment moved, to leave out from "That" to the end of the Question and add "this House declines to give a second reading to the Elections Bill, notwithstanding the need for legislation around digital imprints and some accessibility improvements for disabled

voters which do not go far enough, because it infringes on the right of expression of the electorate by allowing the Secretary of State to unilaterally modify and select which groups are allowed to campaign during an election period, creates unnecessary barriers to entry for voting, makes the Electoral Commission subordinate to the executive, would serve to restrict the franchise and thereby reduce the overall number of people able to participate in any future UK General Election and does not make provision for the UK Parliament to match the devolved nations in Scotland and Wales by extending the right to vote to 16 and 17 year olds and other disenfranchised groups.".—(Cat Smith.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Division No. 60

Ayes: 230 (Tellers: Jessica Morden, Colleen Fletcher)

Noes: 329 (Tellers: David Rutley, Maria Caulfield)

Question accordingly negatived.

Question, That the Bill be now read a second time, put forthwith (Standing Order No. 62(2)).

The House divided.

Division No. 61

Ayes: 327 (Tellers: David Rutley, Maria Caulfield)

Noes: 228 (Tellers: Jessica Morden, Colleen Fletcher)

Question accordingly agreed to, and Bill read a second time.

6 Elections Bill: Programme

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Elections 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 Wednesday 3 November 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.

7 Elections Bill: Money

Queen's Recommendation signified.

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 52(1)(a)), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Elections Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenditure incurred by a Minister of the Crown under or by virtue of the Act, and

(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided;

(2) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of that Fund; and

(3) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund.—(*Scott Mann.*)

Question agreed to.

8 Business of the House (9 September)

Ordered, That, at the sitting on Thursday 9 September, proceedings on the business determined by the Backbench Business Committee shall be entered upon immediately after the conclusion of the remaining stages of the Rating (Coronavirus) and Directors Disqualification (Dissolved Companies) Bill, and, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (2) and (4) of Standing Order No 14 (Arrangement of public business) insofar as they relate to the timing of half days, may be proceeded with until 5.00 pm or for three hours, whichever is the later, and shall then lapse if not previously disposed of; and those proceedings may continue, though opposed, after the moment of interruption.—(*Scott Mann.*)

9 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 (Coronavirus) (Extension of the Relevant Period) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 718), a copy of which was laid before this House on 21 June, be approved.—(*Scott Mann.*)

Question agreed to.

10 Changes to membership of select committees

Ordered, That Jonathan Gullis be discharged from the Education Committee and Nicola Richards be added.—(*Mike Freer, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

11 Adjournment

Subject: Local policing (Andrew Bowie)

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

Adjourned at 7.53 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Changes to Notices Given

12 Button Batteries (Safety) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 10 September, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 18 March 2022.

General Committees: Reports

13 Health and Care Bill Committee

Steve McCabe (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.

14 Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Bill Committee

Judith Cummins (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.

15 Second Delegated Legislation Committee

Christina Rees (Chair) reported the draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Administration, Investment, Charges and Governance) (Amendment) Regulations 2021.

Reports from Select Committees

16 Backbench Business Committee

Transcript of representations made on Tuesday 7 September to be published (Ian Mearns).

17 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

(1) *Climate Assembly UK: where are we now?: Government Response to the Committee's Second Report*: Fifth Special Report, to be printed (HC 680);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Energy, Clean Growth and Climate Change relating to the Energy Retail Strategy*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Energy, Clean Growth and Climate Change relating to the 2021 Digest of UK Energy Statistics*: Written evidence, to be published;

- (4) *Correspondence from the Minister for Sport and Tourism relating to the Premier League's broadcasting agreements*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy's Main Estimate 2021–22*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (6) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to Departmental Update*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (7) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to Energy National Policy Statements*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (8) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to the UK Hydrogen Strategy*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (9) *Correspondence relating to the proposed takeover of Ultra Electronics Holdings PLC by Cobham Ultra Acquisitions Limited*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (10) *Decarbonising Heat in Homes*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 110);
- (11) *Liberty Steel and the future of the UK Steel Industry*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 118);
- (12) *Post Office and Horizon*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 106)
(Darren Jones).

18 Defence Committee

- (1) *Space Defence*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 271);
- (2) *AJAX: recent developments*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 550);
- (3) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to acquisition of Cobham*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to Sheffield Forgemasters International Limited*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) *Correspondence with the Minister for Defence People and Veterans relating to Delivering the Strategy for our Veterans: 2022–24 Action Plan*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (6) *Correspondence with the Minister for Defence People and Veterans relating to Lariam*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (7) *Correspondence with the Minister for Defence Procurement relating to Armoured Fighting Vehicles*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (8) *Correspondence with the Minister of State in the House of Lords relating to the awarding of LSGC medals*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (9) *Correspondence with the Permanent Undersecretary for Defence relating to Main Estimates*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (10) *The Navy: purpose and procurement*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 168)
(Tobias Ellwood).

19 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

- Major cultural and sporting events*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 259)
(Julian Knight).

20 Education Committee

(1) *Summer results 2021 and arrangements for 2022*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 673);

(2) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to the Department's Spending plans for 2021–22*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *The impact of COVID-19 on education and children's services*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 87)

(Robert Halfon).

21 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

(1) *Animal Welfare (Sentience) Bill*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 277);

(2) *Correspondence from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs relating to the appointment of a new Chair of the Water Services Regulation Authority*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Plastic waste*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 556);

(4) *Trade and Agriculture Commission*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 81);

(5) *Tree planting and woodlands*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 356)

(Neil Parish).

22 Foreign Affairs Committee

(1) *In the room: the UK's role in multilateral diplomacy: Government Response to the Committee's First Report: Second Special Report*, to be printed (HC 618);

(2) *Tech and the future of UK foreign policy*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 201);

(3) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy relating to Newport Wafer Fab*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs relating to ODA spending cuts*: Written evidence, to be published

(Tom Tugendhat).

23 Health and Social Care Committee

(1) *Clearing the backlog caused by the pandemic*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 599);

(2) *Children and young people's mental health*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 17);

(3) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care*: Written evidence, to be published

(Jeremy Hunt).

24 International Development Committee

(1) *The philosophy and culture of aid*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 101);

(2) *Climate change, Development and COP26*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 99);

(3) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs relating to UK Aid spending to protect and promote LGBT rights*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs relating to protection of at-risk and marginalised communities in Afghanistan*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *UK aid to Pakistan*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 102)

(Sarah Champion).

25 Justice Committee

(1) *The Coroner Service: Government Response to the Committee's First Report*: Third Special Report, to be printed (HC 675);

(2) *The Constitutional relationship with the Crown Dependencies*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 595);

(3) *Correspondence from the Independent Monitoring boards*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence with the Lord Chief Justice*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Correspondence with the Sentencing Council*: Written evidence, to be published

(Sir Robert Neill).

26 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

(1) *COVID-Status certification: Government Response to the Committee's Second Report of Session 2019–21*: Second Special Report, to be printed (HC 670);

(2) *The Elections Bill*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 597);

(3) *Correspondence from the UK's National Statistician relating to data ethics*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the UK's National Statistician relating to the use of UK wide data for better comparisons of devolved policy*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Public Appointments Commissioner to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster relating to the lack of progress in a number of high-profile competitions*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence from the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster relating to provision of vaccines for COP26 delegates*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Correspondence from the Minister for the Constitution and Devolution relating to the Boardman Review*: Written evidence, to be published;

(8) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman relating to the Venice Commission*: Written evidence, to be published;

(9) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Justice relating to the Judicial Review and Courts Bill*: Written evidence, to be published;

(10) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care relating to the Health and Social Care Bill and PHSO*: Written evidence, to be published;

(11) *Dissolution and calling of Parliament Bill*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 376);

(12) *The Cabinet Office and Freedom of Information*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 505)

(Mr William Wragg).

27 Standards (Committee on)

(1) *Code of Conduct*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 270);

(2) *Mrs Natalie Elphicke, Sir Roger Gale, Adam Holloway, Bob Stewart, Theresa Villiers*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 582)

(Chris Bryant).

28 Transport Committee

(1) *Correspondence from the Chief Executive Officer of the DVLA relating to the follow-up DVLA evidence session*: Written evidence, to be published

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister of State relating to Blue Badge eligibility*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Roads, Buses and Places relating to DVLA evidence session*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State relating to response to the NIC report on freight*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Prime Minister's Office relating to the Government's traffic light system for international travel*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to International Travel Update*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to Major Transport Infrastructure Projects*: Written evidence, to be published;

(8) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to the Traffic Light System Update*: Written evidence, to be published;

(9) *Transport Committee attendance for Session 2019–21*: Written evidence, to be published

(Huw Merriman).

29 Treasury Committee

Correspondence from the Chancellor of the Exchequer relating to Spending Review 2021 and the Autumn Budget announcement: Written evidence, to be published (Mel Stride).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 9.30 am.

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

1 Future of the East Midlands economy

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the future of the East Midlands economy.—(*Ben Bradley.*)

At 11.00 am, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

2 Impact of floods in Westminster North

Resolved, That this House has considered the impact of floods in Westminster North.—(*Ms Karen Buck.*)

The sitting was suspended between 11.30 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 Continued nuclear fuel manufacturing in the UK

Resolved, That this House has considered continued nuclear fuel manufacturing in the UK.—(*Mark Menzies.*)

4 Supply of affordable, good quality housing in the South West

Resolved, That this House has considered the supply of affordable, good quality housing in the South West.—(*David Warburton.*)

5 Global Britain, human rights and climate change

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered Global Britain, human rights and climate change.—(*Hywel Williams.*)

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

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

Adjourned at 5.30 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Constitutional Law

Draft Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 (Disability Assistance for Children and Young People) (Consequential Modifications) (No. 2) Order 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Alister Jack)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Competition

Public Interest Merger Reference (Perpetuus Advanced Materials plc) (Pre-emptive Action) Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 993), dated 5 September 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

3 Criminal Law

Crime (International Co-operation) Act 2003 (Freezing Order) (England and Wales and Northern Ireland) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 987), dated 6 September 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Priti Patel)

4 National Health Service

National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts and Personal Medical Services Agreements) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 995), dated 7 September 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jo Churchill)

5 Public Health

Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel and Operator Liability) (England) (Amendment) (No. 10) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1003), dated 7 September 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Helen Whately)

6 Value Added Tax

Value Added Tax (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 986), dated 6 September 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jesse Norman)

Other papers

7 Cabinet Office

Building Back Better: Our Plan for Health and Social Care (by Command) (CP 506) (The Prime Minister)

8 National Health Service

(1) Report and Accounts of Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust for 2020–21 (by Act) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

(2) Report and Accounts of Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust for 2020–21 (by Act) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

(3) Report and Accounts of Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust for 2020–21 (by Act) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

(4) Report and Accounts of Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Foundation Trust for 2020–21 (by Act) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

(5) Report and Accounts of Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust for 2020–21 (by Act) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

(6) Report and Accounts of Humber Teaching NHS Foundation Trust for 2020–21 (by Act) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

(7) Report and Accounts of Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for 2020–21 (by Act) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

(8) Report and Accounts of Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust for 2020–21 (by Act) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

9 Statutory Instruments (Notification)

(1) 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:

Public Interest Merger Reference (Perpetuus Advanced Materials plc) (Pre-emptive Action) Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 993) (by Standing Order) (The Speaker)

(2) Notification to Parliament of a published draft instrument pursuant to Paragraph 14 of Schedule 8 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018: Renewable Transport Fuel Obligations (Amendment) Order 2021 (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

10 Treasury

Treasury Minute, dated 7 September 2021, concerning the notification of a contingent liability arising from the Pilot No-Interest Loans Scheme (by Command) (John Glen)

CORRECTION

Monday 6 September 2021

These items should have appeared before item 8 (Other Proceedings):

Health and Care Bill (Programming Sub-Committee)

Members: Edward Argar, Jo Churchill, Virginia Crosbie, Justin Madders, Sarah Owen, Maggie Throup and Dr Philippa Whitford

Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Bill (Programming Sub-Committee)

Members: Gareth Bacon, Sara Britcliffe, Michelle Donelan, Mary Glendon, Emma Hardy, Michael Tomlinson and Matt Western