



House of Commons

Monday 20 September 2021

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

- 1 **Questions to the Secretary of State for Defence**
- 2 **Statement: Update on UK gas market (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)**
- 3 **Speaker's Statement: Timing of Government media announcements and statements to the House**
- 4 **Statement: International travel (Secretary Grant Shapps)**
- 5 **Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill: Business of the House**

Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the proceedings on the Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill:

Timetable

(1) (a) Proceedings on Second Reading and in Committee of the whole House, any proceedings on Consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall be taken at today's sitting in accordance with this Order.

(b) Proceedings on Second Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion four hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order.

(c) Proceedings in Committee of the whole House, any proceedings on Consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion six hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order.

Timing of proceedings and Questions to be put

(2) When the Bill has been read a second time:

(a) it shall, despite Standing Order No. 63 (Committal of bills not subject to a programme order), stand committed to a Committee of the whole House without any Question being put;

(b) the Speaker shall leave the chair whether or not notice of an Instruction has been given.

(3) (a) On the conclusion of proceedings in Committee of the whole House, the Chair shall report the Bill to the House without putting any Question.

(b) If the Bill is reported with amendments, the House shall proceed to consider the Bill as amended without any Question being put.

(4) For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph (1), the Chair or Speaker shall forthwith put the following Questions in the same order as they would fall to be put if this Order did not apply:

(a) any Question already proposed from the chair;

(b) any Question necessary to bring to a decision a Question so proposed;

(c) the Question on any amendment, new Clause or new Schedule selected by the Chair or Speaker for separate decision;

(d) the Question on any amendment moved or Motion made by a Minister of the Crown;

(e) any other Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded; and shall not put any other questions, other than the question on any motion described in paragraph (15)(a) of this Order.

(5) On a Motion so made for a new Clause or a new Schedule, the Chair or Speaker shall put only the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill.

(6) If two or more Questions would fall to be put under paragraph (4)(d) on successive amendments moved or Motions made by a Minister of the Crown, the Chair or Speaker shall instead put a single Question in relation to those amendments or Motions.

(7) If two or more Questions would fall to be put under paragraph (4)(e) in relation to successive provisions of the Bill, the Chair shall instead put a single Question in relation to those provisions, except that the Question shall be put separately on any Clause or Schedule to the Bill which a Minister of the Crown has signified an intention to leave out.

Consideration of Lords Amendments

(8) (a) Any Lords Amendments to the Bill may be considered forthwith without any Question being put; and any proceedings interrupted for that purpose shall be suspended accordingly.

(b) Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement; and any proceedings suspended under sub-paragraph (a) shall thereupon be resumed.

(9) Paragraphs (2) to (7) of Standing Order No. 83F (Programme orders: conclusion of proceedings on consideration of Lords amendments) apply for the purposes of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph (8) of this Order.

Subsequent stages

(10) (a) Any further Message from the Lords on the Bill may be considered forthwith without any Question being put; and any proceedings interrupted for that purpose shall be suspended accordingly.

(b) Proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement; and any proceedings suspended under sub-paragraph (a) shall thereupon be resumed.

(11) Paragraphs (2) to (5) of Standing Order No. 83G (Programme orders: conclusion of proceedings on further messages from the Lords) apply for the purposes of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph (10) of this Order.

Reasons Committee

(12) Paragraphs (2) to (6) of Standing Order No. 83H (Programme orders: reasons committee) apply in relation to any committee to be appointed to draw up reasons after proceedings have been brought to a conclusion in accordance with this Order.

Miscellaneous

(13) Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to proceedings on the Bill.

(14) Standing Order No. 82 (Business Committee) shall not apply in relation to any proceedings to which this Order applies.

(15) (a) No Motion shall be made, except by a Minister of the Crown, to alter the order in which any proceedings on the Bill are taken, to recommit the Bill or to vary or supplement the provisions of this Order.

(b) No notice shall be required of such a Motion.

(c) Such a Motion may be considered forthwith without any Question being put; and any proceedings interrupted for that purpose shall be suspended accordingly.

(d) The Question on such a Motion shall be put forthwith; and any proceedings suspended under sub-paragraph (c) shall thereupon be resumed.

(e) Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to proceedings on such a Motion.

(16) (a) No dilatory Motion shall be made in relation to proceedings to which this Order applies except by a Minister of the Crown.

(b) The Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

(17) The start of any debate under Standing Order No. 24 (Emergency debates) to be held at today's sitting shall be postponed until the conclusion of any proceedings to which this Order applies.

(18) Proceedings to which this Order applies shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

(19) (a) Any private business which has been set down for consideration at a time falling after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order shall, instead of being considered as provided by Standing Orders or by any Order of the House, be considered at the conclusion of any proceedings to which this Order applies.

(b) Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to the private business so far as necessary for the purpose of securing that the business may be considered for a period of three hours.—(*Secretary Thérèse Coffey.*)

6 Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill: Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, That the Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill be now read a second time.

Amendment moved, to leave out from "That" to the end of the Question and add "this House, while recognising the extraordinary circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, declines to give a Second Reading to the Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill because it represents a broken manifesto commitment made by the Government at the last General Election, fails to address the impact of the pandemic on the two million pensioners living in poverty and fails to increase key benefits, such as making permanent the uplift to Universal Credit.".—(*Wendy Chamberlain.*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Division No. 76

Ayes: 59 (Tellers: Sarah Olney, Hywel Williams)

Noes: 303 (Tellers: Alan Mak, Scott Mann)

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. 77

Ayes: 300 (Tellers: Alan Mak, Scott Mann)

Noes: 55 (Tellers: Marion Fellows, Richard Thomson)

Question accordingly agreed to, and Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House (Order, today).

7 Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill: Committee of the whole House

The House resolved itself into a Committee without any Question being put (Order, today).

(In the Committee)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 agreed to.

New Clause NC2—(*David Linden*)—brought up and read the first time.

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

The Committee divided.

Division No. 78

Ayes: 58 (Tellers: Richard Thomson, Ronnie Cowan)

Noes: 304 (Tellers: Scott Mann, Alan Mak)

Question accordingly negatived.

The occupant of the Chair left the Chair to report the Bill (Order, today).

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Andrea Jenkyns reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made no amendment.

8 Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill: Third Reading

Motion made and Question put, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The House divided.

Division No. 79

Ayes: 303 (Tellers: Scott Mann, Alan Mak)

Noes: 52 (Tellers: Marion Fellows, Richard Thomson)

Question accordingly agreed to and Bill passed.

9 Elections Bill: Instruction

Motion made and Question put, That it be an instruction to the Elections Bill Committee that it has power to make provision in the Bill about the use of the simple majority voting system in elections for the return of—

(a) the Mayor of London;

- (b) an elected mayor of a local authority in England;
- (c) a mayor of a combined authority area;
- (d) a police and crime commissioner.—(*Christopher Pincher.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 80

Ayes: 309 (Tellers: Scott Mann, Alan Mak)

Noes: 186 (Tellers: Jessica Morden, Liz Twist)

Question accordingly agreed to.

10 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution from Ships) (Amendment) Regulations 2021, which were laid before this House on 6 July, be approved.—(*Steve Double.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Capital Requirements Regulation (Amendment) Regulations 2021, which were laid before this House on 12 July, be approved.—(*Steve Double.*)

Question agreed to.

11 Adjournment

Subject: Tram safety (Sarah Jones)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Steve Double.*)

Adjourned at 9.29 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

12 First Delegated Legislation Committee

Sir George Howarth (Chair) reported the motion in the name of Paul Scully relating to financial assistance to industry.

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).

13 Health and Care Bill Committee

Members: Jo Churchill and Maggie Throup discharged and Saqib Bhatti and Steve Double nominated in substitution.

14 Nationality and Borders Bill Committee

Members: Chris Philp and Mike Wood discharged and Paul Holmes and Craig Whittaker nominated in substitution.

15 Nationality and Borders Bill (Programming Sub-Committee)

Members: Bambos Charalambous, Paul Holmes, Stuart C McDonald, Taiwo Owatemi, Tom Pursglove, Nicola Richards and Craig Whittaker

16 First Delegated Legislation Committee (Motion in the name of Paul Scully relating to financial assistance to industry)

Members: Dr Luke Evans and Amanda Solloway discharged and Andy Carter and George Freeman nominated in substitution.

17 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Organics (Equivalence and Control Bodies Listing) (Amendment) Regulations 2021)

Members: Fay Jones and James Morris discharged and Alicia Kearns and Mrs Heather Wheeler nominated in substitution.

18 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (Safeguarding (Code of Practice) Measure (HC 689))

Members: Maria Caulfield, Damien Moore and Mark Tami discharged and Tom Hunt, Amanda Solloway and Liz Twist nominated in substitution.

19 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Water and Sewerage Undertakers (Exit from Non-household Retail Market) (Consequential Provision) Regulations 2021)

Members: Fay Jones and James Morris discharged and Mrs Flick Drummond and Mrs Heather Wheeler nominated in substitution.

Reports from Select Committees relating to orders for printing made during the adjournment under Standing Order No. 137

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20 International Trade Committee

Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to her appointment as Secretary of State for International Trade: Written evidence, to be published (Clerk of the House).

21 Education Committee

Correspondence from the Secretary of State, relating to the provision of electronic devices (Order made in the Adjournment (Standing Order No. 137)

(Clerk of the House).

Reports from Select Committees made on Monday 20 September

22 Administration Committee

Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 20 September, to be published (Sir Charles Walker).

23 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

Correspondence with the Secretary of State regarding the Downstream Oil Protocol (Order made in the adjournment (Standing Order No. 137)) (Clerk of the House).

24 Draft Online Safety Bill (Joint Committee on)

Draft Online Safety Bill: Written evidence, to be published (HC 609) (Damian Collins).

25 Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

(1) *Local government and the path to net zero*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 34);

(2) *Correspondence to the Secretary of State relating to his appointment and planning reform*: Written evidence, to be published

(Mr Clive Betts).

26 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

Freedom of expression: Written evidence, to be published (HC 88) (Ms Harriet Harman).

27 Procedure Committee

Written parliamentary questions: Written evidence, to be published (HC 214) (Karen Bradley).

28 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *Optimising the defence estate*: Twentieth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 179);

(2) *Green homes grant voucher programme*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 635);

(3) *Adult social care markets*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 252);

(4) *Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care relating to a notification of the provision by NHS England and NHS improvement of an indemnity*: Written evidence, to be published;

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

(6) *Improving the performance of defence contracts*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 185)

(Dame Meg Hillier).

29 Scottish Affairs Committee

Public broadcasting in Scotland: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 574) (Pete Wishart).

30 Treasury Committee

(1) *Jobs, growth and productivity after coronavirus*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 150);

(2) *Future of financial services*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 147)

(Mel Stride).

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 Ethnicity pay gap reporting

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petition 300105, relating to ethnicity pay gap reporting.—(*Elliot Colburn*.)

2 COVID-19 vaccination

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petitions 575801 and 577842, relating to COVID-19 vaccination.—(*Elliot Colburn*.)

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

Adjourned at 6.39 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers presented and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 17 September 2021 under Standing Orders No. 158 and No. 159:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Agriculture

Direct Payments to Farmers (Inspections) (England) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1057), dated 17 September 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary George Eustice)

2 Exiting the European Union

United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020 (Maximum Penalty) Regulations (SI, 2021, No. 1056), dated 10 September 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 20 September 2021

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

3 Public Health

Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel and Operator Liability) (England) (Amendment) (No. 12) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1066), dated 20 September 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

4 Road Traffic

Trailer Registration (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1043), dated 14 September 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

Other papers

5 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department for Work and Pensions: Investigation into underpayments of State Pension (by Act), to be printed (HC 665) (Clerk of the House)

6 Planning

(1) National Policy Statement for Electricity Networks Infrastructure (EN-5) (by Act) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

(2) National Policy Statement for Gas Supply Infrastructure and Gas and Oil Pipelines (EN-4) (by Act) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

(3) National Policy Statement for Natural Gas Electricity Generating Infrastructure (EN-2) (by Act) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

(4) National Policy Statement for Renewable Energy Infrastructure (EN-3) (by Act) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

(5) Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy (EN-1) (by Act) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

7 Treasury

Treasury Minutes on the Eighth to the Eleventh Reports of the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2021–22 (by Command) (CP 520) (Helen Whately)