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House of Commons

Wednesday 17 November 2021

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

1 Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Wales

(2) the Prime Minister

2 Peerage Nominations (Disqualification of Party Donors) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Angus Brendan MacNeil, supported by Ben Lake, Douglas Chapman, Liz Saville Roberts, Patricia Gibson, Carol Monaghan, Hywel Williams and Jonathan Edwards, presented a Bill to prevent persons who have donated £50,000 or more to a political party within the previous five years from being nominated for a peerage.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 26 November, and to be printed (Bill 192).

3 Disposable Barbecues: Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit the use of disposable barbecues on open moorland; to give local authorities the power to prohibit the sale of disposable barbecues in their area; and for connected purposes;

That Robert Largan, Mr John Baron, Karen Bradley, Damian Green, Andrew Gwynne, Simon Hoare, Helen Hayes, Kevin Hollinrake, Simon Jupp, Jason McCartney, Munira Wilson and Sammy Wilson present the Bill.

Robert Largan accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 14 January 2022, and to be printed (Bill 193).

4 Opposition Day: Leader of the Opposition (8th allotted day (Standing Order No. 14))

(1) Radox Covid Contracts

Resolved, That an Humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that she will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House the minutes from or any notes of the meeting of 9 April 2020 between Lord Bethell, Owen Paterson and Randox representatives, and all correspondence, including submissions and electronic communications, addressed or copied to, or written by or on behalf of, any or all of the following:

(a) a Minister or former Minister of the Crown,

(b) a Special Adviser of such a Minister or former Minister, or

(c) a Member or former Member of this House

relating to the Government contracts for services provided by medical laboratories, awarded to Randox Laboratories Ltd. by the Department for Health and Social Care, reference tender_237869/856165 and CF-0053400D0O000000rwimUAA1, valued at £133,000,000 and £334,300,000 – £346,500,000 respectively.—(*Angela Rayner*.)

5 Royal Assent

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Queen had signified Royal Assent to the following Acts under the Royal Assent Act 1967:

Telecommunications (Security) Act 2021

Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Act 2021

6 Opposition Day: Leader of the Opposition (8th allotted day (Standing Order No. 14)) (resumed)

(2) Strengthening Standards in Public Life

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House:

(1) endorses the 2018 recommendation from the Committee on Standards in Public Life that Members should be banned from any paid work to provide services as a Parliamentary strategist, adviser or consultant;

(2) instructs the Committee on Standards to draw up proposals to implement this and to report by 31 January 2022; and

(3) orders that on the expiry of fifteen sitting days from the date on which the Committee makes its report to the House, if no debate has been held on a substantive motion relating to recommendations in that report, the Speaker shall give precedence to a substantive motion on the recommendations in that report tabled thereafter by any Member.—(*Thangam Debbonaire.*)

Amendment moved, to leave out from 'House' in line 1 to the end and add 'acknowledges recent concern over the outside interests of Members of Parliament; believes the rules which apply to MPs must be up to date, effective and appropriately rigorous; recalls the 2018 report by the Committee on Standards in Public Life into this matter; believes that recommendations 1 and 10 in that report form the basis of a viable approach which could command the confidence of parliamentarians and the public; believes that these recommendations should be taken forward; and supports cross-party work, including that being done by the House's Committee on Standards, to bring forward recommendations to update

the Code of Conduct for MPs by 31 January 2022.'—(*Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg.*)

Question proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question (Standing Order No. 31(2)).

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

Question put, That the original words stand part of the Question (Standing Order No. 31(2)).

The House divided.

Division No. 111

Ayes: 231 (Tellers: Liz Twist, Gill Furniss)

Noes: 282 (Tellers: Gareth Johnson, Steve Double)

Question accordingly negatived.

Question, That the proposed words be there added, put forthwith (Standing Order No. 31(2)).

The House divided.

Division No. 112

Ayes: 297 (Tellers: Gareth Johnson, Steve Double)

Noes: 0 (Tellers: Jackie Doyle-Price, Mr Peter Bone)

Question agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker declared the Main Question, as amended, agreed to (Standing Order No. 31(2)).

Resolved, That this House acknowledges recent concern over the outside interests of Members of Parliament; believes the rules which apply to MPs must be up to date, effective and appropriately rigorous; recalls the 2018 report by the Committee on Standards in Public Life into this matter; believes that recommendations 1 and 10 in that report form the basis of a viable approach which could command the confidence of parliamentarians and the public; believes that these recommendations should be taken forward; and supports cross-party work, including that being done by the House's Committee on Standards, to bring forward recommendations to update the Code of Conduct for MPs by 31 January 2022.

7 Sitting on 23 November

Ordered, That on Tuesday 23 November the House shall meet at half past twelve o'clock and the sitting in Westminster Hall will begin at half past two o'clock and continue for three hours.—(*Steve Double.*)

8 Delegated Legislation (Airport and Ground Operations Support Scheme Winter 2021/22 Renewal)

Ordered, That the Motion in the name of Secretary Grant Shapps relating to Airport and Ground Operations Support Scheme Winter 2021/22 Renewal shall be treated as if it related to an instrument subject to the provisions of Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees) in respect of which notice has been given that the instrument be approved.—(*Steve Double.*)

9 Adjournment

Subject: Contribution of Walter Smith OBE to Scottish football (Brendan O'Hara)

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

Adjourned at 7.41 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Changes to Notices Given

10 Flexible Working Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 19 November, read and discharged.

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

11 Children's Clothing (Value Added Tax) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 19 November, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 26 November.

12 Caravan Site Licensing (Exemptions of Motor Homes) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 19 November, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 26 November.

13 Channel 4 (Privatisation) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 19 November, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 26 November.

14 British Broadcasting Corporation (Privatisation) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 19 November, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 26 November.

General Committees: Reports

15 Cultural Objects (Protection From Seizure) Bill

Stewart Hosie (Chair) reported the Bill without Amendment.

Bill, not amended, to be considered on Friday 28 January 2022.

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).

16 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Local Audit (Appointing Person) (Amendment) Regulations 2021)

Members: Kemi Badenoch, Aaron Bell, Mr Clive Betts, Andrew Bowie, Paul Bristow, Dan Carden, Rosie Cooper, Richard Drax, Lilian Greenwood, Sir Oliver Heald, Antony Higginbotham, Catherine McKinnell, Scott Mann, Navendu Mishra, Angela Richardson, Jeff Smith and Royston Smith

17 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (Value Added Tax (Distance Selling and Miscellaneous Amendments No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1165)

and the Customs Tariff (Establishment and Suspension of Import Duty) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1191))

Members: Paul Bristow discharged and Mr Steve Baker nominated in substitution.

18 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (Amendment) (No. 3) (High-Risk Countries) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1218))

Members: Bim Afolami, Anthony Browne, Chris Bryant, Rob Butler, Alberto Costa, Gareth Davies, Clive Efford, Peter Grant, Stephen Hammond, Siobhain McDonagh, Mr Pat McFadden, Alan Mak, Anthony Mangnall, Selaine Saxby, Liz Twist, Helen Whately and Nadia Whittome

19 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Double Taxation Relief and International Tax Enforcement (Taiwan) Order 2021)

Members: Lucy Allan, Kevin Brennan, Liam Byrne, Douglas Chapman, Mrs Natalie Elphicke, Lucy Frazer, Sir Mark Hendrick, Andrew Jones, Andrew Lewer, Mark

Logan, Alan Mak, James Murray, Alexander Stafford, Zarah Sultana, Sir Robert Syms, Liz Twist and Craig Williams

Reports from Select Committees

20Environmental Audit Committee

(1) *Sustainability of the built environment*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 76);

(2) *Carbon border adjustment mechanism*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 737);

(3) *Net zero aviation and shipping*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 520);

(4) *Technological innovations and climate change: negative emissions technologies*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 738);

(5) *Water quality in rivers*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 74)

(Philip Dunne).

21 European Scrutiny Committee

(1) Twelfth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 121-xi);

(2) *Ministerial correspondence*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 121);

(3) *Negotiations with the European Union in respect of Gibraltar*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 703)

(Sir William Cash).

22 Home Affairs Committee

(1) *Channel crossings, migration and asylum-seeking routes through the EU*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 194);

(2) *Afghanistan: safe routes and resettlement*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 706)

(Yvette Cooper).

23 Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

Parking Code of Practice Enforcement Framework: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 794) (Mr Clive Betts).

24 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

(1) *Legislative Scrutiny: Elections Bill: Government Response to the Committee's Fifth Report: Seventh Special Report*, to be printed (HC 233);

(2) *Legislative Scrutiny: Nationality and Borders Bill*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 588);

(3) *Legislative Scrutiny: The Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 91);

(4) *Proposal for a draft Bereavement Benefits (Remedial) Order 2021*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 594);

(5) *The Government's response to COVID-19: human rights implications of long lockdown*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 263);

(Ms Harriet Harman).

25 International Trade Committee

(1) *UK-EU trading relationship*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 493);

(2) *UK trade negotiations: Agreement with New Zealand*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 817)

(Angus Brendan MacNeil).

26 Liaison Committee

Evidence from the Prime Minister: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 835)
(Sir Bernard Jenkin).

27 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *Achieving Net Zero*: Follow up: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 642);

(2) *COVID-19 cost tracker update*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 173)

(Dame Meg Hillier).

28 Science and Technology Committee

(1) *UK space strategy and UK satellite infrastructure*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 98);

(2) Reproducibility and research integrity:
Written evidence, to be published (HC 606);

(3) The role of technology, research and innovation in the COVID-19 recovery:
Written evidence, to be published (HC 95)

(Greg Clark).

29 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

Fifteenth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 56-xv) (Jessica Morden).

30 Statutory Instruments (Select Committee on)

Eleventh Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes related to the Report (HC 57-xi) (Jessica Morden).

31 Transport Committee

Airlines and airports: supporting recovery in the UK aviation sector: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 683) (Huw Merriman).

32 Welsh Affairs Committee

(1) *One-off session on issues in the Labour market in Wales*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 829);

(2) *The economic and cultural impacts of trade and environmental policy on family farms in Wales*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 607)

(Ben Lake).

33 Women and Equalities Committee

(1) *Menopause and the workplace*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 602);

(2) *Annual session with the Equality and Human Rights Commission*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 783);

(3) *Equality and the UK asylum process*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 726)

(4) *Gender Sensitive Parliament*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 131);

(5) *The rights of cohabiting partners*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 130);

(Kate Osborne).

34 Work and Pensions Committee

(1) *Disability employment gap: Government Response to the Committee's Second Report of Session 2021–22: Fourth Special Report*, to be printed (HC 866);

(2) *Health and Safety Executive's approach to asbestos management*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 560);

(3) *Correspondence with the Minister for Pensions relating to Post Office card accounts*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Prime Minister relating to the Online Safety Bill*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to financially vulnerable water customers*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Protecting pension savers—five years on from the Pension Freedoms*: Accessing pension savings: Written evidence, to be published (HC 237)

(Stephen Timms).

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 Support for people with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

Resolved, That this House has considered support for people with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.—(*Mike Amesbury*.)

The sitting was suspended between 10.50 am and 11.00 am.

2 Supporting single parents into work

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the matter of supporting single parents into work.—(*Dr Rupa Huq*.)

At 11.30 am, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

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

3 Use of Stop and Search in the West Midlands

Resolved, That this House has considered the use of Stop and Search in the West Midlands.—(*Nicola Richards.*)

4 Regulation of the provision of funeral director services

Resolved, That this House has considered the regulation of the provision of funeral director services.—(*Jake Berry.*)

5 Roadmap to peace in Palestine

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the matter of a roadmap to peace in Palestine.—(*Tahir Ali.*)

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)).

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of a roadmap to peace in Palestine.

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 Negative Resolution

1 Exiting the European Union (Consumer Protection)

Product Safety and Metrology etc. (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1273), dated 15 November 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

2 Ministers of the Crown

Transfer of Functions (Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities) Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1265), dated 10 November 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Michael Gove)

3 Prisons

Prison and Young Offender Institution (Amendment) Rules 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1279), dated 15 November 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

Other papers

4 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Cross-government: The government's preparedness for the COVID-19 pandemic: lessons for government on risk management (by Act), to be printed (HC 735) (Clerk of the House)

CORRECTION

Tuesday 16 November 2021

This item should have appeared after item 33 (Other Proceedings):

Justice Committee

(1) *The work of the Lord Chief Justice: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 868);*

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

(3) *Open justice: court reporting in the digital age: Written evidence, to be published (HC 596)*

(Sir Robert Neill).