



# House of Commons

Thursday 18 November 2021

## Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 **Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport  
(2) the Attorney General**
- 2 **Urgent Question: Northern Ireland Protocol: EU negotiations (Michael Ellis)**
- 3 **Statements: (1) Integrated Rail Plan for the North and the Midlands (Secretary Grant Shapps)  
(2) Business (Leader of the House)**
- 4 **Critical Benchmarks (References and Administrators' Liability) Bill [Lords]: Allocation of Time Motion**

*Ordered*, That the following provisions shall apply to the proceedings on the Critical Benchmarks (References and Administrators' Liability) Bill [Lords]:

*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 three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order.

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

(d) 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 (13)(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.

#### *Subsequent stages*

(8) (a) Any 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 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.

(9) 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 (8) of this Order.

#### *Reasons Committee*

(10) 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*

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

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

(13) (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.

(14) (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.

(15) (a) The start of any debate under Standing Order No. 24 (Emergency debates) to be held on a day on which the Bill has been set down to be taken as an Order of the Day shall be postponed until the conclusion of any proceedings on that day to which this Order applies.

(b) Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply in respect of any such debate.

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

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

(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.—(David T C Davies.)

**5 Critical Benchmarks (References and Administrators' Liability) Bill [Lords]: Second Reading**

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

**6 Critical Benchmarks (References and Administrators' Liability) Bill [Lords]: 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.

Clauses 2 to 4 agreed to.

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

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Rebecca Harris reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made no amendment.

**7 Critical Benchmarks (References and Administrators' Liability) Bill [Lords]: Third Reading**

Bill read the third time, and passed.

**8 Adjournment**

Subject: The British Council and opportunities for global Britain (Mr John Baron)

*Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn.—(Rebecca Harris.)

Adjourned at 3.07 pm until tomorrow.

## Other Proceedings

### *Lords Messages*

**9 Professional Qualifications Bill [Lords]**

The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision relating to entitlement to practise certain professions, occupations and trades; and for connected purposes, to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

### *First Reading and Printing of Lords Bills*

**10 Professional Qualifications Bill [Lords]**

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 194), with Explanatory Notes (Bill 194–EN).

### *General Committees: Reports*

**11 Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill Committee**

Geraint Davies (Chair) reported:

- (1) written evidence submitted to the Committee; and
- (2) the Bill as amended.

Written evidence to be published.

Bill, as amended, to be considered tomorrow; and to be printed (Bill 195).

#### **12 Nuclear Energy (Financing) Bill Committee**

Yvonne Fovargue (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

#### **13 Subsidy Control Bill Committee**

Caroline Nokes (Chair) reported:

- (1) written evidence submitted to the Committee; and
- (2) the Bill as amended.

Written evidence to be published.

Bill, as amended, to be considered tomorrow; and to be printed (Bill 196).

#### **14 Second Delegated Legislation Committee**

Christina Rees (Chair) reported the 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).

### *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 Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill Committee**

Members: Jane Stevenson discharged and Lia Nici nominated in substitution.

#### **16 Finance (No.2) Bill Committee**

Chairs: Dame Angela Eagle and Sir Christopher Chope

#### **17 Local Government (Disqualification) Bill Committee**

Chair: Dr Rupa Huq

#### **18 Skills and Post-16 Education Bill [Lords] Committee**

Chairs: Clive Efford and Mrs Maria Miller

#### **19 First Delegated Legislation Committee (Draft Local Audit (Appointing Person) (Amendment) Regulations 2021**

Chair: David Mundell

**20 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Eggs (England) Regulations 2021)**

Chair: Mrs Sheryll Murray

Members: Debbie Abrahams, Adam Afriyie, Sara Britcliffe, Alun Cairns, Theo Clarke, Rosie Duffield, Barry Gardiner, Mary Glendon, Fay Jones, Alicia Kearns, Robbie Moore, Victoria Prentis, John Spellar, Stephen Timms, Suzanne Webb, Mrs Heather Wheeler and Daniel Zeichner

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

Chair: Julie Elliott

Members: Peter Grant discharged and Gavin Newlands nominated in substitution.

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

Chair: Christina Rees

*Reports from Select Committees***23 Backbench Business Committee**

Determination of business to be taken on Thursday 25 November and 2 December in the Chamber and Thursday 2 and Tuesday 7 December in Westminster Hall (Ian Mearns).

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

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

**25 International Trade Committee**

(1) *The work of the Department for International Trade:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 128);

(2) *UK trade negotiations:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 127)

(Angus Brendan MacNeil).

**26 Treasury Committee**

*Autumn Budget and Spending Review 2021:* Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 825) (Mel Stride).

*Lindsay Hoyle*

Speaker

## Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 1.30 pm.

Business determined by the Backbench Business Committee (Standing Orders No. 10(7) and 14(4))

**1 Public access to Automatic External Defibrillators**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered public access to Automatic External Defibrillators.—(*Jim Shannon*.)

*The sitting was suspended between 2.54 pm and 3.00 pm.*

**2 Enabling visa- and permit-free working for musicians in the EU**

Motion made and Question Proposed, That this House has considered enabling visa- and permit-free working for musicians in the EU.—(*Ms Harriet Harman*.)

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 enabling visa- and permit-free working for musicians in the EU.

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

Adjourned at 4.23 pm until Monday 22 November.

*Eleanor Laing*

Chairman of Ways and Means

## Papers Laid

### Papers subject to Negative Resolution

**1 Enforcement**

Taking Control of Goods (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1288), dated 17 November 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

**2 Exiting the European Union (Excise)**

Excise Duties (Removal of Alcoholic Liquor to Northern Ireland and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1282), dated 17 November 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Helen Whately)

**3 Rating and Valuation**

Non-Domestic Rating (Discretionary Relief) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1276), dated 16 November 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Kemi Badenoch)

**4 Social Security**

Universal Credit (Work Allowance and Taper) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1283), dated 15 November 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Thérèse Coffey)

**5 Tax Credits**

Tax Credits and Child Benefit (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1286), dated 17 November 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Simon Clarke)

## Other papers

### **6 Constitutional Reform**

Report of the Judicial Appointments and Conduct Ombudsman (by Act) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

### **7 Energy**

Report and Accounts of the Civil Nuclear Police Authority for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 749) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

### **8 Housing and Regeneration**

Report and Accounts of the Regulator of Social Housing for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 812) (Secretary Michael Gove)

### **9 Immigration**

Explanatory Memorandum to the Allocation of Housing and Homelessness (Eligibility) (England) and Persons subject to Immigration Control (Housing Authority Accommodation and Homelessness) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1045), (laid 15 September) (Secretary Michael Gove)

### **10 Parliamentary Standards**

Report and Accounts of the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 864) (The Speaker)

### **11 Social Security Administration**

Report and Accounts of the National Insurance Fund Investment Account for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 852) (John Glen)

### **12 Transport**

Integrated Rail Plan for the North and Midlands (by Command) (CP 490) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

### **13 UK Borders**

Report of the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration: An inspection of asylum casework for August 2020–May 2021 (by Act) (Secretary Priti Patel)

## Withdrawn papers

### **14 Immigration**

Explanatory Memorandum to the Allocation of Housing and Homelessness (Eligibility) (England) and Persons subject to Immigration Control (Housing Authority Accommodation and Homelessness) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1045), (laid 4 November)

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**CORRECTION**

Wednesday 17 November

Item 15 (Other proceedings) should have read:

**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)

(Ms Harriet Harman).