



House of Commons

Tuesday 7 December 2021

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

1 Questions to the Chancellor of the Exchequer

2 Urgent Question: Ukraine (Vicky Ford)

3 Statement: Prisons strategy (Victoria Atkins)

4 Dyslexia Screening: Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require screening for dyslexia in primary schools; to make provision about the teaching and assessment of children found by that screening to have dyslexia; and for connected purposes;

That Matt Hancock, Robert Halfon, Dr Rupa Huq, Sir Iain Duncan Smith, Paul Bristow, Rosie Cooper, Tom Hunt, Henry Smith, Holly Mumby-Croft, Christian Wakeford, Brendan Clarke-Smith and Jim Shannon present the Bill.

Matt Hancock accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 18 March 2022, and to be printed (Bill 210).

5 Nationality and Borders Bill: Programme (No. 2)

Ordered, That the Order of 20 July 2021 (Nationality and Borders Bill (Programme)) be varied as follows:

(1) Paragraphs (4) and (5) of the Order shall be omitted.

(2) Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading shall be taken in two days in accordance with the following provisions of this Order.

(3) Proceedings on Consideration—

(a) shall be taken on each of those days in the order shown in the first column of the following Table, and

(b) shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the times specified in the second column of the Table.

Proceedings

Time for conclusion of proceedings

First day

New Clauses and new Schedules relating to Part 1 (nationality) and amendments to that Part

Two and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the motion for this Order.

New Clauses and new Schedules relating to Parts 2, 3, 4 and 6 (asylum, immigration control, age assessments and miscellaneous provisions) and amendments to those Parts

Five hours after the commencement of proceedings on the motion for this Order.

Second day

New Clauses and new Schedules relating to Part 5 (modern slavery) and amendments to that Part; and remaining proceedings on Consideration

Two hours after the commencement of proceedings on Consideration on the second day.

(4) Proceedings on Third Reading shall be taken on the second day and shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion three hours after the commencement of proceedings on Consideration on the second day.—(*Tom Pursglove.*)

6 Nationality and Borders Bill (Report Stage): Consideration of the Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee (first day)

New Clause NC2—(*Henry Smith*)—brought up and read the first time.

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

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

Question put.

The House divided.

Division No. 134

Ayes: 245 (Tellers: Andrew Rosindell, Sir Graham Brady)

Noes: 309 (Tellers: Craig Whittaker, Scott Mann)

Question accordingly negated.

As it was two and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Programme Order, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on New Clauses and new Schedules relating to Part 1 (nationality) and amendments to that Part to a conclusion (Programme Order, Today).

The following Questions were put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83E).

(1) That New Clause 8 be added to the Bill (Question on New Clause selected by the Speaker for separate decision).—(*Bell Ribeiro-Addy.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 135

Ayes: 237 (Tellers: Mary Glendon, Taiwo Owatemi)

Noes: 323 (Tellers: Scott Mann, Craig Whittaker)

Question accordingly negated.

(2) That Amendments 17 and 18 be made (single Question on Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown).—(*Kevin Foster.*)

Question agreed to.

New Clause NC20—(*Tom Pursglove*)—brought up and read the first time.

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

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

Question put and agreed to.

Clause added to the Bill.

New Clause NC50—(*Bambos Charalambous*)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Division No. 136

Ayes: 235 (Tellers: Taiwo Owatemi, Mary Glindon)

Noes: 314 (Tellers: Scott Mann, Craig Whittaker)

Question accordingly negated.

As it was five hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Programme Order, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on New Clauses and new Schedules relating to Parts 2, 3, 4 and 6 (asylum, immigration control, age assessments and miscellaneous provisions) and amendments to those Parts to a conclusion (Programme Order, Today).

The following Questions were put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83E).

(1) That New Clause NC52 be added to the Bill (Question on New Clause selected by the Speaker for separate decision).—(*Johnny Mercer*.)

The House divided.

Division No. 137

Ayes: 251 (Tellers: Taiwo Owatemi, Mary Glindon)

Noes: 296 (Tellers: Craig Whittaker, Scott Mann)

Question accordingly negated.

(2) That Amendments 19 to 53 be made (single Question on Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown).—(*Tom Pursglove*.)

Question agreed to.

(3) That Amendment 116 be made (Question on Amendment selected by the Speaker for separate decision).—(*Stuart C McDonald*.)

The House divided.

Division No. 138

Ayes: 233 (Tellers: Alan Brown, Richard Thomson)

Noes: 318 (Tellers: Scott Mann, Craig Whittaker)

Question accordingly negated.

(4) That Amendments 54 to 63 and 91 to 95 be made (single Question on Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown).—(*Tom Pursglove*.)

Question agreed to.

(5) That Amendment 98 be made (Question on Amendment selected by the Speaker for separate decision).—(*Harriet Harman*.)

The House divided.

Division No. 139

Ayes: 235 (Tellers: Mary Glendon, Taiwo Owatemi)

Noes: 313 (Tellers: Craig Whittaker, Scott Mann)

Question accordingly negated.

Bill to be further considered tomorrow.

7 Statutory Instruments: Motion for Approval

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the Heavy Commercial Vehicles in Kent (No. 2) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 0000), dated 15 November 2021, a copy of which was laid before this House on 15 November, be approved.—(*Steve Double.*)

Question agreed to.

8 Business of the House (8 December)

Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 8 December, notwithstanding paragraph (2) (c) of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), business in the name of the Leader of the Opposition may be entered upon at any hour and may be proceeded with, though opposed, for three hours; proceedings shall then lapse if not previously disposed of; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(*Steve Double.*)

9 Public petitions

A public petition from residents of the constituency of Hemel Hempstead relating to Bennetts End Road was presented and read by Sir Mike Penning.

10 Adjournment

Subject: Support for offenders' families (Dr Andrew Murrison)

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

Adjourned at 8.32 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

11 Public Service Pensions and Judicial Offices Bill [Lords]

The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision about public service pension schemes, including retrospective provision to rectify unlawful discrimination in the way in which existing schemes were restricted under the Public Service Pensions Act 2013 and corresponding Northern Ireland legislation; to make provision for the establishment of new public pension schemes for members of occupational pension schemes of bodies that were brought into public ownership under the Banking (Special Provisions) Act 2008; to make provision about the remuneration and the date of retirement of holders of certain judicial offices; to make provision about judicial service after retirement; and for connected purposes, to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

*First Reading and Printing of Lords Bills***12 Public Service Pensions and Judicial Offices Bill [Lords]**

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow; and to be printed (Bill 211) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 211–EN).

*Changes to Notices Given***13 Acquired Brain Injury Bill**

Bill withdrawn.

14 BBC Licence Fee (Abolition) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 10 December, read and discharged.
Bill to be read a second time on Friday 14 January 2022.

15 Homeless People (Current Accounts) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 10 December, read and discharged.
Bill to be read a second time on Friday 14 January 2022.

16 Electoral Candidates (Age) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 10 December, read and discharged.
Bill to be read a second time on Friday 14 January 2022.

17 Leader of the House of Commons (Election) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 10 December, read and discharged.
Bill to be read a second time on Friday 14 January 2022.

18 Electoral Commission (Abolition) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 10 December, read and discharged.
Bill to be read a second time on Friday 14 January 2022.

19 General Election (Leaders' Debates) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 10 December, read and discharged.
Bill to be read a second time on Friday 14 January 2022.

20 Hospitals (Parking Charges and Business Rates) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 10 December, read and discharged.
Bill to be read a second time on Friday 14 January 2022.

21 Voter Registration Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 10 December, read and discharged.
Bill to be read a second time on Friday 14 January 2022.

22 Asylum Seekers (Return to Safe Countries) Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 14 January 2022.

General Committees: Reports

23 Commercial Rent (Coronavirus) Bill

Stewart Hosie (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.

24 Leasehold Reform (Ground Rent) Bill

Mr Philip Hollobone (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.

25 Skills and Post-16 Education Bill

Mrs Maria Miller (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 212).

26 Second Delegated Legislation Committee

Christina Rees (Chair) reported the draft Solvency 2 (Group Supervision) (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).

27 Animals (Penalty Notices) Bill Committee

Members: Fay Jones discharged and Jacob Young nominated in substitution.

28 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Solvency 2 (Group Supervision) (Amendment) Regulations 2021)

Members: Jill Mortimer discharged and Aaron Bell nominated in substitution.

*Reports from Select Committees***29 Backbench Business Committee**

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

30 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

(1) *Energy National Policy Statements*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 847);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Science, Research and Innovation relating to Horizon Europe*: Written evidence, to be published

(Darren Jones).

31 Defence Committee

(1) *"We're going to need a bigger Navy"*: Third Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 168);

(2) *The treatment of contracted staff for the MOD's ancillary services*: Oral evidence taken before the Sub-Committee, to be published (HC 275)

(Tobias Ellwood).

32 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

Sport governance: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 855) (Julian Knight).

33 Education Committee

The Government's catch-up programme: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 940) (Robert Halfon).

34 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

(1) *Plastic waste*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 556);

(2) *Labour shortages in the food and farming sector*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 713);

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

(Neil Parish).

35 Environmental Audit Committee

Outcomes of COP26: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 933) (Philip Dunne).

36 Finance Committee

Record of the Committee's decisions taken at its meeting on 7 December, to be published (Nick Brown).

37 Foreign Affairs Committee

(1) *Government policy on Afghanistan*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 685);

(2) *Correspondence from the Permanent Under-Secretary on the FCDO's Overseas Superannuation Accounts 2020–21*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Foreign Secretary relating to the reformed UK toolkit for development finance and launch of British International Investment*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary relating to election monitoring*: Written evidence, to be published

(Tom Tugendhat).

38 Health and Social Care Committee

(1) *Tackling the backlog caused by the pandemic*:

(i) Ninth Report, to be printed, with the Formal Minutes relating to the Report (HC 599);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 599);

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

(3) *NHS litigation reform*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 740);

(4) *Supporting those with dementia and their carers*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 96)

(Jeremy Hunt).

39 International Development Committee

(1) *Afghanistan*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 919);

(2) *Correspondence from the Permanent Under-Secretary of State, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, relating to FCDO's Overseas Superannuation Accounts 2020–21*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, relating to development finance and launch of British International Investment*: Written evidence, to be published

(Sarah Champion).

40 Justice Committee

(1) *Imprisonment for Public Protection (IPP) sentences*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 678);

(2) *Correspondence with the Lord Chancellor*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Justice*: Written evidence, to be published;

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

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

(Sir Robert Neill).

41 Petitions Committee

(1) Record of the Committee's decisions relating to e-petitions, to be published;

(2) List of closed e-petitions presented to the House, to be published

(Catherine McKinnell).

42 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

(1) *The Elections Bill*: Fifth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 597);

(2) *The work of the Electoral Commission*: Oral and written evidence to be published (HC 43);

(3) *Correspondence from the Director General for Regulation, Office for Statistics Regulation relating to a roundtable event*: Written evidence to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman relating to the clarity of published data*: Written evidence to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the National Statistician relating to the UK Statistics (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021*: Written evidence to be published;

(6) *Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman Scrutiny 2020–21*: Written evidence to be published (HC 721)

(Mr William Wragg).

43 Transport Committee

(1) *Correspondence from the Minister for Roads, Buses and Places relating to Highway Code changes*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Road freight supply chain*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 828)

(Karl McCartney).

44 Treasury Committee

(1) *Correspondence with the Economic Secretary to the Treasury relating to advice on debt*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Correspondence with the Financial Ombudsman Service relating to the Financial Ombudsman Service Action Plan*: 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 Asthma outcomes

Resolved, That this House has considered asthma outcomes.—(*Jim Shannon*.)

2 Restoration of Mavisbank House

Resolved, That this House has considered the restoration of Mavisbank House.—(*Owen Thompson*.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.27 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 Access to affordable housing and planning reform

Resolved, That this House has considered access to affordable housing and planning reform.—(*Derek Thomas*.)

4 Darlington's bid to become the home of Great British Rail

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of Darlington's bid to become the home of Great British Rail.—(*Peter Gibson*.)

5 Health impacts of increasing antimicrobial resistance

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the health impacts of increasing antimicrobial resistance.—(*Kevin Hollinrake*.)

The sitting was suspended between 4.45 pm and 5.10 pm for divisions in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

Resolved, That this House has considered the health impacts of increasing antimicrobial resistance.

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

Adjourned at 5.53 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Public Health

Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel and Operator Liability) (England) (Amendment) (No. 23) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1371), dated 6 December 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Edward Argar)

Other papers

2 Education and Inspections

Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted) for 2020–21, to be printed (HC 867) (Robin Walker)

3 Justice

Prisons Strategy White Paper (CP 581) (by Command) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

4 Northern Ireland (Stormont Agreement and Implementation Plan)

Fourth Report of the Independent Reporting Commission for 2020–21, to be printed (HC 916) (Secretary Brandon Lewis)

5 Statutory Instruments (Notification)

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: Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel and Operator Liability) (England) (Amendment) (No. 23) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1371) (by Standing Order) (The Speaker)