



# House of Commons

Thursday 9 December 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 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs  
(2) the hon. Member representing the Church Commissioners, the Chairman of the Public Accounts Commission and the hon. Member representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission**
- 2 **Urgent Question: Downing Street Christmas parties investigation (Michael Ellis)**
- 3 **Business Question (Leader of the House)**
- 4 **Statement: Delivering justice for victims (Tom Pursglove)**
- 5 **Select Committee Statement (Standing Order No. 22D): Publication of the Fourth Special Report of the Defence Committee, Protecting those who protect us: Women in the armed forces from recruitment to civilian life: Government Response to the Committee's Second Report of Session 2021–22, HC 904 (Sarah Atherton)**
- 6 **Backbench Business**
  - (1) Contribution of financial services to the UK economy  
*Resolved*, That this House recognises the importance of financial services to the UK economy; and calls on the Government to provide adequate support to help create the right regulatory and operational environment for that industry to ensure that the UK is able to retain its competitiveness on the world stage.—(Anthony Browne.)
  - (2) Consular support for British citizens  
*Resolved*, That this House regrets that the consular services provided by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) to bereaved families of people who have been murdered, died in suspicious circumstances, imprisoned or tortured overseas has fallen short of the standard reasonably expected; notes that access to justice and basic standards of assistance are dependent upon a person's ability to pay; is concerned that there is no legal right to consular assistance and that support is provided on a discretionary basis, which can lead to unpredictable and inconsistent communications from the FCDO; further regrets that consular services in the UK are below the level of support UK citizens should expect; believes that the FCDO's focus is on what it cannot do to help, rather than what it can do, which adds to the trauma experienced by victims; calls on the Government to improve and standardise communication processes at the FCDO, to publish consular procedures and policies and to revisit the findings of the Fifth Report of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Support for British nationals abroad: The

Consular Service, Session 2014-15, HC 516; further calls on the Government to consult with the families affected and to raise the standard of how British citizens are treated by FCDO procedures; and urges the Government to set a world leading example of how a state treats its citizens in their darkest hour of need.—(*Hannah Bardell*.)

## 7 Adjournment

Subject: Provision of services to vulnerable women and children asylum seekers in Stockton (Alex Cunningham)

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Scott Mann*.)

At 5.00 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 9(3)).

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

Adjourned at 5.11 pm until tomorrow.

## Other Proceedings

### *Lords Messages*

## 8 Education (Assemblies) Bill [Lords]

The Lords have passed a bill to amend the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 to make provision regarding assemblies at state schools without a designated religious character in England; to repeal the requirement for those schools to hold collective worship; and for connected purposes, to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

## 9 Rating (Coronavirus) and Directors Disqualification (Dissolved Companies) Bill

The Lords agree to the Rating (Coronavirus) and Directors Disqualification (Dissolved Companies) Bill, without amendment.

## 10 Armed Forces Bill

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Armed Forces Bill to which the Commons have disagreed and do propose Amendments in lieu to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

### *Printing of Lords Amendments*

## 11 Armed Forces Bill

Lords Message in relation to the Armed Forces Bill to be considered tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 213).

### *Changes to Notices Given*

## 12 Benefit Sanctions (Warnings) Bill

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

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

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- 13 Universal Credit Sanctions (Zero Hours Contracts) Bill**  
Order for Second Reading on Friday 10 December, read and discharged.  
Bill to be read a second time on Friday 14 January 2022
- 14 Asylum Seekers (Accommodation Eviction Procedures) 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 Disability Benefit Assessments (Recording) 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 Full Employment 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 Health and Safety at Work 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 Corporate Homicide 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 Workers (Rights and Definition) 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 Automated External Defibrillators (Public Access) Bill**  
Order for Second Reading on Friday 10 December, read and discharged.  
Bill to be read a second time on Friday 21 January 2022
- 21 United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority Pension Transfers (Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman Investigation) Bill**  
Order for Second Reading on Friday 10 December, read and discharged.  
Bill to be read a second time on Friday 25 February 2022.
- 22 Registers of Births and Deaths Bill**  
Order for resuming on Friday 10 December the adjourned debate on the Question proposed on 26 November, That the Bill be now read a second time, read and discharged.  
Debate to be resumed on Friday 14 January 2022.
- 23 Local Electricity Bill**  
Order for Second Reading on Friday 10 December, read and discharged.  
Bill to be read a second time on Friday 25 February 2022.

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*General Committees: Reports***24 Commercial Rent (Coronavirus) Bill Committee**

Mrs Sheryll Murray (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.  
Written evidence to be published.

**25 Leasehold Reform (Ground Rent) [Lords] Bill**

Julie Elliott (Chair) reported:

(1) written evidence; and

(2) the Bill, as amended.

Written evidence to be published.

Bill, as amended, to be considered tomorrow; and to be printed (Bill 214).

*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).*

**26 Approved Premises (Substance Testing) Bill Committee**

Chair: David Mundell

**27 Dormant Assets Bill Committee**

Chairs: Ms Nusrat Ghani and Dr Rupa Huq

**28 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Network and Information Systems (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2021)**

Chair: Mr Peter Bone

Members: Mr Mark Francois discharged and Giles Watling nominated in substitution.

**29 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Wine (Amendment) Regulations 2021)**

Chair: Caroline Nokes

**30 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations 2021)**

Chair: Peter Dowd

Members: Nicola Richards discharged and Laura Trott nominated in substitution.

**31 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Civil Jurisdiction and Judgements (2005 Hague Convention and 2007 Hague Convention) (Amendment) Regulations 2022)**

Chair: Philip Davies

Members: Dame Angela Eagle, Dr Julian Lewis and Sir Robert Neill discharged and Mr Louie French, Andy Slaughter and Laura Trott nominated in substitution.

**32 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Companies (Strategic Report) (Climate-related Financial Disclosure) Regulations 2021)**

Chair: James Gray

Members: Ben Bradley and Sir Robert Neill discharged and Mr Robert Goodwill and Laura Trott nominated in substitution.

**33 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Merchant Shipping (Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments) Order 2022)**

Chair: Hannah Bardell

Members: Laura Trott discharged and Nicola Richards nominated in substitution.

*Reports from Select Committees*

**34 Backbench Business Committee**

Determination of business to be taken on Thursday 16 December in the Chamber (Ian Mearns).

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

*Pre-appointment hearing for Chair of the Charity Commission:*

(i) Sixth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 261);

(ii) Oral evidence, to be published (HC 261)

(Julian Knight).

**36 Standards (Committee on)**

*Correspondence with the Rt Hon Sir Ernest Ryder relating to his review of fairness and natural justice in the House's standards system:* Written evidence, to be published (Chris Bryant).

*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 No. 14(4))

**1 Support for the UK's transition to electric vehicles by 2030**

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered support for the UK's transition to electric vehicles by 2030.—(*Wera Hobhouse.*)

At 3.00 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

Liaison Committee business (Standing Order No. 10(7))

## 2 Protecting those who protect us: Women in the armed forces from recruitment to civilian life

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the Second Report of the Defence Committee, Protecting those who protect us: Women in the armed forces from recruitment to civilian life, HC 154, and the Government Response, HC 904.—(*Sarah Atherton*.)

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

Adjourned at 4.13 pm until Monday 13 December.

*Eleanor Laing*

Chairman of Ways and Means

## Papers Laid

### Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

#### 1 Public Health

Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1400), dated 9 December 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Maggie Throup)

### Papers subject to Negative Resolution

#### 2 Agriculture

Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products (Marketing Standards and Organic Products) (Transitional Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1396), dated 9 December 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary George Eustice)

#### 3 Capital Gains Tax

London Capital and Finance Compensation Scheme (Chargeable Gains Exemption) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1385), dated 8 December 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Lucy Frazer)

#### 4 Education

Education (Student Loans) (Repayment) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1378), dated 7 December 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Michelle Donelan)

#### 5 Environmental Protection

(1) Ozone-Depleting Substances (Grant of Halon Derogations) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1397), dated 9 December 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary George Eustice)

(2) Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1395), dated 8 December 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary George Eustice)

**6 Income Tax**

Designation of Freeport Tax Sites (Freeport East) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1389), dated 8 December 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Lucy Frazer)

**7 Local Government**

(1) Draft Bury (Electoral Changes) Order 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (The Speaker)

(2) Draft Gosport (Electoral Changes) Order 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (The Speaker)

**Other papers****8 Budget Responsibility and National Audit**

Office for Budget Responsibility: Forecast evaluation report (by Act) (Helen Whately)

**9 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy**

National Minimum Wage: Low Pay Commission Report 2021 (by Command) (CP 565) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

**10 European Union (Withdrawal)**

Report on the European Union (Withdrawal) Act and Common Frameworks for the period 26 June to 25 September 2021 (by Act) (Secretary Michael Gove)

**11 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development**

Departmental Minute regarding liability arising from India Green Guarantee (by Command) (Amanda Milling)

**12 Government Resources and Accounts**

Report and Accounts of the Commission for Local Administration in England (Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman) for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 900) (Secretary Michael Gove)

**13 Insolvency**

Accounts of Insolvency Services and the Insolvency Services Investment for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 970) (Clerk of the House)

**14 Justice**

Delivering justice for victims: A consultation on improving victims' experiences of the justice system (by Command) (CP 574) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

**15 National Citizen Service**

Report and Accounts of the National Citizen Service Trust for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 763) (Nigel Huddleston)

**16 National Lottery**

Report and Accounts of Arts Council England Grant-in-aid and National Lottery Distribution for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 288) (Nigel Huddleston)

**17 National Lottery etc.**

(1) Report and Accounts of Creative Scotland National Lottery Distribution Fund for 2020–21 (by Act) (Secretary Alister Jack)

(2) Report and Accounts of National Lottery Distribution Fund for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 315) (Secretary Nadine Dorries)

**18 Pensions**

Report and Accounts of the National Employment Savings Trust Corporation for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 374) (Secretary Thérèse Coffey)

**19 Treasury**

Treasury Minutes on the Government responses on the Twelfth and Seventeenth to the Twenty-First reports of the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2021–22 (by Command) (CP 583) (Helen Whately)

**SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES****Voting by proxy****New proxy voting arrangement**

The Speaker has certified, under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A (Voting by proxy), that Mr Ranil Jayawardena is eligible to have a proxy vote cast on his behalf, starting from 5 January 2022 and finishing on 18 January 2022. The nominated proxy is Stuart Andrew.

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