



House of Commons

Tuesday 14 December 2021

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Justice

2 Statement: Justice reform update (Secretary Dominic Raab)

3 Cold Climate Allowance: Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the Secretary of State to report to Parliament on providing additional allowances to people in receipt of the state pension and other social security benefits in places with colder climates to reflect the increased cost of domestic heating; and for connected purposes;

That Neale Hanvey, Kenny MacAskill, Angus Brendan MacNeil, Grahame Morris, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Liz Saville Roberts, Jim Shannon, Claire Hanna, Stephen Farry, Margaret Ferrier and Alison Thewliss present the Bill.

Neale Hanvey accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on 14 January 2022, and to be printed (Bill 218).

4 Business of the House (Today)

Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 16(1) (Proceedings under an Act or on European Union documents), proceedings on the Motions in the name of Maggie Throup relating to Public Health (SI, 2021, Nos. 1400, 1415 and 1416) and the Motion in the name of Secretary Sajid Javid relating to the draft Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) (No. 2) Regulations 2021, shall be brought to a conclusion not later than 6.30 pm; the Speaker shall then put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on those Motions forthwith; such Questions, though opposed, may be put after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(*Craig Whittaker.*)

5 Public Health and National Health Service

Motion made and Question proposed, That the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1400), dated 9 December 2021, a copy of which was laid before this House on 9 December, be approved.—(*Secretary Sajid Javid.*)

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

As it was 6.30 pm, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings (Order, Today).

(1) That the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1400), dated 9 December 2021, a copy of which was laid before this House on 9 December, be approved.

The House divided.

Division No. 149

Ayes: 441 (Tellers: Michael Tomlinson, Steve Double)

Noes: 41 (Tellers: Mr Philip Hollobone, Jackie Doyle-Price)

Question accordingly agreed to.

Resolved, That the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1400), dated 9 December 2021, a copy of which was laid before this House on 9 December, be approved.

(2) That the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Self-Isolation) (England) (Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1415), dated 13 December 2021, a copy of which was laid before this House on 13 December, be approved.—(*Mr Marcus Jones.*)

Question agreed to.

Resolved, That the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Self-Isolation) (England) (Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1415), dated 13 December 2021, a copy of which was laid before this House on 13 December, be approved.

(3) That the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Entry to Venues and Events) (England) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1416), dated 13 December 2021, a copy of which was laid before this House on 13 December, be approved.—(*Mr Marcus Jones.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 150

Ayes: 369 (Tellers: Michael Tomlinson, Steve Double)

Noes: 126 (Tellers: Mr Philip Hollobone, Jackie Doyle-Price)

Question accordingly agreed to.

Resolved, That the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Entry to Venues and Events) (England) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1416), dated 13 December 2021, a copy of which was laid before this House on 13 December, be approved.

(4) That the draft Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) (No. 2) Regulations 2021, which were laid before this House on 9 November, be approved.—(*Mr Marcus Jones.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 151

Ayes: 385 (Tellers: Michael Tomlinson, Steve Double)

Noes: 100 (Tellers: Mr Philip Hollobone, Jackie Doyle-Price)

Question accordingly agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) (No. 2) Regulations 2021, which were laid before this House on 9 November, be approved.

6 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Network and Information Systems (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2021, which were laid before this House on 26 October, be approved.—(*Mr Marcus Jones.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Wine (Amendment) Regulations 2021, which were laid before this House on 23 November, be approved.—(*Mr Marcus Jones.*)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations 2021, which were laid before this House on 23 November, be approved.—(*Mr Marcus Jones.*)

Question agreed to.

7 International Development Committee: changes to membership

Ordered, That Brendan Clarke-Smith be discharged from the International Development Committee and Nigel Mills be added.—(*Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

8 International Trade Committee: changes to membership

Ordered, That Craig Williams be discharged from the International Trade Committee and Mike Wood be added.—(*Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

9 Treasury Committee: changes to membership

Ordered, That Felicity Buchan be discharged from the Treasury Committee and Kevin Hollinrake be added.—(*Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

10 Women and Equalities Committee: changes to membership

Ordered, That Lee Anderson be discharged from the Women and Equalities Committee and Caroline Dinenage be added.—(*Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

11 Public petitions

A public petition from residents of the constituency of Rother Valley relating to Aston Fence School speed limit extension was presented and read by Alexander Stafford.

12 Adjournment

Subject: Human Rights Day and the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence campaign (Debbie Abrahams)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Mr Marcus Jones.*)

Adjourned at 7.48 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

13 Animal Welfare (Sentience) Bill [Lords]

The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision for an Animal Sentience Committee with functions relating to the effect of government policy on the welfare of animals as sentient beings, to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

14 Armed Forces Bill

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Armed Forces Bill, to which the Commons have disagreed.

First Reading and Printing of Lords Bills

15 Animal Welfare (Sentience) Bill [Lords]

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow; and to be printed (Bill 219), with Explanatory Notes (Bill 219-EN).

General Committees: Reports

16 Commercial Rent (Coronavirus) Bill

Stewart Hosie (Chair) reported:

- (1) written evidence submitted to the Committee, and
- (2) the Bill without amendment.

Bill, not amended, to be considered tomorrow.

17 Finance (No. 2) Bill Committee

Sir Christopher Chope (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.

18 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee

Philip Davies (Chair) reported the draft Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments (2005 Hague Convention and 2007 Hague Convention) (Amendment) Regulations 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).

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

Members: James Grundy discharged and Peter Gibson nominated in substitution.

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

Chair: Judith Cummins in place of Hannah Bardell.

Reports from Select Committees

21 Backbench Business Committee

Transcript of representations made on Tuesday 14 December to be published (Ian Mearns).

22 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

(1) *Post Office and Horizon*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 106);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Small Business, Consumers and Labour Markets relating to the Official Development Assistance Fund*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for International Trade relating to export licensing*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities relating to the Devolution and Local Recovery White Paper*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Energy National Policy Statements*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 847);

(6) *Post-pandemic economic growth: State aid and post-Brexit competition policy*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 742)

(Darren Jones).

23 Committee on Standards

Code of Conduct consultation: Written evidence, to be published (HC 954) (Chris Bryant).

24 Defence Committee

(1) *Space defence*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 271);

(2) *Withdrawal from Afghanistan*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 699)

(Tobias Ellwood).

25 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

(1) *Online safety and online harms*: Oral evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Online Harms and Disinformation, to be published (HC 620);

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

26 Education Committee

* This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings from Thursday 16 December 2021 for details

Prison education: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 86) (Robert Halfon).

27 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

(1) *Moving animals across borders: Government Response to the Committee's First Report of Session 2021–22*: Fifth Special Report, to be published (HC 986);

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

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

28 Foreign Affairs Committee

(1) *Government Response to the Committee's Fifth Report: Global Health, Global Britain*: Sixth Special Report, to be printed (HC 955);

(2) *Implementing the Integrated Review in Nigeria*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 202);

(3) *Correspondence from the Home Secretary relating to the outcome of the recent Interpol Presidential and Executive Committee elections*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy relating to the acquisition of Inmarsat by Viasat*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for International Trade relating to changes to the UK's strategic export control regime*: Written evidence, to be published (Tom Tugendhat).

29 Justice Committee

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

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

(3) *Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor*: Written evidence, to be published;

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

(5) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State and Assistant Whip*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Correspondence with the Chair of the Law Commission*: Written evidence, to be published

(Sir Robert Neill).

30 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

(1) *Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman Scrutiny 2020–21*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 721);

(2) *Cabinet Office Freedom of Information Clearing House*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 505);

(3) *Correspondence from the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster relating to the recruitment of the first Civil Service Commissioner*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 984);

(4) *Correspondence from the Minister for Efficiency and Transformation relating to the Government Response to the Transforming Public Procurement Green Paper Consultation*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with Lord Geidt relating to the post-appointment hearing: the Independent Adviser on Ministers' Interests*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 40)

(Mr William Wragg).

31 Science and Technology Committee

UK science, research and technology capability and influence in global disease outbreaks: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 93) (Greg Clark).

32 Transport Committee

(1) *Airlines and airports: supporting recovery in the UK aviation sector*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 683);

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

(Huw Merriman).

33 Treasury Committee

(1) *Correspondence from the Financial Conduct Authority relating to the Independent Review of the redress scheme for the mis-selling of Interest Rate Hedging Products*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Correspondence from the Financial Conduct Authority relating to the prosecution of NatWest Bank*: 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 Contribution of co-operatives and mutual societies to the economy and public life

Resolved, That this House has considered the contribution of co-operatives and mutual societies to the economy and public life.—(Mr Steve Baker.)

2 Post Office Historical Shortfall Scheme

Resolved, That this House has considered the Post Office Historical Shortfall Scheme.—(Mr Alistair Carmichael.)

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

3 Commissioning of abortion services in Northern Ireland

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of commissioning of abortion services in Northern Ireland.—(Alex Davies-Jones.)

The sitting was suspended between 3.54 pm and 4.00 pm.

4 Tackling greenwashing in finance

Resolved, That this House has considered tackling greenwashing in finance.—(Kevin Hollinrake.)

The sitting was suspended between 4.24 pm and 4.30 pm.

5 Funding for neighbourhood policing in the West Midlands

Resolved, That this House has considered funding for neighbourhood policing in the West Midlands.—(Preet Kaur Gill.)

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

Adjourned at 5.28 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 National Health Service

Draft Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Maria Caulfield)

2 Rating and Valuation

Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Non-Domestic Rating Multipliers) (England) (No. 2) Order 2021 (by Act), dated 13 December 2021, with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Lucy Frazer)

3 Trade Unions

(1) Draft Trade Union (Levy Payable to the Certification Officer) Regulations 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

(2) Draft Trade Union (Power of the Certification Officer to Impose Financial Penalties) Regulations 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

4 Immigration

Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command), to be printed (HC 913) (Secretary Priti Patel)

5 Income Tax

Van Benefit and Car and Van Fuel Benefit (No. 2) Order 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1422), dated 13 December 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Helen Whately)

6 Legal Aid and Advice

Civil Legal Aid (Financial Resources and Payment for Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1423), dated 9 December 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

7 Sea Fisheries

Sea Fisheries (Amendment etc.) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1429), dated 13 December 2021 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary George Eustice)

Other papers

8 Bank of England

Financial Stability Report by the Financial Policy Committee: December 2021 (by Act) (John Glen)

9 Banking

Report of the Bank of England's supervision of financial market infrastructures for 2020–21 (by Act) (John Glen)

10 Climate Change

Addendum to Net Zero Strategy (October 2021): Indicative annual range for each year within the sixth carbon budget (by Act) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

11 Energy

(1) Contracts for Difference and Capacity Market Scheme Update 2021 (by Act), to be printed (HC 899) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

(2) Statutory Security of Supply Report for 2021 (by Act), to be printed (HC 898) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

12 Government Resources and Accounts

Report and Financial Statements of the English Institute of Sport Limited for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 905) (Nigel Huddleston)

13 Health and Social Care

Department of Health and Social Care Minute, dated 14 December 2021, concerning a contingent liability arising from an extension of the temporary indemnity for designated care home settings (by Command) (Gillian Keegan)

14 International Accounting Standards and European Public Limited-Liability Company

Report on the carrying out of functions designated under the International Accounting Standards and European Public Limited-Liability Company (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (by Statutory Instrument) (Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng)

15 Justice

(1) Human Rights Act Reform: A Modern Bill Of Rights – A consultation to reform the Human Rights Act 1998 (CP 588) (by Command) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

(2) Report of the Independent Human Rights Act Review (CP 586) (by Command) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

(3) Report of the Independent Human Rights Act Review: Executive Summary (CP 587) (by Command) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

16 National Lottery etc

Report and Accounts of the Big Lottery Fund (The National Lottery Community Fund) for 2020–21, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 409) (Nigel Huddleston)