



House of Commons

Monday 10 January 2022

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

1 Death of a Member

The Speaker made the following communication to the House:

I regret to have to report to the House the death of Jack Dromey, the hon. Member for Birmingham, Erdington. I know hon. Members in all parts of the House will join me in mourning the loss of a colleague and in extending our sympathy to the hon. Member's family and friends. I would like to invite all Members to join me in a minute's silence in memory of Jack. I also wish to assure the House that there will be an opportunity to pay tribute to Jack at a later date, to be determined in consultation with the family. Members wishing to send letters of condolences to the family can do so via the Speaker's Office who will collate them and pass them on.

2 Observation of a period of silence

The House observed a minute's silence in memory of Jack Dromey.

3 Questions to the Secretary of State for Defence

4 Statement: Building safety (Secretary Michael Gove)

5 Nuclear Energy (Financing) Bill: Programme (No. 2)

Ordered, That the Order of 3 November 2021 (Nuclear Energy (Financing) Bill (Programme)) be varied as follows:

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

(2) Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion two hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order.

(3) Proceedings on Third 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.—(*Mrs Heather Wheeler.*)

6 Nuclear Energy (Financing) Bill: Consideration of the Bill, not amended in the Public Bill Committee

New Clause NC1—(*Alan Brown*)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment 1 proposed.—(*Dr Alan Whitehead.*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Division No. 152

Ayes: 204 (Tellers: Liz Twist, Navendu Mishra)

Noes: 316 (Tellers: Michael Tomlinson, Craig Whittaker)

Question accordingly negated.

Amendment 9 proposed.—(*Alan Brown.*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Division No. 153

Ayes: 207 (Tellers: Richard Thomson, Ronnie Cowan)

Noes: 315 (Tellers: Michael Tomlinson, Craig Whittaker)

Question accordingly negated.

As it was more than two hours after commencement of proceedings on the Nuclear Energy (Financing) Bill (Programme) (No. 2) Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on Consideration to a conclusion (Programme Order, today).

The following Question was put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83E).

That Amendment 3 be made (Amendment selected by the Speaker for separate decision).—(*Dr Alan Whitehead.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 154

Ayes: 207 (Tellers: Liz Twist, Navendu Mishra)

Noes: 315 (Tellers: Michael Tomlinson, Craig Whittaker)

Question accordingly negated.

7 Nuclear Energy (Financing) Bill: Third Reading

Motion made and Question put, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The House divided.

Division No. 155

Ayes: 458 (Tellers: Michael Tomlinson, Craig Whittaker)

Noes: 53 (Tellers: Richard Thomson, Ronnie Cowan)

Question accordingly agreed to and Bill passed.

8 Business of the House (Today)

Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, notwithstanding Standing Order No. 16 (Proceedings under an Act or on European Union documents), the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the motions in the name of the Chancellor of the Exchequer relating to (a) the Charter for Budget Responsibility and (b) the welfare cap not later than two hours after the commencement of proceedings on the motion for this Order; such Questions shall include the Questions on any Amendments selected

by the Speaker to the motion relating to the welfare cap which may then be moved; proceedings may continue, though opposed, until any hour, and may be entered upon after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(*Rebecca Harris.*)

9 Charter for Budget Responsibility

Motion made and Question put, That the Charter for Budget Responsibility: Autumn 2021 update, which was laid before this House on 5 January, be approved.—(*Mr Simon Clarke.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 156

Ayes: 309 (Tellers: Michael Tomlinson, Craig Whittaker)

Noes: 206 (Tellers: Liz Twist, Navendu Mishra)

Question accordingly agreed to.

10 Welfare Cap

Motion made and Question put, That the level of the welfare cap, as specified in the Autumn Budget and Spending Review 2021, which was laid before this House on 27 October 2021, be approved.—(*Craig Whittaker.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 157

Ayes: 306 (Tellers: Michael Tomlinson, Craig Whittaker)

Noes: 54 (Tellers: Richard Thomson, Ronnie Cowan)

Question accordingly agreed to.

11 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Flags (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2021, which were laid before this House on 23 November 2021, be approved.—(*Scott Mann.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation (Legal Capacities) Order 2022, which was laid before this House on 2 November 2021, be approved.—(*Scott Mann.*)

Question agreed to.

12 Adjournment

Subject: Discharge of Simon Hinchley-Robson from the RAF in 1986 (Clive Efford)

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

Adjourned at 10.32 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Changes to Notices Given

13 Workers (Rights) (No. 2) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 4 February, read and discharged.

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

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).

14 Dormant Assets Bill (Programming Sub-Committee)

Members: Bim Afolami, Peter Grant, Nigel Huddleston, Jessica Morden, Mary Robinson, Jeff Smith and Mrs Heather Wheeler

15 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 and Pubs Code etc. (Amendment) Regulations 2021)

Members: Colleen Fletcher, Mark Garnier and Seema Malhotra discharged and Chris Elmore, Bill Esterson and Dr Luke Evans nominated in substitution.

16 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Transport Act 2000 (Air Traffic Services Licence Modification Appeals) (Prescribed Aerodromes) Regulations 2022)

Members: Stuart Anderson and Nicola Richards discharged and Fiona Bruce and Laura Trott nominated in substitution.

Reports from Select Committees

17 Administration Committee

Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 10 January, to be published (Sir Charles Walker).

18 Backbench Business Committee

Determination of business to be taken on Thursday 13 January in the Chamber (Ian Mearns).

19 Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee

(1) *Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman: Triennial review*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 960);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Housing relating to regulations to support planning freedoms*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Rough Sleeping and Housing*: Written evidence, to be published;

- (4) *Correspondence from the Housing Ombudsman*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (6) *Long-term funding of adult social care*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 35)
(Mr Clive Betts).

20 Procedure Committee

- (1) *Voting by proxy*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 722)
- (2) *Correspondence with the Liaison Committee relating to Chairs' staff*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Correspondence from the Paymaster General relating to written parliamentary questions*: Written evidence, to be published
(Chris Elmore).

21 Public Accounts (Committee of)

- (1) *Bounce Back Loans Scheme: Follow-up*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 951);
- (2) *Achieving Net Zero: Follow up*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 642);
- (3) *Correspondence from HM Treasury and the Cabinet Office relating to the Report on the Independent Review of Construction Frameworks*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) *Correspondence from the Department of Health and Social Care relating to the Department's PAC accountability procedures*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) *Correspondence from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities relating to the Local Government Finance Settlement for 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (6) *Correspondence relating to the Committee's previous Reports*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (7) *COVID-19 cost tracker update*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 173);
- (8) *COVID-19: Culture Recovery Fund*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 340);
- (9) *Crossrail: A progress update*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 184);
- (10) *EU exit: UK Border*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 746);
- (11) *Fraud and error*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 253);
- (12) *Local government finance system: Overview and challenges*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 646);
- (13) *Public sector pensions*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 289);
- (14) *Test and trace update*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 182)
(Dame Meg Hillier).

22 Scottish Affairs Committee

- (1) *Airports in Scotland*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 601);
- (2) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Energy, Clean Growth and Climate relating to future oil and gas licensing*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations relating to the third quarterly report on intergovernmental relations*: Written evidence, to be published;

- (4) *Defence in Scotland*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 611);
(5) *Public broadcasting in Scotland*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 574);
(6) *Renewable energy in Scotland*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 51)
(Pete Wishart).

23 Treasury Committee

Correspondence with the Financial Conduct Authority relating to the LF Woodford Equity Income Fund: Written evidence, to be published (Mel Stride).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 4.30 pm.

Debate on an e-petition (Standing Orders No. 10(1)(a) and No. 145A(7))

1 Police powers to suspend driving licences

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petition 548682, relating to police powers to suspend driving licences.—(*Christina Rees*.)

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

Adjourned at 5.21 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Police

Draft Representation of the People (Proxy Vote Applications) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Kemi Badenoch)

2 Rating and Valuation

Draft Non-Domestic Rating (Levy and Safety Net) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Kemi Badenoch)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

3 Health and Safety

Personal Protective Equipment at Work (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 8), dated 5 January 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Chloe Smith)

4 Libraries

Public Lending Right Scheme 1982 (Commencement of Variation) Order 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 14), dated 5 January 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Nigel Huddleston)

5 Pensions

Occupational Pension Schemes (Charges and Governance) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 10), dated 5 January 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Mims Davies)

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 the Members listed in the table below are eligible to have a proxy vote cast on their behalf by the nominated proxies listed, starting and finishing on the dates specified below.

Member	From	To	Proxy
Alexander Stafford	10 January	23 January	Greg Smith
Angela Crawley	17 January	28 January	Owen Thompson

CORRECTION

Thursday 6 January 2022

The following item should have appeared in Other Proceedings (General Committees: Reports):

Second Delegated Legislation Committee

Mrs Sheryll Murray (Chair) reported the draft International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation (Legal Capacities) Order 2022.