

Tuesday 18 January 2022

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

1 Selection

Ordered, That Jessica Morden be discharged from the Committee of Selection and Lilian Greenwood be added.—(*Stuart Andrew*.)

- 2 Questions to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care
- 3 Urgent Questions: (1) Role of the military in dealing with migrants crossing the channel (James Heappey)
 - (2) Fraud in the Coronavirus grant schemes (John Glen)
 - (3) Matters of English Football League governance surrounding the administration of Derby County FC (Chris Philp)
- 4 Digital Devices (Access for Next of Kin): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to grant a right of access to the digital devices of a dead or incapacitated person to their next of kin; and for connected purposes;

That Ian Paisley, Jeremy Wright, Damian Collins, Sir Robert Goodwill, Kevin Brennan, John Spellar, Matt Western, Nick Smith, Jim Shannon, Carla Lockhart and Sammy Wilson present the Bill.

Ian Paisley accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 4 February, and to be printed (Bill 229).

5 Animal Welfare (Sentience) Bill [Lords]: Second Reading

Bill read a second time.

6 Animal Welfare (Sentience) Bill [Lords]: Programme

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Animal Welfare (Sentience) Bill [Lords]:

Committal

(1) The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee

- (2) Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 10 February 2022.
- (3) The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

Consideration and Third Reading

- (4) Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.
- (5) Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.
- (6) Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading.

Other proceedings

(7) Any other proceedings on the Bill may be programmed.—(Gareth Johnson.)

7 Animal Welfare (Sentience) Bill [Lords]: Money

Queen's Recommendation signified.

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 52(1)(a)), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Animal Welfare (Sentience) Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenditure incurred under the Act by the Secretary of State.—(Gareth Johnson.)

Question agreed to.

8 Charities Bill [Lords]: Money

Queen's Recommendation signified.

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Charities Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided.—(Gareth Johnson.)

9 House of Commons Commission

Resolved, That Nickie Aiken be appointed to the House of Commons Commission in pursuance of section 1(2)(d) of the House of Commons (Administration) Act 1978, as amended.—(Gareth Johnson.)

10 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Self-Isolation) (England) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1382), dated 8 December 2021, a copy of which was laid before this House on 8 December 2021, be approved.—(*Gareth Johnson*.)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Entry to Venues and Events) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1435), dated 14 December 2021, a copy of which was laid before this House on 15 December 2021, be approved.—(*Gareth Johnson*.)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the Burundi (Sanctions) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1404), dated 8 December 2021, a copy of which was laid before this House on 13 December 2021, be approved.—(Gareth Johnson.)

Question agreed to.

11 Adjournment

Subject: UK Government recognition of Somaliland (Gavin Williamson)

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Gareth Johnson.)

At 7.00 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 9(3)).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Amanda Solloway.)

Adjourned at 7.01 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Changes to Notices Given

12 Public Houses (Electrical Safety) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 21 January, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 4 February.

13 Immigration (Health and Social Care Staff) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 21 January, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 25 February.

General Committees: Reports

14 Professional Qualifications Bill [Lords] Committee

Mark Pritchard (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 231).

15 Second Reading Committee on the Charities Bill [Lords]

Sir Gary Streeter (Chair) reported the following Resolution:

That the Committee recommends that the Charities Bill [Lords] ought to be read a second time.

16 Welsh Grand Committee

Geraint Davies (Chair) reported, That the Committee had considered the matter of strengthening the Union as it relates to Wales, referred to it on 11 January.

17 Third Delegated Legislation Committee

Graham Stringer (Chair) reported the draft Train Driving Licences and Certificates (Amendment) Regulations 2022.

18 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee

Julie Elliott reported the draft Data Protection Act 2018 (Amendment of Schedule 2 Exemptions) 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 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (Burundi (Sanctions) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1404))

Members: Martin Docherty-Hughes discharged and Owen Thompson nominated in substitution.

20 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Train Driving Licences and Certificates (Amendment) Regulations 2022)

Members: Karl McCartney discharged and Mark Eastwood nominated in substitution.

21 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Data Protection Act 2018 (Amendment of Schedule 2 Exemptions) Regulations 2022)

Members: Chris Elmore discharged and Liz Twist nominated in substitution.

Reports from Select Committees

22 Backbench Business Committee

Transcript of representations made on Tuesday 18 January to be published (Ian Mearns).

23 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

- (1) Liberty Steel and the future of the UK Steel Industry: Government Response to the Committee's Fourth Report: Eighth Special Report, to be printed (HC 1123);
- (2) Energy National Policy Statements: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 847) (Darren Jones).

24 Defence Committee

Correspondence with the National Security Adviser relating to the Integrated Review, Defence Command Paper and the Defence and Security Industrial Strategy: Written evidence, to be published (Tobias Ellwood).

25 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

- (1) Influencer culture: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 258);
- (2) Online safety and online harms:
 - (i) Oral evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Online Harms and Disinformation, to be published (HC 620);
 - (ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 620)

(Julian Knight).

26 Education Committee

Prison Education: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 86) (Ian Mearns).

27 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

- (1) Environment Land Management and the agricultural transition: Government Response to the Committee's Second Report: Sixth Special Report, to be printed (HC 1031);
- (2) Plastic waste: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 556);
- (3) Correspondence with the Minister for Farming, Fisheries and Food relating to farming rules for water: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to the Animal Welfare (Sentience) Bill: Written evidence, to be published

(Neil Parish).

28 European Statutory Instruments Committee

- (1) Tenth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 935);
- (2) *Ministerial correspondence*: Written evidence, to be published (Andrew Jones).

29 Finance Committee

Record of the Committee's decisions taken at its meeting on 18 January, to be published (Mr Nicholas Brown).

30 Foreign Affairs Committee

The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the FCDO's response: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1034) (Tom Tugendhat).

31 Health and Social Care Committee

- (1) Pre-appointment hearing for the position of Chair of NHS England:
 - (i) Tenth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1035);
 - (ii) Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1035);
- (2) *The future of General Practice*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 892) (Jeremy Hunt).

32 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

Legislative Scrutiny: Nationality and Borders Bill: Written evidence, to be published (HC 588) (Ms Harriet Harman).

33 Justice Committee

- (1) The future of legal aid: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 70);
- (2) Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) Open justice: court reporting in the digital age: Written evidence, to be published (HC 596)

(Sir Robert Neill).

34 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).

35 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

Correspondence with the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster relating to Rob Behrens' extension of term as Chair and Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman: Written evidence to be published (Mr William Wragg).

36 Scottish Affairs Committee

Storm Arwen: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1024) (Pete Wishart).

37 Transport Committee

- (1) Major transport infrastructure projects: Government response to the Committee's Second Report: Seventh Special Report, to be printed (HC 938);
- (2) Airlines and airports: supporting recovery in the UK aviation sector: Written evidence, to be published (HC 683);
- (3) HS2: progress update: Written evidence, to be published (HC 487);
- (4) Road freight supply chain: Written evidence, to be published (HC 828) (Huw Merriman).

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 9.30 am.

Business appointed by the Chairman of Ways and Means (Standing Order No. 10(6))

1 Levelling up in the East of England

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the matter of levelling up in the East of England.—(Peter Aldous.)

At 11.00 am, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

2 Support for small businesses in Streatham during the COVID-19 outbreak

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the matter of support for small businesses in Streatham during the COVID-19 outbreak.—(*Bell Ribeiro-Addy*.)

At 11.30 am, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

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

3 Cost of gas and electricity

Motion made and question proposed, That this House has considered the cost of gas and electricity.—(Jamie Stone.)

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)).

At 4.00 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

4 Taxation of silage film

Resolved, That this House has considered taxation of silage film.—(Nigel Mills.)

5 Forecasting and modelling during COVID-19

Motion made and question proposed, That this House has considered forecasting and modelling during COVID-19.—(Bob Seely.)

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)).

At 5.30 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(14)).

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

Adjourned at 5.30 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Exiting the European Union

Representation of the People (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 47), dated 17 January 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Conor Burns)

2 Limited Liability Partnerships

Limited Liability Partnerships (Climate-related Financial Disclosure) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 46), dated 17 January 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Greg Hands)

3 Merchant Shipping

Merchant Shipping (High Speed Offshore Service Craft) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 41), dated 13 January 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

Papers laid under paragraphs 3(3) and 17(3) of Schedule 7 to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

4 Exiting the European Union

Proposal for an instrument titled Pesticides (Revocation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2022, with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary George Eustice)

Other papers

5 Financial Services and Markets

Bank of England Standards Instrument: The Technical Standards (Clearing Obligation) Instrument 2021 (by Act) (John Glen)

6 Tax Credits

Report from the Commissioners for Revenue and Customs to the Treasury on Tax Credits under Section 40 of the Tax Credits Act 2002 for 2020-21 (by Act) (Mr Simon Clarke)

7 Tax Credits

Review of certain tax credits monetary amounts under Section 41 of the Tax Credits Act 2002 for the tax year 2022-23 (by Act) (Mr Simon Clarke)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

Voting by proxy

Variation of proxy voting arrangement

The Speaker has certified, under the terms of Standing Order No. 39A (Voting by proxy), that Alexander Stafford has given notice that he wishes to vary his proxy vote arrangement. On 19 January only, his nominated proxy will be Duncan Baker. With effect from 20 January, his nominated proxy will again be Greg Smith.