



House of Commons

Monday 24 January 2022

Votes and Proceedings

No. 106

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

2 Urgent Question: Volcanic eruption and tsunami in Tonga (Vicky Ford)

3 Statement: Travel update (Secretary Grant Shapps)

4 High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Secretary Grant Shapps, supported by The Prime Minister, Secretary Dominic Raab, The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Priti Patel, Secretary Michael Gove, Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng and Secretary Alister Jack, presented a Bill to make provision for a railway between a junction with Phase 2a of High Speed 2 south of Crewe in Cheshire and Manchester Piccadilly Station; for a railway between Hoo Green in Cheshire and a junction with the West Coast Main Line at Bamfurlong, south of Wigan; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 228) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 228-EN).

5 Fire Safety Remediation Charges (Recovery and Enforcement) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Daisy Cooper presented a Bill to introduce a moratorium on recovery and enforcement action by freeholders and managing agents relating to service charges increases, fees or demands for payment in respect of leaseholders' share of the costs of fire safety remediation work; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 18 March, and to be printed (Bill 234).

6 Business of the House (Today)

Ordered, That, at today's sitting, notwithstanding paragraph (2)(c)(i) of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), business in the name of Ian Blackford 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.)

7 Opposition Day: Leader of the second largest opposition party (9th allotted day, 2nd part)

Increases in the cost of living

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House notes there is a cost of living crisis hitting homes across the UK; regrets the UK Government's current plan of reductions in certain benefits and tax rises coupled with rising costs of the UK leaving the EU; is concerned that the UK has the worst levels of poverty and inequality in north west Europe and the highest levels of in-work poverty this century; and calls on the Government to take immediate action with a package of measures to boost incomes and reverse rising poverty, including reinstating the £20 universal credit uplift, introducing a Real Living Wage of at least £10 an hour, introducing an energy payment for low income households, and matching the Scottish Government's Scottish Child Payment for families across the UK.—(*David Linden.*)

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

Owen Thompson claimed to move the closure (Standing Order No. 36).

Question put, That the Question be now put.

Question agreed to and Main Question accordingly put.

The House divided.

Division No. 167

Ayes: 57 (Tellers: Marion Fellows, Richard Thomson)

Noes: 0 (Tellers: Hywel Williams, Ben Lake)

Question accordingly agreed to.

Resolved, That this House notes there is a cost of living crisis hitting homes across the UK; regrets the UK Government's current plan of reductions in certain benefits and tax rises coupled with rising costs of the UK leaving the EU; is concerned that the UK has the worst levels of poverty and inequality in north west Europe and the highest levels of in-work poverty this century; and calls on the Government to take immediate action with a package of measures to boost incomes and reverse rising poverty, including reinstating the £20 universal credit uplift, introducing a Real Living Wage of at least £10 an hour, introducing an energy payment for low income households, and matching the Scottish Government's Scottish Child Payment for families across the UK.

8 Leasehold Reform (Ground Rent) Bill [Lords]: Programme (No. 2)

Ordered, That the Order of 29 November 2021 (Leasehold Reform (Ground Rent) Bill [Lords] (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.—(*Gareth Johnson.*)

9 Leasehold Reform (Ground Rent) Bill [Lords]: Consideration of the Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee

New Clause NC1—(*Mike Amesbury*)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Division No. 168

Ayes: 162 (Tellers: Mary Glendon, Gerald Jones)

Noes: 306 (Tellers: Amanda Solloway, Scott Mann)

Question accordingly negatived.

10 Leasehold Reform (Ground Rent) Bill [Lords]: Third Reading

Christopher Pincher signified Queen's consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned.

Christopher Pincher signified Prince of Wales's consent, as far as his interest is concerned.

Bill read the third time, and passed with Amendments.

11 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 2022, which were laid before this House on 29 November 2021, be approved.—(*Craig Whittaker.*)

Question agreed to.

12 Adjournment

Subject: Access to NHS dentistry services in Bristol and the South West (Darren Jones)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Craig Whittaker.*)

Adjourned at 9.50 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

13 Second Delegated Legislation Committee

Andrew Rosindell (Chair) reported the draft Competition Appeal Tribunal (Recording and Broadcasting) Order 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).

14 Down Syndrome Bill Committee

Members: Gareth Davies discharged and Dr James Davies nominated in substitution.

15 First Delegated Legislation Committee (Plastic Packaging Tax (Descriptions of Products) Regulations 2021 (SI, 2021, No. 1417))

Members: Rob Butler, Ronnie Cowan, Dame Angela Eagle, Laura Farris, Barry Gardiner, Richard Graham, Ms Harriet Harman, Dr Neil Hudson, David Johnston, Andrew Jones, Daniel Kawczynski, Cheryl Mackrory, Alan Mak, Abena Opong-Asare, Bell Ribeiro-Addy, Liz Twist and Helen Whately discharged.

16 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Trade Union (Levy Payable to the Certification Officer) Regulations 2022 and draft Trade Union (Power of the Certification Officer to Impose Financial Penalties) Regulations 2022)

Members: Richard Fuller discharged and Kevin Hollinrake nominated in substitution.

17 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Non-Domestic Rating Multipliers) (England) (No. 2) Order 2021)

Members: Karl McCartney discharged and Lia Nici nominated in substitution.

18 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) Regulations 2022)

Members: Ian Levy discharged and Peter Gibson nominated in substitution.

19 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Amendment) Order 2022)

Members: Mr Mark Francois, Katherine Fletcher, Kevin Hollinrake, Marco Longhi and Nigel Mills discharged and Harriett Baldwin, Felicity Buchan, Andy Carter, Ruth Edwards and Graham Stuart nominated in substitution.

Reports from Select Committees

20 Administration Committee

Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 24 January, to be published (Sir Charles Walker).

21 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *Academies Sector Annual Report and Accounts 2019–20*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 994);

(2) *Correspondence with NHS England and NHS Improvement relating to the ministerial direction regarding contracts with independent sector providers*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Financial sustainability of schools in England*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 650);

(4) *Test and trace update*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 182);

(5) *Timeliness of local auditor reporting on local government in England*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 171)

(Dame Meg Hillier).

22 Scottish Affairs Committee

(1) *Union connectivity review*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1073);

(2) *Airports in Scotland*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 601);

(3) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations relating to the review of intergovernmental relations*: Written evidence, to be published

(Pete Wishart).

23 Treasury Committee

(1) *Autumn Budget and Spending Review 2021*: Tenth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 825);

(2) *Correspondence from the Financial Conduct Authority relating to Collateral (UK) Ltd*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *The work of the Treasury*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 912);

(4) *Work of the Financial Conduct Authority*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 146)
(Mel Stride).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 4.30pm.

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

1 Throwline stations around open bodies of water

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petition 575967, relating to throwline stations around open bodies of water.—(*Nick Fletcher*.)

The sitting was suspended between 5.42 pm and 6.00 pm.

2 Requirements for employees to be vaccinated against COVID-19

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petition 599841, relating to requirements for employees to be vaccinated against COVID-19.—(*Martyn Day*.)

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

Adjourned at 7.29 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Civil Aviation

Draft Airports Slot Allocation (Alleviation of Usage Requirements) Regulations 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

2 Constitutional Law

Draft Scotland Act 2016 (Social Security) (Adult Disability Payment and Child Disability Payment) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Chloe Smith)

3 Local Government

(1) Draft Cumbria (Structural Changes) Order 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Kemi Badenoch)

(2) Draft North Yorkshire (Structural Changes) Order 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Kemi Badenoch)

(3) Draft Somerset (Structural Changes) Order 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Kemi Badenoch)

4 Road Traffic

Draft Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

5 Education

Education (Student Fees, Awards and Support) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 57), dated 20 January 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Michelle Donelan)

6 Immigration

Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules (HC 1019) (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Priti Patel)

7 Road Traffic

Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 59), dated 21 January 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

8 Social Security

Universal Credit and Employment and Support Allowance (Claimant Commitment Exceptions) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (SI, 2022, No. 60), dated 20 January 2022 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Chloe Smith)

Other papers

9 Coronavirus

(1) Revised Two Monthly Report on the status on the non-devolved provisions of the Coronavirus Act 2020: November 2021 (by Act) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

(2) Revised Two Monthly Report on the status of the non-devolved provisions of the Coronavirus Act 2020: September 2021 (by Act) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

10 Statutory Instruments (Notification)

Notification to Parliament of a published draft instrument pursuant to Paragraph 14 of Schedule 8 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018: Air Navigation (Amendment) Order 2022 (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

11 Transport

HS2 Phase 2b Western Leg: Design Refinement Consultation Response (by Command) (CP 554) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

Withdrawn papers

12 Coronavirus

Two Monthly Report on the status on the non-devolved provisions of the Coronavirus Act 2020 (laid 25 November 2021)

13 Health and Social Care

Two Monthly Report on the status on the non-devolved provisions of the Coronavirus Act 2020 (CP 534) (laid 22 September 2021)

14 Road Traffic

Draft Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) (Amendment) Regulations 2022, with an Explanatory Memorandum (laid 11 January)