



House of Commons

Monday 22 June 2009

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

1 Mr Alan Williams took the Chair (Standing Order No. 1(1))

The Prime Minister acquainted the House that Her Majesty, having been informed of the resignation of the Right honourable Mr Michael J. Martin, lately Speaker of this House, gives leave to the House to proceed forthwith to the choice of a new Speaker.

2 Election of Speaker

Mr Alan Williams, the Member presiding, invited the candidates to address the House, in the following order (Standing Order No. 1B(6)):

- (1) Margaret Beckett
- (2) Sir George Young
- (3) Miss Ann Widdecombe
- (4) Sir Alan Beith
- (5) John Bercow
- (6) Mr Richard Shepherd
- (7) Sir Michael Lord
- (8) Sir Patrick Cormack
- (9) Sir Alan Haselhurst
- (10) Mr Parmjit Dhanda

The House proceeded to a ballot (Standing Order No. 1B(6)).

Mr Alan Williams, the Member presiding, announced the numbers of votes cast for each candidate.

Ballot No. 1.

- (1) Margaret Beckett: 74.
- (2) Sir Alan Beith: 55.
- (3) John Bercow: 179.
- (4) Sir Patrick Cormack: 13.
- (5) Mr Parmjit Dhanda: 26.
- (6) Sir Alan Haselhurst: 66.
- (7) Sir Michael Lord: 9.
- (8) Mr Richard Shepherd: 15.
- (9) Miss Ann Widdecombe: 44.
- (10) Sir George Young: 112.

The names of the following Members were removed from the ballot paper:

(1) Sir Michael Lord (Standing Order No. 1B(12)(a)).

(2) Sir Patrick Cormack, Mr Parmjit Dhanda and Mr Richard Shepherd (Standing Order No. 1B(12)(b)).

The House proceeded to a further ballot (Standing No. 1B(11)).

Mr Alan Williams, the Member presiding, announced the numbers of votes cast for each candidate.

Ballot No. 2.

(1) Margaret Beckett: 70.

(2) Sir Alan Beith: 46.

(3) John Bercow: 221.

(4) Sir Alan Haselhurst: 57.

(5) Miss Ann Widdecombe: 30.

(6) Sir George Young: 174.

The names of the following Members were removed from the ballot paper:

(1) Miss Ann Widdecombe (Standing Order No. 1B(12)(a)).

(2) Margaret Beckett, Sir Alan Haselhurst and Sir Alan Beith (Standing Order No. 1B(12)(c)).

The House proceeded to a further ballot (Standing No. 1B(11)).

Mr Alan Williams, the Member presiding, announced the numbers of votes cast for each candidate.

Ballot No. 3.

(1) John Bercow: 322.

(2) Sir George Young: 271.

Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 1B(13)), That John Bercow do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

Question agreed to.

Resolved, That John Bercow do take the Chair as Speaker.

Mr Alan Williams left the Chair.

John Bercow was taken out of his place and conducted to the Chair by Mr Charles Walker and Sandra Gidley.

John Bercow, standing on the upper step, expressed his respectful and humble acknowledgement to the House of the great honour the House had been pleased to confer upon him, and sat down in the Chair.

The Mace was placed upon the Table.

The Prime Minister, Mr David Cameron, Mr Nick Clegg, Mr Elwyn Llwyd, Mark Durkan, Dr William McCrea, Mr Peter Kilfoyle and Dr Richard Taylor congratulated the Speaker Elect.

The Prime Minister signified the pleasure of Her Majesty that the House should present its Speaker this day at 9.45 pm in the House of Lords, for Her Majesty's Royal Approbation.

3 Message to attend the Lords Commissioners

A Message was received from the Lords Commissioners, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr Speaker Elect, The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Lords.

4 Attendance in the House of Lords

The Speaker Elect, with the House, went up to the House of Lords.

The Speaker Elect was presented to the Lords Commissioners for Her Majesty's Royal Approbation.

The Lord Chancellor, one of the said Lords Commissioners, signified Her Majesty's Approbation of the Speaker Elect.

5 The Speaker

The Speaker reported, That the House had been in the House of Lords, where Her Majesty was pleased by Her Majesty's Commissioners to approve the choice the House had made of him to be its Speaker.

The Speaker repeated his very respectful acknowledgements and grateful thanks to the House for the great honour it had conferred upon him, and renewed the assurance of his entire devotion to the service of the House.

6 Speaker Martin's Retirement

Resolved, nemine contradicente, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying Her Majesty that she will be most graciously pleased to confer some signal mark of Her Royal favour upon the Right honourable Mr Michael J. Martin for his eminent services during the important period in which he presided with such distinguished ability and dignity in the Chair of this House.—(*Ms Harriet Harman.*)

Address to be presented to Her Majesty by Members of this House who are Privy Counsellors or Members of Her Majesty's Household.

7 Adjournment

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Ms Harriet Harman.*)

Adjourned at 10.07 pm until tomorrow.

Other proceedings

Rules Relating to the Conduct of Members

8 Guide to the Rules Relating to the Conduct of Members

Code of Conduct and Guide to the Rules to be printed (HC 735).

General Committees: Appointments

The Speaker appoints the Chairman of General 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).

9 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (Draft Transfer of Functions of the Consumer Credit Appeals Tribunal Order 2009, the draft Transfer of Functions (Estate Agents Appeals and Additional Scheduled Tribunal) Order 2009 and the draft Transfer of Functions (Transport Tribunal and Appeal Panel) Order 2009)

Members: Caroline Flint, Stephen Hesford and Mr Tony McNulty discharged and Ann Coffey, Mike Hall and Mr Tom Harris nominated in substitution.

10 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (Draft Crime (International Co-operation) Act 2003 (Designation of Participating Countries) (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) (No. 2) Order 2009)

Members: Mr Graham Brady and Daniel Kawczynski discharged and Mark Pritchard and Sir John Stanley nominated in substitution.

John Bercow

Speaker

The Speaker will take the Chair at 2.30 pm.

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 European Communities

European Communities (Designation) (No. 3) Order 2009 (S.I., 2009, No. 1381), dated 10 June 2009 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary David Miliband).

2 Social Security

(1) Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 2009 (S.I., 2009, No. 1490), dated 15 June 2009 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Yvette Cooper); and

(2) Social Security (Recovery of Benefits) (Lump Sum Payments) (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (S.I., 2009, No. 1494), dated 15 June 2009 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Yvette Cooper).

Other Papers:

3 Air Force (Constitution)

Amendment List 29 to Air Publication 1296—The Royal Air Force Manual of Medical Management and Administration (Eighth Edition) (by Act) (Secretary Bob Ainsworth).

4 Miscellaneous (No. 6, 2009)

Optional Protocol, done at New York on 13 December 2006, to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Cm. 7644) (Secretary David Miliband).

5 National Health Service

(1) Report and Accounts of Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust for 30 June 2008–31 March 2009 (by Act) (Secretary Andy Burnham);

(2) Report and Accounts of James Paget University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for 2008–09 (by Act) (Secretary Andy Burnham);

(3) Report and Financial Statements of Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust for 2008–09 (by Act) (Secretary Andy Burnham);

Withdrawn Papers:

6 European Communities

European Communities (Designation) (No. 3) Order 2009 (S.I., 2009, No. 1381), dated 10 June 2009 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (laid 17 June 2009).