



# House of Commons

## Thursday 10 March 2011

### Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 10.30 am.

#### PRAYERS.

1 Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Transport  
(2) Minister for Women and Equalities

2 Business Question (Leader of the House)

3 Backbench Business (22nd allotted day (Standing Order No. 14))

Publication of a Select Committee Report

*Resolved*, That this House notes the publication of the Seventh Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration on Smaller Government: What do Ministers do?—(*Mr Bernard Jenkin*.)

UN Women

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House recognises that around the world women continue to suffer discrimination and injustice simply because of their gender; notes that underlying inequality between men and women is the driving force that results in 70 per cent. of the world's poor being female; recognises that empowering women will drive progress towards all the Millennium Development Goals; welcomes the launch of UN Women, the UN Agency for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, on 1 January 2011; recognises that the agency is an example of UN reform to improve efficiency and co-ordination; and calls on the Government to provide support to the new agency to ensure it has the resources required to end the discrimination that keeps millions of women in poverty.—(*Mrs Eleanor Laing*.)

Amendment proposed, in line 10, at the end of the Question, to add 'and that in order to promote equality of women, democratic governments should ensure they have effective mechanisms for parliaments to scrutinise policy and performance in tackling inequality and injustice; and to that end calls for a women and equalities audit committee in this House.'—(*Fiona Mactaggart*.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Main Question put and agreed to.

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Future Inter-Parliamentary Scrutiny of EU Foreign, Defence and Security Policy

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House pays tribute to the work of the European Security and Defence Assembly and the members of the UK Delegation; notes the continuing need for co-ordinated scrutiny by national parliaments of intergovernmental activities under the EU's foreign, defence and security policies; welcomes the report of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Future inter-parliamentary scrutiny of EU foreign, defence and security policy, HC 697; and approves its approach to delivering that scrutiny.—(*Richard Ottaway*.)

Richard Ottaway claimed to move the closure (Standing Order No. 36).

Question put, That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Division No. 221.

Ayes: 118 (Tellers: Mr Robert Goodwill, Miss Chloe Smith).

Noes: 4 (Tellers: Mr James Clappison, Mr Christopher Chope).

Question accordingly agreed to.

Main Question accordingly put and agreed to.

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#### 4 Adjournment

Subject: Interception of mobile communications (Chris Bryant).

*Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn.—(*James Duddridge*.)

Adjourned at 6.43 pm until Monday 14 March.

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#### *Other proceedings*

#### *Changes to Notices Given*

#### 5 High Pay Commission Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 18 March, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 13 May.

#### *General Committees: Reports*

#### 6 Education Bill

Mr Charles Walker (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

#### 7 Health and Social Care Bill Committee

Mr Mike Hancock (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

#### 8 Localism Bill Committee

Mr David Amess (Chair) reported:

- (1) written evidence submitted to the Committee; and
- (2) the Bill with Amendments.

Written evidence (reported on 25 and 27 January, 1, 3, 8, 10, 15 and 17 February, 1, 3, 8 March and today) to be printed.

Bill, as amended, to be considered on Monday 14 March; and to be printed (Bill 161).

#### 9 Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee

Mr Joe Benton (Chair) reported the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2011 and the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating) Order 2011.

#### *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).*

10 European Committee A in respect of European Union Documents No. 14701/10, relating to a Draft Decision on the detailed rules for access to the public regulated service offered by the global navigation satellite system established under the Galileo programme, and No. 5530/11, relating to the Mid-term review of the European satellite radio navigation programmes

Members: Mrs Louise Ellman discharged and Gavin Shuker nominated in substitution.

#### *Reports from Select Committees*

#### 11 Business, Innovation and Skills Committee

*Rebalancing the Economy: Trade and Investment:* Evidence, to be printed (HC 735-vii) (Mr Adrian Bailey).

#### 12 Culture, Media and Sport Committee

*Pre-appointment hearing with the Government's preferred candidate for the Chairman of the BBC Trust:* Second Report, with evidence, to be printed, with the Formal Minutes relating to the Report (HC 864-I and -II) (Mr John Whittingdale).

#### 13 Political and Constitutional Reform Committee

(1) *Lessons from the process of government formation after the 2010 general election: Government Response to the Committee's Fourth Report of Session 2010–11:* First Special Report, with an appendix, to be printed (HC 866);

(2) *Constitutional implications of the Cabinet Manual:* Evidence, to be printed (HC 734-iii);

(3) *Codifying the relationship between central and local government:* Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Role and powers of the Prime Minister:* Written evidence, to be published

(Mr Graham Allen).

***John Bercow***

*Speaker*

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The Speaker will take the Chair at 2.30 pm.

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## Sitting in Westminster Hall

No. 82

The sitting began at 2.30 pm.

## Adjournment

Subject: Changes to housing benefit announced in the June 2010 Budget, Second Report from the Work and Pensions Committee, and the Government response.

*Resolved*, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(*Mr Robert Goodwill*.)

Adjourned at 5.17 pm until Tuesday 15 March.

**Lindsay Hoyle****Deputy Speaker**

## APPENDIX

*Papers presented or laid upon the Table:**Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:*

## 1 Church of England (General Synod) (Measures)

(1) Measure passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, entitled Care of Cathedrals Measure (by Act); to be printed (HC 868) (Clerk of the House);

(2) Measure passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, entitled Ecclesiastical Fees (Amendment) Measure (by Act); to be printed (HC 870) (Clerk of the House); and

(3) Measure passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, entitled Mission and Pastoral Measure (by Act); to be printed (HC 869) (Clerk of the House).

## 2 Immigration

Draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) Regulations 2011 (by Act) (Secretary Theresa May).

*Papers subject to Negative Resolution:*

## 3 Children and Young Persons

(1) Adoption Agencies and Independent Review of Determinations (Amendment) Regulations 2011 (S.I., 2011, No. 589), dated 3 March 2011 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Michael Gove);

(2) Arrangements for Placement of Children by Voluntary Organisations and Others (England) Regulations 2011 (S.I., 2011, No. 582), dated 3 March 2011 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Michael Gove);

(3) Childcare (Exemptions from Registration) (Amendment) Order 2011 (S.I., 2011, No. 584), dated 3 March 2011 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Michael Gove);

(4) Children's Homes (Amendment) Regulations 2011 (S.I., 2011, No. 583), dated 3 March 2011 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Michael Gove); and

(5) Fostering Services (England) Regulations 2011 (S.I., 2011, No. 581), dated 2 March 2011 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Michael Gove).

#### 4 Civil Contingencies

Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (Contingency Planning) (Amendment) Regulations 2011 (S.I., 2011, No. 615), dated 3 March 2011 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Francis Maude).

#### 5 Coast Protection

Regional Flood and Coastal Committees (England and Wales) Regulations 2011 (S.I., 2011, No. 695), dated 7 March 2011 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Caroline Spelman).

#### 6 Corporation Tax

Loan Relationships and Derivative Contracts (Disregard and Bringing into Account of Profits and Losses) (Amendment) Regulations 2011 (S.I., 2011, No. 698), dated 9 March 2011 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (David Gauke).

#### 7 Flood Risk Management

Flood Risk Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee (England) Regulations 2011 (S.I., 2011, No. 697), dated 7 March 2011 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Caroline Spelman).

#### 8 Immigration

Accession (Immigration and Worker Registration) (Revocation, Savings and Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2011 (S.I., 2011, No. 544), dated 24 February 2011 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Theresa May).

#### 9 Insurance

Employers' Liability (Compulsory Insurance) (Amendment) Regulations 2011 (S.I., 2011, No. 686), dated 3 March 2011 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Iain Duncan Smith).

#### 10 Local Government

Environment Agency (Levies) (England and Wales) Regulations 2011 (S.I., 2011, No. 696), dated 7 March 2011 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Caroline Spelman).

#### 11 Pensions

(1) Application of Pension Legislation to the National Employment Savings Trust Corporation Regulations 2011 (S.I., 2011, No. 673), dated 5 March 2011 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Iain Duncan Smith);

(2) Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2011 (S.I., 2011, No. 672), dated 5 March 2011 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Iain Duncan Smith); and

(3) Pension Protection Fund (Prescribed Payments and Investment Costs—Amendment) Regulations 2011 (S.I., 2011, No. 671), dated 7 March 2011 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Iain Duncan Smith).

#### 12 Revenue and Customs

Taxes, etc. (Fees for Payment by Internet) Regulations 2011 (S.I., 2011, No. 711), dated 9 March 2011 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (David Gauke).

## 13 Social Security

(1) Social Security (Claims and Payments) Amendment Regulations 2011 (S.I., 2011, No. 679), dated 7 March 2011 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Iain Duncan Smith);

(2) Social Security (Deferral of Retirement Pensions) Regulations 2011 (S.I., 2011, No. 634), dated 3 March 2011 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Iain Duncan Smith); and

(3) Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2011 (S.I., 2011, No. 674), dated 5 March 2011 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Iain Duncan Smith).

*Other Papers:*

## 14 Church of England (General Synod) (Measures)

Report by the Ecclesiastical Committee on the Care of Cathedrals Measure, the Mission and Pastoral Measure and the Ecclesiastical Fees (Amendment) Measure (by Act); to be printed (HC 867) (Clerk of the House).

*Withdrawn Papers:*

## 15 Immigration

Draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) Regulations 2011 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (laid 28 February 2011).

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*CORRIGENDUM*

9 March 2010

In the Appendix, the following item should have appeared under the heading "Papers subject to Negative Resolution":

5 National Lottery

National Lottery etc. Act 1993 (Amendment of Section 23) Order 2011 (S.I., 2011, No. 685), dated 8 March 2011 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Jeremy Hunt).