



# House of Commons

Tuesday 5 April 2011

## Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 11.30 am.

### PRAYERS.

#### 1 Leicester South Writ

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough Constituency of Leicester South in the room of Sir Peter Alfred Soulsby, who since his election to the said Borough Constituency has been appointed to the Office of Steward and Bailiff of Her Majesty's Manor of Northstead.—(*Ms Rosie Winterton.*)

#### 2 Questions to (1) the Deputy Prime Minister

(2) the Attorney General

(3) the honourable Member representing the Church Commissioners and the honourable Member representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission.

#### 3 Urgent Questions: (1) Social Mobility Strategy (Deputy Prime Minister)

(2) British Nationals (Eritrea) (Mr Henry Bellingham)

#### 4 Sustainable Energy (Local Plans) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Martin Horwood, supported by Mr Tim Yeo, Dan Rogerson, Joan Walley, Sir Peter Bottomley, Lorely Burt, Caroline Lucas, Sir Alan Beith, Martin Caton, Jim Dowd, Tom Brake and Andrew George, presented a Bill to promote energy efficiency; to require local authorities to publish sustainable energy plans; to make provision for a transfer of functions to principal councils; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 25 November and to be printed (Bill 179).

#### 5 Electoral Registration, Identification and Eligibility for Voting: Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Motion made and Question proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to improve electoral registration; to introduce identification of voters and other measures to combat electoral fraud; to widen the franchise to allow all those over 18 legally resident in the United Kingdom to vote; to strengthen measures to control negative campaigns by third party groups and websites; and for connected purposes.—(*Mike Gapes.*)

Motion opposed (Standing Order No. 23).

Question put.

The House divided.

Division No. 254.

Ayes: 30 (Tellers: Steve McCabe, Mr Virendra Sharma).

Noes: 86 (Tellers: Mr Peter Bone, Chris Heaton-Harris).

Question accordingly negatived.

#### 6 Britain's Contribution to Humanitarian Relief and Libya

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the matter of Britain's contribution to humanitarian relief and Libya.—(*Mr Secretary Mitchell.*)

Three hours after the start of proceedings, the Motion lapsed (Order, 29 March).

#### 7 Backbench Business (1st allotted day: Second half (Standing Order No. 14))

Matters to be raised before the forthcoming Adjournment

*Resolved*, That this House has considered matters to be raised before the forthcoming Adjournment.—(*Mr Peter Bone.*)

#### 8 Public Petitions

A Public Petition from residents of the Croyland area of Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, and the surrounding areas relating to Bus Service (Croyland, Wellingborough) was presented and read by Mr Peter Bone.

A Public Petition from residents of the Isham area of Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, and the surrounding areas relating to Isham Bypass (Wellingborough) was presented and read by Mr Peter Bone.

#### 9 Adjournment

Subject: Forestry Commission employment in Northumberland (Sir Alan Beith).

*Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Stephen Crabb.*)

Adjourned at 8.27 pm until Tuesday 26 April (Order, 22 November 2010).

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#### *Other proceedings*

#### *Changes to Notices Given*

#### 10 Television and Radio Advertising (Credit and Debt Management Services) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 13 May, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 17 June.

#### *General Committees: Reports*

#### 11 Education Bill Committee

Mr Charles Walker (Chair) reported:

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

Written evidence (reported on 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29 and 31 March and today) to be printed.

Bill, as amended, to be considered on Tuesday 26 April; and to be printed (Bill 180).

#### 12 Protection of Freedoms Bill Committee

Mr Gary Streeter (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

## 13 Welfare Reform Bill Committee

Mr James Gray (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

## 14 European Committee B in respect of European Union Documents No. 13840/10 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to the draft Regulation on short selling and certain aspects of credit default swaps, and No. 7379/11, relating to the corresponding Opinion of the European Central Bank

Miss Anne McIntosh (Chair) reported the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Documents No. 13840/10 and Addenda 1 and 2, relating to the draft Regulation on short selling and certain aspects of credit default swaps, and No. 7379/11, relating to the corresponding Opinion of the European Central Bank; and supports the Government's position that proposals should not impact market efficiency and liquidity, in particular in relation to sovereign debt.

*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).*

## 15 First Delegated Legislation Committee (Draft Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (Amendment of List of Responders) Order 2011)

Members: Nadine Dorries, Kate Hoey and Ian Mearns discharged and Mr Brian Binley, Frank Dobson and Mr Virendra Sharma nominated in substitution.

*Reports from Select Committees*

## 16 Business, Innovation and Skills Committee

*The Future of Higher Education: Evidence, to be printed (HC 885-iii) (Mr Adrian Bailey).*

## 17 Culture, Media and Sport Committee

(1) *Football Governance:*

(i) Evidence, to be printed (HC 792-vii);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Follow-up to the Press standards, privacy and libel report:* Written evidence, to be published

(Mr John Whittingdale).

## 18 Energy and Climate Change Committee

*Shale Gas:*

(1) Evidence, to be printed (HC 795-iv);

(2) Written evidence, to be published

(Mr Tim Yeo).

## 19 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

*The Common Agricultural Policy after 2013: Fifth Report, to be printed, with the Formal Minutes relating to the Report (HC 671) (Miss Anne McIntosh).*

## 20 European Scrutiny Committee

(1) Twenty-fifth Report, to be printed, with the Formal Minutes relating to the Report (HC 428-xxiii);

(2) *Ministerial Correspondence*: Written evidence, to be published  
(Mr William Cash).

## 21 Home Affairs Committee

(1) *Home Office—Managing Cuts*: Evidence, to be printed (HC 928-i);

(2) *UK Border Agency Enforcement*: Evidence, to be printed (HC 929-i);

(3) *Unauthorised tapping into or hacking of mobile communications*: Evidence, to be printed (HC 907-ii);

(4) *Equalities*: Written evidence, to be published  
(Keith Vaz).

## 22 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

(1) *Legislative Scrutiny*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *The Human Rights Implications of UK Extradition Policy*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Treatment of Asylum Seekers*: Written evidence, to be published  
(Dr Hywel Francis).

## 23 International Development Committee

*Infrastructure and Development*: Evidence, to be printed (HC 848-i) (Malcolm Bruce).

## 24 Public Administration (Select Committee on)

(1) *Business Appointment Rules*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Good Governance: the effective use of IT*: Written evidence, to be published  
(Mr Bernard Jenkin).

## 25 Treasury Committee

*Budget 2011*:

(1) Tenth Report, with written evidence, to be printed, with the Formal Minutes relating to the Report (HC 897);

(2) Written evidence, to be published  
(Mr Andrew Tyrie).

***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

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The sitting began at 9.30 am.

## Adjournment

## Subjects:

BBC local radio (Dr Thérèse Coffey).

Future of advice centres in Barnsley and Sheffield (Angela Smith).

Groceries code adjudicator (Gavin Williamson).

Government policy on net neutrality (Mr Dominic Raab).

Library services in South Manchester (Mr John Leech).

*Resolved*, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(*Grant Shapps*.)

Adjourned at 4.59 pm until Tuesday 26 April.

***Lindsay Hoyle***

***Deputy Speaker***

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APPENDIX

*Papers presented or laid upon the Table:*

*Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:*

1 Criminal Law

Draft Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Act 2007 (Extension of duration of non-jury trial provisions) Order 2011 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Owen Paterson).

*Papers subject to Negative Resolution:*

2 Consumer Protection

Timeshare (Amendment) Regulations 2011 (S.I., 2011, No. 1065), dated 2 April 2011 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Vince Cable).

3 Court of Judicature, Northern Ireland

Rules of the Court of Judicature (Northern Ireland) (Amendment No. 2) 2011 (S.R. (N.I.), 2011, No. 181), dated 4 April 2011 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Kenneth Clarke).

*Other Papers:*

4 Access to Justice (Northern Ireland)

Report and Financial Statements of Northern Ireland Legal Services Commission for 2008–09, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Statutory Instrument); to be printed (HC 661) (Secretary Kenneth Clarke).

5 Communications

Government Response to the First Report from the House of Lords Communications Committee, Session 2010–11, on Regulation of Television Advertising (by Command) (Cm. 8057) (Secretary Jeremy Hunt).

## 6 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department for International Development: Financial Management Report (by Act); to be printed (HC 820) (Clerk of the House).

## 7 Work and Pensions

A New Approach to Child Poverty: Tackling the Causes of Disadvantage and Transforming Families' Lives (by Command) (Cm. 8061) (Secretary Iain Duncan Smith).