



House of Commons
Wednesday 8 December 2010
Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

PRAYERS.

1 Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Wales
(2) the Prime Minister

2 Statement: Social Security Benefits Up-rating (Steve Webb)

3 Armed Forces Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Secretary Liam Fox, supported by the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister, Secretary William Hague, Secretary Kenneth Clarke, Secretary Theresa May, Secretary Vince Cable, Mr Secretary Mitchell, the Attorney General and Mr Andrew Robathan, presented a Bill to continue the Armed Forces Act 2006; to amend that Act and other enactments relating to the armed forces and the Ministry of Defence Police; to amend the Visiting Forces Act 1952; to enable judge advocates to sit in civilian courts; to repeal the Naval Medical Compassionate Fund Act 1915; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 122) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 122–EN).

4 Council Housing (Local Financing Pathfinders): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the Secretary of State to begin negotiations with certain local authorities with a view to those local authorities leaving the current national housing subsidy system and becoming Council Housing (Local Financing Pathfinders) by April 2011; and for connected purposes;

That Sarah Newton, George Eustice, Sheryll Murray, Andrew George, Dan Rogerson, Stephen Gilbert, Jane Ellison, Ann Coffey and Mr David Nuttall present the Bill.

Sarah Newton accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 21 January, and to be printed (Bill 124).

5 Estimates Day (Standing Order No. 145 and Resolution, 29 November) (1st allotted day)

(1) Vote on Account, 2011–12: Home Office

Motion made and Question proposed, That, for the year ending with 31 March 2012, for expenditure by the Home Office—

(1) resources, not exceeding £4,490,851,000, be authorised, on account, for use for current purposes as set out in HC 593,

(2) resources, not exceeding £225,450,000, be authorised, on account, for use for capital purposes as so set out, and

(3) a sum, not exceeding £4,601,101,000, be granted to Her Majesty to be issued by the Treasury out of the Consolidated Fund, on account, and applied for expenditure on the use of resources authorised by Parliament.—(*Stephen Crabb.*)

Debate concluded and Question deferred (Standing Order No. 54(4)).

(2) Vote on Account, 2011–12: Department for International Development

Motion made and Question proposed, That, for the year ending with 31 March 2012, for expenditure by the Department for International Development—

(1) resources, not exceeding £2,498,978,000, be authorised, on account, for use for current purposes as set out in HC 593,

(2) resources, not exceeding £700,200,000, be authorised, on account, for use for capital purposes as so set out, and

(3) a sum, not exceeding £2,962,928,000, be granted to Her Majesty to be issued by the Treasury out of the Consolidated Fund, on account, and applied for expenditure on the use of resources authorised by Parliament.—(*Angela Watkinson.*)

At 7.00 pm the debate was interrupted and the Question deferred (Standing Order No. 54(4)).

The following Questions were put forthwith (Standing Order No. 54(5)).

(1) Vote on Account, 2011–12: Home Office

Resolved, That, for the year ending with 31 March 2012, for expenditure by the Home Office—

(1) resources, not exceeding £4,490,851,000, be authorised, on account, for use for current purposes as set out in HC 593,

(2) resources, not exceeding £225,450,000, be authorised, on account, for use for capital purposes as so set out, and

(3) a sum, not exceeding £4,601,101,000, be granted to Her Majesty to be issued by the Treasury out of the Consolidated Fund, on account, and applied for expenditure on the use of resources authorised by Parliament.

(2) Vote on Account, 2011–12: Department for International Development

Resolved, That, for the year ending with 31 March 2012, for expenditure by the Department for International Development—

(1) resources, not exceeding £2,498,978,000, be authorised, on account, for use for current purposes as set out in HC 593,

(2) resources, not exceeding £700,200,000, be authorised, on account, for use for capital purposes as so set out, and

(3) a sum, not exceeding £2,962,928,000, be granted to Her Majesty to be issued by the Treasury out of the Consolidated Fund, on account, and applied for expenditure on the use of resources authorised by Parliament.

6 Remaining Estimates

The following Questions were put forthwith (Standing Order No. 54).

(1) Supplementary Estimates, 2010–11

Resolved, That, for the year ending with 31 March 2011—

(1) further resources, not exceeding £5,776,805,000, be authorised for use for defence and civil services as set out in HC 536,

(2) a further sum, not exceeding £5,707,827,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund, to meet the costs of defence and civil services as so set out, and

(3) limits as so set out be set on appropriations in aid.—(*James Duddridge.*)

(2) Estimates, 2011–12 (Vote on Account)

Resolved, That, for the year ending with 31 March 2012—

(1) resources, not exceeding £215,642,558,000, be authorised, on account, for use for current purposes as set out in HC 589, HC 593, HC 596, HC 604, HC 613 and HC 621,

(2) resources, not exceeding £21,660,305,000, be authorised, on account, for use for capital purposes as so set out, and

(3) a sum, not exceeding £195,788,281,000, be granted to Her Majesty to be issued by the Treasury out of the Consolidated Fund, on account, and applied for expenditure on the use of resources authorised by Parliament.—(*James Duddridge*.)

7 Consolidated Fund: Motion to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 57)

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolutions relating to Supplementary Estimates 2010–11 and Estimates, 2011–12 (Vote on Account);

That the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Danny Alexander, Mark Hoban, David Gauke and Justine Greening bring in the Bill.

Mark Hoban accordingly presented a Bill to authorise the use of resources for the service of the year ending with 31 March 2011 and to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending with 31 March 2011; and to authorise the use of resources for the year ending with 31 March 2012 and the issue of sums out of the Consolidated Fund for the year ending with 31 March 2012.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 111).

8 Business of the House (Today)

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 15), That, at this day's sitting, proceedings on the Motion in the name of Sir George Young relating to Business of the House (Thursday) may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(*James Duddridge*.)

The House divided.

Division No. 146.

Ayes: 315 (Tellers: James Duddridge, Mark Hunter).

Noes: 216 (Tellers: Mark Tami, Jonathan Reynolds).

Question accordingly agreed to.

9 Deferred Divisions

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 41A(3)), That, at this day's sitting, Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply to the motion in the name of Sir George Young relating to Business of the House (Thursday).—(*Mr Shailesh Vara*.)

The House divided.

Division No. 147.

Ayes: 320 (Tellers: Mark Hunter, James Duddridge).

Noes: 216 (Tellers: Mark Tami, Jonathan Reynolds).

Question accordingly agreed to.

10 Business of the House (Thursday)

Motion made and Question proposed, That, at the sitting on Thursday 9 December, the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion in the name of Secretary Vince Cable relating to Higher Education Higher Amount and, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 16 (Proceedings under an Act or on European Union documents), on the Motion in the name of Secretary Vince Cable on the draft Higher Education (Basic Amount) (England) Regulations not later than five hours after the commencement of proceedings on the first motion, or at 5.30 pm, whichever is the earlier; such Questions shall include the Questions on any Amendments selected by the Speaker which

may then be moved; proceedings may continue after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(*Sir George Young.*)

Mr Alistair Carmichael claimed to move the closure (Standing Order No. 36).

Question put, That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Division No. 148.

Ayes: 300 (Tellers: James Duddridge, Stephen Crabb).

Noes: 201 (Tellers: Phil Wilson, Mark Hendrick).

Question accordingly agreed to.

Question accordingly put.

The House divided.

Division No. 149.

Ayes: 305 (Tellers: Mr Shailesh Vara, Mark Hunter).

Noes: 202 (Tellers: Phil Wilson, Mr David Hamilton).

Question accordingly agreed to.

11 Statutory Instruments: Motion for Approval

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Mutilations (Permitted Procedures) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2010, which were laid before this House on 8 November, be approved.—(*Bill Wiggin.*)

The Speaker's opinion as to the decision of the Question was challenged.

Division deferred until Wednesday 15 December (Standing Order No. 41A).

12 Planning: National Policy Statements

Ordered, That, for the purposes of the revised draft National Policy Statements on energy laid before the House on 18 October, the designated date in Standing Order No. 152H(5) (Planning: National Policy Statements) shall be the fourteenth day before the expiry of the relevant period defined under section 9(6) of the Planning Act 2008.—(*Bill Wiggin.*)

13 Housing and Social Security

Ordered, That the Housing Benefit (Amendment) Regulations 2010 (S.I., 2010, No. 2835), dated 24 November 2010, and the Rent Officers (Housing Benefit Functions) Amendment Order 2010 (S.I., 2010, No. 2836), dated 24 November 2010, be referred to a Delegated Legislation Committee.—(*Bill Wiggin.*)

14 Public Petitions

A Public Petition from Sarah Smith and students from schools across Wirral relating to Further and Higher Education Funding was presented and read by Ms Angela Eagle.

15 Adjournment

Subject: Acute mental health service provision in Lancashire (Mark Hendrick).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Bill Wiggin.*)

Adjourned at 12.11 am until today.

Other proceedings

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).

16 First Delegated Legislation Committee (Draft Road Safety (Financial Penalty Deposit) (Appropriate Amount) (Amendment) Order 2010)

(1) Chair: Mr Andrew Turner

(2) Members: Stephen Barclay, Gavin Barwell, Peter Bottomley, Mr Steve Brine, Mr Robert Buckland, Mrs Jenny Chapman, Julie Hilling, Martin Horwood, Sir Gerald Kaufman, Austin Mitchell, Mike Penning, Mr Lee Scott, Jim Shannon, Mr Marsha Singh, Angela Smith, Mr Shailesh Vara, John Woodcock and Simon Wright.

17 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (Tobacco Products (Descriptions of Products) (Amendment) Order 2010 (S.I., 2010, No. 2852))

(1) Chair: Jim Dobbin

(2) Members: Gordon Birtwistle, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Jeremy Corbyn, Mike Crockart, Caroline Dinenage, Mr Mark Field, Mr Robert Goodwill, Justine Greening, Simon Hart, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Kerry McCarthy, Stephen McPartland, Caroline Nokes, Mr Barry Sheerman, Graham Stringer, Ms Gisela Stuart, Phil Wilson and Sammy Wilson.

18 European Committee B in respect of European Union Document No. 10823/10 and Addendum, relating to a Green Paper on Corporate Governance in Financial Institutions and Remuneration Policies

Chair: Mr David Crausby.

19 European Committee B in respect of European Union Documents No. 9193/10, No. 10346/10 and Addenda 1 and 2, and No. 10561/10 and Addendum, relating to the draft Regulation on the Financial Regulation

Chair: Annette Brooke.

20 European Committee B in respect of European Union Documents No. 9231/10, relating to a Council recommendation on broad guidelines for the economic policies of the Member States and of the Union—Part I of the Europe 2020 Integrated Guidelines and No. 9233/10, relating to a Proposal for a Council Decision on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States—Part II of the Europe 2020 Integrated Guidelines

Members: Miss Anne Begg, Lyn Brown, Michael Connarty, John Cryer, James Duddridge, Chris Grayling, Justine Greening, Mr Oliver Heald, Chris Heaton-Harris, Kerry McCarthy, Alok Sharma, Stephen Williams and Sammy Wilson.

European Union Documents Referred

21 European Committee B

European Union Document No. 16797/10, relating to a Commission Communication, The EU Internal Security Strategy in Action: Five steps towards a more secure Europe.

22 European Committee B

Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 24 November 2010, submitted by the Department for International Development, relating to the European Court of Auditors' Annual Report on Activities Funded by the Seventh, Eighth and Ninth European Development Funds (EDFs) and Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum, dated 25 November 2010, submitted by

HM Treasury, relating to the European Court of Auditors' Annual Report on Implementation of the Budget concerning the financial year 2009, together with European Union Documents No. 9193/10, No. 10346/10 and Addenda 1 and 2 and No. 10561/10 and Addendum, relating to Financial Management, already referred to the Committee on 15 September.

Reports from Select Committees

23 Education Committee

The role and performance of Ofsted: Evidence, to be printed (HC 570-iv) (Mr Graham Stuart).

24 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

The impact of Common Agricultural Policy reform on UK agriculture:

(1) Evidence, to be printed (HC 671-i);

(2) Written evidence, to be published

(Miss Anne McIntosh).

25 Environmental Audit Committee

(1) *Green Investment Bank*: Evidence, to be printed (HC 505-iv);

(2) *Embedding sustainable development across government, after the Secretary of State's announcement on the future of the Sustainable Development Commission*: Written evidence, to be published

(Joan Walley).

26 European Scrutiny Committee

(1) Eleventh Report, to be printed, with the Formal Minutes relating to the Report (HC 428-x);

(2) *The EU Bill and Parliamentary sovereignty*:

(i) Evidence, to be printed (HC 633-iv);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Ministerial Correspondence*: Written evidence, to be published

(Mr William Cash).

27 Foreign Affairs Committee

(1) *The Role of the FCO in UK Government*:

(i) Evidence, to be printed (HC 665-i);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *FCO Performance and Finances*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *FCO Public Diplomacy: The Olympics*: Written evidence, to be published

(Richard Ottaway).

28 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

Corporation Tax in Northern Ireland: Evidence, to be printed (HC 558-v) (Mr Laurence Robertson).

29 Procedure Committee

Ministerial Statements: Evidence, to be printed (HC 602-ii) (Mr Greg Knight).

30 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *Managing the defence budget and estate*: Tenth Report, to be printed, with the Formal Minutes relating to the Report (HC 503);

(2) *The Community Care Grant*: Eleventh Report, to be printed, with the Formal Minutes relating to the Report (HC 573);

(3) *Minimising the cost of administrative errors in the benefit system*: Evidence, to be printed (HC 668-i)

(Margaret Hodge).

31 Scottish Affairs Committee

Postal Services in Scotland:

(1) Evidence, to be printed (HC 669-i);

(2) Written evidence, to be published

(Mr Alan Reid).

32 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

Tenth Report, to be printed (HC 354-x) (George Mudie).

33 Treasury Committee

Autumn Forecast: Evidence, to be printed (HC 664-ii) (Mr Andrew Tyrie).

John Bercow

Speaker

The Speaker will take the Chair at 10.30 am.

Sitting in Westminster Hall

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The sitting began at 9.30 am.

Adjournment

Subjects:

Defence spending in Wales (Mrs Siân C. James).

Regulation of football ground capacity (Nic Dakin).

Role of tourism in regenerating seaside towns (Laura Sandys).

Rail services to Nuneaton station (Mr Marcus Jones).

Deaths of civilians in Ballymurphy in August 1971 (Mark Durkan).

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(*Stephen Crabb*.)

Adjourned at 4.58 pm until tomorrow.

Lindsay Hoyle

Deputy Speaker

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Income Tax

London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Tax Regulations 2010 (S.I., 2010, No. 2913), dated 7 December 2010 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (David Gauke).

2 Legal Services

Legal Services Act 2007 (Levy) (No. 2) Rules 2010 (S.I., 2010, No. 2911), dated 5 December 2010 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Kenneth Clarke).

3 Pensions

Occupational Pensions (Revaluation) Order 2010 (S.I., 2010, No. 2861), dated 30 November 2010 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Iain Duncan Smith).

4 Tax Credits

Tax Credits (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 3) Regulations 2010 (S.I., 2010, No. 2914), dated 7 December 2010 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Justine Greening).

Other Papers:

5 National Loans

Accounts relating to issues from the National Loans Fund for 2008–09, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act); to be printed (HC 656) (Clerk of the House).

6 Severn Bridges

Financial Statements of Severn River Crossing Plc for 2009 (by Act) (Secretary Philip Hammond).

CORRIGENDUM

Monday 29 November 2010

The following item appeared in the Appendix at item 7, under the heading “Papers subject to Negative Resolution”:

Immigration

Immigration (Designation of Travel Bans) (Amendment) Order 2010 (S.I., 2010, No. 2813), dated 22 November 2010 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Theresa May).

It should have appeared under the heading “Other Papers”.