



House of Commons

Tuesday 8 February 2011

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

PRAYERS.

1 Questions to the Chancellor of the Exchequer

2 Urgent Question: Russia (Exclusion of journalist) (Mr David Lidington)

3 BBC Licence Fee Payers (Voting Rights): 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 BBC to enable licence fee payers to vote on its strategic direction and aspects of senior salaries and programming, including referenda on particular issues; to provide for election of the BBC Trust and the non-executive members of the BBC Executive Board by licence fee payers; to make other provision relating to the governance of the BBC; and for connected purposes;

That Robert Halfon, Nick de Bois, Craig Whittaker, Pauline Latham, David Tredinnick, Priti Patel, Mr James Clappison, Mr Lee Scott, Mr David Nuttall, Laura Sandys, Simon Hart and Nadhim Zahawi present the Bill.

Robert Halfon accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 25 November, and to be printed (Bill 142).

4 Education Bill: Second Reading

Motion made and Question put, That the Education Bill be now read a second time.

The House divided.

Division No. 193.

Ayes: 324 (Tellers: Stephen Crabb, Norman Lamb).

Noes: 244 (Tellers: Mr David Hamilton, Lilian Greenwood).

Question accordingly agreed to and Bill read a second time.

5 Education Bill (Programme)

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Education Bill:

Committal

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee

2. Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Tuesday 5 April 2011.

3. The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

Consideration and Third Reading

4. Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.

5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.

6. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading.

Other proceedings

7. Any other proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or on any further messages from the Lords) may be programmed.—(*Angela Watkinson.*)

Question agreed to.

6 Education Bill (Money)

Queen's Recommendation signified.

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 52(1)(a)), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Education Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided.—(*Angela Watkinson.*)

Question agreed to.

7 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft European Union (Definition of Treaties) (Partnership and Cooperation Agreement) (Republic of Indonesia) Order 2010, which was laid before this House on 15 November, be approved.—(*Angela Watkinson.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Revision of Codes A, B and D) Order 2010, which was laid before this House on 17 November, be approved.—(*Angela Watkinson.*)

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

Division deferred until tomorrow (Standing Order No. 41A).

8 Energy 2020

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 119(11)), That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 16096/10, relating to a Commission Communication on Energy 2020: A strategy for competitive, sustainable and secure energy; and agrees that the Commission's Energy 2020 strategy is an important step towards defining the EU's energy policy over the coming decade and will underpin Europe's move to an energy-secure, low-carbon competitive economy.—(*Angela Watkinson.*)

Question agreed to.

9 Taxation of the Financial Sector

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 119(11)), That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 15282/10 and Addendum, relating to financial sector taxation; recognises that decisions regarding direct taxes are primarily a matter for sovereign governments; supports the timely action the Government has already taken to introduce a permanent levy on bank balance sheets to ensure that banks make a full and fair contribution in respect of the potential risks they pose to the wider economy; notes that the

Government continues to explore the costs and benefits of financial activities taxes and will work with international partners to secure agreement; and further supports the Government's position that an EU-wide financial transaction tax could lead to the relocation of financial services outside the EU.—(*Angela Watkinson.*)

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

Division deferred until tomorrow (Standing Order No. 41A).

10 Public Petitions

A Public Petition from Stephen Yemm, citizen of Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, and others, including 420 other students of West Nottinghamshire College and Queen Elizabeth School, both based in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, relating to Education Maintenance Allowance was presented and read by Mr Alan Meale.

11 Adjournment

Subject: Effect on the higher education sector of changes to the Tier 4 immigration system (Mr Richard Bacon).

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Angela Watkinson.*)

House adjourned without Question put (Standing Order No. 9(7)).

Adjourned at 10.50 pm until tomorrow.

Other proceedings

Disqualification of a Member

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Notification, laid upon the Table by the Speaker, That Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer had today appointed Eric Evelyn Illsley, Member for Barnsley Central, to the office of Steward and Bailiff of the Three Hundreds of Chiltern.

General Committees: Reports

13 Health and Social Care Bill Committee

Mr Jim Hood (Chair) reported:

(1) That the Committee had come to the following Resolution, That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication; and

(2) written evidence.

Written evidence to be published.

14 Localism Bill Committee

Hugh Bayley (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

15 Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill Committee

Mr Christopher Chope (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

16 First Delegated Legislation Committee

Katy Clark (Chair) reported the draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) Order 2011.

17 European Committee B in respect of European Union Documents No. 11048/10, relating to a draft agreement, No. 11173/10, relating to a Council Decision on the signature of the agreement, and No. 11172/10, relating to a Council Decision on the conclusion of the agreement between the European Union and the United States of America on the processing and transfer of financial payment messaging data from the European Union to the United States of America for the purposes of the Terrorist Finance Tracking Program

Dr William McCrea (Chair) reported the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Documents No. 11048/10, relating to a draft agreement, No. 11173/10, relating to a draft Council Decision on the signature of the agreement, and No. 11172/10, relating to a draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the agreement between the European Union and the United States of America on the processing and transfer of financial messaging data from the European Union to the United States for purposes of the Terrorist Finance Tracking Program; agrees that the program is an extremely important tool in the global counter-terrorism effort, providing valuable contributions to numerous high profile cases, and notes that the program has achieved an appropriate balance between counter-terrorism and data protection.

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).

18 First Delegated Legislation Committee (Draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) Order 2011)

Members: Mark Tami discharged and Mr David Hamilton nominated in substitution.

Reports from Select Committees

19 Armed Forces Bill (Select Committee on the)

The Armed Forces Bill:

(1) Evidence, to be printed (HC 779-iii);

(2) Written evidence, to be published

(Mr James Arbuthnot).

20 Backbench Business Committee

Transcript of representations made on Tuesday 8 February, to be published (Natascha Engel).

21 Business, Innovation and Skills Committee

Rebalancing the Economy: Trade and Investment:

(1) Evidence, to be printed (HC 735-iv);

(2) Written evidence, to be published

(Mr Adrian Bailey).

22 Culture, Media and Sport Committee

Football Governance:

- (1) Evidence, to be printed (HC 792-i);
(2) Written evidence, to be published
(Mr John Whittingdale).
- 23 Energy and Climate Change Committee
Electricity Market Reform: Evidence, to be printed (HC 742-iv) (Mr Tim Yeo).
- 24 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee
The impact of Common Agricultural Policy reform on UK agriculture: Evidence, to be printed (HC 671-vii) (Miss Anne McIntosh).
- 25 Health Committee
Commissioning: further issues: Evidence, to be printed (HC 796-i) (Mr Stephen Dorrell).
- 26 Home Affairs Committee
Student Visas: Evidence, to be printed (HC 773-ii) (Keith Vaz).
- 27 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)
(1) *Counter-Terrorism Review*: Evidence, to be printed (HC 797-i);
(2) *Legislative scrutiny*: Written evidence, to be published
(Dr Hywel Francis).
- 28 International Development Committee
The future of DFID's programme in India: Evidence, to be printed (HC 616-ii) (Malcolm Bruce).
- 29 Justice Committee
Access to Justice: Government's proposed reforms for Legal Aid: Evidence, to be printed (HC 681-iv) (Sir Alan Beith).
- 30 Political and Constitutional Reform Committee
Voting by convicted prisoners: summary of evidence:
(1) Fifth Report, with the Formal Minutes relating to the Report, to be printed (HC 776);
(2) Written evidence, to be published
(Mrs Eleanor Laing).
- 31 Public Accounts (Committee of)
Excess Votes 2009–10: Twenty-second Report, to be printed, with the Formal Minutes relating to the Report (HC 801) (Margaret Hodge).
- 32 Public Administration (Select Committee on)
(1) *Business Appointment Rules*: Evidence, to be printed (HC 780-i);
(2) *Good Governance: the effective use of IT*: Written evidence, to be published
(Mr Bernard Jenkin).
- 33 Scottish Affairs Committee
The Scotland Bill:
(1) Evidence, to be printed (HC 775-ii);

(2) Written evidence, to be published
(Mr Ian Davidson).

34 Transport Committee

(1) *Maritime and Coastguard Agency*:

(i) Evidence, to be printed (HC 752-i);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *EU transport policy*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Issues relating to the licensing of taxis and private hire vehicles*: Written evidence, to be published

(Mrs Louise Ellman).

35 Treasury Committee

Administration and effectiveness of HMRC: Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee, to be printed (HC 731-ii) (Mr Andrew Tyrie).

John Bercow

Speaker

The Speaker will take the Chair at 11.30 am

Sitting in Westminster Hall

No. 71

The sitting began at 9.30 am.

Adjournment

Subjects:

Future funding of independent debt advice (Yvonne Fovargue).

Economic regeneration in Wolverhampton and the Black Country (Paul Uppal).

Proposal for a National Defence Medal (Mr Denis MacShane).

Care for the elderly in Kent (Charlie Elphicke).

Effects of changes to housing benefit in Scotland (Gregg McClymont).

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Angela Watkinson.)

Adjourned at 2.00 pm until tomorrow.

Lindsay Hoyle

Deputy Speaker

APPENDIX

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

1 Environmental Protection

Draft Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Caroline Spelman).

2 Taxes

(1) Draft Double Taxation Relief and International Tax Enforcement (Montserrat) Order 2011 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (David Gauke);

(2) draft International Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters Order 2011 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (David Gauke);

(3) draft International Tax Enforcement (Antigua and Barbuda) Order 2011 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (David Gauke);

(4) draft International Tax Enforcement (Saint Christopher (Saint Kitts) and Nevis) Order 2011 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (David Gauke);

(5) draft International Tax Enforcement (Saint Lucia) Order 2011 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (David Gauke); and

(6) draft International Tax Enforcement (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines) Order 2011 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (David Gauke).

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Food

(1) Food (Jelly Mini-Cups) (Emergency Control) (England) (Revocation) Regulations 2011 (S.I., 2011, No. 213), dated 2 February 2011 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Mr Secretary Lansley); and

(2) Plastic Materials and Articles in Contact with Food (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2011 (S.I., 2011, No. 231), dated 5 February 2011 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Mr Secretary Lansley).

4 Gas

Gas (Exemptions) Order 2011 (S.I., 2011, No. 232), dated 7 February 2011 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Chris Huhne).

5 Police

Police Federation (Amendment) Regulations 2011 (S.I., 2011, No. 230), dated 4 February 2011 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Theresa May).

Withdrawn Papers:

6 Electricity

Draft Renewables Obligation (Amendment) Order 2011 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (laid 7 February 2011).