



## HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday 13 September 2017

# Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 11.30 am

Prayers

**1 Private Bills [Lords]: New Southgate Cemetery Bill [Lords]: Third Reading**

Motion made, That the New Southgate Cemetery Bill [Lords] be now read the third time.—(First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Objection taken (Standing Order No. 20(2)).

*Ordered*, That the Bill be read the third time on Wednesday 11 October.

**2 Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland  
(2) the Prime Minister**

**3 Carbon Monoxide (Detection and Safety): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)**

*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision about requirements for carbon monoxide detectors; to make provision about carbon monoxide safety; and for connected purposes;

That Eddie Hughes, Michael Tomlinson and Mr Barry Sheerman present the Bill.

Eddie Hughes accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 19 January 2018, and to be printed (Bill 107).

**4 Opposition Day: Leader of the Opposition (1st allotted day (Standing Order No. 14))**

(1) NHS pay

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House notes that in 2017-18 NHS pay rises have been capped at one per cent and that this represents another below-inflation pay settlement; further notes that applications for nursing degrees have fallen 23 per cent this year; notes that the number of nurses and midwives joining the Nursing and Midwifery Council register has been in decline since March 2016 and that in 2016-17 45 per cent more UK registrants left the register than joined it; and calls on the Government to end the public sector pay cap in the NHS and give NHS workers a fair pay rise.—*(Jonathan Ashworth.)*

The Deputy Speaker imposed a time limit on backbench speeches (Standing Order No. 47(1)).

Question again proposed.

*Resolved*, That this House notes that in 2017-18 NHS pay rises have been capped at one per cent and that this represents another below-inflation pay settlement; further notes that applications for nursing degrees have fallen 23 per cent this year; notes that the number of nurses and midwives joining the Nursing and Midwifery Council register has been in decline since March 2016 and that in 2016-17 45 per cent more UK registrants left the register than joined it; and calls on the Government to end the public sector pay cap in the NHS and give NHS workers a fair pay rise.

(2) Higher Education Regulations (S.I., 2016, No. 1205 and S.I., 2016, No. 1206)

Motion made and Question proposed, That the Higher Education (Higher Amount) (England) Regulations 2016 (S.I., 2016, No. 1206) and the Higher Education (Basic Amount) (England) Regulations 2016 (S.I., 2016, No. 1205), both dated 13 December 2016, copies of which were laid before this House on 15 December 2016, in the last Session of Parliament, be revoked.—(*Angela Rayner*.)

The Speaker announced a time limit on backbench speeches (Standing Order No. 47(1)).

Question again proposed.

Alan Campbell claimed to move the closure (Standing Order No. 36).

Question put, That the Question be now put.

Question agreed to and Question accordingly put.

*Resolved*, That the Higher Education (Higher Amount) (England) Regulations 2016 (S.I., 2016, No. 1206) and the Higher Education (Basic Amount) (England) Regulations 2016 (S.I., 2016, No. 1205), both dated 13 December 2016, copies of which were laid before this House on 15 December 2016, in the last Session of Parliament, be revoked.

## 5 Public petitions

(1) A public petition from residents of Clwyd South relating to Bangor-on-Dee post office was presented and read by Susan Elan Jones.

(2) A public petition from residents of the UK relating to development in Kings Langley was presented and read by Mike Penning.

(3) A public petition from residents of Wellingborough relating to the Redwell fields, Wellingborough was presented and read by Peter Bone.

## 6 Adjournment

Subject: Employment tribunals (Mike Penning).

*Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Andrew Stephenson*.)

Adjourned at 7.26 pm until tomorrow.

## 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 Selection Committee nominates Members to serve on General Committees (and certain Members to serve on Grand Committees).*

#### **1 Panel of Chairs (Standing Orders Nos. 83J(8)(a), 83P(4) and 83U(6))**

Sir Roger Gale and Mr Clive Betts to be the two Members whom the Speaker may consult under Standing Orders Nos. 83J(8)(a), 83P(4) and 83U(6) in deciding whether to certify, in relation to territorial application and devolved legislative competence, (a) a bill, clause or schedule, under Standing Order No. 83J, (b) an instrument, under Standing Order No. 83P and (c) a motion upon which a Finance Bill is to be brought in, under Standing Order No. 83U (Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Selection Committee).

#### **2 Panel of Chairs (Parliament Act 1911)**

Sir Roger Gale and Mr Clive Betts to be the two Members whom the Speaker shall consult, if practicable, before certifying a Bill to be a Money Bill (Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Selection Committee).

### *Reports from Select Committees*

#### **3 Communities and Local Government Committee**

(1) *Correspondence from the Housing Ombudsman relating to the Public Services Ombudsman Bill*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State, Department for Communities and Local Government, relating to business rates retention*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State, Department for Communities and Local Government, relating to responses to Committee Reports*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State, Department for Communities and Local Government, relating to the review of the building fire safety system*: Written evidence, to be published

(Mr Clive Betts).

#### **4 Defence Committee**

(1) *Strategic Defence and Security Review 2015 and the Army: Government Response to the Committee's Eighth Report of Session 2016–17*, First Special Report, to be printed (HC 311);

(2) *Armed Forces Covenant Annual Report 2016: Government Response to the Committee's Ninth Report of Session 2016–17*, Second Special Report, to be printed (HC 310);

(3) *North Korea*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 327);

(4) *Memorandum for the Ministry of Defence Main Estimates 2017–2018*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Memorandum on Armed Forces Pension and Compensation Schemes Main Estimate 2017–18*: Written evidence, to be published

(Dr Julian Lewis).

#### 5 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

*Sports Governance*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 320) (Damian Collins).

#### 6 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

(1) *The work of Defra*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 321) (Neil Parish).

#### 7 Health Committee

(1) *Correspondence with Ofcom relating to the Committee's report on suicide prevention*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Correspondence with the Chief Executive of NHS Improvement*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to pilots of checking for eligibility for NHS treatment*: Written evidence, to be published

(Dr Sarah Wollaston).

#### 8 International Development Committee

(1) *Department For International Development's (DFID) use of private sector contractors: Government Response to the Committee's Eighth Report of Session 2016–17*: First Special Report, to be printed (HC 322);

(2) *UK aid: allocation of resources: Government Response to the Committee's Seventh Report of Session 2016–17*: Second Special Report, to be printed (HC 323);

(3) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for International Development relating to DFID's use of private sector contractors*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for International Development relating to DFID's work on education: Leaving no one behind?*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for International Development relating to Forced displacement and food crises in Central and East Africa*: Written evidence, to be published

(Stephen Twigg).

#### 9 Justice Committee

(1) *Correspondence with Dominic Raab MP, Minister of State for Justice, relating to Housing Possession Court Duty Scheme*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Correspondence with Rt Hon David Lidington MP, Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, relating to judicial appointments*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with Rt Hon David Lidington MP, Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, relating to Justice Committee issues*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with Rt Hon David Lidington MP, Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, relating to the personal injury discount rate*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with Rt Hon David Lidington MP, Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, relating to Providing a cross-border civil judicial cooperation framework—A future partnership paper*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence with Rt Hon David Lidington MP, Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, relating to recruitment for Prison and Probation Ombudsman: Written evidence, to be published;*

(7) *Correspondence with Rt Hon David Lidington MP, Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice, relating to the sex offender treatment programme: Written evidence, to be published*

(Robert Neill).

#### 10 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

(1) *HM Government support for UK victims of IRA attacks that used Gaddafi-supplied Semtex and weapons: Government Response to the Committee's Fourth Report of Session 2016–17: First Special Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 331);*

(2) *Correspondence with Carla Tully, president of AES UK & Ireland, relating to AES UK and Ireland: written evidence, to be published;*

(3) *Correspondence from Ian Paisley MP, relating to the inquiry into Semtex: written evidence, to be published*

(Dr Andrew Murrison).

#### 11 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *Tackling online VAT fraud and error: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 312) (Meg Hillier).*

#### 12 Selection Committee

(1) Bill Wiggin reported, That he had been chosen as Chair of the Committee; and

(2) the following Resolutions:

(i) That, after a Bill has been under consideration in a Public Bill Committee, no application for changes in the composition of that Committee in respect of that Bill will be entertained by this Committee except where a Member is incapacitated from attendance by illness, or where he has been appointed or ceased to be a Member of the Government or Opposition frontbench, or has changed his office for another, or has acquired other duties, or ceased to hold or changed such duties;

(ii) That Motions to alter the membership of select committees may be tabled on behalf of the Selection Committee only if previously approved at a meeting of the Selection Committee;

(iii) That if no replacement is identified for a Member wishing to resign from a select committee within six weeks of the receipt by the Chair of the Selection Committee of a letter from the Member, the Committee shall table a motion to discharge the resigning Member, and shall table a motion to appoint a replacement once he or she has been elected by the political party concerned;

(iv) That, when nominating Members to the European Committee, the Selection Committee will, where practicable, include at least two Members from the European Scrutiny Committee and the relevant Select Committee

(Bill Wiggin).

#### 13 Transport Committee

(1) *Correspondence from Andrew Jones MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Transport, relating to urban congestion: Written evidence, to be published;*

(2) *Correspondence from Hans-Dieter Pötsch, Volkswagen, relating to the implementation of technical measures*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from James Dalton, Director, General Insurance Policy, ABI, relating to Vauxhall Zafira Fires*: Written evidence, to be published

(Lilian Greenwood).

#### 14 Work and Pensions Committee

(1) *Child Maintenance Service: Government response to the Committee's Fourteenth Report of Session 2016–17: First Special Report*, to be printed (HC 354);

(2) *Universal Credit roll-out*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 336)

(Frank Field).

*John Bercow*

Speaker

## Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 9.30 am

Business appointed by the Chairman of Ways and Means (Standing Order No. 10(6))

### 1 Waiting time standard for autism diagnosis

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered a waiting time standard for autism diagnosis.—(*Bambos Charalambous*.)

The Chair announced a time limit on backbench speeches (under the authority of the Chairman of Ways and Means and Standing Order No. 47(1)).

At 11.00 am, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

### 2 The future of RAF Northolt

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the future of RAF Northolt.—(*Gareth Thomas*.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.29 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

### 3 Barriers for women in standing for Parliament

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered barriers for women in standing for Parliament.—(*Mims Davies*.)

The Chair announced a time limit on backbench speeches (under the authority of the Chairman of Ways and Means and Standing Order No. 47(1)).

At 4.00 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

### 4 Corby urgent care centre

*Resolved*, That this House has considered Corby urgent care centre.—(*Tom Pursglove*.)

**5 The Scotland-Malawi relationship**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the Scotland-Malawi relationship.—(*David Linden*.)

Sitting adjourned without Question put (Standing Order No. 10(14)).

Adjourned at 5.30 pm until tomorrow.

*Lindsay Hoyle*

Chairman of Ways and Means

## Papers Laid

### Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

**6 Constitutional Law**

Draft Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2017 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary David Mundell)

### Papers subject to Negative Resolution

**7 Health and Social Care**

Care Quality Commission (Reviews and Performance Assessments) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 (S.I., 2017, No. 914), dated 12 September 2017 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Mr Philip Dunne)

**8 Local Government**

(1) Draft Harborough (Electoral Changes) Order 2017 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (The Speaker)

(2) Draft London Borough of Croydon (Electoral Changes) Order 2017 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (The Speaker)

(3) Draft South Lakeland (Electoral Changes) Order 2017 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (The Speaker)

(4) Draft Tendring (Electoral Changes) Order 2017 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (The Speaker)

**9 National Health Service**

National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts and Personal Medical Services Agreements) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 (S.I., 2017, No. 908), dated 11 September 2017 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Steve Brine)

**10 Social Security**

(1) Jobseeker's Allowance (Hardship) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017 (S.I., 2017, No. 185), dated 11 September 2017 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Damian Hinds)

(2) Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 and the Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2017 (S.I., 2017, No. 901), dated 7 September 2017 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Damian Hinds)

**Other papers****11 Chiropractors**

Annual Report and Accounts 2016 - General Chiropractic Council (by Act) (Secretary Jeremy Hunt)

**12 Human Fertilisation and Embryology**

Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority Code of Practice, 8th Edition - Revised September 2017 (by Act) (Secretary Jeremy Hunt)

**13 Law Commission**

Report of the Law Commission on Technical Issues in Charity Law (by Act), to be printed (HC 304) (Secretary David Lidington)

**14 Protection of Freedoms**

Annual Report 2016 - Commissioner for the Retention and use of Biometric Material (by Act) (Secretary Amber Rudd)

**15 Water Industry**

Draft Government's Strategic Priorities and Objectives for Ofwat (by Act) (Secretary Michael Gove)

**Withdrawn Papers****16 Local Government**

Draft South Lakeland (Electoral Changes) Order 2017 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (The Speaker)

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## CORRECTION

Monday 11 September

The following should have appeared after Papers Laid, and preceded by the following additional text

*Papers presented and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 8 September under Standing Orders No. 158 and No. 159*

and followed by

*Monday 11 September 2017\**

## Papers subject to Negative Resolution

**1 European Union**

United Nations and European Union Financial Sanctions (Linking) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 (S.I., 2017, No. 896), dated 8 September 2017 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Stephen Barclay)

**2 Fire and Rescue Services**

(1) Fire and Rescue Authority (Police and Crime Commissioner) (Application of Local Policing Provisions, Inspection, Powers to Trade and Consequential Amendments) Order 2017 (S.I., 2017, No. 863), dated 6 September 2017 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Amber Rudd)

(2) Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex (Fire and Rescue Authority) Order 2017 (S.I., 2017, No. 864), dated 6 September 2017 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Amber Rudd)

**3 Public Passenger Transport**

Operation of Public Service Vehicles (Partnership) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 (S.I., 2017, No. 873), dated 6 September 2017 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Chris Grayling)

**4 Road Traffic**

Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 (S.I., 2017, No. 874), dated 6 September 2017 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Chris Grayling)

**5 Road Vehicles**

Road Vehicles (Authorised Weight) and (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 (S.I., 2017, No. 881), dated 6 September 2017 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Chris Grayling)

**6 Sea Fisheries**

Lobsters and Crawfish (Prohibition of Fishing and Landing) (Amendment) (England) Order 2017 (S.I., 2017, No. 899), dated 7 September 2017 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Michael Gove)

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\* *This text has been amended to take account of the correction of Thursday 14 September 2017*

**7 Senior Courts of England and Wales**

Civil Procedure (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2017 (S.I., 2017, No. 889), dated 6 September 2017 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary David Lidington)

**8 Terms and Conditions of Employment**

Recognition and Derecognition Ballots (Qualified Persons) (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I., 2017, No. 878), dated 5 September 2017 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Margot James)

**9 Tonnage Tax**

Tonnage Tax (Training Requirement) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2017 (S.I., 2017, No. 882), dated 4 September 2017 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Chris Grayling)

**10 Trade Unions**

Trade Union Ballots and Elections (Independent Scrutineer Qualifications) (Amendment) Order 2017 (S.I., 2017, No. 877), dated 5 September 2017 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Margot James)