



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday 1 November 2017

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

1 Hillsborough Families

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, That she will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return of the Report, entitled 'The patronising disposition of unaccountable power' – A report to ensure the pain and suffering of the Hillsborough families is not repeated, dated 1 November 2017.—(*Guto Bebb.*)

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

3 Armed Forces (Statute of Limitations): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to create statutory limitations on court proceedings against current and former members of the armed forces for certain alleged offences committed during military operations or similar circumstances; and for connected purposes;

That Richard Benyon, Richard Drax, Emma Little Pengelly, Dr Julian Lewis, Johnny Mercer, Mrs Madeleine Moon, Jim Shannon, Bob Stewart, Leo Docherty, Mr Kevan Jones, Sir Nicholas Soames and James Gray present the Bill.

Richard Benyon accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 15 June 2018, and to be printed (Bill 120).

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

(1) Armed Forces pay

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House notes that the pay of Armed Forces personnel has been capped at 1 per cent in 2017-18 and that this represents another below inflation pay settlement; further notes that the size of the Army, Royal Air Force and Royal Navy and Royal Marines is below stated targets; notes that dissatisfaction with pay has been identified by service personnel as a reason for leaving their respective force; and calls on the Government to end the public sector pay cap for the Armed Forces and give Armed Forces personnel a fair pay rise.—(*Nia Griffith.*)

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

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved, That this House notes that the pay of Armed Forces personnel has been capped at 1 per cent in 2017-18 and that this represents another below inflation pay settlement; further notes that the size of the Army, Royal Air Force and Royal Navy and Royal Marines is below stated targets; notes that dissatisfaction with pay has been identified by service personnel as a reason for leaving their respective force; and calls on the Government to end the public sector pay cap for the Armed Forces and give Armed Forces personnel a fair pay rise.

(2) Exiting the EU: sectoral impact assessments

Motion made and Question proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, That she will be graciously pleased to give directions that the list of sectors analysed under the instruction of Her Majesty's Ministers, and referred to in the Answer of 26 June 2017 to Question 239, be laid before this House and that the impact assessments arising from those analyses be provided to the Committee on Exiting the European Union.—(*Keir Starmer.*)

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

Question again proposed.

Mr Nicholas Brown claimed to move the closure (Standing Order No. 36).

Question put, That the Question be now put.

Question agreed to.

Main Question put and agreed to.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty as follows,

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in Parliament assembled, humbly pray Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to give directions that the list of sectors analysed under the instruction of Her Majesty's Ministers, and referred to in the Answer of 26 June 2017 to Question 239, be laid before this House and that the impact assessments arising from those analyses be provided to the Committee on Exiting the European Union.

Address to be presented to Her Majesty by Members of this House who are Privy Counsellors or Members of Her Majesty's Household.

5 Adjournment

Subject: St Mary Magdalene and Holy Jesus Trust (leasehold) (Chi Onwurah)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Craig Whittaker.*)

Adjourned at 7.42 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Changes to Notices Given

6 Affordable Home Ownership Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 3 November, read and discharged.

Bill to be a second time on Friday 16 March 2018.

7 Judicial Appointments and Retirements (Age Limits) Bill

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 1 December.

8 Terms of Withdrawal from EU (Referendum) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 3 November, read and discharged.

Bill to be a second time on Friday 1 December.

Private Business: Appointments

9 Standing Orders Committee (Standing Order 103, relating to Private Business)

Members: Mrs Kemi Badenoch, Gillian Keegan, Alex Burghart, Neil O'Brien, Judith Cummins, Jessica Morden, Nick Smith and David Linden.

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).

10 Armed Forces (Flexible Working) Bill [Lords] Committee

Members: Bim Afolami, Mrs Kemi Badenoch, Andrew Bowie, Robert Courts, Judith Cummins, Leo Docherty, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Andrew Griffiths, Gerald Jones, Mr Kevan Jones, Gillian Keegan, Carol Monaghan, Fiona Onasanya, Luke Pollard, Ruth Smeeth, Mr Paul J. Sweeney and Mrs Anne-Marie Trevelyan.

11 First Delegated Legislation Committee (Draft Regulation of Social Housing (Influence of Local Authorities) (England) Regulations 2017)

Members: Mike Amesbury, Chris Davies, James Duddridge, Chris Elmore, Kevin Foster, Richard Graham, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Tony Lloyd, Esther McVey, Shabana Mahmood, Christian Matheson, John Penrose, Alok Sharma, Tulip Siddiq, Royston Smith and Andrew Stephenson

Reports from Select Committees

12 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

- (1) *Leaving the EU: negotiation priorities for energy and climate change policy: Government Response to the Fourth Report of the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee of Session 2016-17: Fourth Special Report, to be printed (HC 550);*
- (2) *Energy price caps: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 470);*
- (3) *Leaving the EU: implications for the nuclear industry: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 378)*
- (Rachel Reeves).

13 Communities and Local Government Committee

Housing need and the NPPF: Oral evidence, to be published, HC 494 (Mr Clive Betts).

14 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

- (1) *Brexit: Trade in Food: Oral evidence and written, to be published (HC 348);*
- (2) *Correspondence with the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs relating to the Flood and Water Management Act 2010: Written evidence, to be published;*
- (3) *Correspondence with the Drinking Water Inspectorate relating to the outbreak of Cryptosporidium in water in Lancashire: Written evidence, to be published*
- (Neil Parish).

15 Environmental Audit Committee

- (1) *The Government's Environmental Policy: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 544);*
- (2) *UK Progress on reducing F-gas emissions: Written evidence, to be published (HC 469)*
- (Mary Creagh).

16 European Scrutiny Committee

Sir William Cash reported, That he had been chosen as Chair of the Committee (Sir William Cash).

17 Exiting the European Union (Committee on)

- (1) *The European Union (Withdrawal) Bill: Written evidence, to be published (HC 373)*
- (2) *The progress of the UK's negotiations on EU withdrawal: Written evidence, to be published (HC 372);*
- (Hilary Benn).

18 Foreign Affairs Committee

Oral evidence from the Foreign Secretary November 2017: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 538) (Tom Tugendhat).

19 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

- (1) Ms Harriet Harman reported, That she had been chosen as Chair of the Committee;
- (2) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union relating to the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill*: Written evidence, to be published
(Ms Harriet Harman).

20 International Trade Committee

- (1) *The work of the Department for International Trade*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 436);
- (2) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for International Trade relating to Bombardier*: Written evidence, to be published
(Angus Brendan MacNeil)

21 Justice Committee

- Pre-legislative scrutiny: Draft personal injury discount rate legislation*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 374) (Robert Neill).

22 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

- The land border between Northern Ireland and Ireland*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 329) (Dr Andrew Murrison).

23 Procedure Committee

- Scrutiny of delegated legislation under the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill: interim report*: First Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 386) (Mr Charles Walker).

24 Public Accounts Committee

- (1) *Funding NHS continuing healthcare*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 455);
- (2) *Correspondence with the Department for Education relating to the Committee's Forty-ninth Report of the Session 2016-17, Financial sustainability of schools*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Cost of clinical negligence in trusts*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 397)
(Meg Hillier).

25 Science and Technology Committee

- (1) *Genomics and genome-editing in the NHS*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 349);
- (2) *Algorithms in decision-making*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 351);
- (3) *Research integrity*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 350);
- (4) *Science budget and Industrial Strategy*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 496)
(Norman Lamb).

26 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

- (1) Derek Twigg reported, That he had been chosen as Chair of the Committee;
(2) First Report, to be printed (HC 542-i)
(Derek Twigg).

27 Treasury Committee

- (1) *The UK's economic relationship with the European Union*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 473);
(2) *Correspondence from the Chancellor of the Exchequer relating to the Work of the Chancellor of the Exchequer*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 424);
(3) *Correspondence from the Chancellor of the Exchequer relating to the diversity of appointments to senior roles at the Bank of England*: Written evidence, to be published;
(4) *Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary to the Treasury relating to the Treasury's gender pay gap*: Written evidence, to be published
(Nicky Morgan).

28 Work and Pensions Committee

Pension freedom and choice: Oral and written evidence to be published (HC 404) (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 The matter of vaping

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of vaping.—(*Gareth Johnson*.)

The sitting was suspended between 10.26 am and 11.00 am.

2 Olympic sports and accepted GCSE PE activities

Resolved, That this House has considered Olympic sports and accepted GCSE PE activities.—(*Anna Soubry*.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.18 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 Product safety and fire risk in residential premises

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered product safety and fire risk in residential premises.—(*Jim Fitzpatrick*.)

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

4 The future of Charing Cross Hospital

Resolved, That this House has considered the future of Charing Cross Hospital.—(*Andy Slaughter*.)

5 The matter of puppy smuggling

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of puppy smuggling.—(*Nigel Huddleston*.)

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 Negative Resolution

1 Environmental Protection

Environmental Offences (Fixed Penalties) (England) Regulations 2017 (S.I., 2017, No. 1050), dated 30 October 2017 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Michael Gove)

Other papers

2 Communities and Local Government

Draft Tenant Fees Bill (by Command) (Cm. 9529) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

3 Energy

Capacity Market (Amendment) (No.3) Rules 2017 (by Act) (Secretary Greg Clark)

4 Home Office

Return to an Address to Her Majesty for a Return of the Report, dated 1 November 2017, of 'The patronising disposition of unaccountable power': A report to ensure the pain and suffering of the Hillsborough families is not repeated (by pursuant to Resolution today), to be printed (HC 511) (Secretary Amber Rudd)

5 International Development

Department for International Development Minute, dated 1 November 2017, concerning a contingent liability arising from the Loan Guarantee Agreement with the World Bank Group covering an IBRD Loan to the Government of Egypt (by Command) (Priti Patel)

6 Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence

Report on Progress: Ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on Combating Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention) (by Act) (Secretary Amber Rudd)