



## HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday 1 February 2018

# Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

**1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union**

**2 Urgent Question: Capita (Oliver Dowden)**

**3 Business Question (Leader of the House)**

**4 Select Committee Statement (Standing Order No. 22D)**

Publication of the Second Report of the Foreign Affairs Committee, The future of UK diplomacy in Europe (Tom Tugendhat).

**5 Backbench Business**

(1) Baby leave for Members of Parliament

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House believes that it would be to the benefit of the functioning of parliamentary democracy that honourable Members who have had a baby or adopted a child should for a period of time be entitled, but not required, to discharge their responsibilities to vote in this House by proxy.—(*Ms Harriet Harman.*)

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

*Resolved*, That this House believes that it would be to the benefit of the functioning of parliamentary democracy that honourable Members who have had a baby or adopted a child should for a period of time be entitled, but not required, to discharge their responsibilities to vote in this House by proxy.

(2) Hospital car parking charges

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House calls on the Government to undertake a consultation to identify the most efficient means of abolishing car parking charges at NHS hospitals in England for patients, staff and visitors and to provide the timescale for its implementation.—(*Robert Halfon.*)

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

*Resolved*, That this House calls on the Government to undertake a consultation to identify the most efficient means of abolishing car parking charges at NHS hospitals in England for patients, staff and visitors and to provide the timescale for its implementation.

**6 Public petitions**

A public petition from residents of Stretford and Urmston relating to Myanmar's Muslim ethnic minority was presented and read by Kate Green.

**7 Adjournment**

Subject: Housing, planning and infrastructure in Essex (Priti Patel)

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

At 5.00 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 9(7)).

*Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Nigel Adams.*)

Adjourned at 5.18 pm until tomorrow.

## Other Proceedings

### *Changes to Notices Given*

**8 Terms of Withdrawal from EU (Referendum) Bill**

Order for Second Reading on Friday 2 February, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 23 February.

**9 Healthcare (Local Accountability) Bill**

Order for Second Reading on Friday 2 February, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 6 July.

**10 Local Roads (Investment) Bill**

Order for Second Reading on Friday 2 February, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 6 July.

### *General Committees: Reports*

**11 Financial Guidance and Claims Bill [Lords]**

Graham Stringer (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.

**12 Taxation (Cross-border Trade) Bill**

Mrs Anne Main (Chair) reported:

(1) written evidence submitted to the Committee; and

(2) the Bill without Amendment.

Written evidence to be published.  
Bill, not amended, to be considered tomorrow.

**13 Trade Bill Committee**

Philip Davies (Chair) reported:  
(1) written evidence submitted to the Committee, and  
(2) the Bill without Amendment.  
Written evidence to be published.  
Bill, not amended, to be considered tomorrow.

**14 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee**

Virendra Sharma (Chair) reported the Proposal for Designation of an Age-Verification Regulator.

*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).*

**15 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 (Consequential Amendments, Savings and Transitional Provisions))**

Members: Lee Rowley discharged and Paul Masterton nominated in substitution.

**16 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (Proposal for Designation of Age-Verification Regulator)**

Members: Martin Whitfield discharged and Holly Lynch nominated in substitution.

**17 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Policing and Crime Act 2017 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2018)**

Members: Kirstene Hair discharged and Luke Graham nominated in substitution.

*Reports from Select Committees*

**18 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee**

*Devolution and democracy in Northern Ireland—dealing with the deficit:* Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 613) (Dr Andrew Murrison).

*John Bercow*  
Speaker

## Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 1.30 pm.

Liaison Committee business (Standing Order No 10(7))

### 1 Resolved, Future of Chemicals Regulation after the EU Referendum

Resolved, That this House has considered the Eleventh Report of the Environmental Audit Committee of Session 2016-17, The Future of Chemicals Regulation after the EU Referendum, HC 912, and the Government response, HC 313.—(*Mary Creagh.*)

Business determined by the Backbench Business Committee (Standing Orders Nos. 10(7) and 14(4))

### 2 Policy framework for agriculture after the UK leaves the EU

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the policy framework for agriculture after the UK leaves the EU.—(*Mr Alistair Carmichael.*)

At 4.30 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(14)).

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

Adjourned at 4.30 pm until Tuesday 6 February.

*Lindsay Hoyle*

Chairman of Ways and Means

## Papers Laid

### Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

#### 1 Electricity

Draft Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 (Powers of Seizure) Order 2018 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Greg Clark)

### Papers subject to Negative Resolution

#### 2 Climate Change Levy

Climate Change Levy (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 (S.I., 2018, No. 118), dated 30 January 2018 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Robert Jenrick)

#### 3 Competition

Enterprise Act 2002 (Part 9 Restrictions on Disclosure of Information) (Specification) Order 2018 (S.I., 2018, No. 104), dated 29 January 2018 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Greg Clark)

**4 Court of Judicature**

Crown Court (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2018 (S.R. (N.I.), 2018, No. 24), dated 29 January 2018 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary David Gauke)

**5 Customs**

Export Control (Venezuela Sanctions) Order 2018 (S.I., 2018, No. 108), dated 29 January 2018 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Liam Fox)

**6 Environmental Protection**

National Emission Ceilings Regulations 2018 (S.I., 2018, No. 129), dated 31 January 2018 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Michael Gove)

**7 Judges**

Alteration of Judicial Titles (Registrar in Bankruptcy of the High Court) Order 2018 (S.I., 2018, No. 130), dated 31 January 2018 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary David Gauke)

**8 Magistrates' Courts**

Magistrates' Courts (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2018 (S.R. (N.I.), 2018, No. 25), dated 29 January 2018 (by Statutory Instrument), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary David Gauke)

**9 Senior Courts**

Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Rules 2018 (S.I., 2018, No. 132), dated 31 January 2018 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary David Gauke)

**10 Social Security**

Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 (S.I., 2018, No. 120), dated 31 January 2018 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Mel Stride)

**11 Town and Country Planning**

Town and Country Planning (Local Authority Consultations etc.) (England) Order 2018 (S.I., 2018, No. 119), dated 30 January 2018 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Dominic Raab)

**Other papers****12 Home Office**

Independent review into the application of sharia law in England and Wales (by Command) (Cm. 9560) (Secretary Amber Rudd)

**13 National Audit**

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on NHS England: Investigation into clinical correspondence handling in the NHS (by Act), to be printed (HC 778) (Clerk of the House)

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**14 Treaty Series No. 1 (2018)**

Treaty, done at London on 18 January 2018, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the French Republic concerning the reinforcement of Cooperation for the coordinated management of their shared border (by Command) (Cm. 9568) (Secretary Boris Johnson)

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**CORRECTIONS**

Wednesday 31 January 2018

(1) The following should have appeared after item 27:

Defence Committee

*Defence in the Arctic*: Oral evidence taken before the Sub-Committee, to be published (HC 388) (Mrs Madeleine Moon).

(2) The following should have appeared after item 30:

European Scrutiny Committee

(1) Twelfth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 301-xii);

(2) *Ministerial correspondence*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 301);

(3) *Oral evidence from Ministers*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 815) (Sir William Cash).