



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday 25 March 2019

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Defence

2 Statement: European Council (The Prime Minister)

3 Business of the House (Today)

Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the Speaker shall put the questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the motion in the name of the Prime Minister tabled under section 13 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 not later than 10.00pm; such questions shall include the questions on any amendments selected by the Speaker which may then be moved; the questions may be put after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 16 (Proceedings under an Act or on European Union documents) and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(*Michelle Donelan.*)

4 Section 13 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House, in accordance with the provisions of section 13(6)(a) of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018, has considered the Written Statement titled "Statement under Section 13(4) of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018" and made on Friday 15 March 2019.—(*Mr David Lidington.*)

Amendment (a) moved, at end, add "and, given the need for the House to debate and vote on alternative ways forward, with a view to the Government putting forward a plan for the House to debate and vote on, orders that –

(a) Standing Order No. 14(1) (which provides that government business shall have precedence at every sitting save as provided in that order) shall not apply on Wednesday 27 March;

(b) precedence on that day shall be given to a motion relating to the Business of the House in connection with matters relating to the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union other than any Business of the House motion relating to the consideration by the House of a motion under Section 13(1)(b) of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018, and then to motions relating to that withdrawal and the United Kingdom's future relationship with the European Union other than any motion moved under Section 13(1)(b) of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018;

(c) if more than one motion related to the Business of the House is tabled, the Speaker shall decide which motion shall have precedence;

(d) the Speaker shall interrupt proceedings on any business before the Business of the House motion having precedence at 2.00 pm on Wednesday 27 March and call a Member to move that motion;

(e) debate on that motion may continue until 3.00 pm on Wednesday 27 March at which time the Speaker shall put the questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the motion including the questions on amendments selected by the Speaker which may then be moved;

(f) when those proceedings have been concluded, the Speaker shall call a Member to move one of the other motions having precedence;

(g) any proceedings interrupted or superseded by this order or an order arising from the Business of the House motion may be resumed or (as the case may be) entered upon and proceeded with after the moment of interruption on Wednesday 27 March.".—(*Sir Oliver Letwin.*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Division No. 373

Ayes: 329 (Tellers: Jeff Smith, Colleen Fletcher)

Noes: 302 (Tellers: Michelle Donelan, Jo Churchill)

Question accordingly agreed to.

As it was after 10.00 pm, the Speaker put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the motion relating to the UK's withdrawal from the EU (Order, today).

Amendment (f) moved, At end, add "and orders that, in the event that the UK comes within seven calendar days of leaving the European Union without a deal, the Government must make arrangements within two sitting days, or if this House has been adjourned for more than four days to arrange for the House to be recalled under Standing Order No. 13 (Earlier meeting of the House in certain circumstances) for this purpose, for a Minister of the Crown to move a motion on whether this House approves the UK leaving the EU without a deal and on whether the UK Government should be required to request an extension of the period in Article 50(3) of the Treaty on European Union in order to avoid a no-deal Brexit and to give time for Parliament to determine a different approach.".—(*Margaret Beckett.*)

Question put forthwith, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Division No. 374

Ayes: 311 (Tellers: Colleen Fletcher, Jeff Smith)

Noes: 314 (Tellers: Michelle Donelan, Jo Churchill)

Question accordingly negatived.

Main Question, as amended, put forthwith.

The House divided.

Division No. 375

Ayes: 327 (Tellers: Colleen Fletcher, Jeff Smith)

Noes: 300 (Tellers: Michelle Donelan, Jo Churchill)

Question accordingly agreed to.

Resolved, That this House, in accordance with the provisions of section 13(6)(a) of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018, has considered the Written Statement titled "Statement under Section 13(4) of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018" and made on Friday 15 March 2019 and, given the need for the House to debate and vote on alternative ways forward, with a view to the Government putting forward a plan for the House to debate and vote on, orders that –

(a) Standing Order No. 14(1) (which provides that government business shall have precedence at every sitting save as provided in that order) shall not apply on Wednesday 27 March;

(b) precedence on that day shall be given to a motion relating to the Business of the House in connection with matters relating to the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union other than any Business of the House motion relating to the consideration by the House of a motion under Section 13(1)(b) of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018, and then to motions relating to that withdrawal and the United Kingdom's future relationship with the European Union other than any motion moved under Section 13(1)(b) of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018;

(c) if more than one motion related to the Business of the House is tabled, the Speaker shall decide which motion shall have precedence;

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(f) when those proceedings have been concluded, the Speaker shall call a Member to move one of the other motions having precedence;

(g) any proceedings interrupted or superseded by this order or an order arising from the Business of the House motion may be resumed or (as the case may be) entered upon and proceeded with after the moment of interruption on Wednesday 27 March.

5 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Social Security Coordination (Regulation (EC) No. 987/2009) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, which were laid before this House on 30 January, be approved.—(*Mike Freer*.)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Social Security Coordination (Council Regulation (EEC) No. 1408/71 and Council Regulation (EC) No. 859/2003) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, which were laid before this House on 30 January, be approved.—(*Mike Freer*.)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Social Security Coordination (Council Regulation (EEC) No. 574/72) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, which were laid before this House on 30 January, be approved.—(*Mike Freer*.)

Question agreed to.

(4) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Social Security Coordination (Regulation (EC) No. 883/2004, EEA Agreement and Swiss Agreement) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, which were laid before this House on 30 January, be approved.—(*Mike Freer.*)

Question agreed to.

(5) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Electronic Commerce and Solvency 2 (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, which were laid before this House on 25 February, be approved.—(*Mike Freer.*)

Question agreed to.

(6) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Food and Drink, Veterinary Medicines and Residues (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, which were laid before this House on 13 February, be approved.—(*Mike Freer.*)

Question agreed to.

(7) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft International Accounting Standards and European Public Limited-Liability Company (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, which were laid before this House on 31 January, be approved.—(*Mike Freer.*)

Question agreed to.

(8) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Zoonotic Disease Eradication and Control (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, which were laid before this House on 14 February, be approved.—(*Mike Freer.*)

Question agreed to.

(9) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft European Structural and Investment Funds Common Provisions (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, which were laid before this House on 12 February, be approved.—(*Mike Freer.*)

Question agreed to.

(10) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft European Structural and Investment Funds Common Provisions Rules etc. (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, which were laid before this House on 12 February, be approved.—(*Mike Freer.*)

Question agreed to.

(11) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Rural Development (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, which were laid before this House on 13 February, be approved.—(*Mike Freer.*)

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

Division deferred until Wednesday 27 March (Standing Order No. 41A).

(12) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Rural Development (Rules and Decisions) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, which were laid before this House on 13 February, be approved.—(*Mike Freer.*)

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

Division deferred until Wednesday 27 March (Standing Order No. 41A).

6 Changes to membership of select committees

Ordered, That Catherine West be discharged from the International Trade Committee and Owen Smith be added.—(*Bill Wiggin, on behalf of the Selection Committee.*)

7 Adjournment

Subject: Policing in Somerset (Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Mike Freer.*)

Adjourned at 11.30 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

8 Second Delegated Legislation Committee

Sir Roger Gale (Chair) reported the draft Trade etc. in Dual-Use Items and Firearms etc. (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019.

9 Third Delegated Legislation Committee

Sir Henry Bellingham (Chair) reported the draft Customs Safety and Security Procedures (EU Exit) Regulations 2019.

10 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee

David Hanson (Chair) reported the draft Agriculture (Legislative Functions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, the draft Common Agricultural Policy (Financing, Management and Monitoring) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, the draft Common Agricultural Policy (Financing, Management and Monitoring Supplementary Provisions) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 and the draft Common Agricultural Policy and Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019.

11 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee

Sir Christopher Chope (Chair) reported the Draft Common Rules for Access to the International Market for Coach and Bus Services (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019.

12 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee

Steve McCabe (Chair) reported the draft Cash Controls (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 and the draft Customs (Economic Operators Registration and Identification) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019.

13 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee

Sir David Amess (Chair) reported the draft Social Security Coordination (Reciprocal Healthcare) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, the draft National Health Service (Cross-Border Healthcare and Miscellaneous Amendments etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 and the draft Health Services (Cross-Border Health Care and Miscellaneous Amendments) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019.

14 Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee

Graham Stringer (Chair) reported the draft Market Measures (Marketing Standards) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, the draft Market Measures Payment Schemes (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 and the draft Market Measures (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019.

15 Ninth Delegated Legislation Committee

Mr Philip Davies (Chair) reported the draft Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, the draft Common Fisheries Policy and Aquaculture (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 and the draft Common Fisheries Policy (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2019.

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).

16 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Trade etc. in Dual-Use Items and Firearms etc. (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019)

Members: Mr Philip Dunne discharged and Tom Pursglove nominated in substitution.

17 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Agriculture (Legislative Functions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, the draft Common Agricultural Policy (Financing, Management and Monitoring) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, the draft Common Agricultural Policy (Financing, Management and Monitoring Supplementary Provisions) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 and the draft Common Agricultural Policy and Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019)

Members: John Lamont discharged and Sarah Newton nominated in substitution.

18 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Cash Controls (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 and the draft Customs (Economic Operators Registration and Identification) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019)

Members: Craig Whittaker discharged and Mike Freer nominated in substitution.

19 Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Market Measures (Marketing Standards) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, the draft Market Measures Payment Schemes (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 and the draft Market Measures (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019)

Members: Lee Rowley discharged and Luke Graham nominated in substitution.

20 Tenth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Livestock (Records, Identification and Movement) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019)

Members: Mr Owen Paterson discharged and Chris Philp nominated in substitution.

21 Eleventh Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Food and Farming (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019)

Members: Mr Bob Seely discharged and Kevin Hollinrake nominated in substitution.

- 22 Fifteenth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products Framework (Miscellaneous Amendments, etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, the draft Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products and Common Agricultural Policy (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 and the draft Agriculture (Legislative Functions) (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2019)**

Members: John McNally discharged and David Linden nominated in substitution.

- 23 Sixteenth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2019)**

Members: Bob Stewart discharged and John Lamont nominated in substitution.

Reports from Select Committees

- 24 Draft Registration of Overseas Entities Bill (Joint Committee on)**

Draft Registration of Overseas Entities Bill: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 2009) (Peter Aldous).

- 25 High Speed Rail (West Midlands – Crewe) Bill (Select Committee on)**

High Speed Rail (West Midlands – Crewe) Bill: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 927) (James Duddridge).

- 26 Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee**

(1) *Brexit and local government*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 493);

(2) *Correspondence relating to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government Supplementary Estimate 2018–19*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Independent review of building regulations and fire safety*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 555);

(4) *Leasehold reform*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1468)

(Mr Clive Betts).

- 27 Public Accounts (Committee of)**

(1) *The Apprenticeships programme: progress review*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1749);

(2) *BBC and personal service companies*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1522);

(3) *Brexit and the UK border: further progress review*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1942);

(4) *Nuclear Decommissioning Authority*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1375)

(Meg Hillier).

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 4.30 pm.

Debate on an e-petition (Standing Order No. 10(1)(a))

1 Knife crime

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petition 233926 relating to knife crime.—
(*Mike Hill*.)

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

Adjourned at 7.21 pm until tomorrow.

Lindsay Hoyle

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Exiting the European Union

Draft European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (Exit Day) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Robin Walker)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Exiting the European Union (Food)

(1) Food and Feed Hygiene and Safety (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I., 2019, No. 652), dated 22 March 2019 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Steve Brine)

(2) Nutrition (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I., 2019, No. 650), dated 22 March 2019 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Steve Brine)

Other papers

3 Exiting the European Union (Agriculture)

Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (laid 13 December 2018) (by Act) (Secretary Michael Gove)

4 Exiting the European Union (Pesticides)

Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Plant Protection Products (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (laid 13 December 2018) (by Act) (Secretary Michael Gove)

5 Financial Services and Markets

Review of retained provisions of the Consumer Credit Act: Final report (by Statutory Instrument) (John Glen)

6 Health and Social Care

Government Response to the Thirteenth Report from the Science and Technology Committee on Energy drinks and children (by Command) (CP 69) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

Withdrawn papers

7 Exiting the European Union (Agriculture)

Explanatory Memorandum to the Draft Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (laid 13 December 2018) (Secretary Michael Gove)

8 Exiting the European Union (Pesticides)

Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Plant Protection Products (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (laid 13 December 2018)

CORRECTION

Wednesday 20 March 2019

Item 16 should have read:

Offensive Weapons Bill

Lords Amendments to the Offensive Weapons Bill to be considered tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 363) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 363–EN) and Supplementary Memorandum.