



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday 4 April 2019

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 **Questions to the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union**
- 2 **Urgent Question: Gender pay gap (Victoria Atkins)**
- 3 **Business Question (Leader of the House)**
- 4 **Statement: Brunei and Sharia law (Mark Field)**
- 5 **Backbench Business**

Introduction of the 2019 Loan Charge

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House expresses its serious concern at the 2019 Loan Charge which applies from 5 April 2019; expresses deep concern and regret about the effect of the mental and emotional impact on people facing the Loan Charge; is further concerned about suicides of people facing the Loan Charge and the identified suicide risk, which was reported to HMRC; believes that the Loan Charge is fundamentally unfair and undermines the principle of the rule of law by overriding statutory taxpayer protections; expresses disappointment at the lack of notice served by HMRC and the delays in communication with those now facing the Loan Charge, which has further increased anxiety of individuals and families; is concerned about the nature and accuracy of the information circulated by HMRC with regard to the Loan Charge; further regrets the inadequate impact assessment originally conducted; understands that many individuals have received miscalculated settlement information; calls for an immediate suspension of the Loan Charge for a period of six months and for all related settlements to be put on hold; and further calls for an independent inquiry into the Loan Charge to be conducted by a party that is not connected with either the Government or HMRC.—
(Ross Thomson.)

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

- 6 **Suspension of sitting**

The Deputy Speaker suspended the sitting.

- 7 **Adjournment**

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

Adjourned at 3.12 pm until Monday 8 April.

Other Proceedings

Changes to Notices Given

8 Minimum Service Obligation (High Street Cashpoints) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 5 April, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 26 April.

9 Automatic Travel Compensation Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 5 April, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 26 April.

Reports from Select Committees

10 Backbench Business Committee

Determination of business to be taken on Monday 8 April in the Chamber and Thursday 11 April in the Chamber and Westminster Hall (Ian Mearns).

John Bercow

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 1.30 pm.

Business determined by the Backbench Business Committee (Standing Orders Nos. 10(7), 14(4)) and 22D)

1 Select Committee Statements

(1) Publication of the Tenth Report of the Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee on the launch of the Sub-Committee on Disinformation.—(Damian Collins.)

(2) Publication of the Sixteenth Report of the Foreign Affairs Committee on China and the Rules-Based International System.—(Tom Tugendhat.)

2 IR35 tax reforms

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of IR35 tax reforms.—(Ged Killen.)

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

Adjourned at 3.39 pm until Monday 8 April.

Lindsay Hoyle

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Exiting the European Union (Customs)

Trade etc. in Dual-Use Items and Firearms etc. (Amendment) (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2019 (S.I., 2019, No. 806), dated 4 April 2019 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Liam Fox)

Papers laid under paragraphs 3(3) and 17(3) of Schedule 7 to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

2 Exiting the European Union (Consumer Protection)

Proposal for an instrument titled REACH etc. (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2019, with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary Michael Gove)

3 Exiting the European Union (Enterprise)

Proposal for an instrument titled Competitiveness of Enterprises and Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (Revocation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary Greg Clark)

Other papers

4 Department for Work and Pensions

Pensions Dashboards: Government response to the consultation (by Command) (CP 75) (Secretary Amber Rudd)

5 Education

Government Response to the Ninth Report from the Education Select Committee, Session 2017–19, on tackling disadvantage in the early years (by Command) (CP 68) (Nadhim Zahawi)

6 UK Borders

(1) A re-inspection of Border Force operations at Coventry and Langley postal hubs: November 2018–January 2019 (by Act) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

(2) A re-inspection of the Home Office's application of the good character requirement in the case of young persons who apply for registration as British citizens: August 2018–January 2019 (by Act) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

(3) An inspection of the policies and practices of the Home Office's Borders, Immigration and Citizenship Systems relating to charging and fees: June 2018–January 2019 (by Act) (Secretary Sajid Javid)

Withdrawn papers

7 Exiting the European Union (Consumer Protection)

Proposal for an instrument titled REACH etc. (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) (No. 2)
Regulations 2019, with an Explanatory Memorandum (laid 3 April 2019)

CORRECTIONS

Wednesday 3 April 2019

This item should have appeared above Item 12 in Other Proceedings:

Public Petitions

A public petition from Anthony Sheppard relating to patient consent for changes to consent forms for operations was presented by Tim Farron.

Sub-paragraph (1) of item 32 should have read:

(1) *Universal Credit: childcare: Government Response to the Committee's Twenty-second Report: Twenty-fifth Report*, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 2078);