



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday 26 February 2020

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

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

- 2 Personal Statement (Sajid Javid)**

- 3 Statement: Coronavirus (Secretary Matt Hancock)**

- 4 European Citizens' Rights Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Christine Jardine, supported by Stuart C McDonald, Munira Wilson, Daisy Cooper, Sarah Olney, Jamie Stone, Wera Hobhouse and Wendy Chamberlain, presented a Bill to guarantee the immigration rights of EU, EEA EFTA and Swiss citizens resident in the United Kingdom; to require the Government to provide such persons with physical proof of those rights; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 15 May, and to be printed (Bill 93).

- 5 Workers (Definition and Rights): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)**

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the definition of worker; to make provision about workers' rights; and for connected purposes;

That Chris Stephens, Grahame Morris, Alison Thewliss, Rachel Hopkins, Neil Gray, Jonathan Edwards, Amy Callaghan, Paula Barker, Kenny MacAskill, Dr Philippa Whitford, Brendan O'Hara, Colum Eastwood present the Bill.

Chris Stephens accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 27 November, and to be printed (Bill 94).

- 6 Environment Bill: Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, That the Environment Bill be now read a second time.

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

7 Royal Assent

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Queen had signified Royal Assent to the following Act under the Royal Assent Act 1967:

Terrorist Offenders (Restriction of Early Release) Act 2020

8 Environment Bill: Second Reading (resumed)

Question again proposed, That the Environment Bill be now read a second time.
Bill read a second time.

9 Environment Bill: Programme

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Environment Bill:

Committal

(1) The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee

(2) Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Tuesday 5 May 2020.

(3) The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

Proceedings on Consideration and up to and including Third Reading

(4) Proceedings on Consideration and any proceedings in legislative grand committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which proceedings on Consideration are commenced.

(5) Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.

(6) Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and up to and including Third Reading.

Other proceedings

(7) Any other proceedings on the Bill may be programmed.—(*Maria Caulfield.*)

Question agreed to.

10 Environment Bill: Money

Queen's Recommendation signified.

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 52(1)(a)), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Environment Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of:

(1) any expenditure incurred under or by virtue of the Act by the Secretary of State; and

(2) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided.—(*Maria Caulfield.*)

Question agreed to.

11 Environment Bill (Ways and Means)

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 52(1)(a)), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Environment Bill, it is expedient to authorise:

- (1) the imposition of requirements to pay sums in respect of the costs of disposing of products and materials; and
- (2) the imposition under or by virtue of the Act of fees and charges in connection with—
 - (a) the exercise of functions, and
 - (b) biodiversity credits.—(*Maria Caulfield*).

Question agreed to.

12 Deferred Divisions

Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply to the motion in the name of Secretary Priti Patel relating to the Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism.—(*Maria Caulfield*.)

13 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism

Resolved, That the draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Proscribed Organisations) (Amendment) Order 2020, which was laid before this House on 24 February, be approved.—(*James Brokenshire*.)

14 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Mesothelioma Lump Sum Payments (Conditions and Amounts) (Amendment) Regulations 2020, which were laid before this House on 16 January, be approved.—(*Maria Caulfield*.)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 2020, which were laid before this House on 16 January, be approved.—(*Maria Caulfield*.)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure (HC 299), passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, a copy of which was laid before this House on 4 November 2019, in the last Session of Parliament, be presented to Her Majesty for her Royal Assent in the form in which it was laid before Parliament.—(*Andrew Selous*.)

Question agreed to.

(4) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Double Taxation Relief and International Tax Enforcement (Gibraltar) Order 2020, which was laid before this House on 7 January, be approved.—(*Maria Caulfield*.)

Question agreed to.

15 Business of the House (2 March)

Ordered, That, at the sitting on Monday 2 March:

(1) the motion in the name of Secretary Grant Shapps relating to the High Speed Rail (West Midlands - Crewe) Bill may be entered upon at any hour, and may continue, though opposed, for up to one hour; the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the motion not later than one hour after their commencement; such Questions shall include the Questions on any Amendments selected by the Speaker which may then be moved; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply; and

(2) notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 55(1) (Questions on voting of estimates, etc.) relating to the moment of interruption, the Speaker shall put successively the Questions on any motions in the name of Secretary Ben Wallace and Jesse Norman tabled in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 55(4) immediately upon the disposal of proceedings on the Motion relating to the High Speed Rail (West Midlands - Crewe) Bill.—(*Maria Caulfield.*)

16 Public petitions

A public petition from residents of Gailey, Penkridge, Wheaton Aston, Bishops Wood, Stafford and Staffordshire, relating to West Midlands rail freight interchange was presented and read by Theo Clarke.

17 Adjournment

Subject: Secondary education in Ellesmere Port (Justin Madders)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Michael Tomlinson.*)

Adjourned at 7.53 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 Committee of Selection nominates Members to serve on General Committees (and certain Members to serve on Grand Committees).

18 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Employment Allowance (Excluded Persons) Regulations 2020)

(1) Chair: Ms Karen Buck

(2) Members: Amy Callaghan, James Cartlidge, Stephen Doughty, Ms Harriet Harman, Sally-Ann Hart, Mr Richard Holden, Dr Neil Hudson, Mark Jenkinson, Fay Jones, Robert Langan, Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck, Marco Longhi, Holly Lynch, Jesse Norman, Jonathan Reynolds, David Rutley and Jeff Smith

19 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (Commencement No. 14) Order 2019)

(1) Chair: Sir David Amess

(2) Members: Bambos Charalambous, Feryal Clark, Mary Glendon, Kate Green, Gordon Henderson, Rachel Hopkins, John Howell, Tom Hunt, Imran Hussain, Dr Caroline Johnson, Mr David Jones, Mr David Lammy, Mrs Pauline Latham, Jack Lopresti, Neil O'Brien, Chris Philp and Tom Pursglove

20 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2020)

(1) Chair: Virendra Sharma

(2) Members: Apsana Begum, Alan Brown, Ian Byrne, Ruth Edwards, Chris Elmore, Liz Kendall, Chris Law, Tony Lloyd, Mr Jonathan Lord, Jerome Mayhew, Robin Millar, David

Morris, Mrs Sheryll Murray, Tom Randall, Douglas Ross, Selaine Saxby and Michael Tomlinson

21 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Client Money Protection Schemes for Property Agents (Approval and Designation of Schemes) (Amendment) Regulations 2020)

(1) Chair: Philip Davies

(2) Members: Alex Cunningham, Julie Elliott, Chris Evans, Andrea Jenkyns, Darren Jones, Mr Kevan Jones, Tim Loughton, Jason McCartney, Conor McGinn, Nigel Mills, Anne Marie Morris, James Murray, Dr Matthew Offord, Christopher Pincher, Tom Pursglove, David Simmonds and Craig Williams

22 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Extradition Act 2003 (Amendments to Designations) Order 2020)

(1) Chair: Geraint Davies

(2) Members: James Brokenshire, Clive Efford, Chris Elmore, Dan Jarvis, Diana Johnson, Karl McCartney, Cherilyn Mackrory, John McNally, Gagen Mohindra, Joy Morrissey, Kate Osborne, Mark Pawsey, Tom Pursglove, Angela Richardson, Greg Smith, Nick Thomas-Symonds and Mike Wood

23 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (Immigration (Citizens' Rights Appeals) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I.,2020, No.61)

(1) Chair: Caroline Nokes

(2) Members: Jon Cruddas, Maria Eagle, Chris Elmore, Kevin Foster, Louise Haigh, Dr Rupa Huq, Andrew Lewer, Stuart C. McDonald, Anthony Mangnall, Robbie Moore, Dr Kieran Mullan, Kate Osborne, Tom Pursglove, Rob Roberts, Royston Smith, Jane Stevenson and Matt Vickers

24 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Judicial Pensions and Fee-Paid Judges' Pension Schemes (Contributions) (Amendment) Regulations 2020)

(1) Chair: Mr Laurence Robertson

(2) Members: Siobhan Baillie, Maria Caulfield, Bambos Charalambous, Rosie Duffield, Ms Angela Eagle, Sir Mark Hendrick, Dame Margaret Hodge, Rachel Hopkins, Stephen Metcalfe, Holly Mumby-Croft, Chris Philp, Yasmin Qureshi, Dr Ben Spencer, Julian Sturdy, Laura Trott, James Wild and Jacob Young

Reports from Select Committees

25 Statutory Instruments (Select Committee on)

Third Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 73-iii) (Jessica Morden).

26 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

Third Report, to be printed (HC 75-iii) (Jessica Morden)

Lindsay Hoyle

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 School exclusions

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the matter of school exclusions.—(*Sarah Jones.*)

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

2 Government support for business

Resolved, That this House has considered Government support for business.—(*Andrew Griffith.*)

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

3 Energy efficiency measures in buildings to achieve net zero

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered energy efficiency measures in buildings to achieve net zero.—(*Philip Dunne.*)

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

4 Future of Cawdor Barracks, Brawdy

Resolved, That this House has considered the future of Cawdor Barracks, Brawdy.—(*Stephen Crabb.*)

5 Regulatory divergence in the UK chemical industry

Resolved, That this House has considered regulatory divergence in the UK chemical industry.—(*Bill Esterson.*)

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

Adjourned at 5.28 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Terms and Conditions of Employment

Draft Parental Bereavement Leave and Pay (Consequential Amendments to Subordinate Legislation) Regulations 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Paul Scully)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Fire and Rescue Services

(1) Combined Fire and Rescue Authorities (Membership and Allowances) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 168), dated 21 February 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Priti Patel)

(2) Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority (Combination Scheme) Order 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 186), dated 25 February 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Priti Patel)

3 Value Added Tax

Value Added Tax (Refund of Tax) Order 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 185), dated 25 February 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jesse Norman)

Other papers

4 Broadcasting

Explanatory Memorandum to the Office of Communications (Provision of Information) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 125) (laid 13 February) (by Command) (Nigel Adams)

5 National Audit Office

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on The Gambling Commission: Gambling regulation: problem gambling and protecting vulnerable people (by Act), to be printed (HC 101) (Clerk of the House)

Withdrawn papers

6 Broadcasting

Explanatory Memorandum to the Office of Communications (Provision of Information) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 125) (laid 13 February)

CORRECTION

Wednesday 5 February 2020

Item 31 should have read:

Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

Jessica Morden reported:

- (1) That she had been chosen as Chair of the Committee;
- (2) First Report, to be printed (HC 75-i); and
- (3) *Government response to the Committee's Nineteenth and Twenty-First Reports of Session 2017–19*: First Special Report to be printed (HC 77).

RECESS ELECTIONS ACT 1975

The Speaker has appointed the following Members for the issuing of Warrants to the Clerk of the Crown, pursuant to section 4 of the Recess Elections Act 1975:

Right Honourable Dame Eleanor Laing,

Right Honourable Dame Rosie Winterton, and

Mr Nigel Evans.