



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday 24 March 2020

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

1 Questions to the Chancellor of the Exchequer

- 2 Urgent Questions: (1) Self-employed persons: financial support (Steve Barclay)
(2) British citizens abroad: FCO help to return to the UK (Secretary Dominic Raab)**

3 Statement: Coronavirus: COVID-19 update (Secretary Matt Hancock)

4 Contingencies Fund Bill: Presentation (Standing Orders No. 50 and No. 57)

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by the Prime Minister, Steve Barclay, Jesse Norman, John Glen and Kemi Badenoch, presented a Bill to make provision increasing the maximum capital of the Contingencies Fund for a temporary period.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time today, and to be printed (Bill 123) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 123–EN).

5 Wellbeing of Future Generations: Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for requiring public bodies to act in pursuit of the United Kingdom's environmental, social, economic and cultural wellbeing by meeting wellbeing objectives, publishing future generations impact assessments, accounting for preventative spending, and through public services contracts; to establish a Commissioner for Future Generations for the United Kingdom; to establish a Joint Parliamentary Committee on Future Generations; to require companies to consider the impact of their activities on the United Kingdom's wellbeing; and for connected purposes;

That Caroline Lucas, Bambos Charalambous, Simon Fell, Dr Philippa Whitford, Wera Hobhouse, Liz Saville Roberts, Claire Hanna, Abena Oponng-Asare, Bob Blackman, Anna McMorrin, Kevin Hollinrake and Alex Sobel present the Bill.

Caroline Lucas accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 11 September, and to be printed (Bill 124).

6 Contingencies Fund Bill: Business of the House

Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the proceedings on the Contingencies Fund Bill:

Timetable

(1) (a) Proceedings on Second Reading and in Committee, any proceedings on Consideration, and proceedings on Third Reading shall be taken at today's sitting in accordance with this Order.

(b) Notices of Amendments, new Clauses or new Schedules to be moved in Committee of the whole House may be accepted by the Clerks at the Table before the Bill has been read a second time.

(c) Proceedings on Second Reading shall be brought to a conclusion (so far as not previously concluded) four hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order.

(d) Proceedings in Committee of the whole House, any proceedings on Consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall be brought to a conclusion (so far as not previously concluded) six hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order.

Timing of proceedings and Questions to be put

(2) As soon as the proceedings on the Motion for this Order have been concluded, the Order for the Second Reading of the Bill shall be read.

(3) When the Bill has been read a second time:

(a) it shall, despite Standing Order No. 63 (Committal of bills not subject to a programme order), stand committed to a Committee of the whole House without any Question being put;

(b) proceedings on the Bill shall stand postponed while the Question is put, in accordance with Standing Order No. 52(1) (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), on any financial resolution relating to the Bill;

(c) on the conclusion of proceedings on any financial resolution relating to the Bill, proceedings on the Bill shall be resumed and the Speaker shall leave the Chair whether or not notice of an Instruction has been given.

(4) (a) On the conclusion of proceedings in Committee of the whole House, the Chairman shall report the Bill to the House without putting any Question.

(b) If the Bill is reported with amendments, the House shall proceed to consider the Bill as amended without any Question being put.

(5) For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph (1), the Chairman or Speaker shall forthwith put the following Questions (but no others) in the same order as they would fall to be put if this Order did not apply:

(a) any Question already proposed from the Chair;

(b) any Question necessary to bring to a decision a Question so proposed;

(c) the Question on any amendment, new Clause or new Schedule selected by the Chairman or Speaker for separate decision;

(d) the Question on any amendment moved or Motion made by a Minister of the Crown;

(e) any other Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded; and shall not put any other questions, other than the question on any motion described in paragraph (17)(a) of this Order.

(6) On a Motion made for a new Clause or a new Schedule, the Chairman or Speaker shall put only the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill.

(7) If two or more Questions would fall to be put under paragraph (5)(d) on successive amendments moved or Motions made by a Minister of the Crown, the Chairman or Speaker shall instead put a single Question in relation to those amendments or Motions.

(8) If two or more Questions would fall to be put under paragraph (5)(e) in relation to successive provisions of the Bill, the Chairman shall instead put a single Question in relation to those provisions, except that the Question shall be put separately on any Clause of or Schedule to the Bill which a Minister of the Crown has signified an intention to leave out.

Consideration of Lords Amendments

(9) (a) Any Lords Amendments to the Bill may be considered forthwith without any Question being put; and any proceedings interrupted for that purpose shall be suspended accordingly.

(b) Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement; and any proceedings suspended under sub-paragraph (a) shall thereupon be resumed.

(10) Paragraphs (2) to (7) of Standing Order No. 83F (Programme orders: conclusion of proceedings on consideration of Lords amendments) apply for the purposes of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph (9) of this Order.

Subsequent stages

(11) (a) Any further Message from the Lords on the Bill may be considered forthwith without any Question being put; and any proceedings interrupted for that purpose shall be suspended accordingly.

(b) Proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement; and any proceedings suspended under sub-paragraph (a) shall thereupon be resumed.

(12) Paragraph (2) to (5) of Standing Order No. 83G (Programme orders: conclusion of proceedings on further messages from the Lords) apply for the purposes of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph (11) of this Order (and for those purposes paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 83G is not subject to paragraphs (6) and (7) of that Standing Order).

Reasons Committee

(13) Paragraphs (2) to (6) of Standing Order No. 83H (Programme orders: reasons committee) apply in relation to any committee to be appointed to draw up reasons after proceedings have been brought to a conclusion in accordance with this Order.

Miscellaneous

(14) Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to proceedings on the Bill.

(15) Standing Order No. 82 (Business Committee) shall not apply in relation to any proceedings to which this Order applies.

(16) Standing Orders Nos. 83J to 83O (Certification of bills, clauses, schedules etc) shall not apply to the Bill.

(17) (a) No Motion shall be made, except by a Minister of the Crown, to alter the order in which any proceedings on the Bill are taken or to recommit the Bill.

(b) No notice shall be required of such a Motion.

(c) Such a motion may be considered forthwith without any Question being put; and any proceedings interrupted for that purpose shall be suspended accordingly.

(d) The Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith; and any proceedings suspended under sub-paragraph (c) shall thereupon be resumed.

(e) Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to proceedings on such a Motion.

(18) (a) No dilatory Motion shall be made in relation to proceedings to which this Order applies except by a Minister of the Crown.

(b) The Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

(19) No debate shall be held in accordance with Standing Order No. 24 (Emergency debates) at today's sitting after this Order has been agreed.

(20) Proceedings to which this Order applies shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

(21) No private business may be considered at today's sitting after this Order has been agreed.—(*Leo Docherty.*)

7 Contingencies Fund Bill: Second Reading

Bill read a second time and committed to a committee of the whole House (Order, today).

8 Contingencies Fund 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 Contingencies Fund Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums to be issued out of, or paid into, the Consolidated Fund which is attributable to increasing, in relation to any time before 1 April 2021, the percentage specified in section 1(1) of the Contingencies Fund Act 1974 to a percentage not exceeding 50%.—(*Eddie Hughes.*)

Question agreed to.

9 Contingencies Fund Bill: Committee of the whole House

The House resolved itself into a Committee (Order, today).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Eddie Hughes reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made no amendment.

10 Contingencies Fund Bill: Third Reading

Bill read the third time, and passed.

11 Windrush Compensation Scheme (Expenditure) Bill: Committee of the whole House

The House resolved itself into a Committee (Programme Order, 10 February).

(In the Committee)

Clause 1 (Expenditure on the Windrush Compensation Scheme)

Amendment 1 proposed.—(*Stuart C McDonald.*)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 2 agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

James Morris reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made no amendment.

12 Windrush Compensation Scheme (Expenditure) Bill: Third Reading

Bill read the third time, and passed.

13 Parliamentary Works Sponsor Body

Resolved, That Damian Hinds, Sir Robert Syms, Tommy Sheppard and Mark Tami be appointed as Parliamentary members, and that Brigid Janssen, Elizabeth Peace (chair), Marta Phillips, Dr Simon Thurley and Simon Wright be appointed as external members, of the Parliamentary Works Sponsor Body under Part 1, Schedule 1 to the Parliamentary Buildings (Restoration and Renewal) Act 2019.—(*Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg.*)

14 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Parental Bereavement Leave and Pay (Consequential Amendments to Subordinate Legislation) Regulations 2020, which were laid before this House on 10 March, be approved.—(*James Morris.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Automatic Enrolment (Earnings Trigger and Qualifying Earnings Band) Order 2020, which was laid before this House on 3 March, be approved.—(*James Morris.*)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Private Security Industry (Licence Fees) Order 2020, which was laid before this House on 3 February, be approved.—(*James Morris.*)

Question agreed to.

15 Select Committees (Participation and Reporting) (Temporary Order)

Ordered, That:—

(1) for the period specified in paragraph (4) of this Order, the following measures shall have effect in relation to the proceedings of any select committee which has the power to report from time to time;

(2) members of any select committee to which this Order applies may participate in select committee proceedings through such electronic means of communication as have been approved by the Speaker;

(3) the Chair of any select committee to which this Order applies may report to the House an order, resolution or Report as an order, resolution or Report of the Committee which has not been agreed at a meeting of the Committee, if satisfied that all members of the Committee have been consulted about the terms of the order, resolution or Report and that it represents a decision of the majority of the Committee, and

(4) this Order shall have effect from the date that it is made until 30 June 2020, save that the Speaker may extend its effect by notifying the House that in his opinion it is expedient that these arrangements continue in force until a specified later date; more than one such notification may be given, but each such notification shall be given no less than a week before the expiry of this Order or any subsequent extension to it.—(*James Morris.*)

16 Adjournment

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(James Morris.)

Adjourned at 6.45 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Reports from Select Committees

17 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

The impact of coronavirus on businesses and workers: Written evidence, to be published (HC 219) (Rachel Reeves).

18 Environmental Audit Committee

(1) Correspondence from the Association of British Insurers and Flood Re on the Flood Re scheme and the flood insurance market: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) Correspondence with the Chair of the European Scrutiny Committee on the EU's negotiating mandate with the UK: Written evidence, to be published

(Philip Dunne).

19 European Statutory Instruments Committee

(1) Third Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 129), and including the following recommendation:

That the affirmative procedure should apply to the instrument titled the Carriage of Dangerous Goods and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020

(2) Ministerial correspondence, Written evidence to be published

(Andrew Jones).

20 Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

(1) Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to coronavirus: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) Implications of the Waste Strategy for local authorities: Written evidence, to be published

(Mr Clive Betts).

21 Justice Committee

(1) The work of the Lord Chancellor: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 225);

(2) Correspondence from the Minister of State for Justice relating to HMP Pentonville: Written evidence, to be published

(Sir Robert Neill).

22 Treasury Committee

Economic impact of coronavirus: Written evidence, to be published (HC 271) (Mel Stride).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

On Thursday 19 March the House ordered that there shall be no sittings in Westminster Hall with effect from Friday 20 March until the House otherwise orders.

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Exiting the European Union (Financial Services and Markets)

Draft Over the Counter Derivatives, Central Counterparties and Trade Repositories (Amendment, etc., and Transitional Provision) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (John Glen)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Exiting the European Union (Companies)

International Accounting Standards, Statutory Auditors and Third Country Auditors (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 335), dated 23 March 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Paul Scully)

3 Exiting the European Union (Income Tax)

Taxes (Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 332), dated 23 March 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jesse Norman)

Other papers

4 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Minute, dated 23 March 2020, concerning the notification of the parameters and contingent liability arising from the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme (by Command) (Secretary Alok Sharma)

5 Industrial Development

Statement by the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy under Section 8, Subsection 9 of the Industrial Development Act 1982 concerning the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme (by Act) (Secretary Alok Sharma)

6 Justice

Monitoring places of detention: Tenth Annual Report of the United Kingdom's National Preventive Mechanism for the year 2018–19 (by Command) (CP 228) (Secretary Robert Buckland)

7 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs: Water supply and demand management (by Act), to be printed (HC 107) (Clerk of the House)

8 Treasury

Treasury Minute, dated 24 March 2020, concerning a contingent liability relating to the Asset Purchase Facility (by Command) (Chancellor of the Exchequer)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

The Speaker has certified that the Contingencies Fund Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.

The Speaker has certified that the Windrush Compensation Scheme (Expenditure) Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.

Non-Domestic Rating (Public Lavatories) Bill

The Speaker has certified that, for the purposes of Standing Order No. 83J, and on the basis of material put before him, in his opinion Clause 1 of the Non-Domestic Rating (Public Lavatories) Bill relates exclusively to England and Wales and is within devolved legislative competence, as defined in Standing Order No. 83J.