



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday 22 April 2020

Votes and Proceedings

Corrected 17 August 2020

The House met at 11.30 am (Order, 21 April).

Prayers

1 Speaker's Statement: Arrangements for hybrid proceedings

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

3 Statement: Covid-19 response (Secretary Matt Hancock)

As it was more than two hours after their commencement, the Speaker brought the hybrid scrutiny proceedings to a conclusion (Order, 21 April).

4 Public Advocate: Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a public advocate to provide advice to, and act as data controller for, representatives of the deceased after major incidents;

That Maria Eagle, Sir George Howarth, Derek Twigg, Alison McGovern, Ms Angela Eagle, Peter Dowd, Bill Esterson, Conor McGinn, Dan Carden, Ian Byrne, Paula Barker and Kim Johnson present the Bill.

Maria Eagle accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 126).

5 Select committee chair by-elections (Temporary Order)

Ordered, That:

(1) In the case of a ballot for a select committee chair vacancy to which the provisions of Standing Orders Nos. 122B and 122C apply, the following provisions shall apply for the duration of this order:

(a) Nomination forms may be submitted electronically.

(b) All references to signing and signatures in Standing Order No. 122B shall be taken to include an electronic copy of a handwritten signature, or such other arrangements as the Speaker may specify.

(c) The period within which nominations may be received, the date and times

at which the ballot shall be held and any other arrangements made under subparagraph (d) below shall be announced by the Speaker not less than two working days before the time at which nominations may first be received.

(d) The ballot shall be held in accordance with the provisions of sub-paragraphs 11 (a) and (d) of Standing Order No. 122B and such other arrangements as the Speaker shall direct the Clerk of the House to make.

(2) This order expires on 30 June 2020.—(*Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg.*)

6 Speaker's Statement: Arrangements for select committee chair by-elections

7 Business of the House (private Members' bills)

Ordered, That:

(1) the Resolution of the House of 16 January 2020 (Business of the House (Private Members' Bills)), as amended by the Order of the House of 25 March 2020 (Business of the House (Private Members' Bills)), is further amended as follows:

(a) leave out "24 April 2020,"; and

(b) leave out "and 5 February 2021" and insert ", 5 February 2021 and 5 March 2021".

(2) the Orders for Second Reading of Bills on each of the days listed under Day 1 in the table below are read and discharged;

(3) each such Bill is ordered to be read a second time on the corresponding day listed under Day 2 in the table; and

(4) those Bills are set down to be read a second time on the appropriate Day 2 in the order in which they were set down to be read a second time on the corresponding Day 1.

Day 1	Day 2
24 April 2020	15 May 2020
15 May 2020	12 June 2020
12 June 2020	26 June 2020
26 June 2020	10 July 2020
10 July 2020	11 September 2020
11 September 2020	16 October 2020
16 October 2020	30 October 2020
30 October 2020	27 November 2020
27 November 2020	15 January 2021
15 January 2021	29 January 2021
29 January 2021	5 February 2021
5 February 2021	5 March 2021

—(*Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg.*)

8 Medicines and Medical Devices Bill: Programme (No. 2)

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the Order of 2 March (Medicines and Medical Devices Bill: Programme) be varied as follows:

In paragraph (2) of the Order (conclusion of proceedings in Public Bill Committee) for "Thursday 23 April" substitute "Thursday 11 June".—(*Michael Tomlinson.*)

Question agreed to.

9 Hybrid substantive proceedings (Temporary Orders)

Ordered, That the following Orders be made and have effect until 12 May:

A. Hybrid proceedings

(1) The House shall sit at 2.30 pm on Mondays and 11.30 am on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and on each day the business of the House shall comprise only hybrid proceedings.

(2) Hybrid proceedings comprise:

- (a) scrutiny proceedings; and
- (b) substantive proceedings.

(3) Members may participate in hybrid proceedings virtually, by electronic means approved by the Speaker, or by attending in the Chamber. The Speaker may limit the number of Members present in the Chamber at any one time.

(4) For the purposes of hybrid proceedings, Members shall give notice by electronic means designated by the Speaker.

(5) At the conclusion of scrutiny and substantive proceedings, the Speaker shall adjourn the House without question put.

B. Substantive proceedings

(1) Substantive proceedings comprise:

- (a) motions in the name of a Minister of the Crown;
- (b) presentation of bills;
- (c) subsequent proceedings on public bills introduced by a Minister of the Crown;
- (d) private business;
- (e) ministerial statements made with the permission of the Speaker;
- (f) personal statements;
- (g) motions in the name of the chair or another member of the Committee of Selection;
- (h) business which would otherwise be taken
 - (i) immediately after prayers (except motions for unopposed returns); or
 - (ii) at the commencement of public business.

(2) The question on any motion made by a Minister of the Crown to add one or more categories of business to the list in paragraph 1 shall be put forthwith.

(3) Except as provided in these orders, substantive hybrid proceedings shall be governed by the practice and standing orders of the House.

(4) If, on any day on which hybrid substantive proceedings are to be taken, a motion of which notice has been given relating to the allocation of time to, and the conduct of, business for that day, in the names of a Minister of the Crown, a Member representing the official opposition and a Member representing the second largest opposition party, is moved at the commencement of public business by a Minister of the Crown, the Speaker shall declare the question to be agreed to.

(5) A motion under paragraph 4 may include provision (a) to make designations under paragraph 1 of temporary standing order (Remote voting) and (b) to amend the arrangements for remote voting under temporary standing order (Conduct of remote divisions).

(6) Rules relating to the giving and receiving of notices of motions and to the periods of notice required for different categories shall apply as if:

- (a) Thursdays were a sitting day on which the House rose at 5 00 pm;
- (b) the House rose no earlier than 7.00 pm on Mondays and 6.00 pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

(7) Save as provided in paragraph 6 notice periods in respect of all substantive proceedings shall be set by the Speaker.

C. Presentation of bills

(1) A public bill, of whose presentation notice has been given and whose title has been read by the Clerk, shall be deemed to have been read the first time and to have been ordered to have been read a second time on such day as the Member in whose name the notice stands shall have appointed and shall be ordered to be printed.

D. Supplementary provisions

(1) Standing Orders Nos. 7, 8, 9, 23, paragraph 5 of Standing Order No. 47 and Standing Orders Nos. 83J to 83X shall not have effect.

(2) In any case where the Speaker has ordered the withdrawal of a Member, or of several Members, under Standing Order No. 43 and is required to direct the Serjeant at Arms to give effect to the order, the Member or Members shall be suspended from the service of the House for the following sitting day.

(3) No motion to sit in private may be made during hybrid proceedings.

(4) The Speaker may make such alterations to the practices of the House regarding the conduct of debate as are appropriate to facilitate the effective conduct of hybrid proceedings.

(5) The Speaker may amend any provision of the temporary standing orders relating to hybrid proceedings, if he determines it is necessary to do so in order to ensure that the conduct of business is consistent with the Resolution of the House (Proceedings during the pandemic) of 21 April.

(6) Before exercising his power under paragraph 5, the Speaker shall satisfy himself that he has the agreement of the Leader of the House.

E. Consequential amendments

That the following amendments be made to the Orders of 21 April 2020 (Hybrid scrutiny proceedings):

(1) In Order A (scrutiny proceedings), leave out paragraphs 1, 6 and 7;

(2) In Order C (supplementary provisions):

- (a) In paragraph 3, leave out 'Nos. 7, 8 and' and insert 'No.';
- (b) leave out paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 7.—(*Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg.*)

10 Remote voting (Temporary Orders)

Ordered, That the following Orders be made and have effect until 12 May:

Remote divisions

(1) A remote division may be held only in respect of business taken in hybrid substantive proceedings.

(2) With the leave of the Speaker, the Member in charge of an item of business may designate it as subject to decision by a remote division and if so whether that divisions should be a deferred remote division.

(3) The Speaker shall determine whether a remote division is required and may announce that determination before putting the question.

(4) Standing Orders Nos. 38, 40 and 41A (save as provided in temporary standing order (Conduct of remote divisions)) shall not apply to proceedings relating to remote divisions.

(5) If, when the question is put on an item of business which has not been designated to be decided by a remote division, the Speaker's opinion as to the decision on the question is challenged, the question shall not be decided and the House shall move to the next business.

Conduct of remote divisions

(1) Members shall participate in a remote division or a remote deferred division through arrangements authorised by the Speaker.

(2) A remote division shall be initiated when the Speaker puts the question and announces that it will be decided by a remote division.

(3) No tellers shall be appointed for a remote division.

(4) Members may record their vote in a remote division for a period of fifteen minutes from its initiation.

(5) The Speaker may interrupt and suspend a remote division if notified of a technical problem.

(6) The result of a remote division shall be declared from the Chair.

(7) The House may proceed to its next business before the result of a remote division is declared and the Speaker may interrupt subsequent proceedings in order to announce the result.

(8) A remote deferred division shall be held in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 5 of Standing Order No. 41A and this order.

(9) If, after the result of a remote division or a remote deferred division has been announced, it is reported to the Speaker that problems in the conduct of the division occurred which might have affected the result, the Speaker may declare the division to be null and void and may make arrangements for it to be re-run.—(*Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg*.)

11 Adjournment

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

Adjourned at 2.49 pm until Monday 27 April (Order, today).

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

12 Windrush Compensation Scheme (Expenditure) Bill

The Lords agree to the Windrush Compensation Scheme (Expenditure) Bill without amendment.

Public petitions

13 Public Petitions

A public petition from residents of Barrow and Furness relating to the village surgery in Askam-in-Furness was presented by Simon Fell.

Reports from Select Committees

14 Defence Committee

(1) *Introductory session with the Defence Secretary*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 295);

(2) *Correspondence relating to repatriation of British citizens in response to COVID-19*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *The Integrated Security, Defence and Foreign Policy Review*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 165)

(Mr Tobias Ellwood).

15 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

(1) *The work of the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 157);

(2) *Impact of COVID-19 on the charity sector*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 281);

(3) *Online harms and disinformation*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 234);

(4) *The work of the Charity Commission*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 154)

(Julian Knight).

16 Education Committee

(1) *The impact of COVID-19 on education and children's services*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 254);

(2) *Ofqual Main Estimates Memorandum*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Teachers' Pension Scheme Main Estimates Memorandum*: Written evidence, to be published

(Robert Halfon).

17 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

(1) *COVID-19 and food supply*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 263);

(2) *The work of DEFRA*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 261)

(Neil Parish).

18 Environmental Audit Committee

Possible future inquiries: Written evidence, to be published (Philip Dunne).

19 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

(1) *Draft Fatal Accidents Act 1976 (Remedial) Order 2020: Second Report*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 256);

(2) *The Government's response to COVID-19: human rights implications*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 265)

(Ms Harriet Harman).

20 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

(1) *New Decade, New Approach Agreement*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 160);

(2) *Unfettered Access: Northern Ireland and customs arrangements after Brexit*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 161)

(Simon Hoare).

21 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *Correspondence with the Cabinet Office relating to contingent liabilities on increasing the production of ventilators, dated 3 April 2020*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Correspondence with the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy relating to the contingent liability for the Coronavirus business interruption loan scheme, dated 23 March 2020*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with HMRC relating to the delay in publication of their Annual Report and Accounts and notice of a breached control total, dated 3 April 2020*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Home Office relating to the Windrush lessons learned review, dated 26 March 2020*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with the National Audit Office relating to the impact of COVID-19, dated 7 April 2020*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Defence Nuclear Infrastructure*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 86)

(Meg Hillier).

22 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

Eighth Report, to be printed (HC 75-viii) (Jessica Morden) (Order of 24 March).

23 Statutory Instruments (Select Committee on)

Seventh Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 73-vii) (Jessica Morden) (Order of 24 March).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Public Health

Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 447), dated 21 April 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Petroleum

Offshore Petroleum Production and Pipe-lines (Assessment of Environmental Effects) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 448), dated 21 April 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Alok Sharma)

Other papers

3 Cities and Local Government Devolution

Secretary of State's Report on Devolution for 2018–19 (by Act) (Secretary Robert Jenrick)

4 Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction

Corporate Plan of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England for 2020–21 to 2024–25 (by Act), to be printed (HC 294) (The Speaker)

5 Marshall Aid Commemoration

Sixty-sixth Annual Report of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission (by Act) (Secretary Dominic Raab)

6 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Houses of Parliament: Palace of Westminster Restoration and Renewal Programme for 2020 (by Act), to be printed (HC 315) (Clerk of the House)

7 Scotland

(1) Eighth Report by the Scottish Government on the Implementation and Operation of Part 3 (Financial Provisions) of the Scotland Act 2012 and Fourth Report by the Scottish Government on the Implementation of the Scotland Act 2016 (by Act) (Secretary Alister Jack)

(2) Eighth Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland on the Implementation and Operation of Part 3 (Financial Provisions) of the Scotland Act 2012 and Fourth Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland on the Implementation of the Scotland Act 2016 (by Act) (Secretary Alister Jack)

8 Statutory Instruments (Notification)

(1) Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation: Health Protection (Coronavirus, Business Closure) (England) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 327) (by Standing Order) (The Speaker)

(2) Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation: Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 350) (by Standing Order) (The Speaker)

9 Supply Estimates 2020–21

Local Government Boundary Commission for England: Main Supply Estimate for 2020–21 (by Act), to be printed (HC 288) (The Speaker)

PANEL OF CHAIRS

The Speaker has discharged the following Member from the Panel of Chairs during this Parliament (Standing Order No. 4):

Pat McFadden.