



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday 20 May 2020

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am (Order, 22 April).

Prayers

- 1 **Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Scotland
(2) the Prime Minister**
- 2 **Speaker's Statement: Arrangement of Business (Today)**
- 3 **Urgent Question: Conduct of business after the Whitsun Recess (Leader of the House)**
- 4 **Statements: (1) Business (Leader of the House)
(2) UK's approach to the Northern Ireland Protocol (Michael Gove)**

As it was more than two hours after the commencement of hybrid scrutiny proceedings, the Deputy Speaker brought proceedings on the statements to a close (Order, 21 April).

- 5 **European Union Withdrawal (Implementation Period) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57 and Order (Presentation of Bills), 22 April)**

Sir Edward Davey presented a Bill to require Her Majesty's Government to seek a two-year extension of the implementation period under Article 132 of the Withdrawal Agreement; to repeal the prohibition on agreeing to such an extension under section 33 of the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; ordered to be read a second time on 22 June 2020, and to be printed (Bill 130).

- 6 **Business of the House (20 May)**

Motion made and Question proposed, That:—

(1) The following arrangements shall apply to today's business:

Business	Timings	Remote division designation
Corporate Insolvency and Governance Bill	No debate (Standing Order No. 57)	None
Counter-Terrorism and Sentencing Bill	No debate (Standing Order No. 57)	None

Trade Bill: Second Reading	Up to two hours and 15 minutes from the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order; suspension; up to three hours and 30 minutes from the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order	Remote division
Trade Bill: Programme	No debate (Standing Order No. 83A(7))	Remote division
Trade Bill: Money	No debate (Standing Order No. 52(1)(a))	Remote division
Liaison (Membership)	Up to four hours and 30 minutes from the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order	Remote division

(2) At the conclusion of each debate, the Speaker shall put the Question on each of the motions on the Order Paper relating to the business listed in the table for that debate.—(*Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg.*)

In accordance with the Speaker's determination, the Deputy Speaker announced that a remote division on the Question was required (Order (Remote divisions (3)), 22 April).

Question put.

The House divided.

Division No. 47

Ayes: 350

Noes: 258

Question accordingly agreed to.

7 Corporate Insolvency and Governance Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57, Order (Presentation of Bills), 22 April, and Order, today)

Secretary Alok Sharma, supported by the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Elizabeth Truss, Secretary Thérèse Coffey, Secretary George Eustice, Secretary Robert Jenrick, Secretary Grant Shapps, Secretary Brandon Lewis, Secretary Alister Jack, Secretary Oliver Dowden and John Glen, presented a Bill to make provision about companies and other entities in financial difficulty; and to make temporary changes to the law relating to the governance and regulation of companies and other entities.

Bill read the first time; ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday 2 June, and to be printed (Bill 128) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 128–EN).

8 Counter-Terrorism and Sentencing Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57, Order (Presentation of Bills), 22 April, and Order, today)

Secretary Robert Buckland, supported by the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Priti Patel, Secretary Ben Wallace, the Attorney General, James Brokenshire, Lucy Frazer, Kit Malthouse, Alex Chalk and Chris Philp, presented a Bill to

make provision about the sentencing of offenders convicted of terrorism offences, of offences with a terrorist connection or of certain other offences; to make other provision in relation to terrorism; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday 2 June, and to be printed (Bill 129) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 129–EN).

9 Trade Bill: Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, That the Trade Bill be now read a second time.—
(*Secretary Elizabeth Truss.*)

Amendment moved, to leave out from 'That' to the end of the Question and add 'this House recognises that upon leaving the European Union, the UK will need effective legislation to implement agreements with partner countries corresponding to international trade agreements of the European Union in place before the UK's exit, to implement procurement obligations arising from the UK becoming a member of the Government Procurement Agreement in its own right, to set out the basis of a Trade Remedies Authority to deliver the new UK trade remedies framework, and to establish the powers for Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs to collect and disclose data on goods and services exporters; but declines to give a Second Reading to the Trade Bill because it fails to set out proper procedures for Parliamentary consultation, scrutiny, debate and approval of future international trade agreements, fails to protect the principle of Parliamentary sovereignty in respect of the implementation of international trade agreements previously negotiated by the European Union and in respect of changes to existing government procurement regulations arising from the UK's or other countries' accession to the Government Procurement Agreement, fails to establish sufficient scrutiny procedures to replace those that have pertained while the UK has been a member of the European Union, fails to guarantee that the UK's current high standards and rights will be protected in future trade agreements, and fails to render the Trade Remedies Authority answerable to Parliament or representative of the full range of stakeholders who should be included in its membership.'.—(*Emily Thornberry.*)

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

The Deputy Speaker suspended the House (Order, today).

Debate resumed.

In accordance with the Speaker's determination, the Deputy Speaker announced which of the Questions necessary to bring the proceedings on the Second Reading of the Trade Bill to a conclusion would be decided by remote division (Order (Conduct of remote divisions (2)), 22 April, and Order, today).

As it was three hours and 30 minutes from the commencement of proceedings on the Business of the House motion (20 May), the Deputy Speaker put the Question, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Division No. 48

Ayes: 262

Noes: 352

Question accordingly negatived.

Question put, That the Bill be now read a second time (Order, today).

The House divided.

Division No. 49

Ayes: 355

Noes: 254

Question accordingly agreed to and Bill read a second time.

10 Trade Bill (Programme and Money motions): Determination for remote division

In accordance with the Speaker's determination, the Deputy Speaker announced that a remote division on the Questions relating to the Programme and Money motions for the Trade Bill were not required (Order of 22 April (Remote divisions (3))).

11 Trade Bill: Programme

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7) and Order, today), That the following provisions shall apply to the Trade 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 to concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 25 June 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.—(*Iain Stewart.*)

Question agreed to.

12 Trade Bill: Money

Queen's Recommendation signified.

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 52(1)(a) and Order, today) That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Trade Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenditure incurred by a Minister of the Crown, government department or other public authority under or by virtue of the Act.—(*Iain Stewart.*)

Question agreed to.

13 Liaison (Membership)

Motion made and Question proposed, That:—

(1) With effect for the current Parliament, notwithstanding Standing Order No. 121 (Nomination of select committees), the Members elected by the House or otherwise chosen to be chairs of each of the select committees listed in paragraph (2) shall be a member of the Liaison Committee;

(2) The committees to which paragraph (1) applies are:

Administration;

Backbench Business;

Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy;

Defence;

Digital, Culture, Media and Sport;

Education;

Environmental Audit;

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs;

European Scrutiny;

European Statutory Instruments;

Finance;

Foreign Affairs;

Future Relationship with the European Union;

Health and Social Care;

Home Affairs;

Housing, Communities and Local Government;

Joint Committee on Human Rights (the chair being a Member of this House);

International Development;

International Trade;

Justice;

Northern Ireland Affairs;

Petitions;

Procedure;

Privileges (the chair not being the chair of the Committee on Standards);

Public Accounts;

Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs;

Regulatory Reform;

Science and Technology;

Scottish Affairs;

Selection;

Standards;

Statutory Instruments;

Transport;

Treasury;

Welsh Affairs;

Women and Equalities; and

Work and Pensions.

(3) Sir Bernard Jenkin shall also be a member, and the chair, of the Liaison Committee.—
(*Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg.*)

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

Amendment proposed, in line 43, to leave out paragraph (3) and insert “(3) The chair of the Liaison Committee shall be a current chair of a Select Committee.”.—(*Ms Harriet Harman.*)

In accordance with the Speaker's determination, the Deputy Speaker announced which of the Questions necessary to bring the proceedings to a conclusion would be decided by remote division (Order (Conduct of remote divisions (2)), 22 April, and Order, today).

As it was four hours and 30 minutes from the commencement of proceedings on the Business of the House motion (20 May), the Deputy Speaker put the Question, That the Amendment be made (Order, today).

The House divided.

Division No. 50

Ayes: 262

Noes: 323

Question accordingly negatived.

Main Question put and agreed to.

14 Adjournment

The Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put (Order (Hybrid proceedings (5)), 22 April).

Adjourned at 6.49 pm until Tuesday 2 June (Order, 12 May).

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).

15 Domestic Abuse Bill Committee

Members: Nickie Aiken, Victoria Atkins, Andrew Bowie, Alex Chalk, Neil Coyle, Virginia Crosbie, Chris Elmore, Peter Gibson, Rebecca Harris, Christine Jardine, Fay Jones, Peter Kyle, Julie Marson, Taiwo Owatemi, Jess Phillips, Liz Saville Roberts and Mike Wood.

16 Environment Bill Committee

Members: Abena Opong-Asare discharged and Lloyd Russell-Moyle nominated in substitution.

17 Finance Bill Committee

Members: Mrs Kemi Badenoch, Harriett Baldwin, Anthony Browne, Felicity Buchan, Miriam Cates, Stephen Flynn, Andrew Jones, Robin Millar, Jesse Norman, Abena Opong-Asare, Bridget Phillipson, Bell Ribeiro-Addy, David Rutley, Jeff Smith, Wes Streeting, Alison Thewliss and Craig Williams

18 Medicines and Medical Devices Bill Committee

Members: Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Julie Marson and Ms Marie Rimmer discharged and Rushanara Ali, Alex Norris and Neil O'Brien nominated in substitution.

19 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Weights and Measures Act 1985 (Definitions of "Metre" and "Kilogram") (Amendment) Order 2020)

Members: Scott Benton, Chris Clarkson, Peter Dowd, Julie Elliott, Jo Gideon, Paul Howell, Tom Hunt, Mr Kevan Jones, Cherilyn Mackrory, Lia Nici, Matthew Pennycook, Selaine Saxby, Paul Scully, Iain Stewart, Sam Tarry, Owen Thompson and Liz Twist

20 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (Direct Payments to Farmers (Crop Diversification Derogation) (England) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020 No. 475))

Members: Shaun Bailey, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Elliot Colburn, Mary Glendon, James Grundy, Jonathan Gullis, Andrew Gwynne, Antony Higginbotham, Meg Hillier, Fay Jones, Ruth Jones, James Morris, Mrs Sheryll Murray, Victoria Prentis, Jane Stevenson, Mohammad Yasin and Daniel Zeichner

*Reports from Select Committees***21 Future Relationship with the European Union (Committee on the)**

Progress of the negotiations on the UK's future relationship with the EU: Written evidence, to be published (HC 203) (Hilary Benn).

22 Home Affairs Committee

Home Office preparedness for COVID-19 (Coronavirus): Written evidence, to be published (HC 232) (Yvette Cooper).

23 Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

(1) *Protecting rough sleepers and renters: Interim Report:* First Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 309);

(2) *Impact of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) on homelessness and the private rented sector:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 309);

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Building Safety, Fire and Communities relating to building safety:* Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to the evidence session on 4 May:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 302)

(Mr Clive Betts).

24 Petitions Committee

(1) *Correspondence with the Home Secretary relating to e-petition 300239:* Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *The Government's response to coronavirus:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 252)

(Catherine McKinnell).

25 Procedure Committee

Procedure under coronavirus restrictions: Written evidence, to be published (HC 300) (Karen Bradley).

26 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *EU Exit: Get ready for Brexit campaign*: Fourth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 131);

(2) *University technical colleges*: Fifth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the report (HC 87);

(3) *Correspondence with the Cabinet Office relating to contingent liabilities on the rapidly manufactured ventilator systems, dated 13 May 2020*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Food Standards Agency relating to the effectiveness of the National Food Crime Unit*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Gambling regulation: problem gambling and protecting vulnerable people*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 134);

(6) *Local Authority Commercial Investment*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 312);

(7) *NHS capital expenditure and financial management*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 251)

(Meg Hillier).

27 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

Twelfth Report, to be printed (HC 75-xii) (Jessica Morden).

28 Statutory Instruments (Select Committee on)

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

29 Transport Committee

Coronavirus: implications for transport: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 268) (Huw Merriman).

30 Treasury Committee

(1) *Economic impact of coronavirus*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 271);

(2) *Correspondence from the Chair of the Banking Competition Remedies Limited relating to their plans and activities*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Correspondence from the Complaints Commissioner relating to FCA complaints handling*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence relating to the Committee's Thirty-Fourth Report of Session 2017–19, on Disputing tax*: Written evidence, to be published

(5) *Correspondence relating to the Dobbs Review*: Written evidence, to be published;

(Mel Stride).

31 Women and Equalities Committee

Unequal impact: coronavirus (COVID-19) and the impact on people with protected characteristics: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 276) (Caroline Nokes).

32 Work and Pensions Committee

(1) *DWP's response to the coronavirus outbreak*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 178);

(2) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to the recruitment of the Chair of the Social Security Advisory Committee*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *The work of the Health and Safety Executive*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 39)

(Stephen Timms).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Electricity

Draft Electricity Capacity (Amendment etc.) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Alok Sharma)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Social Security

(1) Universal Credit (Coronavirus) (Self-employed Claimants and Reclaims) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 522), dated 19 May 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Mims Davies)

(2) Universal Credit (Coronavirus) (Self-employed Claimants and Reclaims) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 85), dated 19 May 2020 (by Statutory Instrument), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Mims Davies)

Other papers

3 Cabinet Office

The UK's approach to the Northern Ireland Protocol (by Command) (CP 226) (Michael Gove)

4 Charities

Report by the Department for Education on the use of powers under Section 70 of the Charities Act 2006 (by Act) (Michelle Donelan)

5 Defence

Ministry of Defence Minute, dated 20 May 2020, concerning a contingent liability relating to Government operation of satellites through Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (by Command) (Secretary Ben Wallace)

6 Development of Tourism

Report and Accounts of VisitBritain and VisitEngland, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 307) (Secretary Oliver Dowden)

7 European Union (Withdrawal)

Report on the European Union (Withdrawal) Act and Common Frameworks for the period 26 December 2019 to 25 March 2020 (by Act) (Chloe Smith)

8 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General: Overview of the UK Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic (by Act), to be printed (HC 366) (Clerk of the House)

9 National Heritage

Government Indemnity Scheme: Statement to Parliament on the level of outstanding liabilities under the Scheme for the six-month period ending 31 March 2020 (by Act) (Caroline Dinéage)

10 UK Borders

Report of the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration: An Inspection of Administrative Reviews for May–December 2019 (by Act) (Secretary Priti Patel)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES**Proxy Voting for Parental Absence**

The Speaker has certified, under the terms of the temporary Standing Order on voting by proxy for parental absence and the Resolution of the House of 28 January 2019, that Nigel Mills is eligible to have a proxy vote cast on his behalf, starting on Tuesday 2 June and finishing on Sunday 14 June. The nominated proxy is David Rutley.