



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday 4 June 2020

Votes and Proceedings

Corrected 19 August 2020

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 **Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport
(2) the Attorney General**
- 2 **Urgent Questions: (1) Public Health England review of disparities in risks and outcomes related to the COVID-19 outbreak (Kemi Badenoch)
(2) Abortion Regulations for Northern Ireland (Robin Walker)
(3) Implementation of the payment scheme for victims of the Troubles (Robin Walker)**
- 3 **Business Question (Leader of the House)**
- 4 **Application for emergency debate (Standing Order No. 24)**

Mr Alistair Carmichael proposed that the House should debate the matter of the arrangements for the conduct of House Business during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The Deputy Speaker put the application to the House.

Leave given.

Debate to be held at the commencement of business on Monday 8 June for up to two hours.
- 5 **Sentencing (Pre-Consolidation Amendments) Bill [Lords]: Committee of the whole House**

The House resolved itself into a Committee (Order, 2 June).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 5 agreed to,

Schedules 1 and 2 agreed to.

The occupant of the Chair left the Chair to report the Bill.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Leo Docherty reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made no amendment.

6 Sentencing (Pre-Consolidation Amendments) Bill [Lords]: Third Reading

Bill read the third time, and passed without amendment.

7 The EU's mandate for negotiating a new partnership with the UK

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House, having regard to the constitutional and legal functions enshrined in the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 and the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020, urges the Government to conduct its negotiations with the European Union with the fullest possible transparency to facilitate essential parliamentary scrutiny; also urges the Government to make regular progress reports on the negotiations, including on stakeholder contributions to the consultation on The Future Relationship with the EU: the UK's Approach to Negotiations, and to address the issues identified by the European Scrutiny Committee in its Fifth Report of Session 2019–21, HC 333, as matters of vital national interest.—(*Michael Gove.*)

Amendment (a) proposed, in Line 7, to leave out from "Negotiations, " to the end and add—

"commends the European Scrutiny Committee on its Fifth Report of Session 2019–21, HC 333, whose Annex draws upon responses from other select committees identifying matters of vital national interest in the EU negotiating mandate; recalls that during the 2019 general election and the passage of the Withdrawal Agreement Act, Government ministers committed that negotiations on the UK's future relationship with the EU would be based on the Political Declaration; notes that in Article 184 of the Withdrawal Agreement the UK agreed to 'use their best endeavours, in good faith and in full respect of their respective legal orders, to take the necessary steps to negotiate expeditiously the agreements governing their future relationship referred to in the Political Declaration of 17 October 2019'; therefore calls on the Government to negotiate an 'ambitious, broad, deep and flexible partnership', including an 'ambitious, wide-ranging and balanced economic partnership' that entails 'no tariffs, fees, charges or quantitative restrictions across all sectors', a deal that would safeguard 'workers' rights, consumer and environmental protection', including 'effective implementation domestically, enforcement and dispute settlement' and a 'broad, comprehensive and balanced security partnership' underpinned by 'longstanding commitments to the fundamental rights of individuals, including continued adherence and giving effect to the ECHR, and adequate protection of personal data'.".—(*Paul Blomfield.*)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

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

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question agreed to.

8 Virtual Participation in Proceedings During the Pandemic (Temporary Orders)

Ordered, That the following order be made and have effect until 7 July 2020:

(1) Members may participate in proceedings on Questions, Urgent Questions and Statements virtually, by electronic means approved by the Speaker.

(2) Virtual participation in accordance with paragraph (1) may only be permitted by the Speaker in respect of Members who have self-certified that they are unable to attend at Westminster for medical or public health reasons related to the pandemic. The arrangements for self-certification shall be set out by the Speaker.—(*Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg.*)

9 Proxy Voting (Extension)

Resolved, That this House: agrees that a Member who is unable to attend at Westminster because they themselves are at high risk from coronavirus for reasons that they are either 'clinically extremely vulnerable' or 'clinically vulnerable', may arrange for their vote to be cast by proxy; and accordingly directs the Speaker to amend the pilot proxy voting scheme, in accordance with paragraph (5) of the Resolution of the House of 28 January 2019, as amended on 16 January 2020 (Proxy Voting (Implementation)).—(*Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg*.)

10 Proxy Voting (Temporary Standing Order)

Ordered, That the temporary Standing Order (Voting by proxy for parental absence) be amended as follows:

In the title delete "for parental absence".

Delete paragraph (1) and insert: "(1) A Member may, by reason of absence from the precincts of the House: (a) for childbirth or care of an infant or newly adopted child, or (b) because they themselves are at high risk from coronavirus for reasons that they are either 'clinically extremely vulnerable' or 'clinically vulnerable', arrange for their vote to be cast in accordance with this order by another Member acting as a proxy (a proxy vote)."

In paragraph (9) delete "and the Resolution of the House of Monday 28 January 2019" and insert "the Order of 4 June 2020 (Proxy Voting (Temporary Standing Order)), and the Resolutions of the House of 28 January 2019 and 4 June 2020".—(*Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg*.)

11 Adjournment

Subject: Restoration of canals (Craig Williams)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Eddie Hughes*.)

Adjourned at 4.48 pm until Monday 8 June.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

12 Finance Bill Committee

Andrew Rosindell (Chair) reported:

(1) That the Committee had come to the following Resolution, That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication; and

(2) written evidence.

Written evidence to be published.

13 Domestic Abuse Bill Committee

Ms Karen Buck (Chair) reported:

(1) That the Committee had come to the following Resolution, That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication; and

(2) written evidence.

Written evidence to be published.

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).

14 Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Bill Committee

Chairs: Sir Edward Leigh and Graham Stringer

Members: Robert Courts discharged and Angela Richardson nominated in substitution.

15 First Delegated Legislation Committee (Abortion (Northern Ireland) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 503))

Chair: Sir David Amess

16 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2020) and (draft Representation of the People (Electronic Communications and Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2020)

Chair: Philip Hollobone

17 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Air Traffic Management (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020)

Chair: Judith Cummins

Members: Laura Trott discharged and Robert Courts nominated in substitution.

18 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 500)

Chair: David Mundell

Reports from Select Committees

19 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

(1) *The impact of coronavirus on businesses and workers*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 219);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister of State at the Cabinet Office relating to UK Common Frameworks*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Main Estimate 2020–21*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Post Office and Horizon*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 143)
(Darren Jones)

20 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

(1) *Online harms and disinformation*:

(i) Oral evidence taken before the Sub-Committee on Online Harms and Disinformation, to be published (HC 234);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 234);

- (2) *Impact of COVID-19 on DCMS sectors*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 291);
- (3) *The work of the BBC*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 99);
- (4) *The work of the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 157)
- (Julian Knight).

21 Environmental Audit Committee

- (1) *Technological innovations and climate change: Offshore wind*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 287);
- (2) *Preparation for COP 26*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 222);
- (3) *Technological innovations and climate change: hydrogen*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 348)
- (Philip Dunne).

22 Foreign Affairs Committee

The FCO and the Integrated Review: Written evidence, to be published (HC 380) (Tom Tugendhat).

23 European Scrutiny Committee

- (1) Tenth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 229-vii);
- (2) *Ministerial correspondence*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 229)
- (Sir William Cash).

24 Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

- (1) *Cladding: progress of remediation*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 172);
- (2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Regional Growth and Local Government relating to the Corporate Insolvency and Governance Bill*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Correspondence from the Minister of State, Cabinet Office, relating to scrutiny of UK Common Frameworks*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) *Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary relating to a Ministerial Direction*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) *Impact of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) on homelessness and the private rented sector*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 309);
- (6) *Long-term delivery of social and affordable housing*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 173);
- (7) *Work of the Department*: Written evidence, to be published (HC302)
- (Mr Clive Betts).

25 International Development Committee

Humanitarian crises monitoring: impact of coronavirus: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 292) (Sarah Champion).

26 Petitions Committee

- (1) Record of the Committee's decisions relating to e-petitions, to be published;
(2) *The Government's response to coronavirus*: Written evidence, to be published (Catherine McKinnell).

27 Standards (Committee on)

Correspondence with Mr Speaker relating to virtual meetings of All-Party Parliamentary Groups: Written evidence, to be published (Chris Bryant).

28 Transport Committee

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

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Agriculture

Draft Direct Payments Ceilings Regulations 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary George Eustice)

2 Education

Draft Higher Education (Fee Limits and Student Support) (England) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Michelle Donelan)

3 Electricity

Draft Contracts for Difference (Electricity Supplier Obligations) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Kwasi Kwarteng)

4 Local Government

Draft Greater Manchester Combined Authority (Fire and Rescue Functions) (Amendment) Order 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Priti Patel)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

5 Electricity

Electricity (Individual Exemption from the Requirement for a Supply Licence) (E.ON UK CHP Limited) (England) Order 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 569), dated 2 June 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Kwasi Kwarteng)

Other papers

6 Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Minute, dated 4 June 2020, concerning a contingent liability relating to the Trade Credit Reinsurance (TCR) Scheme (by Command) (Secretary Alok Sharma)

7 Constitutional Reform and Governance

Accounts of the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund for 2018–19, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 396) (Clerk of the House)

8 Environmental Protection

Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Environmental Protection (Plastic Straws, Cotton Buds and Stirrers) (England) Regulations 2020 (laid 19 May 2020) (by Command) (Secretary George Eustice)

9 Higher Education and Research

Report and Accounts of the Office for Students for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 345) (Michelle Donelan)

Withdrawn papers

10 Environmental Protection

Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Environmental Protection (Plastic Straws, Cotton Buds and Stirrers) (England) Regulations 2020 (laid 19 May 2020)