



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday 7 July 2020

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

1 Questions to the Chancellor of the Exchequer

2 Speaker's Statement: Conduct of divisions

3 Urgent Questions: (1) Coronavirus (Secretary Matt Hancock)

(2) Government support package for the arts, culture and heritage industries (Caroline Dinéage)

4 Decarbonisation and Economic Strategy Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Caroline Lucas, supported by Clive Lewis, Wera Hobhouse, Claire Hanna and Stephen Farry, presented a Bill to place duties on the Secretary of State to decarbonise the United Kingdom economy and to reverse inequality; to establish a ten-year economic and public investment strategy in accordance with those duties which promotes a community- and employee-led transition from high-carbon to low- and zero-carbon industry; to require the Government to report on its adherence to the strategy; to establish higher environmental standards for air, water and green spaces; to make provision to protect and restore natural habitats; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 23 October, and to be printed (Bill 155).

5 Magistrates (Retirement Age): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend section 13 of the Courts Act 2003 to change the retirement age for magistrates from 70 to 75; and for connected purposes;

That Edward Timpson, Jeremy Wright, Greg Clark, Graham Stringer, Andy Carter, David Simmonds, Richard Graham, Karen Bradley, Andrew Jones, Mr Shailesh Vara and Ben Everitt present the Bill.

Edward Timpson accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 11 September, and to be printed (Bill 156).

6 Estimates Day (Standing Order No. 54(2) and Resolution, 29 June) (1st allotted day)

(1) Department for Education

Subject for debate: Closing the disadvantage gap and support for left behind children

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

Motion made and Question proposed, That, for the year ending with 31 March 2021, for expenditure by the Department for Education: (1) further resources, not exceeding £33,747,284,000 be authorised for use for current purposes as set out in HC 293 of Session 2019–21, (2) further resources, not exceeding £16,006,682,000 be authorised for use for capital purposes as so set out, and (3) a further sum, not exceeding £50,339,978,000 be granted to Her Majesty to be issued by the Treasury out of the Consolidated Fund and applied for expenditure on the use of resources authorised by Parliament.—(*David Duguid.*)

Debate concluded and Question deferred (Standing Order No. 54(4)).

(2) HM Revenue and Customs

Subject for debate: The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and support for the self-employed through the Self-employment Income Support Scheme

Motion made and Question proposed, That, for the year ending with 31 March 2021, for expenditure by HM Revenue and Customs: (1) further resources, not exceeding £61,844,066,000 be authorised for use for current purposes as set out in HC 293 of Session 2019–21, (2) further resources, not exceeding £227,474,000 be authorised for use for capital purposes as so set out, and (3) a further sum, not exceeding £61,860,408,000 be granted to Her Majesty to be issued by the Treasury out of the Consolidated Fund and applied for expenditure on the use of resources authorised by Parliament.—(*Jesse Norman.*)

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

Debate concluded and Question deferred (Standing Order No. 54(4)).

(3) Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

Subject for debate: The spending of the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

Motion made and Question proposed, That, for the year ending with 31 March 2021, for expenditure by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy: (1) further resources, not exceeding £28,238,529,000 be authorised for use for current purposes as set out in HC 293 of Session 2019–21, (2) further resources, not exceeding £8,707,662,000 be authorised for use for capital purposes as so set out, and (3) a further sum, not exceeding £23,687,553,000 be granted to Her Majesty to be issued by the Treasury out of the Consolidated Fund and applied for expenditure on the use of resources authorised by Parliament.—(*Kwasi Kwarteng.*)

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

Debate concluded and Question deferred (Standing Order No. 54(4)).

7 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings on Public Transport) (England) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 592), dated 14 June 2020, a copy of which was laid before this House on 15 June, be approved.—(*David T C Davies.*)

Question agreed to.

8 Public petitions

A public petition from residents of Luton relating to the impact of COVID-19 on the work of Luton Borough Council was presented and read by Rachel Hopkins.

9 Adjournment

Subject: Orthopaedic services at Ipswich Hospital (Tom Hunt)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*David T C Davies*.)

Adjourned at 7.30 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

10 Counter-Terrorism and Sentencing Bill Committee

Steve McCabe (Chair) reported:

(1) written evidence submitted to the Committee; and

(2) the Bill as amended.

Written evidence to be published.

Bill, as amended, to be considered tomorrow; and to be printed (Bill 157).

Reports from Select Committees

11 Defence Committee

(1) *Work of the Chief of the Defence Staff*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 594);

(2) *Defence industrial policy: procurement and prosperity*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 163)

(Mr Tobias Ellwood).

12 Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

(1) *Impact of COVID-19 on DCMS sectors*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 291);

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

(3) *The work of Ofcom*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 439)

(Julian Knight).

13 Education Committee

(1) *Getting the grades they've earned: COVID-19: the cancellation of exams and 'calculated grades'*: First Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 617);

(2) *Adult skills and lifelong learning*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 278);

(3) *Department for Education Main Estimate 2020–21*: Written evidence, to be published;

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

(Robert Halfon).

14 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

(1) *Labour in the food supply chain*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 231);

(2) *Fisheries negotiations*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 355);

(3) *Flooding*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 170)

(Neil Parish).

15 Finance Committee

Record of the Committee's decisions taken at its meeting on 7 July, to be published (Lilian Greenwood).

16 Foreign Affairs Committee

(1) *FCO-DFID merger*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 525);

(2) *Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary on Global Britain and India*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *The UK and Iran*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 415)

(Tom Tugendhat).

17 Future Relationship with the European Union (Committee on the)

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

18 Justice Committee

(1) *Private prosecutions: safeguards*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 497);

(2) *Children and young people in custody*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 306);

(3) *Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Prisons and Probation*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Coronavirus (COVID-19): the impact on prison, probation and court systems*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 299);

(6) *The Work of the Crown Prosecution Service*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 353)

(Sir Robert Neill).

19 Petitions Committee

(1) *The impact of Covid-19 on university students*: Second Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 527);

(2) Record of the Committee's decisions relating to e-petitions, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Prime Minister relating to e-petition 300059*: Written evidence, to be published;

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

(Catherine McKinnell).

20 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

(1) *The Government's management of its major projects*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 125);

(2) *Responding to COVID-19 and the Coronavirus Act 2020*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 377);

(3) *Work of the Office for National Statistics*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 336) (Mr William Wragg).

21 Transport Committee

(1) *Coronavirus: implications for transport*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 268);

(2) *E-scooters*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 255) (Huw Merriman).

22 Treasury Committee

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

23 Welsh Affairs Committee

Brexit and trade: implications for Wales: Written evidence, to be published (HC 176) (Stephen Crabb).

24 Women and Equalities Committee

(1) *Unequal impact? Coronavirus and BAME people*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 384);

(2) *Unequal impact: coronavirus (COVID-19) and the impact on people with protected characteristics*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 276)

(Caroline Nokes).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Exiting the European Union

Draft European Structural and Investment Funds Common Provisions and Common Provision Rules etc. (Amendment) (EU Exit) (Revocation) Regulations 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Alok Sharma)

2 Exiting the European Union (Health and Safety)

Draft Carriage of Dangerous Goods and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

3 Education

School Teachers' Incentive Payments (England) (Amendment) Order 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 690), dated 4 July 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Nick Gibb)

4 Open Spaces

Draft Royal Parks and Other Open Spaces (Amendment) etc. Regulations 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Nigel Huddleston)

5 Police

Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 (Destruction, Retention and Use of Biometric Data) (Transitional, Transitory and Saving Provisions) (Amendment) Order 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 688), dated 29 June 2020 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Robin Walker)

Papers laid under paragraphs 3(3) and 17(3) of Schedule 7 to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

6 Exiting the European Union (Cultural Objects)

Proposal for an instrument titled Return of Cultural Objects (Revocation) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2020, with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary Oliver Dowden)

Other papers

7 Government Resources and Accounts

Report and Accounts of the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 412) (Jesse Norman)

8 Human Tissue

Report and Accounts of the Human Tissue Authority for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 417) (Clerk of the House)

9 Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders

Report of the Director of Legal Aid Casework for 2019–20, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 457) (Secretary Robert Buckland)

10 National Health Service

(1) Report and Accounts of Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust for 2019–20 (by Act) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

(2) Report and Accounts of Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust for 2019–20 (by Act) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

(3) Report and Accounts of Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust for 2019–20 (by Act) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

(4) Report and Accounts of Medway NHS Foundation Trust for 2019–20 (by Act) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

(5) Report and Accounts of Sheffield Health and Social Care NHS Foundation Trust for 2019–20 (by Act) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

(6) Report and Accounts of Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust for 2019–20 (by Act) (Secretary Matt Hancock)

11 Social Security

(1) Explanatory Memorandum to the Statutory Sick Pay (Coronavirus) (Suspension of Waiting Days and General Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 681) (laid 3 July 2020) (by Command) (Justin Tomlinson)

(2) Explanatory Memorandum to the Statutory Sick Pay (Coronavirus) (Suspension of Waiting Days and General Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (SR (NI), 2020, No. 134) (laid 3 July 2020) (by Command) (Justin Tomlinson)

12 Statutory Instruments (Notification)

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: Insolvency Act 1986 Part A1 Moratorium (Eligibility of Private Registered Providers) Regulations 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 652) (by Standing Order) (The Speaker)

Withdrawn papers

13 Social Security

(1) Explanatory Memorandum to the Statutory Sick Pay (Coronavirus) (Suspension of Waiting Days and General Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (SI, 2020, No. 681) (laid 3 July 2020)

(2) Explanatory Memorandum to the Statutory Sick Pay (Coronavirus) (Suspension of Waiting Days and General Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (SR (NI), 2020, No. 134) (laid 3 July 2020)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

Instruments

The Speaker has certified, for the purposes of Standing Order No. 83P, and on the basis of material put before him, that, in his opinion, the following instruments relate exclusively to England and are within devolved legislative competence, as defined in Standing Order No. 83P.

Draft Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Combined Authority (Functions and Amendment) Order 2020

Draft Community Infrastructure Levy (Coronavirus) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2020

Proxy Voting (Medical or public health reasons connected with the pandemic)

1 - New proxy voting arrangements

The Speaker has certified, under the terms of the temporary Standing Order on voting by proxy and the Resolutions of the House of 28 January 2019 and 16 January and 4 and 10 June 2020, that the Members listed in the table below are eligible to have a proxy vote cast on their behalf by the nominated proxies listed in the table below, starting on the dates specified below and ending on Tuesday 28 July, unless the House otherwise orders.

Member	From	Proxy
Victoria Atkins	8 July 2020	Stuart Andrew

2 - Ending proxy voting arrangements

The Speaker has certified, under the terms of the temporary Standing Order on voting by proxy and the Resolutions of the House of 28 January 2019 and 16 January and 4 and 10 June 2020, that the following Member has given notice that they wish to end their proxy voting arrangement with effect from when the Speaker takes the Chair on the dates specified below:

Member	From
Sarah Champion	9 July 2020
Craig Mackinlay	8 July 2020
Mr Andrew Mitchell	8 July 2020
Lucy Powell	8 July 2020
Bob Seely	9 July 2020

CORRECTION

Thursday 2 July 2020

In Papers Laid, the following should have appeared after item 17(15):

Report and Accounts of Sherwood Forest Hospitals for 2019–20 (by Act) (Secretary Matt Hancock)