



House of Commons

Tuesday 28 October 2014

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

PRAYERS.

1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

2 School Governors (Appointment): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require that school governors be appointed on the basis of experience relevant to the role; and for connected purposes;

That Neil Carmichael, Alistair Burt, Mr Graham Stuart, Richard Graham, Mr Robert Syms, Sir Alan Beith, Fiona Bruce, Chris Skidmore, Jeremy Lefroy and Robert Jenrick present the Bill.

Neil Carmichael accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 23 January 2015, and to be printed (Bill 109).

3 Opposition Day: Leader of the Opposition (8th allotted day (Standing Order No. 14))

(1) Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Welfare Reform and Disabled People

Motion made and Question put, That this House notes the comments of the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Welfare Reform, Lord Freud, on 30 September 2014 that the work of disabled people is not worth the minimum wage; believes that these comments have further undermined trust among disabled people in this Government's policies, a trust which had already been damaged by delays in assessments for a personal independence payment, problems with work capability assessments, and the poor performance of policies aimed at helping disabled people into work; further notes that the conduct of Lord Freud had already damaged that trust through his oversight of the housing benefit social sector size criteria which has had a particularly severe impact on disabled people, many of whom have nowhere else to move to and need extra room for medical equipment or carers; and therefore concludes that this House has no confidence in the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Welfare Reform; and calls on the Prime Minister to dismiss him.—(*Kate Green.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 64.

Ayes: 243 (Tellers: Nic Dakin, Phil Wilson).

Noes: 302 (Tellers: Mr Ben Wallace, Jenny Willott).

Question accordingly negatived.

(2) Coalfield communities

Resolved, That this House acknowledges the economic legacy of the pit closure programme in coalfield communities across the United Kingdom; notes that the recent release of the relevant 1984 Cabinet papers showed that the Government at the time misled the public about the extent of its pit closure plans and sought to influence police tactics; recognises the regeneration of former coalfield areas over the last fifteen years, the good work of organisations such as the Coalfield Regeneration Trust, and the largest industrial injury

settlement in legal history secured by the previous Government for former miners suffering from bronchitis and emphysema; further recognises the ongoing problems highlighted recently by the report produced by Sheffield Hallam University on The State of the Coalfields, which revealed that there are still significant problems for the majority of Britain's coalfield communities, such as fewer jobs, lower business formation rates, higher unemployment rates, more people with serious health issues, higher numbers in receipt of welfare benefits and a struggling voluntary and community sector; and therefore calls for the continued regeneration and much needed support for coalfield communities as part of a wider programme to boost growth in Britain's regions.—(*Michael Dugher.*)

4 Adjournment

Subject: A5 trunk road between the M42 and the M69 (Mr Marcus Jones).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Harriett Baldwin.*)

Adjourned at 7.29 pm until tomorrow.

Other proceedings

Lords Messages

5 Draft Protection of Charities Bill (Joint Committee on)

The Lords have come to the following Resolution, to which they desire the agreement of this House:

That it is expedient that a Joint Committee of Lords and Commons be appointed to consider and report on the draft Protection of Charities Bill presented to both Houses on 22 October (Cm 8954); and that the Committee should report on the draft Bill by 28 February 2015.

Private Business

6 Standing Orders Committee

(1) The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Standing Orders Committee that it had resolved, in respect of the Petition for Additional Provision deposited in relation to the High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Bill:

That the following Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with: 10, 11, 12, 12A, 13, 27, 27A, 34, 36, 39, 41 and 45; and

That Standing Order 10A (Publication of notice relating to works bills) ought to be dispensed with on the following conditions:

- (a) that the House instruct the Select Committee on the High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Bill that the Select Committee have power to consider petitions against amendments included in the Petition for Additional Provision from any residents of the parishes of Finmere and Mixbury in Oxfordshire who have not already deposited such petitions not later than the end of the period of 18 days beginning with a date and under arrangements to be decided by the Select Committee;
- (b) that, in accordance with arrangements decided by the Select Committee, the Promoters notify the residents of the parishes in question in writing of the dates for petitioning decided by the Select Committee and identify the places of public resort in the County of Oxfordshire where the relevant notices required by SO 10A are to be displayed; and
- (c) that the Promoters confirm to the Standing Orders Committee that such notification has been made; and

That the parties be permitted to insert their Additional Provision, if the Select Committee on the Bill thinks fit, provided that the above condition is met.

The Resolutions were agreed to.

(2) *Ordered*, That the Standing Orders Committee have leave to report evidence taken this day on the High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Bill.

(3) The Chairman of Ways and Means reported evidence taken before the Standing Orders Committee on the High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Bill.

Evidence to be published.

General Committees: Reports

7 Childcare Payments Bill Committee

Mrs Anne Main (Chair) reported the Bill, as amended.

Bill, as amended, to be considered tomorrow.

8 Pension Schemes Bill Committee

Mr Peter Bone (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

9 Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill Committee

Mr Graham Brady (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

Reports from Select Committees

10 Backbench Business Committee

Determination of business to be taken on 6 November in the Chamber and 6 November in Westminster Hall, with Annex containing a transcript of representations made on 28 October, to be published (Natascha Engel).

11 Business, Innovation and Skills Committee

Competition in the postal services sector: Written evidence, to be published (HC 769) (Mr Adrian Bailey).

12 Culture, Media and Sport Committee

(1) *Work of the Arts Council (England)*: Third Report, to be printed, with the Formal Minutes relating to the Report (HC 279);

(2) *Tourism*: Evidence, to be published (HC 614);

(3) *The Future of the BBC*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 315)

(Mr John Whittingdale).

13 Defence Committee

(1) *The situation in Iraq and Syria and the threat posed by Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL)*: Evidence, to be published (HC 692);

(2) *Future Force 2020*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 512)

(Rory Stewart).

14 Health Committee

- (1) *Children's and adolescent mental health and CAMHS*: Third Report, to be printed, with the Formal Minutes relating to the Report (HC 750);
- (2) *Public expenditure on health and social care*: Evidence, to be published (HC 679)
(Dr Sarah Wollaston).

15 High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Bill Select Committee

- High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Bill*: Evidence and written evidence, to be published (HC 338) (Mr Robert Syms).

16 Home Affairs Committee

- (1) *Tobacco smuggling: Government Response to the Committee's First Report of Session 2014-15*: Fifth Special Report, to be printed (HC 767);
- (2) *Policing and mental health*: Evidence, to be published (HC 202);
- (3) *The work of the Immigration Directorates (2014 Q2)*: Evidence, to be published (HC 712);
- (4) *Police, the media, and high-profile criminal investigations*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 629);
- (5) *Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 711);
- (6) *The work of the Border Force*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 502)
(Keith Vaz).

17 International Development Committee

- (1) *Beyond Aid: The Future UK Approach to Development*: Evidence, to be published (HC 663);
- (2) *Global Food Security: DFID's one-year update on recommendations in the Committee's First Report, Session 2013-14*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Multilateral Aid Review: DFID's one-year update on recommendations in the Committee's Fourth Report, Session 2013-14*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) *Parliamentary Strengthening*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 704);
- (5) *Violence Against Women and Girls: DFID's one-year update on recommendations in the Committee's Second Report, Session 2013-14*: Written evidence, to be published
(Sir Malcolm Bruce).

18 Justice Committee

- (1) *Ministry of Justice Annual Report and Accounts 2013-14 and related matters*: Evidence, to be published (HC 658);
- (2) *Impact of changes to civil legal aid under the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 311)
(Sir Alan Beith).

19 Public Administration Select Committee

- (1) *Building Civil Service Skills*: Evidence and written evidence, to be published (HC 112);
- (2) *Whitehall: capacity to address future challenges*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 669)
(Mr Bernard Jenkin).

20 Standards (Committee on)

(1) *The Code of Conduct and the Guide to the Rules*: Third Report, to be printed, with the Formal Minutes relating to the Report (HC 772);

(2) *Response to the IPSA Consultation: Procedures and Guidance for the Compliance Officer for IPSA*:

(i) Fourth Report, to be printed, with the Formal Minutes relating to the Report (HC 773);

(ii) Evidence taken on 14 October, to be published (HC 773)

(Kevin Barron).

21 Standards (Committee on): Standards Review Sub-Committee

The Standards System in the House of Commons: Evidence and written evidence, to be published (HC 383) (Sir Nick Harvey).

22 Treasury Committee

(1) *Financial Services (Banking Reform) Bill: implementing the recommendations of the Parliamentary Commission on Banking Standards*:

(i) Seventh Report, to be printed, with the Formal Minutes relating to the Report (HC 768);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 768);

(2) *Proposals for further fiscal and economic devolution to Scotland*: Evidence, to be published (HC 760)

(Mr Andrew Tyrie).

23 Welsh Affairs Committee

(1) *Prisons in Wales and treatment of Welsh offenders*: Evidence and written evidence, to be published (HC 113);

(2) *Correspondence with the Minister of State for Defence Personnel, Welfare, and Veterans relating to St Athan airfield*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Wales relating to Wales Office Annual Report and Accounts 2013–14*: Written evidence, to be published

(David T. C. Davies).

John Bercow

Speaker

The Speaker will take the Chair at 11.30 am.

Sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 9.30 am.

Adjournment

Subjects:

Copycat websites for Government services (Chris Evans).

Citizens Advice Scotland's report entitled Voices from the Frontline (Mr Tom Clarke).

UK aid to education for children and young people with disabilities (Mr Mark Williams).

Future of the Furness line (Tim Farron).

UK visa applications from Malawi (Tom Greatrex).

Motion made and Question proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(*Mark Lancaster.*)

Sitting adjourned without Question put (Standing Order No. 10(13)).

Adjourned at 5.07 pm until tomorrow.

Lindsay Hoyle

Deputy Speaker

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Animals

Draft Microchipping of Dogs (England) Regulations 2014 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Elizabeth Truss).

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Chile No. 1 (2014)

Convention, done at Santiago on 13 March 2012, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Chile on Social Security, with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Cm. 8956) (Secretary Philip Hammond).

3 Japan No. 1 (2014)

Protocol, done at London on 20 October 2014, amending the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Japan on the Security of information, with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Cm. 8957) (Secretary Philip Hammond).

4 Miscellaneous No. 7 (2014)

Protocol No. 15, done at Strasbourg on 24 June 2013, amending the Convention on the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Cm. 8951) (Secretary Philip Hammond).

5 Public Service Pensions

Firefighters' Pension Scheme (England) Regulations 2014 (S.I., 2014, No. 2848), dated 23 October 2014 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Eric Pickles).

6 Rating and Valuation

Rating Lists (Valuation Date) (England) Order 2014 (S.I., 2014, No. 2841), dated 22 October 2014 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Eric Pickles).

7 Social Care

(1) Care and Support (Cross-border Placements and Business Failure: Temporary Duty) (Dispute Resolution) Regulations 2014 (S.I., 2014, No. 2843), dated 20 October 2014 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Jeremy Hunt);

(2) Care and Support (Cross-border Placements) (Business Failure Duties of Scottish Local Authorities) Regulations 2014 (S.I., 2014, No. 2839), dated 20 October 2014 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Jeremy Hunt); and

(3) Care and Support (Personal Budget: Exclusion of Costs) Regulations 2014 (S.I., 2014, No. 2840), dated 20 October 2014 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Jeremy Hunt).

8 Terms and Conditions of Employment

(1) Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 (Application of Parts 12ZA and 12ZB to Adoptions from Overseas) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 (S.I., 2014, No. 2857), dated 20 October 2014 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Vince Cable);

(2) Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 (Application of Parts 12ZA, 12ZB and 12ZC to Parental Order Cases) Regulations 2014 (S.I., 2014, No. 2866), dated 20 October 2014 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Vince Cable); and

(3) Statutory Paternity Pay and Statutory Adoption Pay (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 (S.I., 2014, No. 2862), dated 20 October 2014 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Vince Cable).

9 Value Added Tax

Value Added Tax (Refund of Tax to Museums and Galleries) (Amendment) Order 2014 (S.I., 2014, No. 2858), dated 27 October 2014 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Mr David Gauke).

Other Papers:

10 Charities

Report by the Home Office on the usage of section 70 of the Charities Act 2006 (by Act) (Secretary Theresa May).

11 Defence

Ministry of Defence Minute, dated 28 October 2014, concerning the contingent liability for pensions under New Fair Deal (by Command) (Secretary Michael Fallon).

12 Energy

Statutory Security of Supply Report for 2014 (by Act); to be printed (HC 686) (Secretary Edward Davey).

13 Parliamentary Commissioner

Selected summaries of investigations by the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman for April–June 2014 (by Act); to be printed (HC 744) (Clerk of the House).

14 Pharmacy

Strategic Plan of the General Pharmaceutical Council for 2015–18 (by Statutory Instrument) (Secretary Jeremy Hunt).