

House of Commons Thursday 11 February 2016

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

PRAYERS.

1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change

2 Urgent Question: Short money and the Policy Development Grant (John Penrose)

3 Business Question (Leader of the House)

4 Statement: Junior doctors' contract (Secretary Jeremy Hunt)

5 Select Committee Statements (Standing Order No. 22D)

(1) Publication of the Second Report from the Communities and Local Government Committee, Housing associations and the Right to Buy (Mr Clive Betts).

(2) Publication of the Fifth Report from the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee, The Future of the Union, part one: English Votes for English Laws (Mr Bernard Jenkin).

6 Backbench Business (Standing Order No. 14(4))

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

(1) Justice for Equitable Life policyholders

Resolved, That this House congratulates the Government on providing a scheme to compensate victims of the Equitable Life scandal; welcomes the Government's acceptance of the Parliamentary Ombudsman's findings in full; notes that the Parliamentary Ombudsman recommended that policyholders should be put back in the position they would have been in had maladministration not occurred; further notes that most victims have only received partial compensation compared to the confirmed losses and that the compensation scheme is now closed to new applicants; and calls on the Government to ensure that the entire existing budget allocated for compensation to date is paid to eligible policyholders and to make a further commitment to provide full compensation for relative losses to all victims of this scandal.— (*Bob Blackman*.)

(2) Conservation of sea bass and the effect of related EU measures on the UK recreational fishing industry

Resolved, That this House believes that the recent EU restrictions on recreational sea bass fishing are unfair and fail to address the real threat to the future viability of UK sea bass stocks; and calls on the Government to make representations within the Council of the EU on the reconsideration of the imposition of those restrictions.—(*Scott Mann.*)

7 Adjournment

Subject: Police handling of the Poppi Worthington case (John Woodcock).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Sarah Newton.)

Adjourned at 5.29 pm until Monday 22 February (Resolution, 3 June 2015).

Other proceedings

Lords Messages

8 Arbitration and Mediation Services (Equality) Bill [Lords]

The Lords have passed a Bill to make further provision about arbitration and mediation services and the application of equality legislation to such services; to make provision about the protection of victims of domestic abuse; and for connected purposes, to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

9 Arbitration and Mediation Services (Equality) Bill [Lords]

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 11 March, and to be printed (Bill 136), with Explanatory Notes (Bill 136–EN).

Private Business

10 Private Bills [Lords]

Certificate by the Clerk in the Private Bill Office laid upon the Table by the Speaker, That, in respect of the Transport for London Bill [*Lords*] brought from the House of Lords, the Agents have deposited in the Private Bill Office a declaration signed by them, stating that the Bill is the same, in every respect, as the Bill which was brought from the House of Lords in the last Session.

11 Transport for London Bill [Lords]

A Bill to confer further powers upon Transport for London; and for related purposes.

Bill read the first and second time, amended in accordance with the amendments made by the Opposed Bill Committee in the last session and ordered to lie upon the Table (Order, 16 November 2015).

12 High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Bill

High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Bill: Additional Provision—Summary of Issues Raised by Comments on the Supplementary Environmental Statement 3 and Additional Provision 4 Environmental Statement: Report prepared by the Independent Assessor appointed under Standing Order 224A(6)(a) and submitted to the House by the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills under Standing Order 224A(6)(b) and (8); to be published (HC 846). General Committees: Reports

13 Bank of England and Financial Services Bill [Lords] Committee

Phil Wilson (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee. Written evidence to be published.

14 Enterprise Bill [Lords] Committee

Sir David Amess (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee. Written evidence to be published.

15 Second Delegated Legislation Committee

Steve McCabe (Chair) reported the draft European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016.

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).

16 House of Commons (Administration) Bill Committee Chair: Mr Nigel Evans.

17 First Delegated Legislation Committee (Andrey Lugovoy and Dmitri Kovtun Freezing Order 2016 (S.I., 2016, No. 67))

Members: Ann Clwyd and Jon Cruddas discharged and Julie Cooper and Naz Shah nominated in substitution.

Reports from Select Committees

18 Culture, Media and Sport Committee

Establishing world-class connectivity throughout the UK: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 407) (Jesse Norman).

19 Public Accounts (Committee of)

Corporate tax deals: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 788) (Meg Hillier).

John Bercow

Speaker

The Speaker will take the Chair at 2.30 pm.

Sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 1.30 pm.

Business determined by the Backbench Business Committee (Standing Order Nos. 10(7) and 14(4))

Ahmadiyya Muslims and other religious minorities in Pakistan

Resolved, That this House has considered the persecution of Ahmadiyya Muslims and other religious minorities in Pakistan.—(*Siobhain McDonagh.*)

Sitting adjourned without Question put (Standing Order No. 10(14)).

Adjourned at 3.52 pm until Tuesday 23 February (Resolution, 3 June 2015).

Lindsay Hoyle

Chairman of Ways and Means

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Local Government

Draft Tees Valley Combined Authority Order 2016 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (James Wharton).

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Modification) Order 2016 (S.I., 2016, No. 160), dated 10 February 2016 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Priti Patel).

3 Rating and Valuation

(1) Central Rating List (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 (S.I., 2016, No. 146), dated 9 February 2016 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Mr Marcus Jones); and

(2) Non-Domestic Rating (Small Business Rate Relief) (England) (Amendment) Order 2016 (S.I., 2016, No. 143), dated 9 February 2016 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Mr Marcus Jones).

Other Papers:

4 Energy and Climate Change

Post Implementation Review of the Ecodesign for Energy Related Products Regulations 2010 (S.I., 2010, No. 2617) (by Command) (Cm. 9187) (Secretary Amber Rudd).

5 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the financial management of the European Union budget in 2014: a briefing for the Committee of Public Accounts (by Act); to be printed (HC 799) (Clerk of the House).

6 Political and Constitutional Reform

Government Response to the Eighth Report from the Political and Constitutional Reform Committee, Session 2014-15, on the redrawing of parliamentary constituency boundaries (by Command) (Cm. 9203) (Mr Oliver Letwin).

7 Treasury

Treasury Minute, dated 11 February 2016, concerning a contingent liability relating to NRAM plc (by Command) (Harriett Baldwin).

CORRECTIONS

Wednesday 9 December 2015

Item 27 should have read:

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

(1) *Defra performance 2014–15*: First Report, to be printed, with Formal Minutes relating to the Report (HC 443);

(2) Air quality: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 479);

(3) *Greyhound welfare*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 478)

(Neil Parish).

Wednesday 10 February 2016

Item 29 should have read:

Liaison Committee

Estimates Days: Recommendations for the allocation of time for the consideration of Estimates on the first and second allotted days in the present session (Standing Order No. 145) as follows:

(i) That a day not later than 18 March be allotted for the consideration of the following Estimates for financial year 2015-16:

Department of Business, Innovation and Skills, insofar as it relates to the science budget

Department of Health, insofar as it relates to end of life care

(ii) That a further day not later than 18 March be allotted for the consideration of the following Estimates for financial year 2015-16:

Foreign and Commonwealth Office, insofar as it relates to the Spending Review 2015

Home Office, insofar as it relates to reform of the police funding formula

(Andrew Tyrie).