



House of Commons

Tuesday 23 March 2010

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

PRAYERS.

1 Private Bills [*Lords*]: Kent County Council (Filming on Highways) Bill [*Lords*]: Second Reading

Bill read a second time and committed.

2 Questions to the Secretary of State for Justice

3 Statement: UK passports (use in Dubai murder) (Secretary David Miliband)

4 Sustainability of Livestock Farming and Food Production (Strategy) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Mr Peter Ainsworth, supported by Mr John Gummer, Mr David Amess, Alan Simpson, Dr Nick Palmer and Andrew George, presented a Bill to require the Secretary of State to prepare and implement a strategy to improve the sustainability of livestock farming and the sustainability of the consumption of livestock produce; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 23 April, and to be printed (Bill 94).

5 Fire Safety (Schools): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the compulsory installation of automatic fire sprinklers in all new-build educational establishments; and for connected purposes;

That Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Michael Clapham, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Mr Brian Jenkins, Mr Ian McCartney, Annette Brooke and Rosie Cooper present the Bill.

Mr Jim Cunningham accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 23 April, and to be printed (Bill 93).

6 Cluster Munitions (Prohibitions) Bill [*Lords*]: Committee of the whole House

The House resolved itself into a Committee (Programme Order, 17 March).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause 4 (Application of section 2)

Amendment 1 proposed.—(*Mr David Lidington.*)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 32 agreed to.

Clause 33 (Extent)

Amendment 4 proposed.—(*Mr David Lidington*.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Division No. 117.

Ayes: 190 (Tellers: James Duddridge, Mr Rob Wilson).

Noes: 255 (Tellers: Mark Tami, Steve McCabe).

Question accordingly negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 34 (Commencement and short title)

Amendment 6 made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

New Clause NC1—(*Mr David Lidington*)—brought up and read.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Schedules 1 to 3 agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Helen Jones reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made an Amendment.

7 Cluster Munitions (Prohibitions) Bill [*Lords*], as amended in the Committee: Consideration
No Amendments on consideration.

8 Cluster Munitions (Prohibitions) Bill [*Lords*]: Third Reading
Bill read the third time, and passed with an Amendment.

9 Third Parties (Rights against Insurers) Bill [*Lords*]: Consideration of the Bill, not amended in the Public Bill Committee
No Amendments on consideration.

10 Third Parties (Rights against Insurers) Bill [*Lords*]: Third Reading
Bill read the third time, and passed without Amendment.

11 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Additional Statutory Paternity Pay (Weekly Rates) Regulations 2010, which were laid before this House on 19 January, be approved.—(*Helen Jones*.)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Employment Rights Act 1996 (Application of Section 80BB to Adoptions from Overseas)

Regulations 2010, which were laid before this House on 19 January, be approved.—(*Helen Jones.*)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Additional Paternity Leave Regulations 2010, which were laid before this House on 23 February, be approved.—(*Helen Jones.*)

Question agreed to.

(4) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Additional Statutory Paternity Pay (General) Regulations 2010, which were laid before this House on 23 February, be approved.—(*Helen Jones.*)

Question agreed to.

(5) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Exeter and Devon (Structural Changes) Order 2010, which was laid before this House on 10 February, be approved.—(*Helen Jones.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 118.

Ayes: 251 (Tellers: Steve McCabe, Mary Creagh).

Noes: 163 (Tellers: Mr Brooks Newmark, Jeremy Wright).

Question accordingly agreed to.

(6) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Norwich and Norfolk (Structural Changes) Order 2010, which was laid before this House on 10 February, be approved.—(*Helen Jones.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 119.

Ayes: 249 (Tellers: Steve McCabe, Mary Creagh).

Noes: 171 (Tellers: James Duddridge, Jeremy Wright).

Question accordingly agreed to.

(7) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (Consequential Amendments) (England and Wales) Order 2010, which was laid before this House on 10 February, be approved.—(*Helen Jones.*)

Question agreed to.

(8) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the Value Added Tax (Buildings and Land) Order 2010 (S.I., 2010, No. 485), dated 1 March 2010, a copy of which was laid before this House on 1 March, be approved.—(*Helen Jones.*)

Question agreed to.

12 Grocery Market Ombudsman Bill (Money)

Queen's Recommendation signified.

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Grocery Market Ombudsman Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenditure incurred by the Office of Fair Trading in consequence of the Act.—(*Kevin Brennan.*)

13 Grocery Market Ombudsman Bill (Ways and Means)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Grocery Market Ombudsman Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) arrangements to raise money from retailers to cover costs associated with the Grocery Market Ombudsman, and

(2) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund.—(*Kevin Brennan.*)

14 Presentation of Public Petitions

A Public Petition from the people of Chester in the County of Cheshire being electors of the Local Authority of Cheshire West and Chester relating to Planning (Chester) was presented and read by Christine Russell.

A Public Petition from Robert A Robinson relating to Wind Farms (Mid Wales) was presented and read by Lembit Öpik.

A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Stone in Staffordshire relating to Financial Assistance Scheme was presented and read by Mr William Cash.

A Public Petition from residents of Creswell and the surrounding areas in Staffordshire regarding the Blythe Park gas-fired power station proposal relating to Power Station (Blythe Park) was presented and read by Mr William Cash.

A Public Petition from persons concerned by the increase in business rates relating to Business Rates was presented.

15 Adjournment

Subject: Hearing impairment and personal hearing systems (Bob Russell).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Mary Creagh.*)

Adjourned at 9.34 pm until tomorrow.

Other proceedings

Lords Messages

16 Equality Bill

The Lords agree to the Equality Bill with Amendments to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

17 Equality Bill

Lords Amendments to the Equality Bill to be considered tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 96) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 96–EN).

18 Cluster Munitions (Prohibitions) Bill [*Lords*]

The Lords agree without Amendment to the Amendment made by the Commons to the Cluster Munitions (Prohibitions) Bill [*Lords*].

Changes to Notices Given

19 Contaminated Blood (Support for Infected and Bereaved Persons) Bill [*Lords*]

Order for Second Reading on Friday 26 March, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 23 April.

General Committees: Reports

20 Bribery Bill [*Lords*]

Sir Nicholas Winterton (Chair) reported the Bill with Amendments.

Written evidence (reported on 16 and 18 March) to be printed.

Bill, as amended, to be considered tomorrow; and to be printed (Bill 95).

21 Third Delegated Legislation Committee

Mr Joe Benton (Chair) reported the draft Charities (Disclosure of Revenue and Customs Information to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland) Regulations 2010.

22 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee

Ann Winterton (Chair) reported the draft Jobseeker's Allowance (Work for Your Benefit Pilot Scheme) Regulations 2010.

23 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee

Mr Martin Caton (Chair) reported the draft National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Local Government) Order 2010, the draft National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Culture and Other Fields) Order 2010 and the draft National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Education) Order 2010.

24 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee

Mr Joe Benton (Chair) reported the draft Building Societies (Insolvency and Special Administration) (Amendment) Order 2010 and the draft Building Societies (Financial Assistance) Order 2010.

General Committees: Appointments

The Speaker appoints the Chair of General 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).

25 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (Draft Charities (Disclosure of Revenue and Customs Information to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland) Regulations 2010)

Members: Fiona Mactaggart and Mr Chris Mullin discharged and Mr Marsha Singh and Phil Wilson nominated in substitution.

26 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (Draft National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Local Government) Order 2010, the draft National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Culture and Other Fields) Order 2010 and the National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Education) Order 2010)

Members: Mr Don Touhig discharged and Alun Michael nominated in substitution.

Reports from Select Committees

27 Business, Innovation and Skills Committee

(1) *Pub companies: follow-up: Government Response to the Committee's Fifth Report of Session 2009–10*: Eighth Report, with Appendices, to be printed, with the Formal Minutes relating to the Report (HC 503);

(2) *Exporting out of recession: Government Response to the Committee's Third Report of Session 2009–10*: Third Special Report, to be printed, with the Formal Minutes relating to the Report (HC 504)

(Peter Luff).

28 Home Affairs Committee

(1) *The Work of the Independent Police Complaints Commission*: Eleventh Report, with written evidence, to be printed, with the Formal Minutes relating to the Report (HC 366);

(2) *UK Border Agency: Follow-up on Asylum Cases and E-Borders Programme*: Twelfth Report, with written evidence, to be printed, with the Formal Minutes relating to the Report (HC 406);

(3) *Police Service Strength: Government Response to the Committee's Fifth Report of Session 2009–10*: Fifth Special Report, to be printed (HC 511);

(4) *The work of the Information Commissioner's Office*: Evidence, to be printed (HC 467-i);

(5) *The work of the Advisory Council for the Misuse of Drugs*: Evidence, to be printed (HC 468-i);

(6) *The work of the Security Industry Authority*: Evidence, to be printed (HC 495-i)
(Keith Vaz).

29 Justice Committee

(1) *Draft Civil Law Reform Bill: pre-legislative scrutiny*: Sixth Report, with evidence, to be printed, with the Formal Minutes relating to the Report (HC 300-I and -II);

(2) *Justice issues in Europe*: Seventh Report, with evidence, to be printed, with the Formal Minutes relating to the Report, and written evidence reported and ordered to be published on 8 December and 19 January (HC 162-I and II);

(3) *Crown Dependencies*: Eighth Report, with evidence, to be printed, with the Formal Minutes relating to the Report, and written evidence reported and ordered to be published on 2 February and 2 March (HC 56-I and II)

(Sir Alan Beith).

30 Regulatory Reform Committee

(1) *Draft Legislative Reform (Industrial and Provident Societies and Credit Unions) Order 2010*: Second Report, with written evidence, to be printed, with the Formal Minutes relating to the Report (HC 506);

(2) the following Resolution:

That a revised draft Legislative Reform (Industrial and Provident Societies and Credit Unions) Order 2010, which was laid before this House on 8 March 2010, should be laid.

The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

(3) *Draft Legislative Reform (Licensing) (Interim Authority Notices etc) Order 2010*: Third Report, to be printed, with the Formal Minutes relating to the Report (HC 507);

(4) the following Resolutions:

(i) That the affirmative procedure should apply to the draft Legislative Reform (Licensing) (Interim Authority Notices etc) Order 2010, which was laid before this House on 10 March;

(ii) That the draft Legislative Reform (Licensing) (Interim Authority Notices etc) Order 2010 which was laid before this House on 10 March, should be approved.

The Committee came to these Resolutions without a Division.

(Andrew Miller).

31 Scottish Affairs Committee

Scotland and the UK: cooperation and communication between governments: Fourth Report, with written evidence, to be printed, with the Formal Minutes relating to the Report, and written evidence reported and ordered to be published on 12 January (HC 256) (Mr Mohammad Sarwar).

32 Standards and Privileges (Committee on)

Mr David Curry: Twelfth Report, with Appendices, to be printed, with the Formal Minutes relating to the Report (HC 509) (Sir Malcolm Rifkind).

33 Treasury Committee

Mortgage arrears: follow up: Evidence, to be printed (HC 478) (John McFall).

John Bercow

Speaker

The Speaker will take the Chair at 11.30 am.

Sitting in Westminster Hall

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Minutes of Proceedings

The sitting began at 9.30 am.

Adjournment

Subjects:

Government disability policy after the economic downturn (Mr Tom Clarke).

Future of physics research (Dr Evan Harris).

Governance of the Turks and Caicos Islands (Mr David Clelland).

Effect on Buckinghamshire of the Government's preferred route for High Speed Two (Mr David Lidington).

Development of Luton railway station (Kelvin Hopkins).

Resolved, That the sitting do now adjourn.—(*Mrs Sharon Hodgson.*)

Adjourned at 1.53 pm until tomorrow.

Alan Haselhurst

Deputy Speaker

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Electronic Communications

Draft Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 (Directions to OFCOM) Order 2010 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Mr Pat McFadden).

2 Employment Agencies, Etc.

Draft Conduct of Employment Agencies and Employment Businesses (Amendment) Regulations 2010 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Mr Pat McFadden).

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Financial Services and Markets

(1) Credit Rating Agencies Regulations 2010 (S.I., 2010, No. 906), dated 22 March 2010 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Sarah McCarthy-Fry); and

(2) Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) (Amendment) Order 2010 (S.I., 2010, No. 905), dated 22 March 2010 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Sarah McCarthy-Fry).

4 Immigration

Immigration Services Commissioner (Designated Professional Body) (Fees) Order 2010 (S.I., 2010, No. 891), dated 22 March 2010 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Alan Johnson).

5 Police

Police Pensions (Descriptions of Service) Order 2010 (S.I., 2010, No. 899), dated 21 March 2010 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Alan Johnson).

6 Road Traffic

Vehicle Drivers (Certificates of Professional Competence) (Amendment) Regulations 2010 (S.I., 2010, No. 865), dated 17 March 2010 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Mr Sadiq Khan).

Other Papers:

7 Health

Department of Health Minute, dated 23 March 2010, concerning the donation of H1N1 vaccine to the World Health Organisation and to travellers to the Southern Hemisphere (by Command) (Secretary Andy Burnham).

8 Industrial Training

Report and Accounts of Construction Industry Training Board for 2009, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act); to be printed (HC 378) (Mr Pat McFadden).

9 National Heritage

Government Indemnity Scheme: Report to Parliament on the level of outstanding liabilities for the six month period ending 30 September 2009 (by Act) (Secretary Ben Bradshaw).

Withdrawn Papers:

10 Electronic Communications

Draft Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 (Directions to OFCOM) Order 2010 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (laid 9 March 2010).

11 Employment Agencies, Etc.

Draft Conduct of Employment Agencies and Employment Businesses (Amendment) Regulations 2010 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (laid 11 March 2010).