



House of Commons

Tuesday 30 June 2009

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

PRAYERS.

1 Norwich North Writ

Ordered, That the Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to service in this present Parliament for the Borough Constituency of Norwich North in the room of Dr Ian Gibson, who since his election to the said Borough Constituency has accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Burnham, in the county of Buckingham.—
(*Mr Nicholas Brown.*)

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

3 Statement: 21st century schools (Secretary Ed Balls)

4 Hydrofluorocarbons Limitation: Motion for leave to introduce a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to introduce a Bill to make provision for limiting the use of hydrofluorocarbons in certain premises; and for connected purposes;

That Clive Efford, John Austin, Ms Karen Buck, Mr Andrew Dismore, Mr Peter Ainsworth, Steve Webb, Norman Baker, Peter Bottomley, Mr Michael Meacher, Mr David Drew, Jim Dowd and Andrew George present the Bill.

Clive Efford accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 3 July, and to be printed (Bill 127).

5 Parliamentary Standards Bill: Committee of the whole House (1st allocated day)

The House resolved itself into a Committee (Programme Order, 29 June).

(In the Committee)

Clause 1 (Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority etc).

Motion made and Question put, the Clause stand part of the Bill.

Division called.

Mr John Heppell and Ms Dawn Butler appointed Tellers for the Ayes.

No Members appointed Tellers for the Noes.

The Chairman declared that the Ayes had it.

Question accordingly agreed to.

Schedule 1 (Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority)

Amendment 61 proposed. —(*Mr Bernard Jenkin.*)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments 52, 3, 4 and 5 made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Schedule 2 (Commissioner for Parliamentary Investigations)

Amendment 55 made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Schedule 3 agreed to.

Clause 2 (MPs' salaries)

Amendment 69 proposed.—(*Mr Andrew Tyrie.*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Division No. 168.

Ayes: 189 (Tellers: Jeremy Wright, James Duddridge).

Noes: 295 (Tellers: Mr Frank Roy, Mrs Sharon Hodgson).

Question accordingly negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 3 (MPs' allowances scheme)

Amendments 68, 26, 71 and 1 made.

Amendment 56 proposed.—(*Mr David Heathcoat-Amory.*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

Question negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 4 (Dealing with claims under the scheme)

Amendment 6 proposed.—(*Sir George Young.*)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed.

Clause 5 (MPs' financial interests rules)

Amendment 74 proposed.—(*Secretary Jack Straw.*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Division No. 169

Ayes: 340 (Tellers: David Wright, Helen Jones).

Noes: 159 (Tellers: James Duddridge, Jeremy Wright).

Question accordingly agreed to.

Since it was after 10.00 pm the Chairman put forthwith the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on Clause 1, Schedules 1 to 3, Clauses 2 to 5 and Clauses 11 to 14 to a conclusion (Programme Order, 29 June).

Amendments 75, 76, 16, 27, 2, 77 to 79, 7, 82, 29 and 30 made to the Bill.

Question put, That Amendment 73 be made.

The Committee divided.

Division No. 170.

Ayes: 201 (Tellers: James Duddridge, Jeremy Wright).

Noes: 288 (Tellers: Helen Jones, David Wright).

Question accordingly negatived.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 11 agreed to.

Clause 12 (Interpretation)

Amendment 88 made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 13 (Power to make transitional etc provision)

Amendments 89 to 91 agreed to.

Clause, as amended agreed to.

Clause 14 agreed to.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(*Mr Dave Watts.*)

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr Dave Watts reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Committee again tomorrow

6 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Companies Act 2006 (Part 35) (Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings) Order 2009, which was laid before this House on 14 May, be approved.—(*Mr Dave Watts.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Registrar of Companies and Applications for Striking Off Regulations 2009, which were laid before this House on 14 May, be approved.—(*Mr Dave Watts.*)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2009 (S.I., 2009, No. 1389), dated 10 June 2009, a copy of which was laid before this House on 10 June, be approved.—(*Mr Dave Watts.*)

Question agreed to.

7 Legislative Reform Orders: Motion for Approval

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 18(1)), That the draft Legislative Reform (Dangerous Wild Animals) (Licensing) Order 2009, which was laid before this House on 17 June, be approved.—(*Mr Dave Watts.*)

Question agreed to.

8 Economic Recovery

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 119(11)), That this House takes note of European Union Documents No. 7084/09 and Addendum, Commission Communication for the Spring European Council on Driving European Recovery, and No. 10511/09 and Addenda 1 and 2, Commission Communication on European financial supervision; and endorses the Government's approach to the next stages of discussions on how to restore and maintain a stable and reliable financial system.—(*Mr Dave Watts.*)

Question agreed to.

9 Adjournment (Summer)

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 25), That this House, at its rising on Tuesday 21 July 2009, do adjourn till Monday 12 October 2009.—(*Mr Dave Watts.*)

The Deputy Speaker's opinion as to the decision of the Question was challenged.

Division deferred until tomorrow (Standing Order No. 41A).

10 Notices of Questions Etc During September 2009

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 22B(2)), That the days appointed for the tabling and answering of written questions and for written ministerial statements under Standing Order No. 22B (Notices of questions etc. during September) shall be as follows:

Tabling days

Wednesday 2, Monday 7 and Wednesday 9 September 2009.

Answering days

Wednesday 9, Monday 14 and Wednesday 16 September 2009.

—(*Mr Dave Watts.*)

The Deputy Speaker's opinion as to the decision of the Question was challenged.

Division deferred until tomorrow (Standing Order No. 41A).

11 Estimates

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 145), That this House agrees with the Report (25 June) of the Liaison Committee.—(*Mr Dave Watts.*)

Question agreed to.

12 Public Petition

A Public Petition from residents of Llanelli relating to Taxation (Bingo Clubs) was presented and read by Nia Griffith.

13 Adjournment

Subject: Standards Board for England (Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Mr Dave Watts.*)

Adjourned at 11.03 pm until tomorrow.

Other proceedings

Explanatory Notes to Bills

14 Green Energy (Definition and Promotion) Bill

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Green Energy (Definition and Promotion) Bill be printed (Bill 123–EN).

General Committees: Reports

15 Equality Bill

Mr Joe Benton (Chairman) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

16 Marine and Coastal Access Bill [*Lords*]

Mr Roger Gale (Chairman) 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.

17 Third Delegated Legislation Committee

Mr Eric Martlew (Chairman) reported the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Cariforum Economic Partnership Agreement) Order 2009.

18 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee

John Cummings (Chairman) reported the draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Order 2009.

19 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee

Mr Mike Weir (Chairman) reported the draft Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Act 2009 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2009.

20 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee

Christopher Fraser (Chairman) reported the draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) Regulations 2009.

21 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee

Mr Clive Betts (Chairman) reported the draft Data Protection (Processing of Sensitive Personal Data) Order 2009.

22 Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee

Joan Walley (Chairman) reported the draft Dunfermline Building Society Compensation Scheme, Resolution Fund and Third Party Compensation Order 2009 and the draft Amendments to Law (Resolution of Dunfermline Building Society) (No. 2) Order 2009.

General Committees: Appointments

The Speaker appoints the Chairman 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).

23 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Cariforum Economic Partnership Agreement) Order 2009)

Members: Mr Ian Davidson discharged and Mr Ken Purchase nominated in substitution.

24 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (Draft Data Protection (Processing of Sensitive Personal Data) Order 2009)

Members: Richard Burden and Ben Chapman discharged and Mr David Blunkett and Mr Charles Clarke nominated in substitution.

25 Eighth Delegated Legislation Committee (Draft Dunfermline Building Society Compensation Scheme, Resolution Fund and Third Party Compensation Order 2009 and the draft Amendments to Law (Resolution of Dunfermline Building Society) (No. 2) Order 2009)

Members: Ann Clwyd discharged and Caroline Flint nominated in substitution.

Reports from Select Committees

26 Business and Enterprise Committee

The work of the Department for Business, Innovation & Skills in the current crisis: Evidence, to be printed (HC 754-i) (Mr Peter Luff).

27 Defence Committee

(1) *Ministry of Defence Main Estimates 2009–10*: Ninth Report, with written evidence, to be printed, with the Formal Minutes relating to the Report (HC 773);

(2) *Russia: a new confrontation?*: Tenth 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 24 February, 10 and 17 March, 19 May and 9 June (HC 276);

(3) *The Comprehensive Approach*:

(i) Evidence, to be printed (HC 523-iii);

(ii) Written Evidence, to be published

(Mr James Arbuthnot).

28 Environmental Audit Committee

(1) *Green jobs and skills*: Evidence, to be printed (HC 671-ii);

(2) *Carbon Budgets*: Written evidence, to be published

(Mr Tim Yeo).

29 Home Affairs Committee

(1) *Project CONTEST: The Government's Counter-Terrorism Strategy*: Ninth Report, with written evidence, to be printed, with the Formal Minutes relating to the Report (HC 212);

(2) *The e-Borders Programme*: Evidence, to be printed (HC 817-i)

(Keith Vaz).

30 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

(1) *Legislative Scrutiny: Parliamentary Standards Bill*: Nineteenth Report to be printed, with the Formal Minutes relating to the Report (HC 844);

(2) *Business and human rights*:

(i) Evidence, to be printed (HC 559-iii);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Legislative scrutiny*: Written evidence, to be published

(Mr Andrew Dismore).

31 International Development Committee

(1) *DFID's Programme in Nigeria*:

(i) Evidence, to be printed (HC 840-i);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Urbanisation and Poverty*: Written evidence, to be published

(Malcolm Bruce).

32 Justice Committee

(1) *Constitutional Reform and Renewal: Parliamentary Standards Bill*: Seventh Report, with oral and written evidence, to be printed, with the Formal Minutes relating to the Report (HC 791);

(2) *Sentencing Guidelines: principles of sentencing for youths*: Evidence, to be printed (HC 497-ii)

(Sir Alan Beith).

33 Speaker's Conference

Speaker's Conference (on Parliamentary Representation): Evidence, to be printed (HC 167-ix) (Miss Anne Begg).

34 Treasury Committee

Mortgage arrears and access to mortgage finance:

(1) Evidence, to be printed, (HC 766-i);

(2) Written evidence, to be published

(John McFall).

35 Welsh Affairs Committee

(1) *Proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Welsh Language) Order 2009*: Ninth 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 10, 17, 23, and 30 March, 20 and 27 April (HC 348);

(2) *Legal Services Commission Cardiff Office: Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Committee*: Sixth Special Report, to be printed (HC 825);

(3) *Ports in Wales*: Evidence, to be printed (HC 601-iv)

(Dr Hywel Francis).

John Bercow

Speaker

The Speaker will take the Chair at 11.30 am.

Sitting in Westminster Hall

No. 64

The sitting began at 9.30 am.

Adjournment

Subject:

Government programmes to assist people facing repossession and mortgage arrears (Dr Vincent Cable).

Future of the Forensic Science Service (Mr Lindsay Hoyle).

Proposals for a strategic development area north and north east of Hedge End (Chris Huhne).

Charges for oxygen by airlines (Nick Ainger).

Planning consideration for wind farms in Northamptonshire (Mr Philip Hollobone).

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Bob Blizzard.)

Adjourned at 1.59 pm until tomorrow.

Alan Haselhurst

Deputy Speaker

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Children and Young Persons

Childcare (Provision of Information About Young Children) (England) Regulations 2009 (S.I., 2009, No. 1554), dated 22 June 2009 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Ed Balls).

2 Education

(1) Education (Assisted Places) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2009 (S.I., 2009, No. 1561), dated 22 June 2009 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Ed Balls);

(2) Education (Assisted Places) (Incidental Expenses) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2009 (S.I., 2009, No. 1560), dated 22 June 2009 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Ed Balls);

(3) Education (Individual Pupil Information) (Prescribed Persons) (England) Regulations 2009 (S.I., 2009, No. 1563), dated 22 June 2009 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Ed Balls);

(4) Education (School Inspection) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (S.I., 2009, No. 1564), dated 22 June 2009 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Ed Balls); and

(5) School Organisation and Governance (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2009 (S.I., 2009, No. 1556), dated 23 June 2009 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Ed Balls).

3 Electronic Communications

Mobile Roaming (European Communities) (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (S.I., 2009, No. 1591), dated 29 June 2009 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Mr Pat McFadden).

4 Health and Safety

Control of Major Accident Hazards (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (S.I., 2009, No. 1595), dated 29 June 2009 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Yvette Cooper).

5 Highways

Olympic Route Network Designation Order 2009 (S.I., 2009, No. 1573), dated 23 June 2009 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Mr Sadiq Khan).

6 Pensions

Pension Protection Fund (Entry Rules) (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (S.I., 2009, No. 1552), dated 23 June 2009 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Yvette Cooper).

7 Social Security

Social Security (Students and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2009 (S.I., 2009, No. 1575), dated 24 June 2009 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Yvette Cooper).

8 Tribunals and Inquiries

(1) First-tier Tribunal and Upper Tribunal (Chambers) (Amendment No. 3) Order 2009 (S.I., 2009, No. 1590), dated 29 June 2009 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Jack Straw); and

(2) Qualifications for Appointment of Members to the First-tier Tribunal and Upper Tribunal (Amendment) Order 2009 (S.I., 2009, No. 1592), dated 29 June 2009 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Jack Straw).

Other Papers:

9 Air Force (Constitution)

Amendment List 40 to Air Publication 1269A—The Royal Air Force Manual on Assessment of Medical Fitness (Third Edition) (by Act) (Secretary Bob Ainsworth).

10 Children, Schools and Families

Your child, your schools, our future: building a 21st century schools system (by Command) (Cm. 7588) (Secretary Ed Balls).

11 Commonwealth Scholarship Commission

Forty Ninth Report of the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the United Kingdom to the Secretary of State for International Development for the year ended 30 September 2008 (by Act) (Mr Secretary Alexander).

12 Education

Report and Accounts of the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority for 2008–09, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act); to be printed (HC 634) (Secretary Ed Balls).

13 Financial Reporting to Parliament

Departmental Report 2009 for the Department for Work and Pensions (by Command) (Cm. 7594) (Secretary Yvette Cooper).

14 Government Resources and Accounts

(1) Report and Accounts of the Disability Rights Commission for 1 April 2007 to 30 September 2007, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act); to be printed (HC 753) (Ms Harriet Harman);

(2) Report and Accounts of the Marine and Fisheries Agency for 2008–09, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act); to be printed (HC 571) (Secretary Hilary Benn);

(3) Report and Accounts of the Meat Hygiene Service for 2008–09, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act); to be printed (HC 532) (Secretary Andy Burnham);

(4) Report and Resource Accounts of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office for 2008–09, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act); to be printed (HC 460) (Stephen Timms); and

(5) Report of the Financial Reporting Advisory Board for 2008–09 (by Act); to be printed (HC 671) (Liam Byrne).

15 Government Trading Funds

Report and Accounts of the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency for 2008–09, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act); to be printed (HC 661) (Clerk of the House).

16 Health

Report and Accounts of the Appointments Commission for 2008–09, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act); to be printed (HC 614) (Secretary Andy Burnham).

17 National Health Service

Report and Accounts of the NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvement for 2008–09, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act); to be printed (HC 626) (Secretary Andy Burnham).

18 Postal Services

Report of the Postal Services Commission for 2008–09 (by Act); to be printed (HC 826) (Mr Pat McFadden).

19 Railways

Report and Accounts of Passenger Focus for 2008–09, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act); to be printed (HC 712) (Mr Sadiq Khan).

20 Transport

Department for Transport Minute, dated 30 June 2009, concerning a contingent liability in respect of changes to the guarantee provided by the Secretary of State for Transport in support of the Air Travel Trust Fund (by Command) (Mr Sadiq Khan).

Withdrawn Papers:

21 Identity Cards

Draft Identity Cards Act 2006 (Designation) Order 2009 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (laid 6 May 2009).