



House of Commons

Monday 1 February 2010

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

PRAYERS.

1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

2 Statement: Afghanistan conference and Yemen meeting (Secretary David Miliband)

3 Standards and Privileges

Resolved, That this House—

(1) approves the Seventh Report of the Committee on Standards and Privileges (House of Commons Paper No. 310);

(2) endorses the recommendations in paragraph 22 of the Report; and

(3) accordingly resolves to withhold Resettlement Grant from the hon. Member for Leyton and Wanstead.—(*Barbara Keeley*.)

4 Constitutional Reform and Governance Bill (Money) (No. 2)

Queen's Recommendation signified.

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Constitutional Reform and Governance Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of sums required by virtue of the Act to be paid out of money so provided into the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund;

(2) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of—

(a) amounts required by virtue of the Act to be paid out of the Consolidated Fund in respect of transfer values paid into the Consolidated Fund,

(b) interest required by virtue of the Act to be paid on those amounts, and

(c) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of the Consolidated Fund by virtue of any other Act.—(*Secretary Jack Straw*.)

5 Constitutional Reform and Governance Bill (Ways and Means) (No. 2)

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Constitutional Reform and Governance Bill, it is expedient to authorise the imposition of charges to tax as a result of a person's membership of the House of Commons or the House of Lords.—(*Mr Michael Wills*.)

6 Constitutional Reform and Governance Bill (Programme) (No. 5)

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the Order of 3 November 2009 in the last Session of Parliament (Constitutional Reform and Governance Bill (Programme) (No. 2)), as varied by the Orders of 19 and 26 January 2010, be further varied as follows:

(1) in paragraph 2, for 'five days' there shall be substituted 'six days';

(2) in the Table, for the entry relating to the fifth day of Committee there shall be substituted:

TABLE

Fifth day

<i>Proceedings</i>	<i>Time for conclusion of proceedings</i>
New Clauses and new Schedules relating to the Parliamentary Standards Act 2009 or the European Parliament (Pay and Pensions) Act 1979 or to pensions for members of the House of Commons, Ministers or other office-holders, new Clauses and new Schedules relating to the tax status of members of the House of Commons or members of the House of Lords.	The moment of interruption on the fifth day.

Sixth day

<i>Proceedings</i>	<i>Time for conclusion of proceedings</i>
Remaining new Clauses and remaining new Schedules, Clauses 59 to 62, remaining proceedings on the Bill.	The moment of interruption on the sixth day.

—(*Mary Creagh.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 66.

Ayes: 246 (Tellers: Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Dave Watts).

Noes: 187 (Tellers: Mr Brooks Newmark, Jeremy Wright).

Question accordingly agreed to.

7 Constitutional Reform and Governance Bill: Committee of the whole House (5th allocated day)

The House again resolved itself into a Committee (Programme Order, 3 November in the last Session of Parliament, 19 and 26 January and today).

(In the Committee)

New Clauses NC70 to NC84—(*Secretary Jack Straw*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Schedules NS6 to NS9—(*Secretary Jack Straw*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clauses NC85 and NC86—(*Mr Michael Wills*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(*David Wright.*)

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

David Wright reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Committee again tomorrow.

8 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Communications Act 2003 (Disclosure of Information) Order 2010, which was laid before this House on 8 December, be approved.—(*David Wright.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Jobseeker's Allowance (Skills Training Conditionality Pilot) Regulations 2010, which were laid before this House on 15 December, be approved.—(*David Wright.*)

Question agreed to.

9 East Of England Regional Grand Committee

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 117A(3)), That the East of England Regional Grand Committee shall meet at Westminster on Tuesday 23 February between 9.00 am and 1.00 pm to take questions under Standing Order No. 117B (Regional Grand Committees (questions for oral answer)) and to hold a general debate on priorities for a future regional strategy.—(*David Wright.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 67.

Ayes: 284 (Tellers: Mr George Mudie, Mr Dave Watts).

Noes: 83 (Tellers: Mr Philip Dunne, Jeremy Wright).

Question accordingly agreed to.

10 Public Petition

A Public Petition from Liz and Lea Swann, residents of Canvey Island and others relating to Swimming Pool (Canvey Island) was presented and read by Bob Spink.

11 Adjournment

Subject: Planning applications for children's homes (Ann Coffey).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*David Wright.*)

Adjourned at 9.36 pm until tomorrow.

Other proceedings

Lords Messages

12 Joint Committee on the National Security Strategy

The Lords communicate that they have appointed a Committee of nine Lords to join with the Committee appointed by the Commons as the Joint Committee on the National Security Strategy, to consider the National Security Strategy;

They have ordered that the Committee have power to agree with the Committee appointed by the Commons in the appointment of a Chairman;

That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records;

That the Committee have power to adjourn from place to place in the United Kingdom;

That the Committee have leave to report from time to time;

That the reports of the Committee shall be printed, regardless of any adjournment of the House;

That the Committee have power to appoint specialist advisers;
That the evidence taken by the Committee shall, if the Committee so wishes, be published;
and they propose that the Committee do meet with the Committee appointed by the Commons on Tuesday 9 February at 5.30 pm.

General Committees: Reports

13 European Committee B in respect of European Union Documents No. 12139/09 and Addenda 1 and 2, Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 18 August 2009, No. 12668/09 and Addendum, No. 14998/09 and Addendum, No. 16632/09, Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 2 December 2009, Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 3 December 2009, and No. 17588/09, relating to Financial Management

Bob Russell (Chairman) reported the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of an unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum from HM Treasury dated 2 December 2009 on the European Court of Auditors' 2008 Annual Report, an unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum from the Department for International Development dated 3 December 2009 on the European Court of Auditors Annual Report on the activities funded by the seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth European Development Funds, concerning the financial year 2008, European Union Document No. 12139/09 and Addenda 1 and 2 on the Protection of the financial interests of the Communities, an unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum from HM Treasury dated 18 August 2009 on the European Anti-Fraud Office's ninth activity report for the period 1 January to 31 December 2008, European Union Document No. 12668/09 and Addendum 1, Commission Report on the Annual report to the discharge authority on internal audits carried out in 2008, European Union Document No.14998/09 and Addendum 1, a Commission Report to the European Parliament on the follow-up to 2007 Discharge Decisions (Summary) – European Parliament Resolutions, European Union Document, No. 16632/09, European Court of Auditors Special Report on delegating implementing tasks to executive agencies, European Union Document No. 17588/09, Commission Report to the Council on the follow-up to 2007 Discharge Decisions (Summary) – Council recommendations; and supports the Government's promotion of measures to improve the level of assurance given on the Community budget.

14 First Delegated Legislation Committee

Mr Greg Pope (Chairman) reported the draft Gambling Act 2005 (Operating Licence Conditions) (Amendment) Regulations 2010.

15 Second Delegated Legislation Committee

Mr George Howarth (Chairman) reported the draft Passengers' Council (Non-Railway Functions) Order 2010.

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).

16 First Delegated Legislation Committee (Draft Gambling Act 2005 (Operating Licence Conditions) (Amendment) Regulations 2010)

Members: Mr David Chaytor, Paddy Tipping and Derek Twigg discharged and Charlotte Atkins, Mrs Janet Dean and Mr Tom Harris nominated in substitution.

17 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (Draft Passengers' Council (Non-Railway Functions) Order 2010)

Members: Mr Edward Leigh discharged and Mr James Gray nominated in substitution.

18 European Committee B in respect of European Union Documents No. 12139/09 and Addenda 1 and 2, Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 18 August 2009, No. 12668/09 and Addendum, No. 14998/09 and Addendum, No. 16632/09, Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 2 December 2009, Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 3 December 2009, and No. 17588/09, relating to Financial Management

Members: Keith Hill and Mr John Spellar discharged and Lyn Brown and Mr Dai Havard nominated in substitution.

Reports from Select Committees

19 Children, Schools and Families Committee

The Gifted and Talented programme: Evidence, to be printed (HC 337-i) (Mr Barry Sheerman).

20 Communities and Local Government Committee

FiReControl: Written evidence, to be published (Dr Phyllis Starkey).

21 London Regional Select Committee

London's population and the 2011 Census:

(1) Evidence, to be printed (HC 349-i);

(2) Written evidence, to be published

(Ms Karen Buck).

22 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *Services for people with rheumatoid arthritis*: Tenth Report, to be printed, with the Formal Minutes relating to the Report (HC 46);

(2) *HM Revenue and Customs: Dealing with the tax obligations of older people*: Eleventh Report, to be printed, with the Formal Minutes relating to the Report (HC 141);

(3) *Maintaining financial stability across the United Kingdom's banking system*: Twelfth Report, to be printed, with the Formal Minutes relating to the Report (HC 190);

(4) *The Decent Homes Programme*: Evidence, to be printed (HC 350-i)

(Mr Edward Leigh).

John Bercow

Speaker

The Speaker will take the Chair at 2.30 pm.

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Employment and Training

Draft Employee Study and Training (Qualifying Period of Employment) Regulations 2010 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Mr Pat McFadden).

2 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism

Draft Prevention of Terrorism Act 2005 (Continuance in Force of Sections 1 to 9) Order 2010 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Alan Johnson).

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Employment and Training

(1) Employee Study and Training (Eligibility, Complaints and Remedies) Regulations 2010 (S.I., 2010, No. 156), dated 25 January 2010 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Mr Pat McFadden); and

(2) Employee Study and Training (Procedural Requirements) Regulations 2010 (S.I., 2010, No. 155), dated 25 January 2010 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Mr Pat McFadden).

4 Infrastructure Planning

(1) Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 (S.I., 2010, No. 104), dated 25 January 2010 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary John Denham);

(2) Infrastructure Planning (Fees) Regulations 2010 (S.I., 2010, No. 106), dated 25 January 2010 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary John Denham);

(3) Infrastructure Planning (Interested Parties) Regulations 2010 (S.I., 2010, No. 102), dated 25 January 2010 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary John Denham); and

(4) Infrastructure Planning (Miscellaneous Prescribed Provisions) Regulations 2010 (S.I., 2010, No. 105), dated 25 January 2010 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary John Denham).

5 Open Spaces

Draft Royal Parks and Other Open Spaces (Amendment) etc. Regulations 2010 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Ben Bradshaw).

6 Terms and Conditions of Employment

(1) Additional Statutory Paternity Pay (Birth, Adoption and Adoptions from Overseas) (Administration) Regulations 2010 (S.I., 2010, No. 154), dated 28 January 2010 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Mr Pat McFadden);

(2) Additional Statutory Paternity Pay (National Health Service Employees) Regulations 2010 (S.I., 2010, No. 152), dated 28 January 2010 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Mr Pat McFadden);

(3) Ordinary Statutory Paternity Pay (Adoption), Additional Statutory Paternity Pay (Adoption) and Statutory Adoption Pay (Adoptions from Overseas) (Persons Abroad and Mariners) Regulations 2010 (S.I., 2010, No. 150), dated 28 January 2010 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Mr Pat McFadden);

(4) Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 (Application of Parts 12ZA and 12ZB to Adoptions from Overseas) Regulations 2003 (Amendment) Regulations 2010 (S.I., 2010, No. 153), dated 28 January 2010 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Mr Pat McFadden); and

(5) Statutory Paternity Pay and Statutory Adoption Pay (Persons Abroad and Mariners) Regulations 2002 (Amendment) Regulations 2010 (S.I., 2010, No. 151), dated 27 January 2010 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Mr Pat McFadden).

7 Tribunals and Inquiries

Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (S.I., 2010, No. 103), dated 21 January 2010 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary John Denham).

Other Papers:

8 Home Affairs

Memorandum to the Home Affairs Committee on Post-legislative Assessment of the Prevention of Terrorism Act 2005 (by Command) (Cm. 7797) (Secretary Alan Johnson).

9 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department of Health: Progress in improving stroke care (by Act); to be printed (HC 291) (Clerk of the House).

10 Prevention of Terrorism

Fifth Report of the Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation (by Act) (Secretary Alan Johnson).