

HOUSE OF LORDS BUSINESS

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Items marked † are new or have been altered.

Wednesday 28 April 2021 at 12 noon

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Baroness Hoey** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the rights of Northern Ireland citizens in comparison with citizens of the rest of the United Kingdom.

***Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick** to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their latest assessment of the political situation in Zimbabwe as regards human rights.

***Baroness Greengross** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the care home occupancy rate.

***Lord Dodds of Duncairn** to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they will take to ensure that the necessary information about flight passengers who are crossing the border into Northern Ireland from outside the United Kingdom is shared with the Northern Ireland health authorities in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

†*At 1.00pm, Private Notice Question (15 minutes)*

†**Lord Collins of Highbury** to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their response to reports of the sentencing of Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe in Iran.

†*At a convenient point after 1.15pm*

Highgate Cemetery Bill The Chairman of Committees to move that the Commons message of 26 April be now considered; and that the promoters of the Highgate Cemetery Bill which was originally introduced in this House on 22 January 2020 should have leave to suspend any further proceedings on the bill in order to proceed with it, if they think fit, in the next session of Parliament according to the provisions of Private Business Standing Order 150A (*Suspension of bills*).

Monken Hadley Common Bill The Chairman of Committees to move that this House do agree with the orders made by the Commons set out in their message of 26 April.

†*The Earl of Courtown intends to move the following five motions en bloc: but if any Lord objects the motions must be moved separately to the extent desired.*

Whiplash Injury Regulations 2021 The Earl of Courtown to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 25 February be approved. *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 49th Report. Considered in Grand Committee on 26 April*

Civil Liability Act 2018 (Financial Conduct Authority) (Whiplash) Regulations 2021 The Earl of Courtown to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 18 March be approved. *51st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Considered in Grand Committee on 26 April*

†**International Accounting Standards (Delegation of Functions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021** The Earl of Courtown to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 1 February be approved. *46th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Considered in Grand Committee on 27 April*

†**Employment Rights Act 1996 (Protection from Detriment in Health and Safety Cases) (Amendment) Order 2021** The Earl of Courtown to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 17 March be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 27 April*

†**Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (Amendment) (High-Risk Countries) Regulations 2021** The Earl of Courtown to move that the Regulations laid before the House on 25 March be approved. *51st Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Considered in Grand Committee on 27 April*

Prisons (Substance Testing) Bill Third Reading [Baroness Pidding]

Botulinum Toxin and Cosmetic Fillers (Children) Bill Third Reading [Baroness Wyld]

Education (Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms) Bill Third Reading [Baroness Lister of Burtersett]

Animal Welfare (Sentencing) Bill Third Reading [Lord Randall of Uxbridge]

†*At a convenient point after 1.30pm*

National Security and Investment Bill Consideration of Commons Reason [Lord Callanan]

†*At a convenient point after 2.45pm*

Abortion (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2021 Viscount Younger of Leckie to move that the Regulations laid before the House on 23 March be approved. *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 51st Report. 23rd Report from the Constitution Committee.*

Baroness O’Loan to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of Viscount Younger of Leckie, to leave out all the words after “that” and insert “this House declines to approve the Regulations laid before the House on 23 March because (1) the Northern Ireland Assembly is now sitting and the matter is devolved to that legislature; (2) the Regulations raise “complex legal and constitutional questions” in the view of the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee; (3) the Regulations go beyond the Abortion (Northern Ireland) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 in that they undermine the devolution settlement in respect of education as well as abortion policy; (4) there has been no public consultation on the Regulations; and (5) the Regulations were laid shortly before the parliamentary Easter recess, which prevented the House considering them before they took effect.”

Lord Morrow to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of Viscount Younger of Leckie, to leave out all the words after “that” and insert “this House declines to approve the Regulations laid before the House on 23 March because (1) rather than expressing the reality of the union between the constituent parts of the United Kingdom, they place that union in jeopardy, depending as they do on the power in section 9 of the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation etc) Act 2019, which was passed despite all of the Members of Parliament representing seats in Northern Ireland who had taken their seats at Westminster voting against amending the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation etc) Bill on 9 July 2019 to require the Secretary of State to make regulations to give effect to the recommendations of the report of the Committee on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women, published on 6 March 2018; (2) abortion remains devolved and the Northern Ireland Assembly and Executive have now been restored for more than a year; (3) rather than welcoming the restoration of devolution, the draft Regulations undermine it to a greater extent than the Abortion (Northern Ireland) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 as they address devolved policy competencies beyond abortion, including education and health; and (4) the remit of everything in the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation etc) Act 2019 is defined in terms of moving towards the restoration of the Executive which has taken place, so rather than making new regulations as if Stormont was still suspended, and asking Parliament to pass them, Her Majesty’s Government should instead be asking Parliament to repeal section 9.”

Lord Shinkwin to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of Viscount Younger of Leckie, to leave out all the words after “that” and insert “this House declines to approve the Regulations laid before the House on 23 March because they give the Secretary of State the power actively to commission discrimination in Northern Ireland by denying unborn human beings with disabilities the same protections afforded non-disabled human beings between 24 weeks gestation and full term; and because such commissioning would implicate the Secretary of State, and by extension Her Majesty’s Government, in the perpetuation of negative stereotypes towards people with disabilities, as it would provide that while unborn non-disabled human beings from 24 weeks’ gestation are worthy of protection from termination, those who might be born with disabilities are not.”

†*At a convenient point after 4.45pm*

Financial Services Bill Consideration of Commons Reason and Amendment [Earl Howe]

†*At a convenient point after 5.45pm*

†Questions on a Ministerial statement on the Post Office Court of Appeal Judgement, made in the House of Commons on Tuesday 27 April. (40 minutes)

†*At a convenient point after 6.25pm*

†Questions on a Ministerial statement on Carrier Strike Group Deployment, made in the House of Commons on Tuesday 27 April. (40 minutes)

†*At a convenient point after 7.05pm*

†**Overseas Operations (Service Personnel and Veterans) Bill** Consideration of Commons Reason and Amendments [Baroness Goldie]

†*If a message has been received from the Commons on the Fire Safety Bill, it is expected that it will be considered*

†*At a convenient point after 9.00pm*

†*If any messages are received from the Commons, they may be considered forthwith*

Grand Committee in Committee Room 2A at 2.30pm

Lord Alton of Liverpool to move that the Grand Committee takes note of the reduction in United Kingdom development aid and its impact on achieving the objectives outlined in the Integrated Review of national security and international policy. (3 hours)

†*At a convenient point after 5.35pm*

Baroness Boycott to move that the Grand Committee takes note of the economic value of biodiversity and the report *The Economics of Biodiversity: The Dasgupta Review*, published on 2 February. (1½ hours)

