

HOUSE OF LORDS BUSINESS

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Items marked † are new or have been altered.

Wednesday 29 March 2023 at 3.00pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Lord Craig of Radley** to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Murray of Blidworth on 22 January (HL4546), when they will decide whether to grant Hong Kong military service veterans entitlement to British citizens passports and right of abode in the United Kingdom.

***Lord Wallace of Saltaire** to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that the identity and integrity of (1) electoral registration, (2) voting, and (3) political donations, by citizens resident overseas are verified as carefully as those from citizens resident in the United Kingdom.

***Lord Robathan** to ask His Majesty's Government who is held accountable if money is wasted in the Ministry of Defence procurement programme; and what subsequent action is taken.

***Lord Foulkes of Cumnock** to ask His Majesty's Government when the Secretary of State for Scotland expects to meet with the new First Minister of Scotland.

†**Occupational Pension Schemes (Administration, Investment, Charges and Governance) and Pensions Dashboards (Amendment) Regulations 2023** Viscount Younger of Leckie to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 30 January be approved. *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 30th Report. Considered in Grand Committee on 28 March*

†*Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay intends to move the following two motions en bloc: but if any Lord objects the motions must be moved separately.*

†**Treasure (Designation) (Amendment) Order 2023** Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 20 February be approved. *32nd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Considered in Grand Committee on 28 March*

†**Revised Code of Practice laid under the Treasure Act 1996** Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay to move that the draft Code of Practice laid before the House on 23 February be approved. *32nd Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee. Considered in Grand Committee on 28 March*

†**Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (Corporate Joint Committees) (Consequential Amendments) Order 2023** Baroness Bloomfield of Hinton Waldrist to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 23 February be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 28 March*

Windsor Framework (Democratic Scrutiny) Regulations 2023 Lord Caine to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 20 March be approved. *Special attention drawn to the instrument by the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, 34th Report*

†**Lord Morrow** to move, as an amendment to the above motion, leave out after “that” and insert “this House declines to approve the draft Regulations because rather than eliminating the democratic deficit they make provision for law to be made for Northern Ireland in 300 policy areas by the European Union in whose parliament the people of Northern Ireland have no representation; because they only give the Northern Ireland Assembly the right to try to prevent the amending or replacing of EU law in relation to laws pertaining to product regulation, and give no such right in relation to other legislation in areas such as VAT, State Aid, customs, electricity etc.; because the freedom of the Assembly to try to prevent the application of changes made to EU law applying to Northern Ireland is further constrained by the requirement that the change in product regulation must have a significant and lasting effect, and even then the EU can object, sending the matter to arbitration which might find against the position of the Northern Ireland Assembly, a situation which confirms that the Stormont brake is not a veto, and even if arbitration finds in favour of the position of the Northern Ireland Assembly, the consequences of this are very limited and this highly constrained expression of democracy is subject to retaliatory remedial action by the EU; and because the requirement to subject the existing Westminster brake to an applicability motion from the Assembly can be ignored by His Majesty’s Government”.

Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill Committee [Lord Caine] *5th Report from the Constitution Committee. 6th Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights. Scottish and Northern Ireland Legislative Consent sought*