

HOUSE OF LORDS BUSINESS

No. 55

Items marked † are new or have been altered.

Wednesday 28 February 2024 at 3.00pm

Oral questions (40 minutes)

***Lord Storey** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the skill shortages affecting business and industry.

***Lord Rooker** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the position of the United Kingdom set out in the UNICEF's Innocenti Report Card 18 *Child Poverty in the Midst of Wealth*.

***Baroness Thornhill** to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the adequacy of the Housing Benefit subsidy for temporary accommodation; and whether they have plans to provide further support to local authorities in providing emergency and temporary accommodation.

***Lord Young of Cookham** to ask His Majesty's Government what is their response to the final report of the Competition and Markets Authority's housebuilding market study, published on 26 February.

Procedure and Privileges The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that the Report from the Select Committee *Temporary exclusion; Statements on trade between Northern Ireland and the rest of the United Kingdom; and Financial Services Regulation Committee* (2nd Report, HL Paper 64) be agreed to.

Earl Attlee to move, as an amendment to the above motion, at end to insert “, but regrets that the provision on temporary exclusion could enable foreign states to prevent a member from attending the House for up to ten sitting days.”

If the motion in the name of the Senior Deputy Speaker is agreed to, the following motion will be moved.

Standing Orders (Public Business) The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that the standing orders relating to public business be amended as follows:

After Standing Order 21, insert:

“21A Temporary exclusion

(1) This Standing Order applies to any member of the House who has been charged with a serious violent or sexual offence.

(2) The term “serious violent or sexual offence” means any offence against the person or any sexual offence which carries a maximum sentence of more than two years' imprisonment.

(3) The member shall, at the first opportunity following charge, notify the Clerk of the Parliaments of the charge or charges.

(4) The Clerk of the Parliaments, upon receiving notification either from the member or by other means, shall immediately make arrangements to exclude the member from the Parliamentary Estate either until any criminal proceedings are completed or, if the member is convicted and sentenced to a term of imprisonment, whether suspended or not, that does not engage the provisions of the House of Lords Reform Act 2014, until the House has decided on any sanction recommended by the Conduct Committee.

(5) Notwithstanding paragraphs (4) and (6), the Clerk of the Parliaments shall allow a member subject to temporary exclusion under this Standing Order to have escorted access to the Parliamentary Estate in order to take the oath of allegiance or make the solemn affirmation.

(6) During the period of temporary exclusion, the member may not: (a) enter the Parliamentary Estate; (b) participate in proceedings of the House or its committees, whether in person or remotely; (c) vote in any election conducted in accordance with Standing Order 9 or 18; (d) undertake any external visits or other activities supported or funded by Parliament.

(7) Other rights enjoyed by the member shall be unaffected by exclusion, including the following: (a) the right to transact other business (such as tabling Questions for Written Answer) that does not require personal presence on the Estate; (b) access to services that can be provided remotely by the House of Lords Administration or the Parliamentary Digital Service; (c) the rights of existing staff sponsored by the member.

(8) The member shall remain subject to the provisions of the Code of Conduct and the rules on access to facilities, and any failure by the member to comply with the terms of this Standing Order shall be deemed to be in breach of the Code of Conduct.

(9) In accordance with section 2(3)(b) of the House of Lords Reform Act 2014, the House, in agreeing this Standing Order, resolves that section 2(1) of that Act shall not apply to a member subject to temporary exclusion under this Standing Order.

(10) The Standing Order applies regardless of whether (a) the alleged offence occurred before or after the member became a member of the House of Lords, and (b) the charges were brought inside or outside the United Kingdom; except that if the charges were brought outside the United Kingdom, the exclusion shall lapse after a period of two calendar months or ten sitting days, whichever is less, unless within that time the Leave of Absence Sub-Committee of the Procedure and Privileges Committee resolves that the exclusion should remain in force.

(11) The operation of this Standing Order shall be kept under review by the Leave of Absence Sub-Committee.

Standing Order 18 (Election of Lord Speaker)

In Standing Order 18(4), insert “who are subject to temporary exclusion,” after “suspended from the service of the House,”.

Standing Order 63 (Sessional Committees)

After “Finance Committee”, insert “Financial Services Regulation Committee”.

†**Human Medicines (Amendments Relating to Coronavirus and Influenza) (England and Wales and Scotland) Regulations 2024** Lord Evans of Rainow to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 10 January be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 27 February. 10th Report from the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee*

†*Baroness Vere of Norbiton intends to move the following three motions en bloc: but if any Lord objects the motions must be moved separately to the extent desired.*

†**Social Security (Contributions) (Limits and Thresholds, National Insurance Funds Payments and Extension of Veterans Relief) Regulations 2024** Baroness Vere of Norbiton to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 15 January be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 27 February*

†**Tax Credits, Child Benefit and Guardian’s Allowance Up-rating Regulations 2024** Baroness Vere of Norbiton to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 15 January be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 27 February*

†**Bank of England Levy (Amount of Levy Payable) Regulations 2024** Baroness Vere of Norbiton to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 22 January be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 27 February*

†**Non-Domestic Rating (Rates Retention: Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024** Baroness Scott of Bybrook to move that the draft Regulations laid before the House on 20 February be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 27 February*

†*Viscount Younger of Leckie intends to move the following two motions en bloc: but if any Lord objects the motions must be moved separately.*

†**Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2024** Viscount Younger of Leckie to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 15 January be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 27 February*

†**Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 2024** Viscount Younger of Leckie to move that the draft Order laid before the House on 15 January be approved. *Considered in Grand Committee on 27 February*

Media Bill Second Reading [Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay]

†**Lord Forsyth of Drumlean** to move, as an amendment to the motion that the bill be now read a second time, at end insert “but this House regrets that the bill does not make provision concerning the ownership and control by foreign governments of newspapers in the United Kingdom”.

If the bill is read a second time, Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay to move that the bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, and that it be an instruction to the Committee of the Whole House that they consider the bill in the following order:

Clauses 1 to 17
Schedule 1
Clauses 18 to 27
Schedule 2
Clause 28
Schedule 3
Clauses 29 to 36
Schedule 4
Clause 37
Schedules 5 to 7

Clauses 38 to 40
Schedule 8
Clauses 41 to 48
Schedule 9
Clause 49
Schedules 10 and 11
Clauses 50 and 51
Schedule 12
Clauses 52 to 56
Title.