ukbill:
A package for typesetting UK legislation

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1 Overview

This is a class for typesetting bills in the standard used by the Parliament of the United Kingdom. It is meant to be of use to students of law and politics, to Parliamentary agents and lawyers drafting private bills, and to aid in the construct of proposals for law reform. The use of this package requires the libre font ‘Palatine Parliamentary’, which imitates the official typeface of the UK Parliament.

2 Usage

For an example of the usage of the package, please see the attached ‘immigration-bill.tex’ example in the package archive.

2.1 Calling the package

Call the package with `\documentclass{ukbill}`

2.2 Declaring variables

In your preamble, declare the following variables to populate your bill.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Variable name</th>
<th>Explanation</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><code>\drafter{}</code></td>
<td>The drafter of the bill</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>\billcopyright{}</code></td>
<td>Copyright notice at the end of the bill</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>\publishedby{}</code></td>
<td>The publisher of the bill for notice at the end of the bill</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>\billtitle{}</code></td>
<td>The title of the bill</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>\billto{}</code></td>
<td>The purpose or long title of the bill</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>\humanrights{}</code></td>
<td>The statutorily required statement under the Human Rights Act 1998</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>\exptitle{}</code></td>
<td>The title of the explanatory section—if you have extra notes added separately, title it ‘Explanatory Notes’; otherwise use ‘Explanatory Memorandum’</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>\exptext{}</code></td>
<td>The content of the explanatory memorandum (or notice about separate explanatory notes)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>\billnum{}</code></td>
<td>The number of the bill for the cover sheet and back page</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>\whereas{}</code></td>
<td>This variable is needed only in the private option of the class. It contains the recitals, best formatted as a numbered list</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

\footnote{The font is available at this link: \url{https://github.com/ezgranet/palatine-parliamentary}}
2.3 Bill parts

The command `\chapter` divides the main content of the bill up into appropriate parts noted in the Table of Contents. For example, 'Introductory Provisions'.

2.4 Sections

The section is the main unit of legislation and is titled with `\section`. Most sections will be numbered and numbered subsections use the `numstat` environment as follows:

```latex
\begin{numstat}
  \item The first provision
  \item The second provision
\end{numstat}
```

Often, these sections will be nested with alphabetical sub subsections, Roman paragraphs, and double alphabetical (ie, ‘aa’) subparagraphs. These are called with `alphstat`, `romstat`, and `twoalphstat`, respectively.

```latex
\begin{numstat}
  \item A subsection
    \begin{alphstat}
      \item Nesting
        \begin{romstat}
          \item Even more nesting
            \begin{twoalphstat}
              \item this is too much nesting now,
                  \rightarrow lads
            \end{twoalphstat}
        \end{romstat}
    \end{alphstat}
    \item a subsection again
\end{numstat}
```

Occasionally, a section will have only one provision, and therefore no numbering is needed. In this case, use the `nostat` environment.

```latex
\begin{nosta}
  \item The first provision
  \item The second provision
\end{nosta}
```
2.5 Schedules

Some legislation requires schedules appended to the body of main legislation. To begin typesetting schedules (as opposed to the preceding main content of the bill), use the command \startschedule. A schedule is then named by the command \schedule{Name}, while a Part (i.e., a subset of a schedule) is called using \schdpart{name}.

2.6 The ‘private’ Option

Private bills have a different enacting formula and also make use of recitals. Drafting private bills therefore requires you to call the class with the option \documentclass[private]{ukbill}.

3 Future Development

The package’s online repository is the best place to report bugs, feature requests, or other contributions, and is located at: github.com/ezgranet/ukbill.

4 Licence

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5 Version History

5.1 1.0.0

1 December 2022: Class Creation
6 Implementation

\NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
\def\ukbillversionnumber{1.0.0}
\ProvidesClass{ukbill}[2022-12-01 A Class for Legal Notes]
% !TeX program = lualatex
% !TeX encoding = utf8
% This work may be distributed and/or modified under the
% conditions of the LaTeX Project Public License, either version 1.3c
% of this license or (at your option) any later version.
% The latest version of this license is in
% http://www.latex-project.org/lppl.txt
% and version 1.3c or later is part of all distributions of LaTeX
% version 2005/12/01 or later.
%
% This work has the LPPL maintenance status `maintained'.
%
% The Current Maintainer of this work is Elijah Z Granet

\LoadClass[a4paper,12pt]{memoir}

\newcommand{\schdpart}[1]{\subsubsection{#1}}
\newcommand{\startschedule}{\clearpage}
\setcounter{schedon}{1}
%\setcounter{subsection}{}
\setcounter{part}{0}
\begin{center}
 \large\textsc{SCHEDULES}
\end{center}
\addcontentsline{toc}{chapter}{\rule{.45\textwidth}{1pt}}

% Variables

% makeatletter
\newcommand{\drafter}[1]{\def\@drafter{#1}}
\newcommand{\printdrafter}{\@drafter}
\def\drafter{\@latex@warning@no@line{No \noexpand\drafter given}}
\newcommand{\billcopyright}[1]{\def\@billcopyright{#1}}
\newenvironment{nstat}{\begin{enumerate}[nosep,leftmargin=1.25cm,\% labelindent=5pt, itemindent=-15pt, label=]}{\end{enumerate}}
\newenvironment{numstat}{\begin{enumerate}[nosep,partopsep=0pt, % parsep=0.5ex, % itemsep=1ex, labelsep=3ex, leftmargin=4em, rightmargin=1.5em, label=(\arabic*)]}{\end{enumerate}} %
\vspace{-9ex} %
\newenvironment{schumstat}{\begin{enumerate}[nosep,partopsep=0pt, % parsep=0.5ex, itemsep=0ex, labelsep=0ex, leftmargin=0em, rightmargin=0em, label=]{\item}}{\end{enumerate}} %
\vspace{1ex} \normalfont \newcounter{alphcount}
\newenvironment{instatquote}{\setcounter{alphcount}{0} \vspace{-3ex} \begin{list}{}{\setlength{\topsep}{0ex} \setlength{\partopsep}{1ex} \setlength{\parsep}{0.5ex} \setlength{\itemsep}{0ex} \setlength{\labelsep}{3ex} \item[]}{\end{list}}}{\vspace{-3ex} \begin{enumerate}[\arabic*]{\item}} %\setcounter{alphcount}{0}
\newenvironment{alphstat}{}{\vspace{-3ex} \begin{enumerate}[leftmargin=7.5ex, topsep=0ex, partopsep=1ex, parsep=0.5ex, % itemsep=0ex, labelsep=3ex, label=(\alph*)]}
\begin{center}
\Huge\textbf{title}\rule{\textwidth}{1pt}\rule[16pt]{\textwidth}{2pt}
\end{center}
\newcommand{\schedule}[1]{\subsection{#1}}
\newcounter{schedon}
\setcounter{schedon}{0}
\newcommand{\currentsubsection}{}
\let\oldsubsection\subsection
\renewcommand{\subsection}[1]{{\oldsubsection}{#1}}
\renewcommand{\currentsubsection}{}
the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

\makeatother
}

\ProcessOptions\relax

%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
% begindoc
%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%
\AtBeginDocument{\emergencystretch 3em
\sloppy
\OnehalfSpacing
\pagestyle{front}
\pagenumbering{roman}
\maketitle
\medskip
\extfont
\begin{center}\scshape\MakeUppercase{\printexptitle}\end{center}
\printexptext
\medskip
\begin{center}\scshape EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS\end{center}
\printhumanrights
\normalfont
\clearpage\maketitle
\begin{KeepFromToc}
\normalfont\normalsize
\tableofcontents
\end{KeepFromToc}
\vskip 3ex
\mainmatter
\pagenumbering{arabic}
\pagestyle{bill}\thispagestyle{billfirst}
\begin{center}
\scshape a \\
\medskip
\normalfont\Huge\bfseries B \hspace{.5ex} I \hspace{.5ex} L \hspace{.5ex} L \\
\medskip
\normalfont\normalsize\scshape to \normalfont
\end{center}
\medskip
\noindent\footnotesize\extfont\printbillto \normalsize
\medskip
\enactingformula
\medskip
\vskip 3ex
\end{center}
\AtEndDocument{\cleardoublepage}
\setcounter{page}{0}
\pagenumbering{arabic}
\setcounter{page}{1}
\thispagestyle{front}
\begin{center}
{\Huge\textbf{\title}}\\
\rule{\textwidth}{1pt}\\
\rule[16pt]{\textwidth}{2pt}
\end{center}
\begin{center}
\normalfont\scshape a \\
\medskip
\normalfont\Huge\bfseries B \hspace{.5ex} I \hspace{.5ex} L \hspace{.5ex} L \\
\vskip 3ex
\end{center}
To make provision in connection with the citizens of certain Commonwealth Realms

Presented by \printdrafter

Ordered, by \printdrafter to be Printed, 19th March 2020.