



# House of Commons

Monday 25 March 2024

## Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Defence**
- 2 Statements: (1) Cyber-security and UK democracy (Secretary Oliver Dowden)  
(2) Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman: Women's State Pension age Report (Secretary Mel Stride)**
- 3 Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill [Lords]: Consideration of the Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee**

New Clause NC1—(*Dan Jarvis*)—brought up, and read the first time.  
Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.  
The House divided.  
Division No. 113  
Ayes: 171 (Tellers: Mary Glendon, Colleen Fletcher)  
Noes: 265 (Tellers: Mr Gagan Mohindra, Suzanne Webb)  
Question negatived.  
New Clause NC2—(*Dan Jarvis*)—brought up and read the first time.  
Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.  
The House divided.  
Division No. 114  
Ayes: 171 (Tellers: Mary Glendon, Colleen Fletcher)  
Noes: 265 (Tellers: Mr Gagan Mohindra, Suzanne Webb)  
Question negatived.  
Amendment 7 proposed.—(*Stewart C McDonald*.)  
Question put, That the Amendment be made.  
The House divided.  
Division No. 115  
Ayes: 39 (Tellers: Peter Grant, Kirsty Blackman)  
Noes: 257 (Tellers: Mr Gagan Mohindra, Suzanne Webb)

Question negatived.

As it was one hour before the moment of interruption, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on Consideration to a conclusion (Programme Order, 19 February).

The following Question was put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83E).

(1) That Amendments 3 to 6 be made (single Question on successive Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown).—(*Tom Tugendhat.*)

Question agreed to.

Consideration completed.

#### **4 Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill [Lords] Bill: Third Reading**

Motion made and Question put, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The House divided.

Division No. 116

Ayes: 257 (Tellers: Mr Gagan Mohindra, Suzanne Webb)

Noes: 38 (Tellers: Peter Grant, Kirsty Blackman)

Question agreed to and Bill passed with Amendments.

#### **5 Acting Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and acting Health Service Commissioner for England (Appointment)**

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that His Majesty will appoint Rebecca Hilsenrath to the offices of acting Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and acting Health Service Commissioner for England, in accordance with section 3A of the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967 and paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to the Health Service Commissioners Act 1993.—(*Alex Burghart.*)

#### **6 Deputy Speakers**

*Ordered*, That, further to the Orders of 30 January, 23 February and 26 October 2023, paragraphs (1) and (2) of the Order of 19 December 2022 relating to the appointment of Sir Roger Gale as Deputy Speaker and to the exercise of the functions of the Chairman of Ways and Means shall continue to have effect up to and including 23 July 2024.—(*Penny Mordaunt.*)

#### **7 Westminster Hall: Sitting times**

*Ordered*, (1) That, with effect from 15 April, the following amendment to Standing Orders be made:

In Standing Order No. 10 (Sittings in Westminster Hall), paragraph (1)(c), leave out "1.30 pm" and insert "12.30 pm".

(2) That this amendment shall have effect for the remainder of this Parliament.—(*Penny Mordaunt.*)

#### **8 Public petitions**

(1) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Newport West relating to the recommendations of the Infected Blood Inquiry was presented and read by Ruth Jones.

(2) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Weaver Vale relating to the recommendations of the Infected Blood Inquiry was presented and read by Mike Amesbury.

(3) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Linlithgow and East Falkirk relating to UNRWA funding was presented and read by Martyn Day.

(4) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Paisley and Renfrewshire North relating to bank closures in Paisley and Renfrewshire North was presented and read by Gavin Newlands.

(5) A public petition from residents of Warwickshire relating to the Warwickshire Hunt was presented and read by Matt Western.

## 9 Adjournment

Subject: Government policy on the Taiwan Strait (Stewart Malcolm McDonald)

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Ruth Edwards.*)

At 10 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 9(3)).

*Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Ruth Edwards.*)

Adjourned at 10.14 pm until tomorrow.

## Other Proceedings

### *Disqualification of a Member*

## 10 Disqualification of a Member

Notification, laid upon the Table by the Speaker, That the Chancellor of the Exchequer had today appointed Scott Lloyd Benton, Member for Blackpool South, to be Steward and Bailiff of His Majesty's Manor of Northstead in the County of York.

### *General Committees: Appointments*

*The Speaker appoints the Chair of General Committees and members of Programming Sub-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).*

## 11 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Disapplication or Modification of Financial Regulator Rules in Individual Cases) Regulations 2024)

Members: James Murray discharged and Tulip Siddiq nominated in substitution.

### *Select Committees: Reports*

## 12 Administration Committee

Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 25 March to be published (Sir Charles Walker).

## 13 Health and Social Care Committee

(1) *Work of the Department*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 384);

- (2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Data and Digital Infrastructure relating to the review of the 999 public emergency call service*: Written evidence, to be published;
  - (3) *Correspondence from the Minister of State relating to an update on WHO pandemic accord and IHR Negotiations*: Written evidence, to be published
  - (4) *Correspondence from the Minister for Social Care relating to funding to accelerate adult social care reform and innovation*: Written evidence, to be published;
  - (5) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State relating to the Government response to the rapid review into data on mental health inpatient settings*: Written evidence, to be published;
  - (6) *NHS dentistry*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 602);
  - (7) *Pharmacy*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 140)
- (Steve Brine).

#### 14 Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee

- (1) *Shared Ownership*: Fifth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 61)
  - (2) *Children, young people and the built environment*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 94);
  - (3) *Correspondence from the Chief Executive Officer of RICS relating to fake signatures on EWS1 Forms*: Written evidence, to be published;
  - (4) *Correspondence from the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman relating to gaps in legislation and policy asks*: Written evidence, to be published;
  - (5) *Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary relating to the Committee's inquiry on the Departmental Annual Report and Accounts 2023–24*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 528);
  - (6) *Correspondence with the Minister of State relating to the long term plan for housing*: Written evidence, to be published;
  - (7) *Correspondence with the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Local Government relating to the Government's response to the Committee's Report into Financial Reporting and Audit in Local Authorities*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 59);
  - (8) *Correspondence with the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Social Housing and Faith relating to reforms to social housing*: Written evidence, to be published;
  - (9) *Disabled people in the housing sector*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 63)
- (Mr Clive Betts).

#### 15 National Security Strategy (Joint Committee on)

- (1) *The UK's economic security*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 538);
  - (2) *Defending democracy*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 539)
- (Dame Margaret Beckett).

#### 16 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

*Correspondence with the Senior Non-Executive Director, Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman, relating to the appointment of a new Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman*: Written evidence, to be published (Mr William Wragg).

**17 Public Accounts (Committee of)**

- (1) *Scrutiny of sound financial practice across Government*: Twenty-fifth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 673);
- (2) *The BBC's implementation of Across the UK*: Twenty-sixth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 426);
- (3) *Government resilience: extreme weather*: Twenty-seventh Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 454);
- (4) *Eighth Annual Report of the Chair of the Committee of Public Accounts*: First Special Report, to be printed (HC 628);
- (5) *Value for money from legal aid*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 481);
- (6) *Competition in public procurement*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 385);
- (7) *Correspondence from Ofwat relating to the investigation into Dŵr Cymru (Welsh Water)*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (8) *Correspondence relating to the Committee's previous Reports*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (9) *Department for Work and Pensions Annual Report and Accounts 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 290);
- (10) *Revising health assessments for disability benefits*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 79)
- (Dame Meg Hillier).

*Lindsay Hoyle*

Speaker

## Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 4.30 pm.

Debate on an e-petition (Standing Orders No. 10(1)(a) and No. 145A(7))

**1 Public inquiry into the James Bulger murder case**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered e-petition 206851 relating to a public inquiry into the James Bulger murder case.—(*Sir George Howarth*.)

Sitting adjourned without Question put (Standing Order No. 10(14)).

Adjourned at 5.43 pm until tomorrow.

*Eleanor Laing*

Chairman of Ways and Means

## Papers Laid

### Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

**1 Legal Aid and Advice**

Draft Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (Legal Aid: Domestic Abuse) (Amendment) Order 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Alex Chalk)

**2 Public Procurement**

Draft Procurement Regulations 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Alex Burghart)

### Papers subject to Negative Resolution

**3 Civil Aviation**

Civil Aviation (Environmental Protection) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 413), dated 21 March 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Mark Harper)

**4 Country Series Senegal No. 1 (2024)**

Agreement, done at Dakar on 4 December 2023, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Senegal concerning Military Cooperation on Defence Cooperation 2024 (by Command) (CP 1053), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (David Rutley)

**5 Local Government**

Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (Consequential Amendments) (England) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 418), dated 22 March 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jacob Young)

**6 Miscellaneous No. 6 (2024)**

Amendment, done at Washington DC on 10 July 2023, of the Articles of Agreement of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) to remove the Statutory Lending Limit (SLL) 2024 (by Command) (CP 1054), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (David Rutley)

**7 Miscellaneous No. 7 (2024)**

Convention, done at The Hague on 2 July 2019, on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments in Civil or Commercial Matters 2024 (by Command) (CP 1037), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (David Rutley)

### Other papers

**8 Agricultural Marketing**

(1) Report on the British Wool Marketing Board Agricultural Marketing Scheme for 2021–2022 (by Act) (Secretary Steve Barclay)

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(2) Report on the British Wool Marketing Board Agricultural Marketing Scheme for 2022–2023 (by Act) (Secretary Steve Barclay)

**9 Climate Change**

Annual Statement of Emissions for 2022 (by Act) (Secretary Claire Coutinho)

**10 Defence**

Delivering the UK's Nuclear Deterrent as a National Endeavour (by Command) (CP 1058) (Secretary Grant Shapps)

**11 Enterprise**

Report and Accounts of the Competition Appeal Tribunal and Competition Service for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 633) (Clerk of the House)

**12 Levelling Up, Housing and Communities**

Government response to the Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Select Committee report on Financial distress in local authorities (by Command) (CP 1050) (Secretary Michael Gove)

**13 Main Supply Estimates 2024–25**

Local Government Boundary Commission for England: Main Supply Estimate 2024–25 (by Act), to be printed (HC 661) (The Speaker)

**14 Planning**

Government Response to the Ninth Report of the Transport Committee on the draft revised National Policy Statement for National Networks (by Act) (Secretary Mark Harper)

**15 Recall of MPs**

Notice given under section 13(6) of the Recall of MPs Act 2015 (by Act) (The Speaker)

Withdrawn papers

**16 Agricultural Marketing**

Agricultural Marketing Report on the British Wool Marketing Board Agricultural Marketing Scheme (laid 1 December 2021)

**17 Planning**

Government Response to the Transport Select Committee's report on the draft revised National Policy Statement for National Networks (laid 6 March)

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## SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

## VOTING BY PROXY (STANDING ORDER NO. 39A)

(Variations to existing proxy voting arrangements appear in **bold**.)

Member	From	To	Proxy
Naz Shah	20 February	<b>6 April</b>	Dawn Butler
Dr Philippa Whitford	7 November 2023	<b>30 June</b>	Marion Fellows
Allan Dorans	9 May	<b>9 November</b>	Marion Fellows