



# House of Commons

Monday 15 April 2024

## Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

- 1 Speaker's Statements: (1) Death of Lord Hoyle**  
**(2) Resignation of the Chair of the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee and arrangements for the election of a successor**
- 2 Questions to the Home Secretary**
- 3 Statements: (1) Iran and Israel (Prime Minister)**  
**(2) Cass Review (Secretary Victoria Atkins)**
- 4 Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill: Consideration of Lords Message**  
Lords Amendment 1B  
Motion made and Question put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 1B.—(*Michael Tomlinson.*)  
The House divided.  
Division No. 117  
Ayes: 315 (Tellers: Mike Wood, Amanda Solloway)  
Noes: 250 (Tellers: Andrew Western, Tonia Antoniazzi)  
Question agreed to.  
Lords Amendment 1B accordingly disagreed to.  
Lords Amendments 3B and 3C  
Motion made and Question put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendments 3B and 3C.—(*Michael Tomlinson.*)  
The House divided.  
Division No. 118  
Ayes: 317 (Tellers: Amanda Solloway, Mike Wood)  
Noes: 246 (Tellers: Tonia Antoniazzi, Andrew Western)  
Question agreed to.  
Lords Amendments 3B and 3C accordingly disagreed to.

As it was more than two hours after commencement of proceedings on the Lords Message, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on the Lords Message to a conclusion (Programme Order, 18 March).

The following Questions were put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83G).

(1) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 6B (Question on any motion made by a Minister of the Crown on or relevant to any of the remaining items in the Lords Message).—(*Michael Tomlinson.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 119

Ayes: 319 (Tellers: Mike Wood, Amanda Solloway)

Noes: 249 (Tellers: Andrew Western, Tonia Antoniazzi)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 6B accordingly disagreed to.

(2) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 7B (Question on any motion made by a Minister of the Crown on or relevant to any of the remaining items in the Lords Message).—(*Michael Tomlinson.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 120

Ayes: 319 (Tellers: Amanda Solloway, Mike Wood)

Noes: 249 (Tellers: Tonia Antoniazzi, Andrew Western)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 7B accordingly disagreed to.

(3) That this House insists on its disagreement with the Lords in their Amendment 9 but proposes Amendment (a) in lieu (Question on any motion made by a Minister of the Crown on or relevant to any of the remaining items in the Lords Message).—(*Michael Tomlinson.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 121

Ayes: 320 (Tellers: Mike Wood, Amanda Solloway)

Noes: 246 (Tellers: Andrew Western, Tonia Antoniazzi)

Question agreed to.

Disagreement to Lords Amendment 9 accordingly insisted upon and Amendment (a) proposed in lieu.

(4) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 10B (Question on any motion made by a Minister of the Crown on or relevant to any of the remaining items in the Lords Message).—(*Michael Tomlinson.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 122

Ayes: 312 (Tellers: Amanda Solloway, Mike Wood)

Noes: 253 (Tellers: Tonia Antoniazzi, Andrew Western)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 10B accordingly disagreed to.

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83H(2)), That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments 1B, 3B and 3C, 6B, 7B and 10B;

That Colleen Fletcher, Stephen Kinnock, Scott Mann, Dr Kieran Mullan, James Sunderland, Alison Thewliss and Michael Tomlinson be members of the Committee.

That Michael Tomlinson be the Chair of the Committee.

That three be the quorum of the Committee.

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(*Robert Largan.*)

Question agreed to.

## 5 Adjournment

Subject: Rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and gender non-conforming young people (Neale Hanvey)

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

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

*Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Robert Largan.*)

Adjourned at 10.27 pm until tomorrow.

## Other Proceedings

### *Lords Messages*

## 6 Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill

The Lords agree to the Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill, with Amendments to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

## 7 Pedicabs (London) Bill [Lords]

The Lords agree to an Amendment made by the Commons to the the Pedicabs (London) Bill [Lords] without amendment.

### *Printing of Lords Amendments*

## 8 Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill

Lords Amendments to be considered tomorrow, and to be printed pursuant to Standing Orders No. 78 and No. 57A (Bill 198), with Explanatory Notes (Bill 198–EN).

### *Changes to Notices Given*

## 9 Brain Tumours Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 19 April, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 21 June.

**10 Affordable Housing (Conversion of Commercial Property) Bill**

Order for Second Reading on Friday 19 April, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 14 June.

*Reasons Committees: Reports***11 Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill: Reasons Committee**

Michael Tomlinson reported that the Committee had agreed the following Reasons:

**Lords Amendment 1B**

Because the Commons consider that the provisions of the Bill are compliant with domestic and international obligations, and that it is therefore not necessary to refer expressly to having due regard for domestic and international law when setting out the purpose of the Bill.

**Lords Amendments 3B and 3C**

Because the Commons consider that it is not necessary to refer expressly to the arrangements in the Rwanda Treaty being, and continuing to be, implemented and adhered to; the Bill is clear that it comes into force on the day on which the Rwanda Treaty enters into force and it is not appropriate for the Bill to legislate for Rwanda adhering to its obligations under the Treaty as Rwanda's ongoing adherence to its Treaty obligations will be subject to the monitoring provisions set out in the Treaty.

**Lords Amendment 6B**

Because the Commons consider that it is not appropriate to leave out clause 4 of the Bill and insert the new clause in the Amendment, as the Bill allows decision-makers to consider claims that Rwanda is unsafe for an individual due to their particular circumstances.

**Lords Amendment 7B**

Because the Commons consider that it is not appropriate to amend the age assessment provisions of existing legislation.

**Lords Amendment 10B**

Because the Commons consider that it is not necessary as the only way individuals should come to the UK is through safe and legal routes.

*General Committees: Reports***12 First Delegated Legislation Committee**

Sir Graham Brady (Chair) reported the draft Code of Practice on Dismissal and Re-engagement.

**13 Second Delegated Legislation Committee**

Judith Cummins (Chair) reported the draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Disapplication or Modification of Financial Regulator Rules in Individual Cases) Regulations 2024.

### *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).*

**14 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Code of Practice on Dismissal and Re-Engagement)**

Members: Samantha Dixon and Alexander Stafford discharged and Steve Tuckwell and Andrew Western nominated in substitution.

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

Members: Tonia Antoniazzi and Matt Warman discharged and Gerald Jones and Chloe Smith nominated in substitution.

**16 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Post Office Network Subsidy Scheme (Amendment) Order 2024)**

Members: Samantha Dixon discharged and Gerald Jones nominated in substitution.

*Select Committees: Reports relating to orders for printing made during the adjournment under Standing Order No. 137*

### *Thursday 28 March*

**17 Women and Equalities Committee**

*Non-consensual intimate image abuse*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 664) (Clerk of the House).

**18 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee**

*Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs relating to compensation for victims of Gaddafi-sponsored IRA attacks*: Written evidence, to be published (Clerk of the House).

### *Thursday 4 April*

**19 Business and Trade Committee**

*Correspondence with the Secretaries of State for Business and Trade and for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs relating to arms export controls*: Written evidence, to be published (Clerk of the House).

*Tuesday 9 April*

**20 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee**

*Renewable energy and net zero in Northern Ireland:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 428) (Clerk of the House).

*Select Committees: Reports made on Monday 15 April*

**21 Administration Committee**

Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 15th April 2024 to be published (Sir Charles Walker).

**22 Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee**

(1) *Office for Local Government:* Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 64);

(2) *Children, young people and the built environment:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 94);

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Levelling Up relating to the private parking code of practice:* Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Housing, Planning and Building Safety:* Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with Mary Robinson MP relating to the Whistleblowing Bill:* Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State:* Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Council Tax collection:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 57);

(8) *Disabled people in the housing sector:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 63);

(9) *Electoral registration:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 58);

(10) *Improving the home buying and selling process:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 678);

(11) *The finances and sustainability of the social housing sector:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 60)

(Mr Clive Betts).

**23 Foreign Affairs Committee**

*International relations within the multilateral system:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 691) (Alicia Kearns).

**24 Public Accounts (Committee of)**

(1) *Asylum accommodation and UK-Rwanda partnership:* Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 639);

(2) *Correspondence from Ofwat relating to Thames Water update:* Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport relating to Accounting Officer Assessment: EURO 2028 Programme:* Written evidence, to be published;

- (4) *Correspondence relating to the Committee's previous Reports*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) *Correspondence with the Home Office*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (6) *Delivering value from government investment in major projects*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 456);
- (7) *DHSC Annual Report and Accounts 2022–23*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 459);
- (8) *Government's programme of waste reforms*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 333);
- (9) *New Hospital Programme*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 77);
- (10) *Non-executive director appointments*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 460);
- (11) *Progress in implementing Universal Credit*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 458);
- (12) *Value for money from Legal Aid*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 481);
- (13) *Whole of Government Accounts 2021–22*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 656) (Dame Meg Hillier).

## 25 Scottish Affairs Committee

- (1) *Cost of living: impact on rural communities in Scotland: Government Response to the Committee's First Report of Session 2023–24*: Second Special Report, to be printed (HC 680);
- (2) *Scotland's space sector*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 150);
- (3) *City Region and Growth Deals*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 644);
- (4) *Intergovernmental relations: 25 years since the Scotland Act 1998*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 149);
- (5) *Intergovernmental relations: The Civil Service*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 600);
- (6) *Science and Scotland*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 151);
- (7) *Scottish Youth Parliament*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 492) (Pete Wishart).

*Lindsay Hoyle*  
Speaker

## Papers Laid

Papers presented and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the

undermentioned dates under Standing Orders No. 158 and No. 159:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

*Wednesday 3 April*

**1 Consumer Protection**

Cosmetic Products (Restriction of Chemical Substances) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 455), dated 1 April 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Kevin Hollinrake)

**2 Fees and Charges**

Registrar of Companies and Register of Overseas Entities (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 454), dated 1 April 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Kevin Hollinrake)

**3 National Health Service**

National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 456), dated 2 April 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Andrea Leadsom)

*Thursday 4 April*

**4 Town and Country Planning**

Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (Consequential Amendments) (No. 2) (England) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 453), dated 2 April 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Lee Rowley)

*Friday 5 April*

**5 Building and Buildings**

Building (Registered Building Control Approvers etc.) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 474), dated 5 April 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Lee Rowley)

*Tuesday 9 April*

\*This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings relating to Monday 13 May 2024.

**6 Acquisition of Land**

Compulsory Purchase of Land (Vesting Declarations and Land Compensation Development Order) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 477), dated 8 April 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jacob Young)



**7 Local Government**

Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 478), dated 4 April 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Simon Hoare)

*Wednesday 10 April*

**8 Senior Courts**

Court and Tribunal Fees (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 476), dated 3 April 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Alex Chalk)

*Thursday 11 April*

**9 Northern Ireland**

Independent Commission for Reconciliation and Information Recovery (Holding and Handling of Information) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 500), dated 9 April 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris)

**10 Retained EU Law Reform**

Pressure Equipment (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 490), dated 1 April 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Kevin Hollinrake)

Other papers

*Wednesday 27 March*

**11 Treaty Series No. 12**

Exchange of Notes, done at Buenos Aires on 6 and 11 April 2023, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Argentina concerning the Clearance of Arrears (The United Kingdom/Argentina Debt Agreement No. 6 (2014) Amendment No. 1) (by Command) (CP 1056) (David Rutley)

*Thursday 28 March*

**12 Treasury**

Treasury Minutes on Government Responses to the Seventh to the Eleventh Reports of the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2023–24 (by Command) (CP 1057) (Gareth Davies)

\*This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings relating to Monday 13 May 2024.

*Thursday 11 April*

**13 Transport**

(1) Amendments to Licensing Restrictions: Bus, Coach and Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) (by Command) (CP 1038) (Secretary Mark Harper)

(2) Report on the Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation (by Command) (CP 1059) (Secretary Mark Harper)

**14 Treaty Series No.13 (2024)**

Amendments to the Annexes of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (by Command) (CP 1062) (David Rutley)

Withdrawn papers

**15 Tuesday 9 April**

Explanatory Memorandum to the Cosmetic Products (Restriction of Chemical Substances) Regulations (SI, 2024, No. 455) (laid 3 April)

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 15 April

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

**16 Energy**

(1) Draft Carbon Capture Revenue Support (Directions, Eligibility and Counterparty) Regulations 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Claire Coutinho)

(2) Draft Carbon Dioxide Transport and Storage Revenue Support (Directions and Counterparty) Regulations 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Claire Coutinho)

**17 Representation of the People**

Draft Representation of the People (England and Wales and Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Simon Hoare)

**18 Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform)**

Draft Product Safety and Metrology etc. (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Kemi Badenoch)

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Papers subject to Negative Resolution**19 Medical Profession**

(1) Medical Certificate of Cause of Death Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 492), dated 11 April 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Maria Caulfield)

(2) Medical Examiners (England) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 493), dated 11 April 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Maria Caulfield)

(3) National Medical Examiner (Additional Functions) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 494), dated 15 April 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Maria Caulfield)

**20 Public Service Pensions**

Armed Forces Pensions (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 491), dated 10 April 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Dr Andrew Murrison)

**21 Tax Credits**

Tax Credits (Income Thresholds and Determination of Rates) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 510), dated 15 April 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Laura Trott)

**22 Trade**

Treatment of Conformity Assessment Bodies (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 504), dated 7 April 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Greg Hands)

## SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

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

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

Member	From	To	Proxy
John Nicolson	3 May 2022	<b>9 November 2024</b>	<b>Owen Thompson</b>
Amy Callaghan	13 September 2023	<b>21 April 2024</b>	<b>Owen Thompson</b>

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## CORRECTIONS

(1) Wednesday 20 March 2024

Item 14 should have appeared as follows:

**Shared Parental Leave and Pay (Bereavement) Bill (changed to Paternity Leave (Bereavement) Bill) Committee**

Ian Paisley (Chair) reported the Bill as amended.

Title amended as follows: A Bill to make provision about paternity leave in cases where a mother, or a person with whom a child is placed or expected to be placed for adoption, dies.

Bill, as amended, to be considered on Friday 26 April; and to be printed (Bill 194).

(2) Wednesday 20 March 2024

Item 17 should have appeared as follows:

**First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Code of Practice on Dismissal and Re-Engagement)**

Members: Tahir Ali, Ben Bradley, Alberto Costa, Samantha Dixon, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Kevin Hollinrake, Gen Kitchen, Justin Madders, Gavin Newlands, Neil O'Brien, Ms Marie Rimmer, Dean Russell, Selaine Saxby, Cat Smith, Chloe Smith, Alexander Stafford and Mike Wood

(3) Tuesday 26 March 2024

The entries relating to John Nicolson and Amy Callaghan in the list of variations to existing proxy arrangements (Speaker's Certificates) should not have appeared.