



House of Commons

Wednesday 15 May 2024

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 **Questions to (1) the Minister for Women and Equalities
(2) the Prime Minister**

- 2 **Urgent Question: Ukraine and Georgia (Leo Docherty)**

- 3 **Delivery Services (Driving Licence Requirements) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Mr Barry Sheerman, supported by Debbie Abrahams, presented a Bill to require a person carrying out delivery services by motorcycle or moped to hold a full licence; to provide for penalties for an employer who employs a delivery rider who holds a provisional licence; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 21 June, and to be printed (Bill 218).

- 4 **Child sexual abuse material (digital devices): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)**

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for a power to require a person to grant access to their digital devices in the course of a lawful inspection under the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 where there is a reasonable suspicion that the device may contain child sexual abuse material; to provide that refusal to grant such access constitutes an offence; and for connected purposes;

That Mrs Pauline Latham, Mrs Sheryll Murray, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Mrs Heather Wheeler and Martin Vickers present the Bill.

Mrs Pauline Latham accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 21 June, and to be printed (Bill 219).

- 5 **Criminal Justice Bill: Programme (No. 2)**

Ordered, That the Order of 28 November 2023 (Criminal Justice Bill: Programme) be varied as follows:

(1) Paragraphs (4) and (5) of the Order shall be omitted.

(2) Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading shall be taken in two days in accordance with the following provisions of this Order.

(3) Proceedings on Consideration—

(a) shall be taken on each of those days in the order shown in the first column of the following Table, and

(b) shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the times specified in the second column of the Table.

TABLE

Proceedings	Time for conclusion of proceedings
First day	
New clauses and new Schedules, other than new clauses and new Schedules to be taken on the second day; amendments to clauses 1 to 17, clauses 28 to 36 and Schedules 1 and 2, other than amendments relating to abortion.	Six hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order
Second day	
New clauses and new Schedules relating to the police, policing and police powers, the prevention, detection and reporting of offences, management of offenders, proceeds of crime and property connected with criminal behaviour, serious crime prevention orders, begging, rough sleeping, anti-social behaviour, crime and disorder strategies, public order, retail crime or conversion practices, other than new clauses and new Schedules relating to abortion; amendments to clauses 18 to 27, clauses 37 to 89 and Schedules 3 to 9, other than amendments relating to abortion.	Three hours after the commencement of proceedings on Consideration on the second day
New clauses and new Schedules relating to abortion; amendments relating to abortion; remaining proceedings on Consideration.	Six hours after the commencement of proceedings on Consideration on the second day

(4) Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.—(*Joy Morrissey*.)

6 Criminal Justice Bill: Consideration of the Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee (1st allocated day)

New Clause NC86—(*Laura Farris*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC62—(*Laura Farris*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC87—(*Laura Farris*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC88—(*Laura Farris*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC89—(*Laura Farris*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC94—(*Laura Farris*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC95—(*Laura Farris*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC103—(*Laura Farris*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC104—(*Laura Farris*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC44—(*Jess Phillips*)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Division No. 151

Ayes: 167 (Tellers: Christian Wakeford, Mary Glindon)

Noes: 275 (Tellers: Mike Wood, Amanda Solloway)

Question negatived.

New Clause NC57—(*Sir Iain Duncan Smith*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC59—(*Alex Cunningham*)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Division No. 152

Ayes: 171 (Tellers: Christian Wakeford, Mary Glindon)

Noes: 272 (Tellers: Mike Wood, Amanda Solloway)

Question negatived.

New Clause NC91—(*Tim Farron*)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Division No. 153

Ayes: 17 (Tellers: Christine Jardine, Sarah Green)

Noes: 268 (Tellers: Mike Wood, Amanda Solloway)

Question negatived.

New Schedule NS4—(*Laura Farris*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Amendments 142 to 153 made.

Bill to be further considered tomorrow.

7 Deferred Divisions

Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply to the Motion in the name of Secretary Alex Chalk relating to Legal Aid and Advice.—(*Suzanne Webb*.)

8 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (Legal Aid: Domestic Abuse) (Amendment) Order 2024, which was laid before this House on 25 March, be approved.—(*Suzanne Webb*.)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Representation of the People (England and Wales and Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2024, which were laid before this House on 15 April, be approved.—(*Suzanne Webb*.)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Management of Hedgerows (England) Regulations 2024, which were laid before this House on 16 April, be approved.—(*Suzanne Webb*.)

Question agreed to.

(4) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Armed Forces (Court Martial) (Amendment) Rules 2024, which were laid before this House on 18 April, be approved.—(*Suzanne Webb*.)

Question agreed to.

(5) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Carbon Capture Revenue Support (Directions, Eligibility and Counterparty) Regulations 2024, which were laid before this House on 15 April, be approved.—(*Suzanne Webb*.)

Question agreed to.

(6) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Carbon Dioxide Transport and Storage Revenue Support (Directions and Counterparty) Regulations 2024, which were laid before this House on 15 April, be approved.—(*Suzanne Webb*.)

Question agreed to.

(7) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Product Safety and Metrology etc. (Amendment) Regulations 2024, which were laid before this House on 15 April, be approved.—(*Suzanne Webb*.)

Question agreed to.

(8) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft International Monetary Fund (Increase in Subscription) Order 2024, which was laid before this House on 22 April, be approved.—(*Suzanne Webb*.)

Question agreed to.

(9) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Securitisation (Amendment) Regulations 2024, which were laid before this House on 22 April, be approved.—(*Suzanne Webb*.)

Question agreed to.

9 Public petitions

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

(2) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Edinburgh North and Leith relating to the recommendations of the Infected Blood Inquiry was presented and read by Deidre Brock.

(3) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Aberavon relating to the recommendations of the Infected Blood Inquiry was presented and read by Stephen Kinnock.

(4) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Bradford South relating to the recommendations of the Infected Blood Inquiry was presented and read by Judith Cummins.

(5) A public petition from residents of the constituency of York Outer relating to the recommendations of the Infected Blood Inquiry was presented and read by Julian Sturdy.

10 Adjournment

Subject: Government support for leaseholders and freeholders (Sir Liam Fox)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Suzanne Webb*.)

Adjourned at 7.43 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

11 Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill

The Lords agree to the Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill without amendment.

12 Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill

The Lords do not insist on an amendment to the Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill to which the Commons have disagreed but propose an Amendment in lieu to which they desire the agreement of the Commons; they do not insist on their other Amendments; and they agree with the Commons in their Amendment in lieu.

Printing of Lords Messages

13 Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill

Lords Message to be considered tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 221).

*Changes to Notices Given***14 Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity (Ratification of Treaty) Bill**

Order for Second Reading on Friday 17 May, read and discharged.

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

15 Welfare Benefits (Adequacy, Debt and Deductions) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 17 May, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 7 June.

16 Off-Road Vehicles (Registration) Bill

Order for resuming on Friday 17 May the adjourned debate on the Question proposed on 19 April, That the Bill be now read a second time, read and discharged.

Debate to be resumed on Friday 21 June.

*General Committees: Reports***17 Courts (Remote Hearings) Bill Committee**

Derek Twigg (Chair) reported the Bill without amendment.

Bill, not amended, to be considered on 7 June.

18 Community and Suspended Sentences (Notification of Details) Bill Committee

Andrew Rosindell (Chair) reported the Bill without amendment.

Bill, not amended, to be considered on Friday 7 June.

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).

19 Community and Suspended Sentences (Notification of Details) Bill Committee

Members: Andrew Rosindell discharged and Mark Jenkinson nominated in substitution.

20 Prison Media Bill Committee

Members: Mike Amesbury, Edward Argar, Shaun Bailey, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Andy Carter, Judith Cummins, Alex Davies-Jones, Dame Jackie Doyle-Price, Katherine Fletcher, Wera Hobhouse, Kate Hollern, Rachel Hopkins, Paul Howell, Kate Kniveton, Holly Mumby-Croft, Gary Sambrook and David Simmonds

21 Local Government (Pay Accountability) Bill Committee

Members: Jack Brereton, Paul Bristow, Brendan Clarke-Smith, Ben Everitt, Barry Gardiner, James Grundy, Simon Hoare, Rachel Hopkins, Tom Hunt, Carla Lockhart, Mr Khalid

Mahmood, Robin Millar, Ms Marie Rimmer, Naz Shah, Jim Shannon, Henry Smith and Alexander Stafford

22 Finance (No. 2) Bill (except Clauses 1 to 4, 12, 13 and 19) Committee

Members: Tonia Antoniazzi, Dan Carden, Gareth Davies, Dr James Davies, Martyn Day, Drew Hendry, Paul Howell, Nigel Huddleston, Robert Langan, Jerome Mayhew, James Murray, Tulip Siddiq, Dr Ben Spencer, Alistair Strathern, Matt Vickers, Matt Warman and James Wild

23 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Product Security and Telecommunications Infrastructure (Security Requirements for Relevant Connectable Products) (Amendment) Regulations 2024)

Members: Peter Aldous, Siobhan Baillie, Mr Tobias Ellwood, Mr Louie French, Danny Kruger, Julia Lopez, Dame Siobhain McDonagh, Kit Malthouse, Ian Mearns, Stephen Metcalfe, Carol Monaghan, Chi Onwurah, Dr Dan Poulter, Chloe Smith, Jeff Smith, Suzanne Webb and Nadia Whittome

24 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Human Medicines (Amendments relating to Registered Dental Hygienists, Registered Dental Therapists and Registered Pharmacy Technicians) Regulations 2024)

Members: Caroline Ansell, Duncan Baker, Amy Callaghan, Richard Fuller, Nick Gibb, Andrew Gwynne, James Heappey, Paul Holmes, Rachel Hopkins, Eddie Hughes, Dame Andrea Jenkyns, Andrea Leadsom, Mark Pawsey, Lloyd Russell-Moyle, Alex Sobel, Zarah Sultana and Christian Wakeford

25 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments (2019 Hague Convention etc.) Regulations 2024)

Members: Gareth Bacon, Ruth Cadbury, Dr Thérèse Coffey, Sir Michael Ellis, Sir Liam Fox, Mark Garnier, Jane Hunt, Gareth Johnson, Gerald Jones, Mr Kevan Jones, Afzal Khan, Scott Mann, Grahame Morris, David Simmonds, Chris Stephens, Sir John Whittingdale and Mohammad Yasin

Select Committees: Reports

26 Energy Security and Net Zero Committee

- (1) *Securing the domestic supply chain*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 298);
 - (2) *A flexible grid for the future*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 113);
 - (3) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (4) *Keeping the power on: our future energy technology mix*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 116)
- (Mark Garnier).

27 Environmental Audit Committee

Water quality and water infrastructure: follow-up: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 721) (Philip Dunne).

28 European Scrutiny Committee

Retained EU law: the progress and mechanics of reform: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 376) (Sir William Cash).

29 Home Affairs Committee

- (1) *Legal migration*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 718);
- (2) *Correspondence from the Home Secretary*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) *Fire and Rescue Services*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 505);
- (5) *Violence and abuse towards retail workers*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 666) (Dame Diana Johnson).

30 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

- (1) *Human rights and the proposal for a "Hillsborough Law"*:
 - (i) Third Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 180);
 - (ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 180);
- (2) *Human rights of asylum seekers*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 182);
- (3) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs relating to the Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief Bill 2023–24*: Written evidence, to be published (Joanna Cherry).

31 Public Accounts (Committee of)

Whole of Government Accounts 2021–22: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 656) (Dame Meg Hillier).

32 Science, Innovation and Technology Committee

- (1) *Commercialising quantum technologies*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 270);
- (2) *Correspondence from the Department of Science, Innovation and Technology*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero relating to the Fusion Energy National Policy Statement*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) *Governance of artificial intelligence*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 38) (Greg Clark).

33 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

Twenty-first Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 36-xxi) (Jessica Morden).

34 Statutory Instruments (Select Committee on)

Twelfth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 35-xii) (Jessica Morden).

35 Transport Committee

Electric vehicles: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 742) (Iain Stewart).

36 Treasury Committee

Bernanke Review of Bank of England forecasting: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 495) (Dame Harriett Baldwin).

37 Welsh Affairs Committee

(1) *Defence industry in Wales*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 102);

(2) *Prisons in Wales*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 101)

(Stephen Crabb).

38 Women and Equalities Committee

(1) *Inequalities in healthcare and employment for people with a learning disability and autistic people*: Sixth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 792);

(2) *Health barriers for girls and women in sport: Government and Sport England responses to the Committee's Third Report*: Fourth Special Report, to be printed (HC 751);

(3) *Incel culture*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 665);

(4) *The rights of older people*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 132)

(Kate Osborne).

39 Work and Pensions Committee

(1) *Disability employment*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 591);

(2) *Back to Work Plan*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 679);

(3) *Carer's Allowance*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 592);

(4) *Devolution of employment support*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 623);

(5) *Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman report on women's State Pension age*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 740)

(Sir Stephen Timms).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 9.30 am.

Business appointed by the Chairman of Ways and Means (Standing Order No. 10(6))

1 Biodiversity loss

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered biodiversity loss.—
(*Caroline Lucas*.)

At 11 am, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No.10(6)).

2 No recourse to public funds

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the matter of no recourse to public funds.—(*Beth Winter.*)

At 11.30 am, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

The sitting was suspended between 11.30 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 Government policy on China

Resolved, That this House has considered Government policy on China.—(*Bob Seely.*)

4 Planning policy for Gypsy and Traveller sites

Resolved, That this House has considered planning policy for Gypsy and Traveller sites.—(*Mr Philip Hollobone.*)

5 Future of the under 10-metre fishing fleet in the South West

Resolved, That this House has considered the future of the under 10-metre fishing fleet in the South West.—(*Steve Double.*)

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

Adjourned at 5.29 pm until tomorrow.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 International Immunities and Privileges

Draft European Forest Institute (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (David Rutley)

2 Retained EU Law Reform

Draft Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Maria Caulfield)

3 Sanctions

Sanctions (EU Exit) (Miscellaneous Amendments and Revocations) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 643), dated 14 May 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Mr Andrew Mitchell)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution**4 Building and Buildings**

(1) Building (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 645), dated 14 May 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Lee Rowley)

(2) Energy Performance of Buildings (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 640), dated 14 May 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Simon Hoare)

5 Sanctions

Sanctions (EU Exit) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 644), dated 14 May 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Mr Andrew Mitchell)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

VOTING BY PROXY (STANDING ORDER NO. 39A)

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

Member	From	To	Proxy
Layla Moran	13 May	14 June	Tim Farron (on 15 May) Wendy Chamberlain (from 16 May)

CORRECTION

Monday 20 November 2023

(1) Items 2 and 5 (Papers Laid) should not have appeared.

(2) The following item should have appeared after item 7 (Other Papers):

Data Protection

Explanatory Memorandum to the Data Protection (Adequacy) (United States of America) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1028) (by Command) (Sir John Whittingdale)

(3) The following item should have appeared after item 10 (Other Papers):

Railways

Explanatory Memorandum to the Private Crossings (Signs and Barriers) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1112) (by Command) (Secretary Mark Harper)