



# House of Commons

Tuesday 21 May 2024

## Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

**1 Protecting our Democracy from Coercion**

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying That he will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return of the Report, entitled Protecting our Democracy from Coercion, dated 21 May 2024.—(*Mark Fletcher.*)

**2 Questions to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero**

**3 Statement: Infected Blood Compensation Scheme (John Glen)**

**4 Children (parental imprisonment): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)**

*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the Secretary of State to establish national policy guidelines in respect of children with a parent in prison, including for the identification of the children of prisoners at the point of sentence and for accountability for providing support to the children of prisoners; and for connected purposes;

That Kerry McCarthy, Mr Clive Betts, Sir Robert Buckland, Andrew Gwynne, Ms Harriet Harman, Dame Diana Johnson, Tim Loughton, John McDonnell, Jess Phillips, Edward Timpson, Nadia Whittome and Munira Wilson present the Bill.

Kerry McCarthy accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 14 June, and to be printed (Bill 222).

**5 Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill: Consideration of Lords Message**

Lords Amendment 104B

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 104B and proposes Amendments (a) and (b) in lieu.—(*Kevin Hollinrake.*)

Manuscript Amendment proposed to leave out from “House” to the end of the Question and add “agrees with the Lords in their Amendment”.—(*Sir Chris Bryant.*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Division No. 155

Ayes: 217 (Tellers: Mary Glindon, Tonia Antoniazzi)

Noes: 268 (Tellers: Joy Morrissey, Mark Jenkinson)

Question negatived.

As it was more than one hour after the 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, 30 April).

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

Main Question put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 104B and proposes Amendments (a) and (b) in lieu (Question already proposed from the Chair).

Question agreed to and Lords Amendment 104B accordingly disagreed to and Amendments (a) and (b) made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment 104B.

## 6 Constitutional Law

*Resolved*, That the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Increase of Borrowing Limits) Order 2024, which was laid before this House on 17 April, be approved.—(*John Lamont*.)

## 7 Business of the House (Today)

*Ordered*, That at this day's sitting, the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion in the name of Secretary Mark Harper relating to the High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill: Instruction (No. 3) not later than 90 minutes after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order; such Questions shall include the Questions on any Amendments selected by the Speaker which may then be moved; proceedings on that Motion may continue, though opposed, after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(*Penny Mordaunt*.)

## 8 High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill: Instruction (No. 3)

Motion made and Question proposed, That it be an instruction to the Select Committee to which the High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill is committed to deal with the Bill as follows:

(1) The Committee shall, before concluding its proceedings, amend the Bill by—

(a) leaving out provision relating to a railway between a junction with Phase 2a of High Speed 2 south of Crewe in Cheshire and a point in the vicinity of the parish of Millington and Rostherne in Cheshire,

(b) leaving out provision relating to a railway between Hoo Green in Cheshire and a junction with the West Coast Main Line at Bamfurlong, south of Wigan, and

(c) making such amendments to the Bill as it thinks fit in consequence of the amendments made by virtue of sub-paragraphs (a) and (b).

(2) The Committee shall not hear any petition to the extent that it—

(a) relates to whether or not there should be—

(i) a railway between a junction with Phase 2a of High Speed 2 south of Crewe in Cheshire and a point in the vicinity of the parish of Millington and Rostherne in Cheshire, or

(ii) a railway between Hoo Green in Cheshire and a junction with the West Coast Main Line at Bamfurlong, south of Wigan, or

(b) otherwise relates to a railway mentioned in sub-paragraph (a).

(3) The Committee shall treat the principle of the Bill, as determined by the House on the Bill's Second Reading, as comprising the matters mentioned in paragraph (4); and those matters shall accordingly not be at issue during proceedings of the Committee.

(4) The matters referred to in paragraph (3) are—

(a) the provision of a high speed railway between a point in the vicinity of the parish of Millington and Rostherne in Cheshire and Manchester Piccadilly Station,

(b) in relation to the railway mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) as set out on the plans deposited in January 2022 in connection with the Bill in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments and the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons, its broad route alignment, and

(c) the fact that there are to be no new stations (other than Manchester Piccadilly and Manchester Airport) on the railway mentioned in sub-paragraph (a).

(5) The Committee shall have power to consider any amendments proposed by the member in charge of the Bill which, if the Bill were a private bill, could not be made except upon petition for additional provision.

(6) Paragraph (5) applies only so far as the amendments proposed by the member in charge of the Bill fall within the principle of the Bill as provided for by paragraphs (3) and (4) above.

That these Orders be Standing Orders of the House.

That the Order of 20 June 2022 (High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill: Instruction (No. 2)) be rescinded.—(*Huw Merriman.*)

The Deputy Speaker announced a time limit on backbench speeches (Standing Order No. 47(1)).

Question put.

The House divided.

Division No. 156

Ayes: 323 (Tellers: Mark Jenkinson, Joy Morrissey)

Noes: 7 (Tellers: Mr Philip Hollobone, Greg Smith)

Question agreed to.

## 9 Public petitions

(1) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Filton and Bradley Stoke relating to Hambrook Junction in Filton and Bradley Stoke was presented and read by Jack Lopresti.

(2) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Manchester Gorton relating to the Decent Homes Standard in the private rented sector was presented and read by Afzal Khan.

## 10 Adjournment

Subject: Allergy guidance for schools (Alicia Kearns)

*Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Aaron Bell.*)

Adjourned at 6.57 pm until tomorrow.

## Other Proceedings

### *General Committees: Reports*

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

Mrs Pauline Latham (Chair) reported:

(1) That the Committee had come to the following Resolution, That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication;

(2) written evidence; and

(3) the Bill (except Clauses 1 to 4, 12, 13 and 19) without Amendment.

Written evidence to be published.

Bill, not amended, to be considered tomorrow.

#### **12 Football Governance Bill Committee**

Caroline Nokes (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

#### **13 First Delegated Legislation Committee**

Christina Rees (Chair) reported the draft Product Security and Telecommunications Infrastructure (Security Requirements for Relevant Connectable Products) (Amendment) Regulations 2024.

#### **14 Second Delegated Legislation Committee**

Mr Philip Hollobone (Chair) reported the draft Human Medicines (Amendments Relating to Registered Dental Hygienists, Registered Dental Therapists and Registered Pharmacy Technicians) Regulations 2024.

#### **15 Third Delegated Legislation Committee**

Mark Pritchard (Chair) reported the draft Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments (2019 Hague Convention etc.) 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).*

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

Members: Chloe Smith discharged and Dr Caroline Johnson nominated in substitution.

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

Members: Dame Andrea Jenkyns and Mark Pawsey discharged and Mr Gagan Mohindra and Mrs Heather Wheeler nominated in substitution.

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

Members: Jane Hunt discharged and Nigel Mills nominated in substitution.

*Select Committees: Reports*

**19 Backbench Business Committee**

Transcript of representations made on Tuesday 21 May, to be published (Ian Mearns).

**20 Business and Trade Committee**

(1) *Industrial policy*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 440);

(2) *UK arms exports to Israel*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 690);

(3) *Correspondence from the Chief Executive at Royal Mail relating to counterfeit stamps*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Minister for Enterprise, Markets and Small Business relating to Debt Relief Orders*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to the Smarter Regulation Programme*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Delivering audit reform: follow-up*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 663);

(7) *Labour markets reform: Workers' rights and protections*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 703);

(8) *UK accession to the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 483)

(Liam Byrne).

**21 Culture, Media and Sport Committee**

(1) *British film and high-end television*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 157);

(2) *Equity in Cricket*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 526);

(3) *Gambling regulation*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 176)

(Dame Caroline Dinenage).

**22 Education Committee**

(1) *Music Hubs*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 725);

(2) *Boys' attainment and engagement in education*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 699)

(Mr Robin Walker).

**23 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee**

(1) *Fairness in the food supply chain*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 160);

(2) *Correspondence from the Chair of Thames Water relating to its Board*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Soil health*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 245);

(4) *UK trade policy: food and agriculture*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 162) (Sir Robert Goodwill).

## 24 Foreign Affairs Committee

*Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to the situation in Gaza*: Written evidence, to be published (Alicia Kearns).

## 25 Health and Social Care Committee

(1) *NHS Leadership, Performance and Patient Safety*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 521);

(2) *Correspondence from Hospice UK relating to hospice funding*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Health and Secondary Care relating to patient choice*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Minister for Legal Migration and the Border, Home Office, relating to net migration measures*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Minister for Mental Health and Women's Health Strategy relating to antimicrobial resistance*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence from the Minister for Mental Health and Women's Health Strategy relating to shingles vaccination*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Correspondence from the Minister for Public Health, Start for Life and Primary Care relating to Naloxone and drug and alcohol services*: Written evidence, to be published;

(8) *Correspondence from the Minister for Public Health, Start for Life and Primary Care relating to NHS dentistry*: Written evidence, to be published;

(9) *Correspondence from the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence relating to Enhertu*: Written evidence, to be published;

(10) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to the NHS workforce*: Written evidence, to be published;

(11) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to the regulation of physician associates*: Written evidence, to be published;

(12) *Correspondence from the UK Health Security Agency relating to covid and the vaccine hesitant*: Written evidence, to be published;

(13) *Correspondence from the UK Health Security Agency relating to vaccination*: Written evidence, to be published

(Steve Brine).

## 26 International Development Committee

(1) *FCDO and civil societies*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 613);

(2) *Correspondence with British International Investment (BII) relating to the Independent Commission for Aid Impact follow-up: UK aid to India*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary relating to the Independent Commission for Aid Impact follow-up: UK aid to India*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *The UK Government's work on achieving SDG2: Zero Hunger*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 112)

(Theo Clarke).

## 27 Justice Committee

(1) *Probate*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 520);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Courts and Legal Services relating to errors in online divorce applications*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Prisons, Parole and Probation relating to the launch of an intensive supervision court pilot*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice relating to pre-appointment scrutiny for the post of Standing Independent Public Advocate*: Written evidence, to be published;

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

(6) *Post Office (Horizon System) Offences Bill*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 684);

(7) *The Coroner's Service: follow-up*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 490)

(Sir Robert Neill).

## 28 Petitions Committee

(1) Record of the Committee's decisions relating to e-petitions, to be published;

(2) List of closed e-petitions presented to the House, to be published

(Cat Smith).

## 29 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

(1) *Transforming the UK's evidence base*: Fifth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 197);

(2) *Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman Scrutiny 2022–23: Government and PHSO responses to the Committee's Third Report of Session 2023–24*: Third Special Report, to be printed (HC 774);

(3) *Correspondence from the Civil Service Chief Operating Officer and Cabinet Office Permanent Secretary relating to incorrect information provided on the Cabinet Office's IT project*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the National Statistician relating to the Public Confidence in Official Statistics report 2023*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Registrar of Consultant Lobbyists relating to the Office of the Registrar of Consultant Lobbyists Business Plan 2024-25*: Written evidence, to be published

(Dame Jackie Doyle-Price).

## 30 Transport Committee

(1) *Scrutiny of the draft Rail Reform Bill*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 584);

(2) *Correspondence from Minister of State for Science, Innovation and Technology relating to Space Regulatory Review 2024*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from Minister of State relating to lowering the minimum age requirement for train drivers*: Written evidence, to be published;



(4) *Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary relating to organisational changes in the Department for Transport*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence relating to Euston Station*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *HS2: progress update*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 85)

(Iain Stewart).

### 31 Treasury Committee

(1) *Appointment of Liz Oakes to the Financial Policy Committee*:

(i) Ninth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 765);

(ii) Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 765);

(2) *Authorised push payment fraud reimbursement*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 233);

(3) *Correspondence from the Financial Conduct Authority relating to Quarterly Consultation No. 43*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Insurance*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 228);

(5) *The work of HM Revenue and Customs*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 217)

(Dame Harriett Baldwin).

### 32 Women and Equalities Committee

*Impact of the rising cost of living on women*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 128) (Caroline Nokes).

*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 Introduction of UK-made zero-emission buses

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the introduction of UK-made zero-emission buses.—(Ian Paisley.)

#### 2 Support for bereaved children

*Resolved*, That this House has considered support for bereaved children.—(Andy Carter.)

*The sitting was suspended between 11.28 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).*

#### 3 Bus services in England

*Resolved*, That this House has considered bus services in England.—(Jonathan Gullis.)

*The sitting was suspended between 3.47 pm and 4 pm.*

*The sitting was suspended between 4 pm and 4.17 pm for a division in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).*



**4 Knife Crime Awareness Week**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered Knife Crime Awareness Week.—(*Fleur Anderson*.)

**5 Endometriosis education in schools**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered endometriosis education in schools.—(*Sir Alec Shelbrooke*.)

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

Adjourned at 5.41 pm until tomorrow.

*Eleanor Laing*

Chairman of Ways and Means

## Papers Laid

### Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

**1 Constitutional Law**

Draft Government of Wales Act 2006 (Devolved Welsh Authorities) (Amendment) Order 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary David T C Davies)

**2 Trade**

Draft Ivory Act 2018 (Meaning of “Ivory” and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Steve Barclay)

### Papers subject to Negative Resolution

**3 Constitutional Law**

Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Act 2022 (Consequential Amendments) (No. 2) Order 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 670), dated 20 May 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary David T C Davies)

**4 Coroners**

Cremation, Coroners and Notification of Deaths (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 668), dated 20 May 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Alex Chalk)

**5 Environmental Protection**

Separation of Waste (England) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 666), dated 20 May 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Steve Barclay)

**6 National Security and Investment**

National Security and Investment Act 2021: Statement for the purposes of section 3 (by Act) (Secretary Oliver Dowden)

Other papers

**7 Climate Change**

Final Statement for the Third Carbon Budget (by Act) (Secretary Claire Coutinho)

**8 Energy**

Corporate Plan of the Office for Nuclear Regulation 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Mel Stride)

**9 Home Office**

(1) Memorandum to the Home Affairs Committee on Post-Legislative Scrutiny of the Criminal Finances Act 2017 (by Command) (CP 1088) (Secretary James Cleverly)

(2) Protecting our Democracy from Coercion, to be printed (HC 775) (Secretary James Cleverly) (pursuant to Resolution, today)

**10 Levelling Up, Housing and Communities**

Government Response to the Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Select Committee Report on Electoral Registration (by Command) (CP 1090) (Secretary Michael Gove)

**11 National Citizen Service**

National Citizen Service Trust Annual Business Plan 2024–25 (by Act) (Stuart Andrew)

**12 Supply Estimates 2024–25**

House of Commons Administration: Main Supply Estimate for 2024–25 (by Act), to be printed (HC 741) (The Speaker)

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**MEMORANDUM****RISK-BASED EXCLUSION POLICY**

Pursuant to paragraph (2) of the Standing Order made by the House on Monday 13 May 2024 (Risk-based exclusion policy), The Speaker has appointed Rt Hon Dame Eleanor Laing, Rt Hon Dame Rosie Winterton and Sir Charles Walker to serve on the Risk Assessment Panel.

## SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

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

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

Member	From	To	Proxy
Layla Moran	13 May	14 June	<b>Mr Alistair Carmichael (on 21 May)</b>  <b>Wendy Chamberlain (from 22 May)</b>

## CORRECTIONS

**(1) Monday 20 May 2024**

Item 22 (*Select Committees: Reports*) should have been reported in the name of Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown.

**(2) Wednesday 21 February 2024**

Item 7 (Papers Laid) should have appeared as follows:

**Miscellaneous No. 3 (2024)**

International Coffee Agreement 2022, adopted at London on 9 June 2022 (No. 1030) (by Command), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (David Rutley)

**(3) Monday 29 January 2024**

The following item should have appeared after item 11 (*Changes to Notices Given*):

**Carers and Care Workers Bill**

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

Item 12 (*Changes to Notices Given*) should not have appeared.

**(4) Monday 15 April 2024**

Item 7 (Lords Message) should have appeared as follows:

**Pedicabs (London) Bill [Lords]**

The Lords agree without amendment to the Amendment made by the Commons.