



House of Commons

Friday 24 May 2024

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

1 Speaker's Statement: Retirement of Dame Eleanor Laing and Dame Rosie Winterton

2 Solent Ferry Regulator Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Bob Seely presented a Bill to establish a regulator of ferry services operating in the Solent; to make provision about the powers and duties of that regulator; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 5 July, and to be printed (Bill 231).

3 Sanctions

Resolved, That the Sanctions (EU Exit) (Miscellaneous Amendments and Revocations) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 643), dated 14 May 2024, a copy of which was laid before this House on 15 May, be approved.—(Anne-Marie Trevelyan.)

4 Coroners

Resolved, That the draft Coroners (Suspension of Requirement for Jury at Inquest: Coronavirus) Regulations 2024, which were laid before this House on 2 May, be approved.—(Gareth Bacon.)

5 Suspension of sitting

The Speaker suspended the sitting.

6 Victims and Prisoners Bill: Money

King's Recommendation signified.

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Victims and Prisoners Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenditure incurred under or by virtue of the Act by a Minister of the Crown.—(Mike Wood.)

7 Victims and Prisoners Bill: Ways and Means

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Victims and Prisoners Bill, it is expedient to authorise the making of provision under the Act in relation to income tax, corporation tax, capital gains tax, stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax in connection with a transfer of property, rights or liabilities by a scheme under the Act.—(Mike Wood.)

8 Victims and Prisoners Bill: Proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Order, 23 May, Paras 5 to 9), That proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments to the Victims and Prisoners Bill shall be considered in the following order: Lords Amendments 35, 46, 32, 33, 47, 54, 98, 99, 106, 1 to 31, 34, 36 to 45, 48 to 53, 55 to 97, 100 to 105 and 107 to 143.—(*Mike Wood*).

Question agreed to.

9 Victims and Prisoners Bill: Consideration of Lords Amendments*

The Deputy Speaker announced that Lords Amendments 33, 44, 56 to 60, 63, 64 and 142 engaged financial privilege.

Lords Amendment 35

Motion made and Question proposed, That Amendment (a) be made.—(*Edward Argar*.)

As it was one hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Victims and Prisoners Bill: Money motion, the debate was interrupted (Order, 23 May).

The Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on the consideration of the Lords Message to a conclusion (Order, 23 May).

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

(1) That Amendment (a) be made to Lords Amendment 35 (Question already proposed from the Chair).

Question agreed to.

(2) That Amendments (b) and (c) be made to Lords Amendment 35 (single Question on any Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to a Lords Amendment).—(*Edward Argar*.)

Question agreed to.

(3) That this House agrees with Lords Amendment 35 as amended (Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to agree with a Lords Amendment, as amended).—(*Edward Argar*.)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 35, as amended, accordingly agreed to.

(4) That Amendment (a) be made to Lords Amendment 46 (Question on any Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown to a Lords Amendment).—(*Edward Argar*.)

Question agreed to.

(5) That this House agrees with Lords Amendment 46 as amended (Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to agree with a Lords Amendment, as amended).—(*Edward Argar*.)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 46, as amended, accordingly agreed to.

(6) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 32 (Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to disagree with a Lords Amendment).—(*Edward Argar*.)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 32 accordingly disagreed to.

(7) That Amendment (a) be made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment 32 (Question on any Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown relevant to a Lords Amendment).—
(*Edward Argar.*)

Question agreed to.

Amendment (a) accordingly made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment 32.

(8) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 33 (Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to disagree with a Lords Amendment).—
(*Edward Argar.*)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 33 accordingly disagreed to.

(9) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 47 (Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to disagree with a Lords Amendment).—
(*Edward Argar.*)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 47 accordingly disagreed to.

(10) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 54 (Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to disagree with a Lords Amendment).—
(*Edward Argar.*)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 54 accordingly disagreed to.

(11) That Amendment (a) be made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment 54 (Question on any Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown relevant to a Lords Amendment).—
(*Edward Argar.*)

Question agreed to.

Amendment (a) accordingly made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment 54.

(12) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 98 (Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to disagree with a Lords Amendment).—
(*Edward Argar.*)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 98 accordingly disagreed to.

(13) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 99 (Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to disagree with a Lords Amendment).—
(*Edward Argar.*)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 99 accordingly disagreed to.

(14) That Amendment (a) be made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendments 98 and 99 (Question on any Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown relevant to a Lords Amendment).—(*Edward Argar.*)

Question agreed to.

Amendment (a) accordingly made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendments 98 and 99.

(15) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 106 (Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to disagree with a Lords Amendment).—
(*Edward Argar.*)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 106 accordingly disagreed to.

(16) That Amendments (a) and (b) be made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment 106 (Question on any Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown relevant to a Lords Amendment).—(*Edward Argar*.)

Question agreed to.

Amendments (a) and (b) accordingly made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment 106.

(17) That this House agrees to Lords Amendments 1 to 31, 34, 36 to 45, 48 to 53, 55 to 97, 100 to 105, 107 to 143 (Single Question to agree with all remaining Lords Amendments).

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendments 1 to 31, 34, 36 to 45, 48 to 53, 55 to 97, 100 to 105, 107 to 143 accordingly agreed to, with Commons privilege waived in respect of Lords Amendments 34, 44, 56 to 60, 63, 64 and 142.

Title accordingly amended as follows: Bill to make provision about victims of criminal conduct and others affected by criminal conduct; about the appointment and functions of advocates for victims of major incidents; for an infected blood compensation scheme; about the release of prisoners; about the membership and functions of the Parole Board; to prohibit certain prisoners from forming a marriage or civil partnership; and for connected purposes.

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 33 and 47;

That Edward Argar, Aaron Bell, Chris Elmore, Paul Holmes, Scott Mann, Chris Stephens and Andrew Western be members of the Committee;

That Edward Argar be the Chair of the Committee;

That three be the quorum of the Committee;

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(*Joy Morrissey*.)

Question agreed to.

*This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings relating to Wednesday 29 May 2024.

10 Energy

Resolved, That the draft Energy Act 2023 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2024, which were laid before this House on 13 May, be approved.—(*Robert Langan*.)

11 Tribunals and Inquiries

Motion made and Question put, That the Tribunal Procedure (Upper Tribunal) (Immigration and Asylum Chamber) (Amendment) Rules 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 588), dated 1 May 2024, a copy of which was laid before this House on 1 May, be approved.—(*Gareth Bacon*.)

The House divided.

Division No. 160

Ayes: 135 (Tellers: Mark Fletcher, Mark Jenkinson)

Noes: 10 (Tellers: Kirsty Blackman, Chris Stephens)

Question agreed to.

Resolved, That the Tribunal Procedure (Upper Tribunal) (Immigration and Asylum Chamber) (Amendment) Rules 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 588), dated 1 May 2024, a copy of which was laid before this House on 1 May, be approved.

12 Business of the House (Today)

Ordered, That the Order of the House of 23 May (Business of the House (23 and 24 May)) be varied as follows:

After paragraph (15) insert—

‘The motion in the name of the Prime Minister on matters to be raised before the forthcoming dissolution may be proceeded with until any hour, and may be interrupted by proceedings on Lords Amendments, Lords Messages or any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown.’.—(*Rebecca Harris.*)

13 Valedictory debate

Resolved, That this House has considered matters to be raised before the forthcoming dissolution.—(*Mr Marcus Jones.*)

14 Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill: Consideration of Lords Amendments

Lords Amendment 1 agreed to.

Lords Amendments 2 to 67 agreed to.

15 Suspension of sitting: Awaiting Message from Lords Commissioners

The Deputy Speaker suspended the sitting (Order, 23 May).

16 Message to attend the Lords Commissioners

A Message from the Lords Commissioners was delivered by the Lady Usher of the Black Rod

Mr Speaker,

The Lords, who are duly authorised by virtue of His Majesty’s Commission, to declare His Royal Assent to Acts passed by both Houses, and to also declare the prorogation of Parliament, desire the presence of this Honourable House in the House of Peers.

Accordingly the Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers, where a Commission was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the following Acts, and for proroguing this present Parliament.

The Royal Assent was given to the following Acts:

Finance (No. 2) Act 2024

Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Act 2024

Post Office (Horizon System) Offences Act 2024

Media Act 2024

Pet Abduction Act 2024

Paternity Leave (Bereavement) Act 2024

Building Societies Act 1986 (Amendment) Act 2024

British Nationality (Irish Citizens) Act 2024

Zoological Society of London (Leases) Act 2024

Victims and Prisoners Act 2024

Leasehold and Freehold Reform Act 2024

And afterwards His Majesty's Most Gracious Speech was delivered to both Houses of Parliament by the Leader of the House of Lords and Lord Privy Seal (in pursuance of His Majesty's command), as follows:

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons

The focus of my Government has been to deliver its plan to increase economic growth and safeguard the health and security of the people of the United Kingdom.

My Government has taken action to lay the foundations for long term economic growth, to ensure that work always pays, and to support the British people with the cost of living. My Ministers have met their commitment to halve inflation, which is now at its lowest rate since September 2021.

My Government has delivered tax cuts for millions of working people, with National Insurance contributions for employees cut by four percentage points, saving a typical employee over £900 a year. National Insurance contributions for the self-employed have also been cut by three percentage points and the requirement to pay contributions on lower levels of profit has been removed. Legislation has been passed to raise the income threshold for the High Income Child Benefit Charge and halve the rate at which Child Benefit is withdrawn. This will help parents towards the cost of raising their children. My Government has also rolled out the first phase of expansion of childcare in England to hundreds of thousands of parents.

Through my Government's direction, the United Kingdom has continued to be at the forefront of technology and innovation. New laws have fostered innovation in British broadcasting to reflect changing viewing patterns and growing demand for high quality online content.

Tax legislation enacted this session has incentivised investment and enhanced support to make it safer and easier for small and medium sized businesses to focus on innovation.

As more businesses shift to digital marketplaces, my Ministers have worked to ensure that new legislation promotes competition, while securing better value for money for consumers and protecting them from unfair practices.

Legal frameworks have been updated to ensure that Great Britain can safely capture the opportunities for economic growth presented by the evolving technology of automated vehicles.

My Ministers have championed British goods and innovation. The United Kingdom is now the world's fourth largest global exporter while maintaining high standards in trade. Laws were passed to end the export of livestock from Great Britain for fattening or slaughter. Legislation was passed to support the United Kingdom's accession to the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership. This will remove tariffs from ninety-nine per cent of British products exported to a trading bloc worth 15 per cent of global GDP following this accession.

My Government has taken advantage of the freedoms afforded by the United Kingdom's departure from the European Union to reduce burdens on business. The Smarter Regulation Programme has introduced reforms removing up to 50 million hours of administrative work per year for businesses, saving them an estimated £1 billion annually. Legislation was previously passed to remove the principle of supremacy of European Union law and over two thousand instruments of European Union law have been reformed or removed from the statute book.

To enable the NHS in England to carry out more operations and procedures, my Government has delivered 101 surgical hubs, Community Diagnostic Centres operating from 160 sites, and more doctors and nurses.

Legislation passed this session has made it cheaper and easier for leaseholders to purchase their freehold and addressed the exploitation of homeowners through punitive service charges.

My Ministers have taken action to deliver justice for victims and keep communities safe from crime, anti-social behaviour, and terrorism. The victims of the Infected Blood and Post Office Horizon scandals have suffered decades-long injustices. My Government has legislated to ensure that they are compensated fairly and treated with respect.

The Victims' Code has been put on a statutory footing and the parole process has been reformed to put the interests of victims first. Laws passed this session will ensure that a parent who kills the other parent has their parental responsibility suspended.

My Government has taken measures to disrupt the business model of people smugglers and deter dangerous and illegal journeys to the United Kingdom. Legislation has been delivered to underpin the partnership with Rwanda to tackle small boat crossings.

My Ministers have ensured that intelligence and law enforcement agencies have the powers they need to keep pace with a new generation of threats to national security.

Legislation enacted this session will allow for the regulation of pedicabs in London. This will provide passengers with the confidence that they are in a safe, licensed and roadworthy vehicle and that they will not be overcharged.

New laws strengthening the sanctions regime have limited the role that sanctioned individuals can play in UK businesses and extended the use of immigration sanctions while stopping the exploitation of financial markets.

The United Kingdom continues to play a leading role in defending freedom across the world, including when ideological extremes and technological advances are weaponised to foster division. My Government has committed to increase defence spending to 2.5 per cent of GDP by 2030 and to ensure our gallant Armed Forces are equipped for the challenges they face. In an age of great change, my Ministers remain united by a steadfast belief that the United Kingdom and her allies are strongest when governed by values of freedom and fairness. Standing shoulder to shoulder with the United Kingdom's allies, my Government has increased its diplomatic and military engagement in the Middle East to encourage de-escalation, deliver humanitarian aid to those in need, protect freedom of navigation and build momentum towards a lasting peace. My Government has consistently provided essential defensive military assistance to support Ukraine.

The United Kingdom has led global efforts on the safety of Artificial Intelligence, hosting the world's first Safety Summit last year at Bletchley and launching the United Kingdom Artificial Intelligence Safety Institute - the first of its kind. At the Artificial Intelligence Seoul Summit this week my Government reached a new agreement between ten countries and the European Union to work together to launch an international network to accelerate the advancement of the science of Artificial Intelligence safety.

The Queen and I were pleased to welcome His Excellency the President of the Republic of Korea and Mrs. Kim Keon Hee for a State Visit last November.

My Ministers have consistently promoted the strength of the Union, including through action to support the restoration of the Executive in Northern Ireland.

Members of the House of Commons, I thank you for the provisions which you have made for the work and dignity of the Crown and for the public services.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons, I pray that the blessing of

Almighty God may rest upon your counsels.

After which the Leader of the House of Lords and Lord Privy Seal said:

By virtue of His Majesty's Commission which has now been read, we do, in His Majesty's name, and in obedience to His Majesty's commands, prorogue this Parliament to Friday the thirty-first day of May to be then here holden, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Friday the thirty-first day of May.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

17 Finance (No. 2) Bill

The Lords agree to the Finance (No. 2) Bill without amendment.

18 Pet Abduction Bill

The Lords agree to the Pet Abduction Bill without amendment.

19 Paternity Leave (Bereavement) Bill

The Lords agree to the Paternity Leave (Bereavement) Bill without amendment.

20 Building Societies Act 1986 (Amendment) Bill

The Lords agree to the Building Societies Act 1986 (Amendment) Bill without amendment.

21 British Nationality (Irish Citizens) Bill

The Lords agree to the British Nationality (Irish Citizens) Bill without amendment.

22 Zoological Society of London (Leases) Bill

The Lords agree to the Zoological Society of London (Leases) Bill without amendment.

23 Victims and Prisoners Bill

The Lords do not insist on certain Amendments to the Victims and Prisoners Bill to which the Commons have disagreed; they do not insist on certain other Amendments to which the Commons have disagreed and they agree with the Commons in their Amendments in lieu; and they agree with the Commons in their Amendments to Lords Amendments.

24 Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill

The Lords agree to the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill with Amendments to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

Printing of Lords Amendments

25 Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill

Lords Amendments to the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Bill to be considered today, and to be printed (Bill 232) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 232-EN).

*Public petitions***26 Petitions presented informally**

A public petition from residents of the United Kingdom relating to a petrol price premium in Barnsley East was presented by Stephanie Peacock.

*Reasons Committees: Reports***27 Victims and Prisoners Bill: Reasons Committee**

Edward Argar reported that the Committee had agreed the following Reasons:

Lords Amendment 33

Because it could affect financial arrangements to be made by the Commons, and the Commons do not offer any further reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.

Lords Amendment 47

Because it would be inappropriate to impose a blanket restriction on the use of personal data in the circumstances to which the amendment relates.

*Select Committees: Reports***28 Business and Trade Committee**

Correspondence from the Minister of Trade Policy: Written evidence, to be published (Liam Byrne).

29 Culture, Media and Sport Committee

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

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

(Dame Caroline Dinenage).

30 Energy Security and Net Zero Committee

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

(2) *Energy bills for domestic customers:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 299)

(Angus Brendan MacNeil).

31 Environmental Audit Committee

(1) *Climate change and security:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 634);

(2) *The UK and the Antarctic environment:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 381)

(Philip Dunne).

32 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

(1) *Correspondence from G's Growers relating to the Fruit and Vegetables Aid Scheme:* Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Correspondence with the successor Committee relating to dissolution and the work of the Committee:* Written evidence, to be published;

- (3) *Fairness in the food supply chain*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 160);
 - (4) *Pet welfare and abuse*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 161);
 - (5) *UK trade policy: food and agriculture*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 162);
 - (6) *Vet shortages*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 497);
 - (7) *Water pollution incidents*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 824);
 - (8) *Work of Defra*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 163)
- (Sir Robert Goodwill).

33 European Scrutiny Committee

- (1) *EU entry/exit and the UK border*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 169);
 - (2) *PESCO and UK-EU defence cooperation*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 168);
 - (3) *Regulating after Brexit*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 170);
 - (4) *Retained EU law: the progress and mechanics of reform*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 376)
- (Sir William Cash).

34 Home Affairs Committee

Legal migration: Written evidence, to be published (HC 718) (Dame Diana Johnson).

35 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

- (1) *Accountability for Daesh crimes*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 179);
 - (2) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Health on the Tobacco and Vapes Bill*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (3) *Human rights of asylum seekers*:
 - (i) Written evidence, to be published (HC 182);
 - (ii) Written evidence;
 - (4) *The role of human rights in the UK democratic process*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 731)
- (Joanna Cherry).

36 International Development Committee

Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to the 4th International Conference on Small Island Developing States: Written evidence, to be published (Sarah Champion).

37 Justice Committee

- (1) *Correspondence from the Minister for Prisons, Parole and Probation*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (2) *Probate*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 520);
 - (3) *The Coroner's Service: follow-up*: Written evidence to be published (HC 490);
 - (4) *The prison operational workforce*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 309);
 - (5) *Work of the Serious Fraud Office*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 743)
- (Sir Robert Neill).

38 Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee

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

(2) *Correspondence from the Chair of the District Councillor's Network relating to simpler recycling reforms*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *The Office for Local Government*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 64) (Mr Clive Betts).

39 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

The status of the UK's Overseas Territories in the 21st Century: Written evidence, to be published (HC 202) (Dame Jackie Doyle-Price).

40 Scottish Affairs Committee

(1) *Correspondence with the Minister of State for Crime, Policing and Fire relating to firearms licensing consultation*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Intergovernmental relations: The Civil Service*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 600);

(3) *Science and Scotland*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 151);

(4) *Scotland's space sector*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 150) (Pete Wishart).

41 Treasury Committee

(1) *Appointment of Liz Oakes to the Financial Policy Committee*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 765);

(2) *Are the UK's Russian financial sanctions working?*:

(i) Written evidence, to be published (HC 604);

(ii) Written evidence;

(3) *Correspondence with HM Treasury relating to Supplementary Estimates 2023–24*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from Pay.UK relating to authorised push payment fraud*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Finance and Leasing Association relating to motor finance*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Edinburgh Reforms*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 221);

(7) *Note of private meeting with the International Monetary Fund*: Written evidence, to be published;

(8) *Work of the Financial Conduct Authority*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 210) (Dame Harriett Baldwin).

42 Women and Equalities Committee

(1) *Assistance dogs*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 719);

(2) *Correspondence with the Minister for Women and Equalities relating to the Government review of RSHE statutory guidance*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Non-consensual intimate image abuse*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 664);

(4) *The escalation of violence against women and girls*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 131);

(5) *The rights of older people*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 132)
(Caroline Nokes).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Sanctions

Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 695), dated 23 May 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Anne-Marie Trevelyan)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Animals

Glue Traps (Licensing) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 702), dated 24 May 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Steve Barclay)

3 Electricity

Electricity (Individual Exemption from the Requirement for a Transmission Licence) (Seagreen) (Scotland) Order 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 700), dated 23 May 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Claire Coutinho)

4 Energy

Draft Modifications to the Smart Energy Code (Smart Meters No. 2 of 2024) (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Claire Coutinho)

Other papers

5 Business and Trade

Department for Business and Trade Minute, dated 24 May 2024, concerning the notification of the parameters and contingent liability arising from the Growth Guarantee Scheme (by Command) (Kevin Hollinrake)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

VOTING BY PROXY (STANDING ORDER NO. 39A)

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

Member	From	To	Proxy
David Duguid	22 April	14 June	Mr Marcus Jones
John Howell	11 December	10 July	Mr Marcus Jones
Lucy Allan	24 May	24 May	Mr Marcus Jones