



House of Commons

Tuesday 19 November 2024

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 **Speaker's Statement: Ukraine**
- 2 **Questions to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care**
- 3 **Urgent Question: Jailing of pro-democracy activists in Hong Kong (Anneliese Dodds)**
- 4 **Statement: Ukraine: 1,000 days (Secretary David Lammy)**
- 5 **Aviation (accessibility): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)**

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision about the accessibility of air travel for disabled passengers; to make provision about the powers of the Civil Aviation Authority to enforce accessibility requirements; to remove the limit on compensation for damage to wheelchairs or other mobility equipment on domestic flights; and for connected purposes;

That Daniel Francis, Mr Calvin Bailey, Richard Baker, Antonia Bance, Ruth Cadbury, Jen Craft, Marsha De Cordova, Steve Darling, Mary Kelly Foy, Ruth Jones, Anna Sabine and Melanie Ward present the Bill.

Daniel Francis accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 4 July 2025, and to be printed (Bill 134).

- 6 **Passenger Railway Services (Public Ownership) Bill: Programme (No. 2)**

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Passenger Railway Services (Public Ownership) Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 29 July 2024 (Passenger Railway Services (Public Ownership) Bill: Programme):

Consideration of Lords Amendments

(1) Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion two hours after their commencement.

Subsequent stages

(2) Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

(3) Proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.—(*Christian Wakeford.*)

Question agreed to.

7 Passenger Railway Services (Public Ownership) Bill: Consideration of Lords Amendments

The Deputy Speaker announced that Lords Amendment 2 engaged financial privilege.

Lords Amendment 1

Motion made and Question put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 1.—(*Secretary Louise Haigh.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 44

Ayes: 344 (Tellers: Vicky Foxcroft, Taiwo Owatemi)

Noes: 172 (Tellers: Jerome Mayhew, Alicia Kearns)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 1 accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendment 2

Motion made and Question put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 2.—(*Secretary Louise Haigh.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 45

Ayes: 350 (Tellers: Vicky Foxcroft, Taiwo Owatemi)

Noes: 108 (Tellers: Jerome Mayhew, Alicia Kearns)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 2 accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendment 3 agreed 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 1 and 2;

That Gareth Bacon, Liam Conlon, Kate Dearden, Mark Ferguson, Zöe Franklin, Secretary Louise Haigh and Ms Julie Minns be members of the Committee;

That Secretary Louise Haigh be the Chair of the Committee;

That three be the quorum of the Committee;

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(*Christian Wakeford.*)

Question agreed to.

8 Infected Blood Inquiry

Motion made, That this House has considered the Infected Blood Inquiry.—(*Nick Thomas-Symonds.*)

9 Deputy Speaker's Statement: Waiver of sub judice rule in relation to contaminated blood products

10 Infected Blood Inquiry (resumed)

The House resumed the debate.

Question proposed, That this House has considered the Infected Blood Inquiry.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved, That this House has considered the Infected Blood Inquiry.

11 Adjournment

Subject: Detention of Ryan Cornelius in the UAE (Tim Roca)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Keir Mather.*)

Adjourned at 6.21 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

12 Crown Estate Bill [Lords]

The Lords have passed a Bill to amend the Crown Estate Act 1961, to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

First Reading and Printing of Lords Bills

13 Support for Infants and Parents etc (Information) Bill [Lords]

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 13 June 2025, and to be printed (Bill 137).

14 Crown Estate Bill [Lords]

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 135), with Explanatory Notes (Bill 135–EN).

Reasons Committees: Reports

15 Passenger Railway Services (Public Ownership) Bill: Reasons Committee

Secretary Louise Haigh reported that the Committee had agreed the following Reasons:

Lords Amendment 1

Because the proposed purpose clause is unnecessary.

Lords Amendment 2

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

*General Committees: Reports***16 First Delegated Legislation Committee**

Clive Efford (Chair) reported the draft Collective Investment Schemes (Temporary Recognition) and Central Counterparties (Transitional Provision) (Amendment) Regulations 2024, and the draft Insurance Distribution (Regulated Activities and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2024.

17 Second Delegated Legislation Committee

Graham Stringer (Chair) reported the draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Alterations to the Search Powers Code for Northern Ireland) Order 2024.

18 Third Delegated Legislation Committee

Derek Twigg (Chair) reported the draft Communications Act 2003 (Disclosure of Information) Order 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).

19 Employment Rights Bill Committee

Members: Gordon McKee discharged and Chris Murray nominated in substitution.

20 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Communications Act 2003 (Disclosure of Information) Order 2024)

Members: Liz Jarvis discharged and Martin Wrigley nominated in substitution.

*Select Committees: Reports***21 Backbench Business Committee**

Transcript of representations made on Tuesday 19 November, to be published (Bob Blackman).

22 Business and Trade Committee

(1) *Post Office Horizon scandal: Fast and fair redress*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 341);

(2) *Competition and Markets Authority 2024–25 Main Estimate Memorandum*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Employment Rights, Competition and Markets*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Minister for Trade Policy*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Department for Business and Trade 2024–25 Main Estimate Memorandum*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *UK Export Finance 2024–25 Main Estimate Memorandum*: Written evidence, to be published

(Liam Byrne).

23 Culture, Media and Sport Committee

(1) *BBC World Service*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 383);

(2) *Correspondence with the England and Wales Cricket Board*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *The work of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 330)

(Dame Caroline Dinenage).

24 Education Committee

(1) *The work of the Children's Commissioner for England*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 400);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Skills relating to Departmental Minute on establishing a Local Government Pension Scheme guarantee for further education bodies in the statutory sector*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport relating to the National Youth Strategy*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with His Majesty's Chief Inspector, Ofsted relating to the publication of inspector training material*: Written evidence, to be published;

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

(Helen Hayes).

25 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

(1) *Work of the Department and its arm's-length bodies*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 415);

(2) *Correspondence from the Chair of the Senedd Cymru Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee relating to inter-legislature engagement*: Written evidence, to be published

(Mr Alistair Carmichael).

26 Foreign Affairs Committee

The future of the BBC World Service: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 384) (Emily Thornberry).

27 Justice Committee

(1) *Correspondence from HM Chief Inspector of Prisons relating to children in custody analysis*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Courts and Legal Services*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Prisons, Parole and Reducing Reoffending*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to an update on the Independent Sentencing Review*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with the Minister for Prisons, Parole and Reducing Reoffending relating to the Imprisonment for Public Protection announcement*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary relating to the Memorandum of Understanding between the UK and Poland*: Written evidence, to be published (Andy Slaughter).

28 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

(1) *Work of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 359);

(2) *Correspondence relating to integrated education*: Written evidence, to be published (Tonia Antoniazzi).

29 Petitions Committee

Record of the Committee's decisions relating to e-petitions, to be published (Jamie Stone).

30 Public Accounts Committee

Correspondence from the Minister for Defence Procurement and Industry relating to the Ministry of Defence Equipment Plan 2024: Written evidence, to be published (Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown).

31 Science, Innovation and Technology Committee

(1) *Correspondence with the Chief Executive of Ofcom*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Correspondence with the Chief Executive of UK Health Security Agency*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Minister for Energy*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero*: Written evidence, to be published

(Chi Onwurah).

32 Treasury Committee

(1) *Bank of England Monetary Policy Reports*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 419);

(2) *Budget 2024*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 320);

(3) *Correspondence from the Financial Conduct Authority relating to motor finance*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with HM Revenue and Customs relating to publication of board minutes*: Written evidence, to be published

(Dame Meg Hillier).

33 Work and Pensions Committee

The work of the Department for Work and Pensions: Written evidence, to be published (HC 344) (Debbie Abrahams).

Sir 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 Use of foodbanks

Resolved, That this House has considered the use of foodbanks.—(*Seamus Logan.*)

2 Windsor Framework

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the Windsor Framework.—(*Jim Allister.*)

At 11.30 am, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(14)).

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

3 Humanitarian situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the humanitarian situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.—(*Patricia Ferguson.*)

The Chair announced a time limit on backbench speeches (under the authority of the Chairman of Ways and Means and Standing Order No. 47(1)).

The sitting was suspended between 2.54 pm and 3.19 pm for divisions in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

Resolved, That this House has considered the humanitarian situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

4 Tourism in Bedfordshire

Resolved, That this House has considered tourism in Bedfordshire.—(*Blake Stephenson.*)

5 Increasing tourism in Northumberland

Resolved, That this House has considered increasing tourism in Northumberland.—(*Joe Morris.*)

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

Adjourned at 5.33 pm until tomorrow.

Ms Nusrat Ghani

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Local Government

Draft Combined Authorities (Borrowing) and East Midlands Combined County Authority (Borrowing and Functions) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jim McMahon)

2 Retained EU Law Reform

Draft Official Controls (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Steve Reed)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

3 Energy (Oil and Gas) Profits Levy

Energy (Oil and Gas) Profits Levy (Energy Security Investment Mechanism) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 1175), dated 18 November 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (James Murray)

4 Excise

Alcoholic Products (Excise Duty) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 1186), dated 18 November 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (James Murray)

Other papers

5 Constitutional Reform

Lady Chief Justice's Report for 2024 (by Act) (Clerk of the House)

6 National Health Service

Report and Accounts of University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust for 2023–24 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)

7 Charities

Consolidated Financial Statements of the National Army Museum for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 358) (Clerk of the House)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

VOTING BY PROXY (STANDING ORDER NO. 39A)

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

Member	From	To	Proxy
Mike Amesbury	20 November	19 June 2025	Chris Elmore