



House of Commons

Tuesday 7 January 2025

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

2 Urgent Questions: (1) Situation in northern Gaza (Hamish Falconer)

(2) Hong Kong: Police rewards for arrests of pro-democracy campaigners (Catherine West)

3 Domestic abuse (safe leave): 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 for an entitlement to paid safe leave for victims of domestic abuse; and for connected purposes;

That Alex McIntyre, Jess Asato, Emily Darlington, Catherine Fookes, Dr Allison Gardner, Tom Hayes, Uma Kumaran, Alice Macdonald, Ben Maguire, Anneliese Midgley, Katrina Murray and Mrs Sarah Russell present the Bill.

Alex McIntyre accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 20 June, and to be printed (Bill 157).

4 Crown Estate Bill [Lords]: Second Reading

Bill read a second time.

5 Crown Estate Bill [Lords]: Programme

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Crown Estate Bill [Lords]:

Committal

(1) The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee

(2) Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Tuesday 11 February.

(3) The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading

(4) Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which proceedings on Consideration are commenced.

(5) Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.

(6) Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading.

Other proceedings

(7) Any other proceedings on the Bill may be programmed.—(*Christian Wakeford.*)

Question agreed to.

6 Crown Estate Bill [Lords]: Money

King's Recommendation signified.

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 52(1)(a)), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Crown Estate Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise:

(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenditure incurred by the Treasury under any other Act that is attributable to the Act;

(2) the payment out of the National Loans Fund of any sums payable out of the Fund under any other Act that is attributable to the Act.—(*Christian Wakeford.*)

Question agreed to.

7 Adjournment

Subject: Prevention-based road safety and community involvement (Andy MacNae)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Christian Wakeford.*)

Adjourned at 6.15 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

8 Employment Rights Bill Committee

Sir Christopher Chope (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

9 Tobacco and Vapes Bill Committee

Sir Mark Hendrick (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; and

(2) written evidence.

Written evidence to be published.

10 First Delegated Legislation Committee

Martin Vickers (Chair) reported the draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Ring-fenced Bodies, Core Activities, Excluded Activities and Prohibitions) (Amendment)

Order 2024, the draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Designated Activities) (Supervision and Enforcement) Regulations 2024 and the draft Short Selling Regulations 2024.

11 Second Delegated Legislation Committee

Clive Efford (Chair) reported the draft Electricity Capacity Mechanism (Amendment) Regulations 2024.

12 Third Delegated Legislation Committee

David Mundell (Chair) reported the draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2025.

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).

13 Tobacco and Vapes Bill Committee

Chairs: Peter Dowd, Sir Roger Gale, Sir Mark Hendrick and Mark Pritchard

14 Water (Special Measures) Bill [Lords] Committee

Chairs: Dr Rupa Huq and Martin Vickers

15 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Ring-fenced Bodies, Core Activities, Excluded Activities and Prohibitions) (Amendment) Order 2024, draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Designated Activities) (Supervision and Enforcement) Regulations 2024 and draft Short Selling Regulations 2024)

Chair: Martin Vickers

16 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Electricity Capacity Mechanism (Amendment) Regulations 2024)

Chair: Clive Efford

17 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2025)

Chair: Sir Edward Leigh

18 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2025)

Chair: David Mundell appointed in place of Sir Edward Leigh.

19 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Official Controls (Amendment) Regulations 2024)

Chair: Carolyn Harris

20 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Combined Authorities (Borrowing) and East Midlands Combined County Authority (Borrowing and Functions) (Amendment) Regulations 2025)

Chair: Derek Twigg

21 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft National Security Act 2023 (Consequential Amendment of Primary Legislation) Regulations 2025 and draft Police Act 1997 (Authorisations to Interfere with Property: Relevant Offence) Regulations 2025)

Chair: David Mundell

Members: Margaret Mullane discharged and Paul Davies nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

22 Backbench Business Committee

Transcript of representations made on Tuesday 7 January, to be published (Bob Blackman).

23 Business and Trade Committee

(1) *Make work pay: Employment Rights Bill*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 370);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Services, Small Business and Exports*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to Stellantis and the Zero Emission Vehicle Mandate*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Post Office Horizon scandal: fast and fair redress*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 341);

(6) *UK arms exports to Israel*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 548)

(Liam Byrne).

24 Culture, Media and Sport Committee

(1) *British film and high-end television 2*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 328);

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

(James Frith).

25 Defence Committee

Global Combat Air Programme: Third Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 598) (Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi).

26 Education Committee

(1) *The work of the Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted)*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 539);

(2) *Appointment of Sir Ian Bauckham CBE as Chief Regulator of the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual)*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 429);

(3) *Children's social care*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 430);

(4) *Correspondence with the Minister for School Standards relating to the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill*: Written evidence, to be published (Helen Hayes).

27 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

(1) *Correspondence from the Minister for Food Security and Rural Affairs relating to fisheries*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *The future of farming*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 527)
(Mr Alistair Carmichael).

28 Home Affairs Committee

* This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings relating to Monday 13 January 2025.

Correspondence from the Minister of State for Policing, Fire and Crime Prevention relating to the use of facial recognition technology by the police: Written evidence, to be published (Dame Karen Bradley).

29 Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

(1) *The work of the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 409);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Local Government and English Devolution relating to Eastleigh and Runnymede Borough Councils*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Rough sleeping*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 339)
(Florence Eshalomi).

30 International Development Committee

(1) *The development work of the FCDO*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 531);

(2) *Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary*: Written evidence, to be published;

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

(4) *The humanitarian situation in Gaza*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 373)
(Sarah Champion).

31 Justice Committee

(1) *Correspondence from Alex Davies-Jones MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Correspondence from Sir Nicholas Dakin MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Director of Public Prosecutions*: Written evidence, to be published;

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

(5) *Work of the Lord Chancellor*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 486)
(Andy Slaughter).

32 Petitions Committee

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

33 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

(1) *Review of the 2024 general election*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 487);

(2) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, relating to the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman's investigation into State Pension age communications and associated issues*: Written evidence, to be published
(Simon Hoare).

34 Transport Committee

*This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings relating to Thursday 9 January 2025.

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

(2) *Driving tests availability*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 437);

(3) *Managing the impact of street works*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 522)
(Ruth Cadbury).

35 Work and Pensions Committee

(1) *Pensioner poverty: challenges and mitigations*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 465);

(2) *Safeguarding vulnerable claimants*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 402)
(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 Pay gaps in the workplace

Resolved, That this House has considered pay gaps in the workplace.—(Dawn Butler.)

The sitting was suspended between 10.52 am and 10.57 am.

2 National resilience and preparedness

Resolved, That this House has considered national resilience and preparedness.—(*Richard Foord*.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.26 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 Fiscal impact of the Autumn Budget 2024 on Scotland

Resolved, That this House has considered the fiscal impact of the Autumn Budget 2024 on Scotland.—(*Gregor Poynton*.)

The sitting was suspended between 3.56 pm and 4 pm.

4 Government support for town centres

Resolved, That this House has considered Government support for town centres.—(*Luke Murphy*.)

5 Potential impact of changes to employers' National Insurance contributions on the charity sector

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the potential impact of changes to employers' National Insurance contributions on the charity sector.—(*Joe Robertson*.)

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)).

Resolved, That this House has considered the potential impact of changes to employers' National Insurance contributions on the charity sector.

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

Adjourned at 5.30 pm until tomorrow.

Ms Nusrat Ghani

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Other papers

1 Pharmacy

Strategic Plan of the General Pharmaceutical Council 2020–25: year five (by Statutory Instrument) (*Secretary Wes Streeting*)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

VOTING BY PROXY (STANDING ORDER NO. 39A)

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

Member	From	To	Proxy
Claire Coutinho	8 January	3 August	Joy Morrissey
Satvir Kaur	11 December 2024	14 February	Chris Elmore