



House of Commons

Tuesday 14 January 2025

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs

2 Urgent Question: Drones: High security prisons (Sir Nicholas Dakin)

3 Statement: UK-China economic and financial dialogue (Chancellor of the Exchequer)

4 Community energy (review): 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 conduct a review of the contribution of community energy to the Government's Clean Power 2030 mission;

That Joe Morris, Emma Foody, Mark Ferguson, Ms Polly Billington, Maya Ellis, James Naish, Torcuil Crichton and Dr Simon Opher present the Bill.

Joe Morris accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 11 July, and to be printed (Bill 159).

5 Renters' Rights Bill: Consideration of the Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee

New Clause NC13—(*Matthew Pennycook*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC14—(*Matthew Pennycook*)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Division No. 75

Ayes: 372 (Tellers: Keir Mather, Anna Turley)

Noes: 114 (Tellers: Mr Richard Holden, Rebecca Smith)

Question agreed to.

As it was less than one hour before the moment of interruption, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on Consideration to a conclusion (Programme Order, 9 October 2024).

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

(1) That New Clause NC14 be added to the Bill (Question necessary to bring to a decision a Question already proposed from the Chair).

Question agreed to.

(2) That New Clauses NC15 and NC16 be added to the Bill (single Question on new Clauses moved by a Minister of the Crown).—(*Matthew Pennycook.*)

Question agreed to.

(3) That New Clause NC20 be added to the Bill (Question on any new Clause selected by the Speaker for separate decision).—(*David Simmonds.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 76

Ayes: 181 (Tellers: Mr Richard Holden, Rebecca Smith)

Noes: 363 (Tellers: Keir Mather, Anna Turley)

Question negatived.

(4) That Amendment 57 be made (Question on any Amendment selected by the Speaker for separate decision).—(*David Simmonds.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 77

Ayes: 118 (Tellers: Mr Richard Holden, Rebecca Smith)

Noes: 434 (Tellers: Keir Mather, Anna Turley)

Question negatived.

(5) That Amendments 12 to 17, 27 to 30 and 34 to 41 be made (single Question on Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown).—(*Matthew Pennycook.*)

Question agreed to.

(6) That Amendment 3 be made (Question on any Amendment selected by the Speaker for separate decision).—(*Gideon Amos.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 78

Ayes: 186 (Tellers: Susan Murray, Zöe Franklin)

Noes: 360 (Tellers: Keir Mather, Anna Turley)

Question negatived.

(7) That Amendments 42 to 52, 18 to 26, 31 to 33, 53 and 54 be made (single Question on Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown).—(*Matthew Pennycook.*)

Question agreed to.

Consideration completed.

6 Renters' Rights Bill: Third Reading

Secretary Angela Rayner signified King's consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned.

Motion made and Question proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time. At the moment of interruption, the debate was interrupted. The Deputy Speaker put the

Question necessary to bring proceedings on Third Reading to a conclusion. (Programme Order, 9 October 2024).

Question put forthwith, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The House divided.

Division No. 79

Ayes: 440 (Tellers: Keir Mather, Anna Turley)

Noes: 111 (Tellers: Mr Richard Holden, Rebecca Smith)

Question agreed to and Bill read the third time and passed.

7 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Official Controls (Amendment) Regulations 2024, which were laid before this House on 19 November 2024, be approved.—(*Kate Dearden.*)

The Deputy Speaker's opinion as to the decision on the Question was challenged.

Division deferred until tomorrow (Standing Order No. 41A).

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Combined Authorities (Borrowing) and East Midlands Combined County Authority (Borrowing and Functions) (Amendment) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 19 November 2024, be approved.—(*Kate Dearden.*)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft National Security Act 2023 (Consequential Amendment of Primary Legislation) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 29 October 2024, be approved.—(*Kate Dearden.*)

Question agreed to.

(4) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Police Act 1997 (Authorisations to Interfere with Property: Relevant Offence) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 29 October 2024, be approved.—(*Kate Dearden.*)

Question agreed to.

(5) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Registrar (Identity Verification and Authorised Corporate Service Providers) Regulations 2024, which were laid before this House on 22 May 2024, in the last Parliament, be approved.—(*Kate Dearden.*)

Question agreed to.

(6) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Unique Identifiers (Application of Company Law) Regulations 2024, which were laid before this House on 31 October 2024, be approved.—(*Kate Dearden.*)

Question agreed to.

(7) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Clean Heat Market Mechanism Regulations 2024, which were laid before this House on 21 November 2024, be approved.—(*Kate Dearden.*)

The Deputy Speaker's opinion as to the decision on the Question was challenged.

Division deferred until tomorrow (Standing Order No. 41A).

8 Scrutiny of European Statutory Instruments

Motion made and Question proposed, That the following Standing Order shall be made:

1. For the purposes of paragraph 17 of Schedule 7 to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 and paragraph 6 of Schedule 5 to the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 the committee charged with considering draft instruments and related documents shall be the committee appointed under Standing Order No. 152 to examine the expenditure, administration and policy of the Department laying the draft instrument or, in respect of an instrument or document laid by a Minister in the Cabinet Office, the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee.

2. A committee considering such a draft instrument or related document shall have the assistance of the Counsel to the Speaker.

3. In its consideration of an instrument referred to in paragraph (1) the committee shall consider, in addition to such other matters as it deems appropriate, whether the draft instrument—

(a) contains any provision of the type specified in paragraph 1(2) of Schedule 7 to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 in relation to which the Act requires that a draft of the instrument must be laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament (the affirmative procedure);

(b) contains any provision of the type specified in paragraph 5(2) of Schedule 5 to the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 in relation to which the Act requires that a draft of the instrument must be laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament (the affirmative procedure);

(c) otherwise appears to make an inappropriate use of the negative procedure; and shall report to the House if it is of the opinion that the negative procedure should not apply.

4. This Standing Order shall lapse—

(a) in so far as it relates to documents laid in accordance with paragraph 17(3)(b) of Schedule 7 to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (and matters arising from the consideration of such documents), at the end of the period after which no more regulations may be made under section 23(1) of that Act;

(b) in so far as it relates to documents laid in accordance with paragraph 6(3)(b) of Schedule 5 to the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (and matters arising from the consideration of such documents), at the end of the period after which no more regulations may be made under Sections 11, 12, or 14 of that Act.—(*Lucy Powell.*)

Objection taken (Standing Order No. 9(3)).

9 Adjournment

Subject: Education provision in south Buckinghamshire (Joy Morrissey)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Kate Dearden.*)

Adjourned at 7.43 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

10 Employment Rights Bill Committee

Valerie Vaz (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

11 Tobacco and Vapes Bill Committee

Sir Roger Gale (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

12 Water (Special Measures) Bill [Lords] Committee

Dr Rupa Huq (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

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 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Reporting on Payment Practices and Performance (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024)

Members: Dan Carden discharged and Grahame Morris nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

14 Administration Committee

Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 14 January, to be published (Nick Smith).

15 Backbench Business Committee

Transcript of representations made on Tuesday 14 January, to be published (Bob Blackman).

16 Business and Trade Committee

Make work pay: Employment Rights Bill: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 370) (Liam Byrne).

17 Culture, Media and Sport Committee

- (1) *The future of the BBC World Service*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 529);
- (2) *The work of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 330)
- (Dame Caroline Dinenage).

18 Defence Committee

- (1) *The work of the Service Complaints Ombudsman*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 626);
- (2) *Correspondence from Secretary of State regarding the Armed Forces Commissioner Bill*: Written evidence, to be published
- (Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi).

19 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

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

20 Home Affairs Committee

- (1) *Correspondence from the Minister for Safeguarding and Violence Against Women and Girls regarding the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (2) *Summer 2024 disorder*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 381)
- (Dame Karen Bradley).

21 Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

- (1) *Housing associations: Development and finances*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 599);
- (2) *Children in temporary accommodation*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 338);
- (2) *Rough sleeping*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 339)
- (Florence Eshalomi).

22 International Development Committee

Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory: Second Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 373) (Sarah Champion).

23 Petitions Committee

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

24 Science, Innovation and Technology Committee

- (1) *Innovation, growth and the regions*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 538);
- (2) *Correspondence from Google relating to Committee visit follow-up*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Innovation and eradicating diseases*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 537)
- (Chi Onwurah)

25 Standards (Committee on)

(1) *The House of Commons standards landscape: how MPs' standards and conduct are regulated: Government Response: First Special Report*, to be printed (HC 637);

(2) *Outside employment and interests*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 620)

(Alberto Costa).

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 Railway services in the South West

Resolved, That this House has considered railway services in the South West.—(*Martin Wrigley*.)

The sitting was suspended between 10.29 am and 11 am.

2 Impact of planned changes to agricultural property relief and business property relief on small businesses

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the impact of planned changes to agricultural property relief and business property relief on small businesses.—(*Graham Stuart*.)

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 Future of coastguard search and rescue helicopter services

Resolved, That this House has considered the future of coastguard search and rescue helicopter services.—(*Mr Alistair Carmichael*.)

The sitting was suspended between 3.32 pm and 4 pm.

4 Parking in town centres

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of parking in town centres.—(*Sonia Kumar*.)

5 Financial support for adoptive parents

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of financial support for adoptive parents.—(*Lisa Smart*.)

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

Adjourned at 5.12 pm until tomorrow.

Ms Nusrat Ghani

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge

Statute, dated 12 September 2024, made by the Governing Body of Churchill College in the University of Cambridge, revising the existing Statutes of the College (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Bridget Phillipson)

Other papers

2 Environment Act

Government Response to the Report by the Office for Environmental Protection on progress in improving the natural environment in England from January 2024 (by Act) (Secretary Steve Reed)

3 Health and Social Care

Government Response to the Report of the House of Lords Preterm Birth Committee (by Command) (CP 1244) (Secretary Wes Streeting)

4 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department for Science, Innovation and Technology and Cabinet Office: Government’s approach to technology suppliers: addressing the challenges (by Act), to be printed (HC 543) (Clerk of the House)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

VOTING BY PROXY (STANDING ORDER NO. 39A)

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

Member	From	To	Proxy
Alicia Kearns	10 December 2024	31 January	Joy Morrissey