



House of Commons

Tuesday 28 January 2025

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Justice
- 2 Urgent Questions: (1) Government's extremism review (Dan Jarvis)
(2) Government policy on airport expansion (Mike Kane)
- 3 Statements: (1) Gaza: Humanitarian situation (Anneliese Dodds)
(2) Sudan and eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (Secretary David Lammy)
- 4 Women's State Pension age (Ombudsman report and compensation scheme): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Motion made and Question put, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the Secretary of State to publish measures to address the findings of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman in its report entitled "Women's State Pension age: our findings on injustice and associated issues"; to require the Secretary of State to publish proposals for a compensation scheme for women born between 6 April 1950 and 5 April 1960 inclusive who have been affected by increases in the state pension age; and for connected purposes.—(*Stephen Flynn.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 92

Ayes: 105 (Tellers: Kirsty Blackman, Bobby Dean)

Noes: 0 (Tellers: Brendan O'Hara, Ben Lake)

Question agreed to.

Ordered, That Stephen Flynn, Kirsty Blackman, Pete Wishart, Graham Leadbitter, Liz Saville Roberts, Brian Leishman, Sir Julian Lewis, Steve Darling, Siân Berry, Gavin Robinson, Claire Hanna and Jeremy Corbyn present the Bill.

Stephen Flynn accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 7 March, and to be printed (Bill 169).

- 5 Water (Special Measures) Bill [Lords]: Consideration of the Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee

New Clause NC18—(*Emma Hardy*)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

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

Question put and agreed to.

New Clause NC18 accordingly added to the Bill.

As it was one hour before the moment of interruption, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on Consideration to a conclusion (Programme Order, 16 December 2024).

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

(1) That New Clause NC16 be added to the Bill (Question on any new Clause selected by the Speaker for separate decision).—(*Victoria Atkins.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 93

Ayes: 181 (Tellers: Paul Holmes, Gregory Stafford)

Noes: 322 (Tellers: Gerald Jones, Anna McMorris)

Question negatived.

(2) That New Clause NC19 be added to the Bill (Question on any new Clause selected by the Speaker for separate decision).—(*Victoria Atkins.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 94

Ayes: 180 (Tellers: Paul Holmes, Gregory Stafford)

Noes: 325 (Tellers: Gerald Jones, Anna McMorris)

Question negatived.

(3) That Amendment 4 be made (Question on any Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown).—(*Emma Hardy.*)

Question agreed to.

(4) That Amendment 9 be made (Question on any Amendment selected by the Speaker for separate decision).—(*Tim Farron.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 95

Ayes: 73 (Tellers: Tessa Munt, Bobby Dean)

Noes: 321 (Tellers: Anna McMorris, Gerald Jones)

Question negatived.

(5) That Amendments 5 to 8 be made (Question necessary for the disposal of business to be concluded).—(*Emma Hardy.*)

Question agreed to.

Consideration completed.

6 Water (Special Measures) Bill [Lords]: Third Reading

Bill read the third time and passed with Amendments.

7 The Speaker's Absence

Ordered, That the Speaker have leave of absence on Thursday 30 January to attend the funeral of the Right honourable the Lord Prescott, formerly Member for Kingston upon Hull East.—(*Lucy Powell*.)

8 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Heat Networks (Market Framework) (Great Britain) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 28 November 2024, be approved.—(*Martin McCluskey*.)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2025, which was laid before this House on 3 December 2024, be approved.—(*Martin McCluskey*.)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Airports Slot Allocation (Alleviation of Usage Requirements etc.) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 4 December 2024, be approved.—(*Martin McCluskey*.)

Question agreed to.

9 Public petitions

A public petition from residents of Northern Ireland relating to the family farm tax was presented and read by Robin Swann.

10 Adjournment

Subject: Pay discrimination against unionised workers in the housing sector (Anneliese Midgley)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Martin McCluskey*.)

Adjourned at 7.18 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Public petitions

11 Petitions presented informally

A public petition from residents of the constituency of Sevenoaks, including Swanley and the Dartford villages, relating to the lower thames crossing was presented by Laura Trott.

General Committees: Reports

12 Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill Committee

Graham Stringer (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

13 Finance Bill (except Clauses 7 to 12, Schedules 1 and 2, Clauses 15 to 18, Schedule 3 and Clauses 47 to 53) Committee

David Mundell (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.

14 Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill Committee

Peter Dowd (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

15 Tobacco and Vapes Bill Committee

Mark Pritchard (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

16 Third Delegated Legislation Committee

Clive Efford (Chair) reported the draft Armed Forces (Court Martial) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 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).

17 Finance Bill (Programming Sub-Committee)

Members: Alex Ballinger, Mr Paul Kohler, James Murray, Emma Reynolds, Alistair Strathern, Christian Wakeford and James Wild

18 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Armed Forces (Court Martial) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2024)

Members: Rachel Hopkins discharged and Sarah Coombes nominated in substitution.

19 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Gambling Act 2005 (Operating Licence Conditions) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 and draft Gambling Levy Regulations 2025)

Members: Wendy Morton discharged and Dr Andrew Murrison nominated in substitution.

20 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Separation of Waste (England) Regulations 2025)

Members: Charlie Dewhirst discharged and Jack Rankin nominated in substitution.

*Select Committees: Reports***21 Administration Committee**

Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on 28 January, to be published (Nick Smith).

22 Backbench Business Committee

Transcript of representations made on Tuesday 28 January, to be published (Bob Blackman).

23 Business and Trade Committee

Correspondence with the Post Office relating to WHSmith closures: Written evidence, to be published (Liam Byrne).

24 Culture, Media and Sport Committee

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

(2) *Creative artists in Afghanistan*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 329);

(3) *Game on: Community and school sport*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 593);

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

(Dame Caroline Dinenage).

25 Defence Committee

(1) *The UK contribution to European security*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 520);

(2) *Correspondence with the Permanent Secretary relating to the Defence Equipment Plan*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to the multi-year Spending Review*: Written evidence, to be published

(Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi).

26 Education Committee

(1) *Solving the SEND crisis*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 492);

(2) *Reform of level 3 qualifications*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 428)

(Helen Hayes).

27 Foreign Affairs Committee

The situation in Syria: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 668) (Emily Thornberry).

28 Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

(1) *English devolution*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 600);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Local Government and English Devolution relating to the London Borough of Tower Hamlets*: Written evidence, to be published

(Florence Eshalomi).

29 International Development Committee

- (1) *Correspondence with the Minister of State for Development relating to ongoing UK support for Jordan*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (2) *In development*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 333);
- (3) *The development work of the FCDO*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 531);
- (4) *The FCDO's approach to value for money*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 422) (Sarah Champion).

30 Justice Committee

- (1) *Appointment of the Chief Inspector of HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate*:
 - (i) Second Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 578);
 - (ii) Oral evidence, to be published (HC 578);
- (2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Courts and Legal Services*: Written evidence to be published;
- (3) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Sentencing relating to sentencing for dangerous driving*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) *Correspondence with the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Family Justice and Marriage and Divorce relating to cohabitation and humanist marriages*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to the Criminal Cases Review Commission*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (6) *Work of the Lord Chancellor*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 486) (Andy Slaughter).

31 Petitions Committee

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

32 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

- (1) *The work of the Civil Service Commission*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 625);
- (2) *Correspondence from the Commissioner for Public Appointments relating to publication of Annual Report 2023–24*: Written evidence, to be published (Simon Hoare).

33 Science, Innovation and Technology Committee

- (1) *Insect decline and UK food security: Government Response*: Second Special Report, to be printed (HC 701);
- (2) *Government Chief Scientific Adviser and departmental Chief Scientific Advisers*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 670);
- (3) *Innovation showcase*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 523);
- (4) *Correspondence from the Chief Secretary to the Treasury on request for R&D expenditure*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) *Correspondence from the Minister of State*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (6) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State*: Written evidence, to be published (Chi Onwurah).

34 Transport Committee

Driving tests availability: Written evidence, to be published (HC 437) (Ruth Cadbury).

35 Treasury Committee

(1) *Acceptance of cash:* Oral and part of written evidence, to be published (HC 324);

(2) *Correspondence from the Chief Secretary to the Treasury relating to Office for Value for Money thematic studies:* Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Chancellor of the Exchequer:* Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Work of the Financial Conduct Authority:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 417) (Dame Meg Hillier).

36 Women and Equalities Committee

(1) *Misogyny in music: Follow up:* Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 573);

(2) *Tackling non-consensual intimate image abuse:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 336)

(Sarah Owen).

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 Road safety for young drivers

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered road safety for young drivers.—(*Julia Buckley*.)

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)).

At 11 am, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

2 Solar farms on agricultural land

Resolved, That this House has considered solar farms on agricultural land.—(*Dr Roz Savage*.)

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

3 Impact of changes to Agricultural Property Relief

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the impact of changes to Agricultural Property Relief.—(*Ann Davies*.)

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 impact of changes to Agricultural Property Relief.

4 Government funding for the A133-A120 link road

Resolved, That this House has considered Government funding for the A133-A120 link road.—(*Sir Bernard Jenkin*.)

The sitting was suspended between 4.24 pm and 4.40 pm for a division in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

5 SME participation in defence procurement

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered SME participation in defence procurement.—(*Alan Strickland*.)

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 SME participation in defence procurement.

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

Adjourned at 5.39 pm until tomorrow.

Ms Nusrat Ghani

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Ecclesiastical Law

Draft Grants to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Chris Bryant)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Income Tax

Income Tax (Additional Information to be included in Returns) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 84), dated 27 January 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (James Murray)

Other papers

3 Aviation (Security)

Report on the number of notices and directions served under the Aviation Security Act 1982 during 2024 (by Act) (Secretary Heidi Alexander)

4 Marine and Coastal Access

Report and Accounts of the Marine Management Organisation for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 615) (Secretary Steve Reed)

5 Protection of Freedoms

Report and Accounts of the Disclosure and Barring Service for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 651) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE**VOTING BY PROXY (STANDING ORDER NO. 39A)**

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

Member	From	To	Proxy
Ian Murray	29 January	4 March	Chris Elmore