



House of Commons

Wednesday 12 February 2025

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology
(2) the Prime Minister**

- 2 Urgent Question: Energy infrastructure: Chinese companies (Kerry McCarthy)**

- 3 Statement: Prevent learning review (Dan Jarvis)**

- 4 Political donations: 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 a cap on political donations; to make provision for a review to recommend the level at which such a cap should be set and to consider the impact of such a cap; to make provision about political donations made by foreign nationals through companies; and for connected purposes;

That Manuela Perteghella, Dr Roz Savage, Ellie Chowns, Liz Jarvis, Sorch Eastwood, James MacCleary, Claire Young, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Wera Hobhouse, Sarah Olney and Martin Wrigley present the Bill.

Manuela Perteghella accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 16 May, and to be printed (Bill 183).

- 5 Data (Use and Access) Bill [Lords]: Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

- 6 Deferred Divisions**

The Deputy Speaker announced the results of the Division which had been deferred to this day (Standing Order No. 41A).

Electronic Communications

That the draft Online Safety Act 2023 (Category 1, Category 2A and Category 2B Threshold Conditions) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 16 December 2024, be approved.

Division No. 100

Ayes: 320

Noes: 178

Question agreed to.

- 7 Data (Use and Access) Bill [Lords]: Second Reading (resumed)**

The House resumed the debate.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

8 Data (Use and Access) Bill [Lords]: Programme

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Data (Use and Access) 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 18 March 2025.

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

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 those proceedings 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.—(*Gerald Jones.*)

Question agreed to.

9 Data (Use and Access) 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 Data (Use and Access) Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(1) any expenditure incurred under or by virtue of the Act by the Secretary of State, the Treasury, a government department or another public authority, and

(2) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under or by virtue of any other Act out of money so provided.—(*Gerald Jones.*)

Question agreed to.

10 Data (Use and Access) Bill [Lords]: Ways and Means

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

(1) the charging of fees or levies under or by virtue of the Act;

(2) the requiring of payments in connection with costs incurred by the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority for the purposes of a tender exercise relating to a smart meter communication licence; and

(3) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund.—(*Gerald Jones.*)

Question agreed to.

11 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Energy Bill Relief Scheme and Energy Bills Discount Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2024, which were laid before this House on 16 December 2024, be approved.—(*Gerald Jones.*)

Question agreed to.

12 Public petitions

(1) A public petition from the owners and supporters of Umana Yana, Herne Hill, relating to Umana Yana restaurant in Herne Hill was presented and read by Helen Hayes.

(2) A public petition from Maria Georgina Dennis relating to safety standards in the scaffolding industry was presented and read by Helena Dollimore.

13 Adjournment

Subject: SEND provision in Derbyshire (Linsey Farnsworth)

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Gerald Jones.*)

At 7 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 9(3)).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Gerald Jones.*)

Adjourned at 7.23 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

14 Water (Special Measures) Bill [Lords]

The Lords do not insist on their disagreement to Commons Amendments to the Water (Special Measures) Bill [Lords]; they do not insist on their Amendment to which the Commons have disagreed; and they agree without amendment to the Amendments proposed by the Commons in lieu of the words left out.

15 Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (Transfer of Functions etc) Bill [Lords]

The Lords have passed a Bill to transfer the functions of the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education, and its property, rights and liabilities, to the Secretary of State; to abolish the Institute; and to make amendments relating to the transferred functions to, which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

First Reading and Printing of Lords Bills

16 Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (Transfer of Functions etc) Bill [Lords]

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 184), with Explanatory Notes (Bill 184–EN).

*Changes to Notices Given***17 Firearms (3D Printing) Bill**

Order for Second Reading on Friday 7 March, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 16 May.

*General Committees: Reports***18 Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill Committee**

Carolyn Harris (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

19 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee

Sir Jeremy Wright (Chair) reported the draft Mesothelioma Lump Sum Payments (Conditions And Amounts) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 and the draft Pneumoconiosis Etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment Of Claims) (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).

20 Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill Committee

Members: Johanna Baxter, Siân Berry, Neil Coyle, Steve Darling, Charlie Dewhurst, Damien Egan, Gill German, Georgia Gould, Sally Jameson, Gerald Jones, Gordon McKee, John Milne, Michael Payne, Rebecca Smith, Michelle Welsh, Andrew Western and Mike Wood

21 Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill Committee

Members: Sarah Bool, Jade Botterill, Dame Angela Eagle, Mr Will Forster, Becky Gittins, Tom Hayes, Katie Lam, Martin McCluskey, Seema Malhotra, Margaret Mullane, Chris Murray, Susan Murray, Kenneth Stevenson, Mike Tapp, Matt Vickers, Jo White and Pete Wishart

22 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Higher Education (Fee Limits and Fee Limit Condition) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2025)

Members: Sadik Al-Hassan, Jen Craft, Shaun Davies, Natalie Fleet, Emma Foody, Vicky Foxcroft, Lincoln Jopp, Rebecca Long Bailey, Rachael Maskell, Stephen Morgan, Neil O'Brien, Rebecca Paul, Dr Al Pinkerton, Ian Sollom, Patrick Spencer, Fred Thomas and Dr Marie Tidball

23 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications, Deemed Applications, Requests and Site Visits) (England) (Amendment and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2025)

Members: Mr Gideon Amos, Lewis Atkinson, Mr Alex Barros-Curtis, Lewis Cocking, Emily Darlington, Olly Glover, Paul Holmes, Gen Kitchen, Perran Moon, Andrew Pakes, Matthew

Pennycook, Joe Robertson, Mrs Sarah Russell, David Simmonds, Harpreet Uppal, Sean Woodcock and Rosie Wrighting

24 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 (Scottish Adult Disability Living Allowance) (Consequential Modifications) Order 2025)

Members: Alex Ballinger, Kirsty Blackman, Andrew Bowie, John Cooper, Harriet Cross, Jim Dickson, Mary Glindon, Jonathan Hinder, Alison Hume, Christine Jardine, Peter Lamb, Martin McCluskey, Kirsty McNeill, Kate Osborne, Jenny Riddell-Carpenter, Jamie Stone and Melanie Ward

25 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Mesothelioma Lump Sum Payments (Conditions and Amounts) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 and draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 2025)

Members: Sarah Edwards discharged and John Whitby nominated in substitution.

26 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Flood Reinsurance (Amendment) Regulations 2025)

Members: Mr Bayo Alaba, Aphra Brandreth, Richard Burgon, Jonathan Davies, Tim Farron, Sir Ashley Fox, Andrew George, Emma Hardy, Dr Neil Hudson, Mary Kelly Foy, Jayne Kirkham, James Naish, Kanishka Narayan, Tristan Osborne, Jeff Smith, Sir Julian Smith and Dan Tomlinson

27 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (Amendment) (Provision of Information) Order 2025)

Members: Antonia Bance, Chris Bloore, Sarah Bool, Jade Botterill, Neil Duncan-Jordan, Sarah Edwards, Linsey Farnsworth, Christine Jardine, Katie Lam, Keir Mather, Abtisam Mohamed, Jess Phillips, Mr Connor Rand, Jack Rankin, Lisa Smart, Sarah Smith and Matt Vickers

Select Committees: Reports

28 Energy Security and Net Zero Committee

- (1) *Retrofitting homes for net zero*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 453);
 - (2) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (3) *Work of the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 396)
- (Bill Esterson).

29 Environmental Audit Committee

- (1) *Flood resilience in England*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 550);
 - (2) *Environmental sustainability and housing growth*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 439);
 - (3) *Governing the marine environment*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 551);
 - (4) *Net zero and UK shipping*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 705)
- (Mr Toby Perkins).

30 Health and Social Care Committee

- (1) *Community mental health services*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 566);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Care relating to palliative care*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to the Spending Review*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to winter pressures*: Written evidence, to be published

(Layla Moran).

31 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

* This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings relating to Monday 3 March 2025.

(1) *Accountability for Daesh crimes*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 612);

(2) *Correspondence from the Chair of the Equality and Human Rights Commission relating to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Home Secretary relating to modern slavery in the UK*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Forced labour in UK supply chains*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 633);

(5) *Mental Health Bill*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 601)

(Sir Desmond Swayne).

32 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

(1) *Correspondence with HM Treasury relating to UK and EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism schemes*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to potential compensation for Gerry Adams*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 586);

(4) *The operation of the Windsor Framework*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 491)
(Tonia Antoniazzi).

33 Procedure Committee

Proxy Voting: Review of arrangements introduced in the 2024–25 Session: Written evidence, to be published (HC 489) (Cat Smith).

34 Scottish Affairs Committee

(1) *Problem drug use in Scotland follow-up: Glasgow's Safer Drug Consumption Facility*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 630);

(2) *GB Energy and the net zero transition*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 459)
(Patricia Ferguson).

35 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

Fourteenth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 291-xiv) (Sir Bernard Jenkin).

36 Transport Committee

Airports and economic growth: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 709) (Ruth Cadbury).

37 Treasury Committee

Work of HM Treasury: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 687) (Dame Meg Hillier).

38 Welsh Affairs Committee

The work of the First Minister of Wales: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 659) (Ruth Jones).

39 Women and Equalities Committee

(1) *The rights of older people*: Third Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 414);

(2) *The work of the Minister for Women and Equalities*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 618);

(3) *Equality at work: paternity and shared parental leave*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 502);

(4) *Misogyny in music*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 573);

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

(Sarah Owen).

40 Work and Pensions Committee

(1) *Safeguarding vulnerable claimants*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 402);

(2) *Correspondence with the Minister of State for Pensions relating to non-indexation of pre-1997 pension rights*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *DWP's Annual Report and Accounts 2023–24*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 688)

(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 Fuel poverty in England

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered fuel poverty in England.—(*Jon Trickett*.)

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

2 Knife crime in London

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered knife crime in London.—(*Luke Taylor.*)

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 Government support for pensioners

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered Government support for pensioners.—(*Blake Stephenson.*)

At 4 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

4 Government support for the Scotch whisky industry

Resolved, That this House has considered Government support for the Scotch whisky industry.—(*Graham Leadbitter.*)

5 International Court of Justice Advisory Opinion on Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the International Court of Justice Advisory Opinion on Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories.—(*Brian Leishman.*)

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 5.30 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(14)).

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

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Payment Scheme

Draft Infected Blood Compensation Scheme Regulations 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Nick Thomas-Symonds)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Climate Change

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 124), dated 5 February 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Ed Miliband)

Other papers**3 Animal Welfare (Sentience)**

Government Response to Animal Sentience Committee: Online Safety Act Report (by Act) (Chris Bryant)

4 Dormant Assets

Dormant Assets Parliamentary Review for the period February 2022 to February 2025 (by Act), to be printed (HC 669) (Secretary Lisa Nandy)

5 Enterprise

Report and Accounts of the Competition Appeal Tribunal and Competition Service for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 652) (Clerk of the House)

6 Environment

Government response to the Office for Environmental Protection's review of implementation of the Bathing Water Regulations in England (by Act) (Secretary Steve Reed)

7 Pensions

The Naval, Military and Air Forces Etc. (Disablement and Death) Service Pensions (Amendment) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 128), dated 5 February 2025 (by Act) (Secretary John Healey)

8 Supply Estimate 2024–25

Supplementary Estimate for the House of Commons Administration for 2024–25 (by Act), to be printed (HC 661) (The Speaker)

9 Supply Estimates 2025–26

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

(1) Estimates for which a Vote on Account is required for the House of Commons Administration for 2025–26 (by Act), to be printed (HC 660) (The Speaker)

(2) Estimates for which a Vote on Account is required for the Parliamentary Works Grant for 2025–26 (by Act), to be printed (HC 662) (Ms Nusrat Ghani)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

VOTING BY PROXY (STANDING ORDER NO. 39A)

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

Member	From	To	Proxy
Apsana Begum	12 February	12 March	Zarah Sultana