



House of Commons

Monday 24 February 2025

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

1 Speaker's Statement: Ukraine

2 Royal Assent

The Speaker reported that the King had signified Royal Assent to the following Acts under the Royal Assent Act 1967:

Arbitration Act 2025

Water (Special Measures) Act 2025

3 Questions to the Home Secretary

4 Urgent Question: Plant Oxford site (Sarah Jones)

5 Statements: (1) Ukraine: Three years on (Secretary David Lammy)

(2) Breakfast clubs: Early adopters (Secretary Bridget Phillipson)

6 Crown Estate Bill [Lords]: Consideration of the Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee

New Clause NC1—(*Llinos Medi*)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Division No. 101

Ayes: 59 (Tellers: Bobby Dean, Siân Berry)

Noes: 316 (Tellers: Kate Dearden, Anna Turley)

Question negatived.

New Clause NC6—(*James Wild*)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Division No. 102

Ayes: 100 (Tellers: Jerome Mayhew, Sir Ashley Fox)

Noes: 312 (Tellers: Kate Dearden, Anna Turley)

Question negatived.

Amendment 4 proposed.—(*James Wild.*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Division No. 103

Ayes: 153 (Tellers: Jerome Mayhew, Sir Ashley Fox)

Noes: 316 (Tellers: Kate Dearden, Anna Turley)

Question negatived.

Amendment 2 proposed.—(*Pippa Heylings.*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Division No. 104

Ayes: 61 (Tellers: Susan Murray, Charlie Maynard)

Noes: 316 (Tellers: Kate Dearden, Anna Turley)

Question negatived.

Consideration completed.

7 Crown Estate Bill [Lords]: Third Reading

Mark Tami signified King's consent, as far as His Majesty's interest is concerned.

Bill read the third time and passed without amendment.

8 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Mesothelioma Lump Sum Payments (Conditions and Amounts) (Amendment) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 9 January, be approved.—(*Jeff Smith.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 9 January, be approved.—(*Jeff Smith.*)

Question agreed to.

9 Business of the House

Ordered, That notices of Amendments, new Clauses and new Schedules to be moved in Committee in respect of the Church of Scotland (Lord High Commissioner) Bill may be accepted by the Clerks at the Table before it has been read a second time.—(*Lucy Powell.*)

10 Changes to membership of select committees

Ordered, That Sammy Wilson be a member of the Environmental Audit Committee.—
(*Jessica Morden, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

11 Adjournment

Subject: Impact of bank closures in rural areas (Simon Hoare)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Jeff Smith.*)

Adjourned at 9.39 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Changes to Notices Given

12 Statutory Adoption Pay (Report on Extension to the Self-Employed) Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 11 July.

General Committees: Reports

13 First Delegated Legislation Committee

Gill Furniss (Chair) reported the draft Higher Education (Fee Limits and Fee Limit Condition) (England) (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).

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

Members: Dr Marie Tidball discharged and Samantha Niblett nominated in substitution.

15 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: Lewis Atkinson and Sean Woodcock discharged and Lizzi Collinge and Markus Campbell-Savours nominated in substitution.

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

Members: Alex Ballinger, Kirsty Blackman, Peter Lamb and Kate Osborne discharged and Graham Leaditter, Katrina Murray, Elaine Stewart and Alison Taylor nominated in substitution.

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

Members: Abtissam Mohamed discharged and Peter Lamb nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports relating to orders for printing made during the adjournment under Standing Order No. 137

Thursday 20 February

18 Science, Innovation and Technology Committee

Social media, misinformation and harmful algorithms: Written evidence, to be published (HC 441) (Clerk of the House).

Friday 21 February

19 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

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

Reports from Select Committees made on Monday 24 February

20 Home Affairs Committee

Correspondence with the Director of Public Prosecutions regarding the process and guidance around publication of prosecution information: Written evidence, to be published (Dame Karen Bradley).

Sir Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 4.30 pm.

Debate on an e-petition (Standing Orders No. 10(1)(a) and No. 145A(7))

1 Minimum age for social media

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petition 700086 relating to a minimum age for social media.—(*Tony Vaughan*.)

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

Adjourned at 7.07 pm until tomorrow.

Ms Nusrat Ghani

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers presented and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates during the adjournment under Standing Orders No. 158 and No. 159

Tuesday 18 February

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Taxes

Income and Corporation Taxes (Electronic Communications) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 172), dated 14 February 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (James Murray)

Other papers

2 Transport

A railway fit for Britain's future (by Command) (CP 1269) (Secretary Heidi Alexander)

Wednesday 19 February

Other papers

3 Merchant Shipping

Explanatory Memorandum to the Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 134) (by Command) (Secretary Heidi Alexander)

Withdrawn papers

4 Merchant Shipping

Explanatory Memorandum to the Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 134) (by Command) (laid 11 February)

Thursday 20 February

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

5 Rating and Valuation

Non-Domestic Rating (Designated Areas) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 180), dated 18 February 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jim McMahon)

Other papers

6 Treaty Series No. 8 (2025)

Treaty, done at St John's on 27 July 2021, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Antigua and Barbuda establishing a Maritime Boundary between Anguilla and Antigua and Barbuda (by Command) (CP 1263) (Secretary David Lammy)

7 Treaty Series No. 9 (2025)

Partnership, Trade and Cooperation Agreement, done at Belgrade on 16 April 2021, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Serbia (by Command) (CP 1279) (Secretary David Lammy)

8 Treaty Series No. 10 (2025)

Temporary Agreement, done at London on 14 December 2020, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Swiss Confederation on Services Mobility (with Exchange of Letters) (by Command) (CP 1280) (Secretary David Lammy)

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 24 February

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

9 Local Government

(1) Draft Cornwall Council (Adult Education Functions) Regulations 2025 and an accompanying Report under section 17 of the Levelling-Up and Regeneration Act 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (by Act) (Janet Daby)

(2) Draft East Midlands Combined County Authority (Adult Education Functions) Regulations 2025 and an accompanying Report under section 105 of the Levelling-Up and Regeneration Act 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Janet Daby)

(3) Draft York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority (Adult Education Functions) Order 2025 and an accompanying Report under section 105 of the Levelling-Up and Regeneration Act 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Janet Daby)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

10 Social Care

Care and Support (Charging and Assessment of Resources) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 199), dated 20 February 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Stephen Kinnock)

11 Terms and Conditions of Employment

(1) Neonatal Care Leave and Pay (Consequential Amendments to Subordinate Legislation) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 201), dated 24 February 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Justin Madders)

(2) Statutory Neonatal Care Pay (Administration) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 206), dated 24 February 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Justin Madders)

(3) Statutory Neonatal Care Pay (Persons Abroad and Mariners) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 202), dated 24 February 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Justin Madders)

12 Ukraine No. 1 (2025)

One Hundred Year Partnership Agreement, done at Kyiv on 16 January 2025, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Ukraine (by Command) (CP 1277) (Secretary David Lammy)

Papers laid under paragraph 6 of Schedule 5 to the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023

13 Retained EU Law Reform

Proposal for an instrument titled New Heavy-Duty Vehicles (Carbon Dioxide Emission Performance Standards) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2025, with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary Heidi Alexander)

Other papers

14 Housing, Communities and Local Government

Promoter's Response to the Report of the House of Lords Holocaust Memorial Bill Select Committee (by Command) (CP 1264) (Secretary Angela Rayner)

15 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department of Health and Social Care and Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs: Investigation into how Government is addressing antimicrobial resistance (by Act), to be printed (HC 690) (Clerk of the House)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

VOTING BY PROXY (STANDING ORDER NO. 39A)

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

Member	From	To	Proxy
Tom Morrison	9 January	22 April	Mr Will Forster (9 January to 23 February)
			Dr Danny Chambers (24 to 25 February)
			Mr Will Forster (from 26 February)
Olivia Blake	24 February	14 April	Chris Elmore
Mike Amesbury	24 November 2024	19 June	Arrangement terminated