

Thursday 27 February 2025

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

1 Creating a Safer World – the Challenge of Regulating Online Pornography

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, that he will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return of a Report, dated 27 February 2025, entitled Creating a Safer World – the Challenge of Regulating Online Pornography.—(Vicky Foxcroft.)

- 2 Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport
 - (2) the hon. Member representing the Church Commissioners, the hon. Member representing the House of Commons Commission and Restoration and Renewal Client Board and the right hon. Member representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission
- 3 Urgent Question: BBC coverage of the situation in Gaza (Secretary Lisa Nandy)
- 4 Business Question (Leader of the House)
- 5 Backbench Business
 - (1) Third anniversary of the war in Ukraine

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the third anniversary of the war in Ukraine.—(Sir lain Duncan Smith.)

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

Question put and agreed to.

(2) St David's Day and Welsh affairs

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered St David's Day and Welsh affairs.—(Ruth Jones.)

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

At 5 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 9(3)).

6 Adjournment

Subject: Economic contribution of non-league football clubs (Chris Bloore)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Anna McMorrin.)

Adjourned at 5.22 pm until Monday 3 March.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

7 Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill Committee

Dawn Butler (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.

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

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck (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).

9 Data (Use and Access) Bill [Lords] Committee

Members: Mohammad Yasin discharged and Gurinder Singh Josan nominated in substitution.

10 Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill (Programming Sub-Committee)

Members: Jade Botterill, Dame Angela Eagle, Katie Lam, Martin McCluskey, Seema Malhotra, Susan Murray and Kenneth Stevenson

11 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Non-Domestic Rating (Levy and Safety Net) (Amendment) Regulations 2025)

Members: Harpreet Uppal discharged and Mark Ferguson nominated in substitution.

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12 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Immigration (Biometric Information etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 and draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2025)

Members: Bradley Thomas discharged and Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst nominated in substitution.

13 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Food and Feed (Regulated Products)
(Amendment, Revocation, Consequential and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2025)

Members: Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst discharged and Bradley Thomas nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

14 Backbench Business Committee

Determination of business to be taken on Thursday 6 March in the Chamber and Tuesday 11 March and Thursday 27 March in Westminster Hall (Bob Blackman).

15 Home Affairs Committee

Correspondence from the Minister of State for Policing, Fire and Crime Prevention relating to the Crime and Policing Bill: Written evidence, to be published (Dame Karen Bradley).

16 Public Accounts (Committee of)

- (1) Government's relationship with digital technology suppliers: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 640);
- (2) Correspondence from the Chief Executive and First Permanent Secretary of HM Revenue and Customs: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) Correspondence from the Chief Executive of HM Courts and Tribunals Service relating to the update on the HMCTS Reform Programme: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) Correspondence from the Director General for Local Government, Growth and Communities relating to the Barnet section 114 notice due to pension fund payment irregularities: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary of the Department for Work and Pensions relating to erroneous state pension payments: Written evidence, to be published;
- (6) Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary of the Home Office relating to their stepping down at the Home Office by end of March: Written evidence, to be published;
- (7) Correspondence relating to the Committee's previous Reports: Written evidence, to be published;
- (8) Correspondence with the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Defence relating to the acquisition of Harland & Wolff: Written evidence, to be published;
- (9) The remediation of dangerous cladding: Written evidence, to be published (HC 362);
- (10) Whole of Government Accounts 2022–23: Written evidence, to be published (HC 367) (Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown).

17 Science, Innovation and Technology Committee

Department for Science, Innovation and Technology 2024–25 Supplementary Estimate Memorandum: Written evidence, to be published (Chi Onwurah).

Sir Lindsay Hoyle
Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 1.30 pm.

Business determined by the Backbench Business Committee (Standing Orders No. 10(7) and No. 14(4))

1 Rural crime

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of rural crime.—(Ben Maguire.)

2 Women's health

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered women's health.— (Helena Dollimore.)

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

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

Adjourned at 4.30 pm until Monday 3 March.

Ms Nusrat Ghani

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Competition

Enterprise Act 2002 (Bodies Designated to make Super-complaints) (Amendment) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 220), dated 24 February 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Justin Madders)

2 Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries

Port of Southampton Harbour Revision Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 198), dated 21 February 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Heidi Alexander)

3 Health Care and Associated Professions

Medical Profession (Responsible Officers) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 221), dated 26 February 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Karin Smyth)

Other papers

4 Agricultural Marketing

Report on the British Wool Marketing Board Agricultural Marketing Scheme for 2023–2024 (by Act) (Secretary Steve Reed)

5 Environment

Office for Environmental Protection: A review of implementation of the duty to have due regard to the Environmental Principles Policy Statement in England (by Act) (Clerk of the House)

6 Justice

Annual Report of the Press Recognition Panel on the recognition system for 2025 (by Command) (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)

7 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums

- (1) Electoral Commission: Statement of Excesses for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 725) (The Speaker)
- (2) First Report in 2025 from the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission on the Re-appointment of an Electoral Commissioner (by Act), to be printed (HC 740) (The Speaker)

8 Science, Innovation and Technology

Return to an Address to His Majesty for a Return of the Report, dated 27 February 2025, of the Creating a Safer World: The Challenge of Regulating Online Pornography (pursuant to Resolution today), to be printed (HC 592) (Secretary Peter Kyle)

9 Supply Estimates 2023–24

Central Government Supply Estimates 2023–24: Statement of Excesses (by Command), to be printed (HC 657) (Darren Jones)

10 Treaty Series No. 11 (2025)

Agreement, done at Oslo on 13 October 2020, on the Continued Application and Amendment of the Convention between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway Providing for the Reciprocal Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments in Civil Matters signed at London on 12 June 1961 (by Command) (CP 1261) (Secretary David Lammy)

11 Treaty Series No. 12 (2025)

Partnership, Trade and Cooperation Agreement, done at Skopje on 3 December 2020, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Republic of North Macedonia (by Command) (CP 1282) (Secretary David Lammy)

12 Treaty Series No. 13 (2025)

Agreement, done at London on 2 March 2015, on the Mutual Recognition of Higher Education Awards, Titles, Diplomas and Academic Degrees between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United Mexican States (by Command) (CP 1283) (Secretary David Lammy)

CORRECTION

Wednesday 26 February 2025

(1) Item 26 (Select Committee Reports) should have read:

Health and Social Care Committee

- (1) Pre-appointment hearing for the position of Chair of NHS England:
- (i) First Report, with written evidence, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 743);
 - (ii) Oral evidence, to be published (HC 743);
- (2) Adult Social Care reform: The cost of inaction: Written evidence, to be published (HC 368);
- (3) Correspondence from the Minister of State for Care: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) Department of Health and Social Care 2024–25 Supplementary Estimate Memorandum: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) The work of the Care Quality Commission: Written evidence, to be published (HC 562)

(Layla Moran).