



# House of Commons

Monday 3 March 2025

## Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

**1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government**

**2 Statement: Ukraine (Prime Minister)**

**3 Finance Bill: Consideration of the Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee**

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

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

Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

New Clause NC2—(*James Wild*)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Division No. 109

Ayes: 113 (Tellers: Katie Lam, Gregory Stafford)

Noes: 331 (Tellers: Keir Mather, Taiwo Owatemi)

Question negatived.

New Clause NC8—(*Daisy Cooper*)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Division No. 110

Ayes: 176 (Tellers: Susan Murray, Charlie Maynard)

Noes: 332 (Tellers: Keir Mather, Taiwo Owatemi)

Question negatived.

Amendments 1 to 17 made.

Amendment 67 proposed.—(*James Wild*.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Division No. 111

Ayes: 167 (Tellers: Katie Lam, Gregory Stafford)

Noes: 347 (Tellers: Keir Mather, Taiwo Owatemi)

Question negatived.

Amendments 18 to 66 made.

Consideration completed.

#### **4 Finance Bill: Third Reading**

Motion made and Question put, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The House divided.

Division No. 112

Ayes: 339 (Tellers: Keir Mather, Taiwo Owatemi)

Noes: 172 (Tellers: Katie Lam, Gregory Stafford)

Question agreed to and Bill passed.

#### **5 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval**

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Flood Reinsurance (Amendment) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 15 January, be approved.—(*Anna Turley*.)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (Amendment) (Provision of Information) Order 2025, which was laid before this House on 9 January, be approved.—(*Anna Turley*.)

Question agreed to.

#### **6 Delegated Legislation (Financial Assistance to Industry)**

*Ordered*, That the Motion in the name of Secretary Peter Kyle relating to Financial Assistance to Industry shall be treated as if it related to an instrument subject to the provisions of Standing Order No. 118 (Delegated Legislation Committees) in respect of which notice has been given that the instrument be approved.—(*Lucy Powell*.)

#### **7 Changes to membership of select committees**

(1) *Ordered*, That Mark Ferguson be discharged from the Committee on Standards and Michael Wheeler be added.—(*Mark Tami*.)

(2) *Ordered*, That Mark Ferguson be discharged from the Committee of Privileges and Michael Wheeler be added.—(*Mark Tami*.)

(3) *Ordered*, That Jack Abbott be discharged from the Backbench Business Committee and Jonathan Davies be added.—(*Mark Tami, on behalf of the Committee of Selection*.)

(4) *Ordered*, That Alison Griffiths be a member of the Environmental Audit Committee.—(*Mark Tami, on behalf of the Committee of Selection*.)

(5) *Ordered*, That David Baines be discharged from the Petitions Committee and Jacob Collier be added.—(*Mark Tami, on behalf of the Committee of Selection*.)

(6) *Ordered*, That Mark Ferguson and Claire Hughes be discharged from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments and Rachel Blake and David Pinto-Duschinsky be added.—(*Mark Tami, on behalf of the Committee of Selection*.)

**8 Public petitions**

A public petition from residents of the constituency of South West Devon relating to the potential closure of Newton Ferrers Pharmacy was presented and read by Rebecca Smith.

**9 Adjournment**

Subject: Safeguarding in the Church of England (Luke Myer)

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

Adjourned at 9.32 pm until tomorrow.

## Other Proceedings

### *Changes to Notices Given*

**10 Nature-based Solutions (Water and Flooding) Bill**

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

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

**11 Children Not in School (Registers, Support and Orders) Bill**

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 28 March.

**12 Treatment of Terminal Illness Bill**

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 14 March.

### *General Committees: Reports*

**13 First Delegated Legislation Committee**

Peter Dowd (Chair) reported the draft Non-Domestic Rating (Levy and Safety Net) (Amendment) (Regulations) 2025.

**14 Second Delegated Legislation Committee**

Sir Roger Gale (Chair) reported the draft Immigration (Biometric Information etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 and the draft Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) Order 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).*

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

Members: Jake Richards and Gregory Stafford discharged and Gregor Poynton and Nick Timothy nominated in substitution.

*Select Committees: Reports*

**16 National Security Strategy (Joint Committee on)**

- (1) *Offensive cyber*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 722);
- (2) *Ransomware*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 721);
- (3) *Correspondence with the Prime Minister relating to National Security Council agendas*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) *The work of the National Security Adviser*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 679) (Matt Western).

**17 Public Accounts (Committee of)**

- (1) *Public charge points for electric vehicles*: Fourteenth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 512);
- (2) *The Government's support for biomass*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 715);
- (3) *Correspondence from the Chief Executive Officer of the UK Debt Management Office relating to the Competition and Markets Authority settlement with banks in competition cases*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) *Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary to the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero relating to the publication of the Climate Change Committee's advice to government on the Seventh Carbon Budget*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) *Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government relating to the UK government response to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry Phase 2 Report*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (6) *Correspondence from the Second Permanent Secretary to HM Treasury relating to the Competition and Markets Authority reaching a settlement with banks in competition cases*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (7) *Correspondence relating to the Committee's previous Reports*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (8) *DCMS management of COVID-19 loans*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 364);
- (9) *Tackling homelessness*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 352);
- (10) *The remediation of dangerous cladding*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 362) (Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown).

*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 VAT on independent school fees and business rates relief for independent schools

*Resolved*, That this House has considered e-petition 701268 relating to VAT on independent school fees and business rates relief for independent schools.—(*John Lamont*.)

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

Adjourned at 6.58 pm until tomorrow.

*Ms Nusrat Ghani*

Chairman of Ways and Means

## Papers Laid

Papers presented and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 28 February under Standing Orders No. 158 and No. 159

### Papers subject to Negative Resolution

#### 1 Constitutional Law

(1) Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 (Disability Assistance) (Consequential Amendments) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 227), dated 27 February 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Andrew Western)

(2) Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 (Scottish Adult Disability Living Allowance) (Consequential Amendments) (No. 2) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 229), dated 27 February 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Ian Murray)

#### 2 Excise

Excise Duties (Surcharges or Rebates) (Hydrocarbon Oils etc.) Order 2022 (Continuation) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 228), dated 26 February 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (James Murray)

#### 3 Fees and Charges

Wildlife Licence Charges (England) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 236), dated 27 February 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Steve Reed)

## Other papers

### 4 Procurement

Explanatory Memorandum to the National Procurement Policy Statement (laid on 13 February) (by Command) (Georgia Gould)

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 3 March

### Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

### 5 Medicines and Medical Devices

Draft Medical Devices (Amendment) (Great Britain) Regulations 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Ashley Dalton)

### Papers subject to Negative Resolution

### 6 Council Tax

Council Tax (Discount Disregards and Exempt Dwellings) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 242), dated 28 February 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jim McMahon)

### 7 Defence

Armed Forces (Discharge and Transfer to the Reserve Forces) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 218), dated 25 February 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Al Carns)

### 8 Energy

Oil and Gas Authority (Levy and Fees) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 239), dated 26 February 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Ed Miliband)

### 9 Health Care and Associated Professions

Health and Care Professions Council (Miscellaneous Amendments) Rules Order of Council 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 240), dated 27 February 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Wes Streeting)

### 10 National Health Service

National Health Service Commissioning Board and Clinical Commissioning Groups (Responsibilities and Standing Rules) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 245), dated 27 February 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Stephen Kinnock)

### 11 Roads

Courses Offered as an Alternative to Prosecution (Specified Fixed Penalty Offences) (Traffic) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 238), dated 26 February 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

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## Other papers

**12 Housing, Communities and Local Government**

Commonhold White Paper: The proposed new commonhold model for homeownership in England and Wales (by Command) (CP 1270) (Matthew Pennycook)

**13 Science and Technology**

(1) Report and Accounts of the Medical Research Council for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 698) (Feryal Clark)

(2) Code of Practice for Software Vendors: Government Response to the Call for Views (by Command) (CP 1281) (Feryal Clark)

**14 UK Borders**

UK Borders Act 2007: Draft Code of Practice about the sanctions for non-compliance with the biometric registration regulations (by Act) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

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## COURT OF REFEREES

In pursuance of Standing Order 89 (Constitution of Court of Referees on private bills) the Speaker appointed the following Members to the Court of Referees on private bills: Jonathan Davies, Zöe Franklin, Amanda Martin, Joe Robertson, Euan Stainbank, Peter Swallow and Chris Vince.

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## SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

### VOTING BY PROXY (STANDING ORDER NO. 39A)

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

Member	From	To	Proxy
Ian Murray	29 January	22 May ( <b>suspended on 5 March and on 23 April</b> )	Chris Elmore
David Chadwick	3 March	4 April	Mr Will Forster
Ben Goldsborough	3 March	27 March	Chris Elmore
Andrew Gwynne	3 March	28 March	Chris Elmore
Sarah Gibson	3 March	17 March	<b>Mr Will Forster (on 3 March)</b>
			Anna Sabine (from 4 March)

## CORRECTIONS

(1) Wednesday 22 January 2025

Item 29 (Select Committees: Reports) should have read:

**Human Rights (Joint Committee on)**

- (1) *Forced labour in UK supply chains*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 633);
  - (2) *Accountability for Daesh crimes*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 612);
  - (3) *Correspondence with the Chancellor of the Exchequer relating to VAT on independent school fees*: Written evidence, to be published;
  - (4) *Correspondence with the Home Secretary relating to missing children*: Written evidence, to be published;
  - (5) *Northern Ireland Legacy Remedial Order*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 569)
- (Sir Desmond Swayne).

(2) Wednesday 12 February 2025

Item 31 (Select Committees: Reports) should have read:

**Human Rights (Joint Committee on)**

- (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).