



House of Commons

Thursday 6 March 2025

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to the Minister for the Cabinet Office**
- 2 Business Question (Leader of the House)**
- 3 Statement: Building the North Sea's energy future (Sarah Jones)**
- 4 Supply and Appropriation (Anticipation and Adjustments) Bill: Second and Third Reading (Standing Order No. 56)**

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

Question agreed to and Bill read a second time.

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

Question agreed to and Bill read the third time, and passed.

5 Backbench Business

(1) International Women's Day

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered International Women's Day.—(*Dawn Butler.*)

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

Question put and agreed to.

(2) Political finance rules

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House recognises that loopholes in regulation allow for opaque funding of political parties; expresses concern over the prevalence of substantial financial contributions from corrupt individuals and foreign governments, which render political parties susceptible to manipulation and undue influence; acknowledges the risk these opaque funds pose to national security and the health of democracy; further recognises the need to strengthen the powers and independence of regulators to help the regulation of political donations; and calls on the Government to tighten the law on permissible donations to make clear that political parties cannot accept money from impermissible sources or from companies that have not made enough money in the UK to fund the amount of their donation or loan.—(*Lloyd Hatton.*)

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

Question put and agreed to.

6 Public petitions

A public petition from residents of Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire relating to East Park Energy solar farm was presented and read by Ben Obese-Jecty.

7 Adjournment

Subject: Geothermal energy (Dr Kieran Mullan)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Samantha Dixon*.)

Adjourned at 5.28 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Changes to Notices Given

8 Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (Amendment) Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 20 June.

9 Women's State Pension Age (Ombudsman Report and Compensation Scheme) Bill

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

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

10 Heritage Public Houses Bill

* This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings relating to Monday 10 March 2025.

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

11 Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill Committee

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

Written evidence to be published.

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

Sir Jeremy Wright (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).

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

Chairs: Sir Christopher Chope and Gill Furniss

14 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Grants to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2025)

Chair: Graham Stuart

15 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Industry Training Board) Order 2025)

Chair: Dr Rosena Allin-Khan

Members: Antonia Bance, Rachel Blake and Sean Woodcock discharged and Julia Buckley, Mr Paul Foster and Mr Richard Quigley nominated in substitution.

16 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Civil Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Fees (Amendment) Order 2025)

Chair: Sir Edward Leigh

Select Committees: Reports

17 Backbench Business Committee

Determination of business to be taken on Thursday 13 March and Thursday 20 March in the Chamber and Tuesday 18 March and Tuesday 25 March in Westminster Hall (Bob Blackman).

18 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *Prison estate capacity*: Fifteenth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 366);

(2) *Whole of Government Accounts 2022–23*: Sixteenth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 367);

(3) *The cost of the tax system*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 645)

(Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown).

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 14(4))

1 Financial sustainability and governance of English football

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the financial sustainability and governance of English football.—(*Yuan Yang*.)

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 financial sustainability and governance of English football.

The sitting was suspended between 2.56 pm and 3 pm.

2 Ambulance service response times

Resolved, That this House has considered ambulance service response times.—(*Sarah Dyke*.)

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

Adjourned at 4.16 pm until Monday 10 March.

Ms Nusrat Ghani

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Constitutional Law

Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Act 2023 (Financial Collateral Arrangements and Financial Instruments) (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 275), dated 5 March 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Ian Murray)

2 Government Resources and Accounts

Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 (Estimates and Accounts) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 268), dated 5 March 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Darren Jones)

3 Immigration

Immigration (Biometric Registration) (Civil Penalty Code of Practice) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 262), dated 4 March 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

4 Income Tax

Taxes (Interest Rate) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 270), dated 5 March 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (James Murray)

5 Pensions

Judicial Pensions (European Court of Human Rights) (Amendment) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 271), dated 4 March 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)

Other papers**6 Health and Social Care**

(1) Department for Health and Social Care Minute, dated 6 March 2025, concerning notification of a contingent liability relating to the Covid-19 spring 2025 vaccination programme (by Command) (Ashley Dalton)

(2) Annual Report of the National Guardian's Office for 2023–24 (by Command) (CP 1265) (Ashley Dalton)

7 Ministry of Justice

Consultation on the oversight and regulation of private prosecutors in the criminal justice system (by Command) (CP 1259) (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)

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