



House of Commons

Thursday 13 March 2025

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade

2 Business Question (Leader of the House)

3 Statements: (1) NHS England (Secretary Wes Streeting)

(2) 80th anniversaries of Victory in Europe and Victory over Japan (Stephanie Peacock)

4 Backbench Business

(1) Future of farming

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the future of farming.—(*Mr Alistair Carmichael*.)

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

Question put and agreed to.

(2) Mental health support in educational settings

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered mental health support in educational settings.—(*Chris Bloore*.)

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

Question put and agreed to.

5 Adjournment

Subject: Contribution of Muslims to communities (Dr Zubir Ahmed)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Christian Wakeford*.)

Adjourned at 5.27 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

6 Product Regulation and Metrology Bill [Lords]

The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision about the marketing or use of products in the United Kingdom; about units of measurement and the quantities in which goods are marketed in the United Kingdom; and for connected purposes, to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

First Reading and Printing of Lords Bills

7 Product Regulation and Metrology Bill [Lords]

Bill read a first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 201) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 201–EN).

Changes to Notices Given

8 Child Criminal Exploitation (No. 2) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 14 March, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 25 April.

General Committees: Reports

9 Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill Committee

Dame Siobhain McDonagh (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

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

Sir Christopher Chope (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.

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

Sir Desmond Swayne (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).

12 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Online Procedure Rules (Specified Proceedings) Regulations 2025)

Members: Catherine Fookes and Noah Law discharged and Claire Hughes and Jayne Kirkham nominated in substitution.

13 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020 (Consequential Provisions and Modifications) Order 2025)

Members: Rebecca Smith discharged and David Simmonds nominated in substitution.

14 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Electronic Communications (Networks and Services) (Designated Vendor Directions) (Penalties) Order 2025)

Members: Michelle Scrogham discharged and Josh Newbury nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

15 Backbench Business Committee

Determination of business to be taken on Thursday 27 March in the Chamber and Tuesday 1 April, Thursday 3 April, Tuesday 8 April and Tuesday 22 April in Westminster Hall (Bob Blackman).

16 Public Accounts (Committee of)

Department of Health and Social Care Annual Report and Accounts 2023–24: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 639) (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 No. 14(4))

1 Educational opportunities for young carers

Resolved, That this House has considered educational opportunities for young carers.—
(*Chris Vince*.)

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

Adjourned at 2.25 pm until Monday 17 March.

Ms Nusrat Ghani

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Agriculture

Draft Fair Dealing Obligations (Pigs) Regulations 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Steve Reed)

2 Legal Aid and Advice

Draft Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (Legal Aid: Domestic Abuse) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

3 Pensions

(1) Armed Forces and Reserve Forces (Compensation Scheme) (Amendment) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 307), dated 5 March 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Al Carns)

(2) Personal Injuries (Civilians) Scheme (Amendment) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 306), dated 5 March 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Al Carns)

4 Social Security

(1) Guardian's Allowance Up-rating Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 337), dated 11 March 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (James Murray)

(2) Statutory Maternity Pay (Compensation of Employers) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 330), dated 11 March 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Torsten Bell)

Other papers

5 Gangmasters (Licensing)

Report and Accounts of the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 574) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

6 Mental Health

Report of the Care Quality Commission: Monitoring the Mental Health Act in 2023–24 (by Act) (Ashley Dalton)

7 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Home Office Immigration: Skilled Worker visas (by Act), to be printed (HC 745) (Clerk of the House)

8 Parliamentary Standards

Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority: The Scheme of MPs' Staffing and Business Costs for 2025–26 (by Act), to be printed (HC 738) (The Speaker)

9 Treaty Series No. 14 (2025)

Nagoya Protocol, done at Nagoya on 29 October 2010, on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity (by Command) (CP 1293) (Secretary David Lammy)

10 Treaty Series No. 15 (2025)

Global Convention, done at Paris on 25 November 2019, on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education (by Command) (CP 1294) (Secretary David Lammy)

11 Treaty Series No. 16 (2025)

Council of Europe Convention, done at Saint Denis on 3 July 2016, on an Integrated Safety, Security and Service Approach at Football Matches and Other Sports Events [CETS No. 218] (by Command) (CP 1295) (Secretary David Lammy)

CORRECTION**Wednesday 12 March 2025**

The following entry should have appeared before item 19 (Select Committees: Reports):

Energy Security and Net Zero Committee

Unlocking community energy at scale: Written evidence, to be published (HC 394) (Bill Esterson).