



# House of Commons

Monday 17 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 Work and Pensions
- 2 Urgent Question: Sentencing Council guidelines (Sir Nicholas Dakin)
- 3 Statement: G7 (Secretary David Lammy)
- 4 Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill: Programme (No. 2)

*Ordered*, That the Order of 8 January 2025 (Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill: Programme) be varied as follows:

(1) Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Order shall be omitted.

(2) Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading shall be taken in two days in accordance with the following provisions of this Order.

(3) Proceedings on Consideration—

(a) shall be taken on each of those days in the order shown in the first column of the following Table, and

(b) shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the times specified in the second column of the Table.

TABLE

*Proceedings*

*Time for conclusion of proceedings*

First day

New Clauses and new Schedules relating to the subject matter of, and amendments to, Part 1.

Five hours after the commencement of proceedings on the motion for this Order.

Second day

New Clauses and new Schedules relating to the subject matter of, and amendments to, Part 2 and Part 3; remaining new Clauses and new Schedules; remaining proceedings on Consideration.

Five hours after the commencement of proceedings on Consideration on the second day.

(4) Proceedings on Third Reading shall be taken on the second day and shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion six hours after the commencement of proceedings on Consideration on the second day.—(*Kate Dearden.*)

**5 Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill: Consideration of the Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee (first day)**

New Clause NC18—(*Stephen Morgan*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC19—(*Stephen Morgan*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC20—(*Stephen Morgan*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC21—(*Stephen Morgan*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC22—(*Stephen Morgan*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC36—(*Laura Trott*)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Division No. 124

Ayes: 159 (Tellers: Nick Timothy, Mr Andrew Snowden)

Noes: 317 (Tellers: Keir Mather, Martin McCluskey)

Question negatived.

Amendments 111 to 117 made.

Amendment 188 proposed.—(*Laura Trott.*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Division No. 125

Ayes: 160 (Tellers: Nick Timothy, Mr Andrew Snowden)

Noes: 319 (Tellers: Keir Mather, Martin McCluskey)

Question negatived.

Amendment 118 made.

Amendment 171 proposed.—(*Munira Wilson.*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Division No. 126

Ayes: 65 (Tellers: Susan Murray, Bobby Dean)

Noes: 317 (Tellers: Keir Mather, Martin McCluskey)

Question negatived.

Amendments 119 to 131 made.

New Schedule NS1—(*Stephen Morgan*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Bill to be further considered tomorrow.

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

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Civil Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Fees (Amendment) Order 2025, which was laid before this House on 6 February, be approved.—(*Anna Turley*.)

Question agreed to.

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

(1) *Ordered*, That Josh MacAlister be discharged from the Energy Security and Net Zero Committee and Melanie Onn be added.—(*Jessica Morden, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(2) *Ordered*, That Deirdre Costigan be discharged from the Health and Social Care Committee and Alex McIntyre be added.—(*Jessica Morden, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(3) *Ordered*, That Mr Alex Barros-Curtis be discharged from the Justice Committee and Matt Bishop be added.—(*Jessica Morden, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(4) *Ordered*, That Ben Obese-Jecty be discharged from the Work and Pensions Committee and Danny Kruger be added.—(*Jessica Morden, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

#### **8 Adjournment**

Subject: Domestic abuse offences (Josh Babarinde)

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

Adjourned at 9.45 pm until tomorrow.

## **Other Proceedings**

### *Disqualification of a Member*

#### **9 Disqualification of a Member**

Notification, laid upon the Table by the Speaker, That the Chancellor of the Exchequer had today appointed Michael Lee Amesbury, Member for Runcorn and Helsby, to be Steward and Bailiff of His Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Burnham in the county of Buckingham.

### *Lords Messages*

#### **10 Universal Credit (Standard Allowance Entitlement of Care Leavers) Bill [Lords]**

The Lords have passed a Bill to equalise the amount of the standard allowance included in an award of universal credit to which a claimant who has left care is entitled with the amount of that allowance to which a claimant aged 25 or over is entitled; and for connected purposes, to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

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*General Committees: Reports***11 First Delegated Legislation Committee**

Carolyn Harris (Chair) reported the draft Online Procedure Rules (Specified Proceedings) 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).*

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

Chair: Carolyn Harris in place of Karl Turner.

Members: George Freeman and Sarah Hall discharged and Simon Hoare and Michael Wheeler nominated in substitution.

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

Members: Kirsty McNeill and Dr Jeevun Sandher discharged and Louise Jones and Taiwo Owatemi nominated in substitution.

*Select Committees: Reports***14 Foreign Affairs Committee**

*The situation in the eastern DRC*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 792) (Emily Thornberry).

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

*Defending democracy*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 720) (Matt Western).

**16 Public Accounts (Committee of)**

(1) *The Remediation of Dangerous Cladding*: Seventeenth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 362);

(2) *Tackling violence against women and girls*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 644);

(3) *Correspondence from the Interim Permanent Secretary, Department of Health and Social Care, relating to COVID-19 vaccine liabilities spring 2025*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Minister for Creative Industries, Arts and Tourism, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, relating to a Navy Commissioners' barge*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Defence, relating to the Defence Equipment Plan*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Business and Trade relating to UK export finance for Thales UK air defence missiles to Ukraine*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Correspondence relating to the Committee's previous Reports*: Written evidence, to be published;

(8) *HS2: Update following the northern leg cancellation*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 357)

(Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown).

## 17 Science, Innovation and Technology Committee

*Correspondence with Microsoft relating to Microsoft Copilot*: Written evidence, to be published (Chi Onwurah).

*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 Compensation for women affected by state pension changes

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered e-petition 700765 relating to compensation for women affected by state pension changes.—(*Dr Roz Savage*.)

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 e-petition 700765 relating to compensation for women affected by state pension changes.

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

Adjourned at 6.53 pm until tomorrow.

*Ms Nusrat Ghani*

Chairman of Ways and Means

## Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

## 1 Financial Services and Markets

Draft Pension Fund Clearing Obligation Exemption (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Emma Reynolds)

### Papers subject to Negative Resolution

**2 Road Traffic**

Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 356), dated 17 March 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Heidi Alexander)

**3 Senior Courts**

Court and Tribunal Fees (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 351), dated 13 March 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)

**4 Social Security**

Social Security Benefits Up-rating Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 352), dated 14 March 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Sir Stephen Timms)

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

**5 Retained EU Law Reform**

Proposal for an instrument titled Public Procurement (Revocation) Regulations 2025, with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Georgia Gould)

### Other papers

**6 Covent Garden Market**

Report and Accounts of Covent Garden Market Authority for 2023–24 (by Act) (Secretary Steve Reed)

**7 Electronic Communications**

Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Electronic Communications (Networks and Services) (Designated Vendor Directions) (Penalties) Order 2025 (by Command) (Chris Bryant)

**8 National Audit**

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Ministry of Defence: Investigation into the oversight of the Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Associations (by Act), to be printed (HC 746) (Clerk of the House)

### Withdrawn papers

**9 Electronic Communications**

Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Electronic Communications (Networks and Services) (Designated Vendor Directions) (Penalties) Order 2025 (by Command) (laid 11 February)

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## SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

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

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

Member	From	To	Proxy
Sarah Gibson	16 January	<b>17 May</b>	Anna Sabine