



# House of Commons

Wednesday 26 March 2025

## Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 **Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology  
(2) the Prime Minister**
- 2 **Spring Statement (The Chancellor of the Exchequer)**
- 3 **Cornish language and heritage (education and recognition): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)**

*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision about the teaching and promotion of the Cornish language in educational institutions; to make provision about the recognition of the Cornish language and Cornish heritage; and for connected purposes;

That Anna Gelderd, Jayne Kirkham, Noah Law, Perran Moon, Andrew George and Ben Maguire present the Bill.

Anna Gelderd accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 20 June, and to be printed (Bill 211).
- 4 **Tobacco and Vapes Bill: Consideration of the Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee**

New Clause NC11—(*Ashley Dalton*)—brought up and read the first time.

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

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

As it was one hour before the moment of interruption, the debate was interrupted (Programme Order, 26 November 2024).

The Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on consideration to a conclusion (Programme Order, 26 November 2024).

The following Questions were put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83E).

(1) That New Clause NC11 be read a second time (Question already proposed from the Chair).

Question agreed to.

(2) That the Clause be added to the Bill (Question necessary to bring to a decision a question already proposed from the Chair).

Question agreed to.

(3) That New Clause NC2 be added to the Bill (Question on any new clause selected by the Speaker for separate decision).—(*Dame Caroline Dinenage.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 151

Ayes: 137 (Tellers: Sir Edward Leigh, Sir Desmond Swayne)

Noes: 304 (Tellers: Gerald Jones, Taiwo Owatemi)

Question negatived.

(4) That New Clause NC19 be added to the Bill (Question on any new clause selected by the Speaker for separate decision).—(*Dr Caroline Johnson.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 152

Ayes: 159 (Tellers: Paul Holmes, Harriet Cross)

Noes: 307 (Tellers: Gerald Jones, Taiwo Owatemi)

Question negatived.

(5) That Amendments 47 to 59 be made (single Question on any amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown).—(*Chris Elmore.*)

Question agreed to.

(6) That Amendment 1 be made (Question on any amendment selected by the Speaker for separate decision).—(*Helen Morgan.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 153

Ayes: 72 (Tellers: Wendy Chamberlain, Susan Murray)

Noes: 304 (Tellers: Gerald Jones, Taiwo Owatemi)

Question negatived.

(7) That Amendments 60 to 80 be made (single Question on any amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown).—(*Ashley Dalton.*)

Question agreed to.

(8) That Amendment 85 be made (Question on any amendment selected by the Speaker for separate decision).—(*Dr Caroline Johnson.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 154

Ayes: 92 (Tellers: Paul Holmes, Harriet Cross)

Noes: 303 (Tellers: Gerald Jones, Taiwo Owatemi)

Question negatived.

(9) That Amendment 81 be made (single Question on any amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown).—(*Ashley Dalton.*)

Question agreed to.

Consideration completed.

**5 Tobacco and Vapes Bill: Third Reading**

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

The House divided.

Division No. 155

Ayes: 366 (Tellers: Taiwo Owatemi, Gerald Jones)

Noes: 41 (Tellers: Sir Edward Leigh, Sir Desmond Swayne)

Question agreed to and Bill passed.

**6 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval**

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Town and Country Planning (Fees and Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 13 February, be approved.—(*Christian Wakeford.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Community Infrastructure Levy (Amendment etc.) (England) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 25 February, be approved.—(*Christian Wakeford.*)

Question agreed to.

**7 Adjournment**

Subject: Resettlement of Ukrainians in Coatbridge (Frank McNally)

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

Adjourned at 7.37 pm until tomorrow.

## Other Proceedings

### *Changes to Notices Given*

**8 Pavement Parking Bill**

Order for Second Reading on Friday 16 May, read and discharged.

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

### *General Committees: Reports*

**9 Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill Committee**

Sir Roger Gale (Chair) reported the Bill as amended.

Bill, as amended, to be considered on Friday 25 April; and to be printed (Bill 212).

**10 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee**

Wera Hobhouse (Chair) reported the Local Authorities (Changes to Years of Ordinary Elections) (England) Order 2025.

**11 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee**

Derek Twigg (Chair) reported the draft Agriculture (Delinked Payments) (Reductions) (England) 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 Crime and Policing Bill Committee (Programming Sub-Committee)**

Members: Matt Bishop, David Burton-Sampson, Harriet Cross, Dame Diana Johnson, Louise Jones, Keir Mather and Luke Taylor

**13 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Ecodesign for Energy-Related Products and Energy Information (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2025)**

Members: Richard Baker, Sarah Dyke, Miatta Fahnbulleh, Tim Farron, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Patrick Hurley, Leigh Ingham, Chris McDonald, Jerome Mayhew, Mrs Sarah Russell, Will Stone, Robin Swann, Bradley Thomas, Nick Timothy, Jon Trickett, Anna Turley and Mohammad Yasin

**14 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Regulations 2025)**

Members: Mr Bayo Alaba, Mr Calvin Bailey, Paula Barker, Ms Polly Billington, Aphra Brandreth, Dawn Butler, Andrew Cooper, Chris Evans, Tim Farron, Sir Ashley Fox, Emma Hardy, Pippa Heylings, Dr Neil Hudson, Chris Kane, Laura Kyrke-Smith, Dr Andrew Murrison and Jeff Smith

**15 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Cornwall Council (Adult Education Functions) Regulations 2025, draft East Midlands Combined County Authority (Adult Education Functions) Regulations 2025 and draft York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority (Adult Education Functions) Order 2025)**

Members: Mr Jonathan Brash, Mr James Cleverly, Tom Collins, Janet Daby, Emma Foody, Vicky Foxcroft, Mr James Frith, Anna Gelderd, Tom Gordon, Sarah Hall, Paulette Hamilton, Ben Maguire, Neil O'Brien, Rebecca Paul, Michael Payne, Jon Pearce and Shivani Raja

*Select Committees: Reports***16 Business and Trade Committee**

*Industrial Strategy:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 727) (Liam Byrne).

**17 Energy Security and Net Zero Committee**

(1) *Workforce planning to deliver clean, secure energy:* Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 393);

(2) *Retrofitting homes for net zero:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 453);

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

**18 Health and Social Care Committee**

- (1) *The work of NHS England*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 563);
  - (2) *Correspondence from the Interim Permanent Secretary relating to COVID-19 vaccine liabilities*: Written evidence, to be published;
  - (3) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to violence against women*: Written evidence, to be published;
  - (4) *Progress in preventing cardiovascular disease*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 561)
- (Layla Moran).

**19 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)**

- (1) *Transnational repression in the UK*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 681);
  - (2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Prisons, Probation and Reducing Reoffending relating to the publication of the Lay Observers Annual Report 2023–24*: Written evidence, to be published
- (Sir Desmond Swayne).

**20 Procedure Committee**

- (1) *Elections within the House of Commons*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 535);
  - (2) *Electronic voting*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 710);
  - (3) *Status of independent Members of Parliament*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 534)
- (Cat Smith).

**21 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)**

Nineteenth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 291-xix) (Sir Bernard Jenkin).

**22 Transport Committee**

- (1) *Buses connecting communities*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 494);
  - (2) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to Supplementary Estimates*: Written evidence, to be published;
  - (3) *Driving tests availability*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 437);
  - (4) *Managing the impact of street works*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 522);
  - (5) *Rail investment pipelines: ending boom and bust*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 575)
- (Ruth Cadbury).

**23 Welsh Affairs Committee**

- (1) *Promoting Wales for inward investment*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 444);
  - (2) *Cross-border healthcare*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 606)
- (Ruth Jones).

**24 Work and Pensions Committee**

- (1) *Pensioner poverty: challenges and mitigations*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 465);
- (2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Pensions relating to the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman's report on 1950s women – options for remedy*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to the Pathways to Work: Reforming Benefits and Support to Get Britain Working Green Paper*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) *Get Britain Working: Reforming Jobcentres*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 653)
- (Debbie Abrahams).

*Sir Lindsay Hoyle*

Speaker

## Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 9.30 am

Business appointed by the Chairman of Ways and Means (Standing Order No. 10(6))

**1 Impact of quota negotiations on the UK fishing fleet in 2025**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the impact of quota negotiations on the UK fishing fleet in 2025.—(Andrew George.)

**2 Government support for grassroots rugby league**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered Government support for grassroots rugby league.—(Jade Botterill.)

*The sitting was suspended between 11.20 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).*

**3 Local government finances in London**

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered local government finances in London.—(Mr Calvin Bailey.)

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 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

**4 Fly-tipping in Tatton constituency**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the matter of fly-tipping in Tatton constituency.—(Esther McVey.)

**5 UK-China relations**

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered UK-China relations.—(Gregory Stafford.)

At 5.30 pm, the motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(14)).

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

Adjourned at 5.30 pm until tomorrow.

*Ms Nusrat Ghani*

Chairman of Ways and Means

## Papers Laid

### Papers subject to Negative Resolution

#### 1 Electricity

Electricity (Individual Exemption from the Requirement for a Transmission Licence) (Spiorad na Mara) (Scotland) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 378), dated 24 March 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Ed Miliband)

#### 2 Finance

Taxes and Duties, etc (Interest Rate) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 386), dated 25 March 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (James Murray)

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

#### 3 Retained EU Law Reform

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

### Other papers

#### 4 Air Force (Constitution)

(1) Air Publication 3376 Volume 1 (Eighteenth Edition): Terms and Conditions of Service for Enlisted Aviators of the Royal Air Force (Amendment) 2025 (by Act) (Luke Pollard)

(2) Air Publication 3392 Volume 7 Part 1 (Seventh Edition): Regulations for the Reserve Air Forces (Amendment) 2025 (by Act) (Luke Pollard)

(3) Air Publication 3393 Volume 1 (Twenty-ninth Edition): Terms and Conditions of Service for Officers of the Royal Air Force (Amendment) 2025 (by Act) (Luke Pollard)

(4) Amendments to Royal Air Force Attestation Forms 75, 75a, 1047 and 1047a Regulations 2025 (by Act) (Luke Pollard)

#### 5 Equality

Strategic plan of the Equality and Human Rights Commission for 2025–28 (by Act), to be printed (HC 754) (Seema Malhotra)

**6 Local Government, Planning and Land**

Report and Accounts of the Ebbsfleet Development Corporation for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 784) (Secretary Angela Rayner)

**7 National Audit Act**

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department for Education: Investigation into introducing T Levels (by Act), to be printed (HC 768) (Clerk of the House)

**8 Treasury**

(1) Office for Budget Responsibility: Economic and fiscal outlook (by Command) (CP 1289) (James Murray)

(2) Spring Statement 2025 (by Command) (CP 1298) (The Chancellor of the Exchequer)

**9 United Kingdom Internal Market**

Third Annual Report: Developments in the UK Internal Market 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Jonathan Reynolds)

**Withdrawn papers****10 Retained EU Law Reform**

Proposal for an instrument titled Public Procurement (Revocation) Regulations 2025, with an Explanatory Memorandum (laid 17 March)

**SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE****VOTING BY PROXY (STANDING ORDER NO. 39A)**

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

Member	From	To	Proxy
Layla Moran	12 May	11 October	Zöe Franklin