



House of Commons

Thursday 27 March 2025

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Transport

2 Urgent Questions: (1) Personal Independence Payment changes: Impact on Carers Allowance (Sir Stephen Timms)

(2) Future of Scunthorpe steelworks (Sarah Jones)

3 Business Question (Leader of the House)

4 Backbench Business

(1) St Patrick's Day and Northern Irish affairs

Resolved, That this House has considered St Patrick's Day and Northern Irish affairs.—
(*Adam Jogee*.)

(2) Tenth anniversary of the Modern Slavery Act 2015

Resolved, That this House has considered the tenth anniversary of the Modern Slavery Act 2015.—(*Dame Karen Bradley*.)

5 Adjournment

Subject: Potential merits of double British Summer Time (Alex Mayer)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Vicky Foxcroft*.)

Adjourned at 5.17 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

6 Football Governance Bill [Lords]

The Lords have passed a Bill to establish the Independent Football Regulator; to make provision for the licensing of football clubs; to make provision about the distribution of revenue received by organisers of football competitions; and for connected purposes, to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

7 Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers and Private Schools) Bill

The Lords do not insist on certain Amendments to the Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers and Private Schools) Bill to which the Commons have disagreed but propose Amendments in lieu to which they desire the agreement of the Commons; they propose Amendments to the words so restored to the Bill to which they desire the agreement of the Commons; and they do not insist on their other Amendments.

*First Reading and Printing of Lords Bills***8 Football Governance Bill [Lords]**

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 213), with Explanatory Notes (Bill 213–EN).

*Printing of Lords Messages***9 Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers and Private Schools) Bill**

Lords Message relating to the Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers and Private Schools) Bill to be considered tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 215).

*Explanatory Notes to Bills***10 Exemption from Value Added Tax (Listed Places of Worship) Bill**

Explanatory Notes to the Bill to be printed (Bill 82–EN).

*Changes to Notices Given***11 Chalk Streams (Protection) Bill**

Order for Second Reading on Friday 28 March, read and discharged.

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

12 Rivers, Streams and Lakes (Protected Status) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 28 March, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 16 May.

*General Committees: Reports***13 Crime and Policing Bill Committee**

Sir Roger Gale (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.

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).

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

Members: Ms Polly Billington discharged and Peter Lamb nominated in substitution.

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 discharged and Connor Naismith nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

16 Backbench Business Committee

Determination of business to be taken on Thursday 3 April and Tuesday 8 April in the Chamber and Thursday 24 April in Westminster Hall (Bob Blackman).

17 Business and Trade Committee

(1) *Correspondence from Sarah Smith MP relating to the East Lancashire Virtual Business Roundtable*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Trade Policy and Economic Security relating to Free Trade Agreement negotiations with Switzerland*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Make work pay: Employment Rights Bill*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 370) (Liam Byrne).

18 Culture, Media and Sport Committee

The work of the BBC: Written evidence, to be published (HC 331) (Dame Caroline Dinenage).

19 Defence Committee

Correspondence with the Minister of State for Defence Procurement and Industry relating to an update on the F-35 and A400M programmes: Written evidence, to be published (Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi).

20 International Development Committee

Correspondence with the Minister of State (Baroness Chapman of Darlington) relating to Initial 2025–26 Official Development Assistance (ODA) allocations and the Spring Statement: Written evidence, to be published (Sarah Champion).

21 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *Antimicrobial resistance: addressing the risks*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 646);

- (2) *Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government relating to contingent liabilities arising from the EWS1 professional indemnity insurance scheme*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Correspondence relating to the Committee's previous Reports*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) *DCMS management of COVID-19 loans*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 364);
- (5) *Fixing NHS dentistry*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 648);
- (6) *Government's relationship with digital technology suppliers*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 640);
- (7) *NHS financial sustainability*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 350);
- (8) *The cost of the tax system*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 645);
- (9) *The Government's support for biomass*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 715);
- (10) *The remediation of dangerous cladding*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 362) (Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown).

22 Treasury Committee

Correspondence with the Office for National Statistics relating to problems with trade and produce price index data: Written evidence, to be published (Dame Meg Hillier).

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 Prevention of drug deaths

Resolved, That this House has considered the prevention of drug deaths.—(*Jim Shannon*.)

2 First anniversary of the Hughes report on valproate and pelvic mesh

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the first anniversary of the Hughes report on valproate and pelvic mesh.—(*Mrs Sharon Hodgson*.)

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 first anniversary of the Hughes report on valproate and pelvic mesh.

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

Adjourned at 4.26 pm until Monday 31 March.

Ms Nusrat Ghani

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Criminal Law

Draft Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) (Amendment, Surrender and Compensation) (England and Wales) Order 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries

Cattewater Harbour Revision Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 390), dated 25 March 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Heidi Alexander)

3 Sanctions

Sanctions (EU Exit) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 394), dated 26 March 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Stephen Doughty)

4 Social Security

Universal Credit, Personal Independence Payment, Jobseeker's Allowance and Employment and Support Allowance (Claims and Payments) (Modification) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 387), dated 25 March 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Sir Stephen Timms)

Other papers

5 Agriculture

Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Regulations 2025 (by Command) (Secretary Steve Reed)

6 Animal Health

Return of expenditure incurred and prosecutions taken under the Animal Health Act 1981 and incidences of disease in imported animals for the year 2024 (by Act) (Secretary Steve Reed)

7 Banking

(1) Report under section 231 of the Banking Act 2009: 1 April 2024 to 30 September 2024 (by Act) (Emma Reynolds)

(2) Report under section 231 of the Banking Act 2009: 1 October 2023 to 31 March 2024 (by Act) (Emma Reynolds)

8 Child Poverty

Workless households and educational attainment statutory indicators (by Act) (Secretary Liz Kendall)

9 Civil Liability

Effect of the Civil Liability Act 2018 on motor insurance policyholders (by Act) (Emma Reynolds)

10 Climate Change

Annual Statement of Emissions for 2023 (by Act) (Secretary Ed Miliband)

11 Constitutional Reform and Governance

Statement to Parliament regarding the One Hundred Year Partnership Agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Ukraine, done at Kyiv on 16 January 2025 (by Act) (Secretary David Lammy)

12 Enterprise and Regulatory Reform

Plan of the Competition and Markets Authority for 2025–26 (by Act) (Secretary Jonathan Reynolds)

13 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department for Work and Pensions: Supporting people to work through jobcentres (by Act), to be printed (HC 769) (Clerk of the House)

14 National Health Service

Report by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on the performance of the health service in England for 2022–23 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)

15 Road Traffic

Explanatory Memorandum to the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 356) (by Command) (Secretary Heidi Alexander)

16 Social Security

Explanatory Memorandum to the Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 328) (by Command) (James Murray)

17 Social Security Administration

Report by the Social Security Advisory Committee under Sections 172(1) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 and statement by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions in accordance with Section 174(2) of that Act: The Universal Credit, Personal Independence Payment, Jobseeker's Allowance and Employment and Support Allowance (Claims and Payments) (Modification) Regulations 2025 (by Act) (Sir Stephen Timms)

18 Town and Country Planning

Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Town and Country Planning (Fees and Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2025 (by Command) (Matthew Pennycook)

Withdrawn papers**19 Agriculture**

Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Regulations 2025 (laid 25 February)

20 Road Traffic

Explanatory Memorandum to the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 356) (laid 17 March)

21 Social Security

Explanatory Memorandum to the Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 328) (laid 12 March)

22 Town and Country Planning

Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Town and Country Planning (Fees and Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2025 (laid 13 February)

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

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

Member	From	To	Proxy
Satvir Kaur	11 December 2024	11 July	Chris Elmore