



House of Commons

Monday 31 March 2025

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

1 The Speaker's Absence

The Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of the Speaker.

Ms Nusrat Ghani, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table.

Prayers

2 Deputy Speaker in the Chair

Ms Nusrat Ghani, the Chairman of Ways and Means, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker (Standing Order No. 3).

3 Deputy Speakers's Statement: The Speaker's visit to Ukraine

4 Questions to the Home Secretary

5 Urgent Question: Bosnia-Herzegovina (Stephen Doughty)

6 Statements: (1) Myanmar earthquake (Catherine West)

(2) Birmingham City Council (Jim McMahon)

7 Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers and Private Schools) Bill: Consideration of Lords Message

The Deputy Speaker announced that Lords Amendments 1B, 2B, 7B and 8B, and Lords Amendments 15B, 15C, 15D and 15E to the words restored to the Bill by the Lords non-insistence on their Amendment 15, engaged financial privilege.

Lords Amendment 1B

Motion made and Question put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 1B.—(*Jim McMahon.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 157

Ayes: 296 (Tellers: Vicky Foxcroft, Gen Kitchen)

Noes: 170 (Tellers: Jerome Mayhew, Rebecca Paul)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 1B accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendment 2B

Motion made and Question put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 2B.—(*Jim McMahon.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 158

Ayes: 301 (Tellers: Vicky Foxcroft, Gen Kitchen)

Noes: 104 (Tellers: Jerome Mayhew, Rebecca Paul)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 2B accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendment 7B disagreed to.

Lords Amendment 8B disagreed to.

Lords Amendment 13B

Motion made and Question put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 13B.—(*Jim McMahon.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 159

Ayes: 301 (Tellers: Vicky Foxcroft, Gen Kitchen)

Noes: 167 (Tellers: Jerome Mayhew, Rebecca Paul)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 13B accordingly disagreed to.

As it was more than one hour after the commencement of consideration of the Lords Message, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on the Lords Message to a conclusion (Programme Order, 25 March).

The following Question was put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83G).

That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendments 15B, 15C, 15D and 15E to the words restored to the Bill by the Lords non-insistence on their Amendment 15 (Question on a motion made by a Minister of the Crown on or relevant to remaining items in the Lords Message).—(*Jim McMahon.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 160

Ayes: 302 (Tellers: Vicky Foxcroft, Gen Kitchen)

Noes: 167 (Tellers: Jerome Mayhew, Rebecca Paul)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendments 15B, 15C, 15D and 15E accordingly disagreed to.

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83H(2)), That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments 1B, 2B, 7B, 8B and 13B, and to their Amendments 15B, 15C, 15D and 15E to the words restored to the Bill by the Lords non-insistence on their Amendment 15;

That Emily Darlington, Mark Ferguson, Kevin Hollinrake, Gen Kitchen, Jim McMahon, Tessa Munt and Harpreet Uppal be members of the Committee;

That Jim McMahon be the Chair of the Committee;

That three be the quorum of the Committee;

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(*Gerald Jones*.)

Question agreed to.

8 Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (Transfer of Functions etc) Bill [Lords]: Consideration of the Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee

New Clause NC1—(*Ian Sollom*)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Division No. 161

Ayes: 168 (Tellers: Tessa Munt, Susan Murray)

Noes: 302 (Tellers: Vicky Foxcroft, Gen Kitchen)

Question negatived.

New Clause NC4—(*Neil O'Brien*)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Division No. 162

Ayes: 167 (Tellers: David Simmonds, Ben Obese-Jecty)

Noes: 306 (Tellers: Vicky Foxcroft, Gen Kitchen)

Question negatived.

As it was less than one hour before the moment of interruption, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on Consideration to a conclusion (Programme Order, 25 February).

The following Question was put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83E).

That Amendment 6 be made (Amendment selected by the Deputy Speaker for separate decision).—(*Neil O'Brien*.)

The House divided.

Division No. 163

Ayes: 166 (Tellers: David Simmonds, Ben Obese-Jecty)

Noes: 305 (Tellers: Vicky Foxcroft, Gen Kitchen)

Question negatived.

Consideration completed.

9 Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (Transfer of Functions etc) Bill [Lords]: Third Reading

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

The House divided.

Division No. 164

Ayes: 304 (Tellers: Vicky Foxcroft, Gen Kitchen)

Noes: 62 (Tellers: Tessa Munt, Susan Murray)

Question agreed to and Bill passed with Amendments.

10 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Agriculture (Delinked Payments) (Reductions) (England) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 13 February, be approved.—(*Kate Dearden.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 165

Ayes: 296 (Tellers: Gen Kitchen, Vicky Foxcroft)

Noes: 164 (Tellers: Rebecca Paul, Jerome Mayhew)

Question agreed to.

11 Changes to membership of select committees

(1) *Ordered*, That Gill Furniss be discharged from the Administration Committee and Bambos Charalambous be added.—(*Jessica Morden, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(2) *Ordered*, That Matt Bishop be discharged from the Finance Committee and Paul Davies be added.—(*Jessica Morden, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

12 Adjournment

Subject: Funding for the Croydon Area Remodelling Scheme and increasing capacity on the Brighton Mainline (Natasha Irons)

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Kate Dearden.*)

At 10 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 9(3)).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Kate Dearden.*)

Adjourned at 10.05 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Reasons Committees: Reports

13 Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers and Private Schools) Bill: Reasons Committee

Jim McMahon reported that the Committee had agreed the following Reasons:

Lords Amendments 1B, 2B, 7B and 8B, and Lords Amendments 15B, 15C, 15D and 15E to the words restored to the Bill by the Lords non-insistence on their Amendment 15

Because the Lords Amendment interferes with the public revenue and affects the levy and application of local revenues, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.

Lords Amendment 13B

Because the Government has already agreed to publish information about the new multipliers and further provision is not necessary.

*General Committees: Reports***14 First Delegated Legislation Committee**

Dr Rupa Huq (Chair) reported the draft Ecodesign for Energy-Related Products and Energy Information (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2025.

15 Second Delegated Legislation Committee

Wera Hobhouse (Chair) reported the draft Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) 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).

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

Members: Sarah Dyke discharged and Pippa Heylings nominated in substitution.

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

Members: Mr Bayo Alaba, Aphra Brandreth and Pippa Heylings discharged and Blake Stephenson, Chris Vince and Claire Young nominated in substitution.

*Select Committees: Reports***18 Public Accounts (Committee of)**

(1) *Fixing NHS Dentistry*: Twenty-first Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 648);

(2) *Condition of Government properties*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 641);

(3) *Asylum accommodation: Home Office acquisition of former HMP Northeye*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 361);

(4) *Correspondence from the Chief Secretary to the Treasury relating to the European Union Finances Statement 2024*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary to the Home Office relating to the Emergency Services Mobile Communications Programme*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government relating to the Building Safety Levy*: Written evidence, to be published;

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

(8) *Government cyber resilience*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 643);

(9) *Prison estate capacity*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 366);

(10) *Tackling violence against women and girls*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 644)

(Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown).

Ms Nusrat Ghani

Chairman of Ways and Means

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 Rules for political donations

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered e-petition 707189 relating to the rules for political donations.—(*Irene Campbell*.)

The sitting was suspended between 5.48 pm and 6.40 pm for divisions in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petition 707189 relating to the rules for political donations.

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

Adjourned at 6.51 pm until tomorrow.

Ms Nusrat Ghani

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Capital Gains Tax

Draft Finance Act 2021 (Increase in Schedule 26 Penalty Percentages) Regulations 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (James Murray)

2 Investigatory Powers

Draft Investigatory Powers (Codes of Practice, Review of Notices and Technical Advisory Board) Regulations 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

3 Consumer Protection

Cosmetic Products (Restriction of Chemical Substances) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 413), dated 27 March 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Justin Madders)

4 Employment

Gangmasters (Licensing Conditions) (Amendment) (Fees) Rules 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 405), dated 27 March 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

5 Environmental Protection

Noise Emission in the Environment by Equipment for use Outdoors (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 407), dated 27 March 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Justin Madders)

6 Multinational Top-Up Tax

Multinational Top-up Tax (Pillar Two Territories, Qualifying Domestic Top-up Taxes and Accredited Qualifying Domestic Top-up Taxes) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 406), dated 27 March 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (James Murray)

7 National Security

National Security Act 2023 (Foreign Activities and Foreign Influence Registration Scheme: Information and Disclosure) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 408), dated 28 March 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

8 Road Traffic

Drivers' Hours and Tachographs (Amendment and Modification) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 402), dated 26 March 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Heidi Alexander)

Other papers

9 Investigatory Powers

(1) Draft Code of Practice on Bulk Personal Datasets: Low or no reasonable expectation of privacy (by Act) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

(2) Draft Code of Practice on intelligence services' use of third party bulk personal datasets (by Act) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

(3) Draft Code of Practice on the Notices Regime (by Act) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

(4) Draft Revised Code of Practice on Communications Data (by Act) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

(5) Draft Revised Code of Practice on Equipment Interference (by Act) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

(6) Draft Revised Code of Practice on intelligence services' retention and use of bulk personal datasets (by Act) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

(7) Draft Revised Code of Practice on the Bulk Acquisition of Communications Data (by Act) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

(8) Draft Revised Code of Practice on the Interception of Communications (by Act) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

10 Justice

Reform of Local Justice Areas: Consultation on the future administrative structures of the magistracy (by Command) (CP 1286) (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)

11 National Health Service

(1) Financial directions to NHS England for 2025–26 (by Act) (Karin Smyth)

(2) Revised financial directions to NHS England for 2024–25 (by Act) (Karin Smyth)