
SATURDAY 12 APRIL 2025NO.118

Order Paper: Business Today

Summary Agenda: Chamber

11.00am	Prayers
Afterwards	Urgent Questions, Ministerial Statements (if any)
Afterwards	Presentation of Bills
Until any hour	Steel Industry (Special Measures) Bill: Business of the House (Motion)
Until 2.00pm*	Steel Industry (Special Measures) Bill: Second Reading (*if the Steel Industry (Special Measures) Bill: Business of the House motion is agreed to)
Followed by	Motion without separate debate: Money
Until 2.00pm*	Steel Industry (Special Measures) Bill: Committee and Remaining Stages (*if the Steel Industry (Special Measures) Bill: Business of the House motion is agreed to)

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BUSINESS TODAY: CHAMBER

11.00am Prayers

Followed by

URGENT QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Urgent Questions (if any)

Ministerial Statements (if any)

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

No debate (Standing Order No. 57)

Steel Industry (Special Measures) Bill

Secretary Jonathan Reynolds

A Bill to make provision about powers to secure the continued and safe use of assets of a steel undertaking.

BUSINESS OF THE DAY

1. Steel Industry (Special Measures) Bill: Business of the House

Until any hour

Lucy Powell

That:

(a) at this day's sitting any member of the Panel of Chairs may take the Chair as Deputy Speaker when requested to

do so by the Speaker, without any formal communication to the House;

(b) at its rising this day this House do adjourn until Tuesday 22 April; and

(c) the following provisions shall apply to the proceedings on the Steel Industry (Special Measures) Bill:

Timetable

(1) (a) Proceedings on Second Reading and in Committee of the whole House, any proceedings on Consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall be taken at this day's sitting in accordance with this Order.

(b) Notices of Amendments, new Clauses or new Schedules to be moved in Committee of the whole House may be accepted by the Clerks at the Table before the Bill has been read a second time.

(c) Proceedings on Second Reading and in Committee of the whole House, any proceedings on Consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall be brought to a conclusion, if not previously concluded, at 2 pm at this day's sitting.

Timing of proceedings and Questions to be put

(2) As soon as the proceedings on the Motion for this Order have been concluded, the Order for the Second Reading of the Bill shall be read.

(3) When the Bill has been read a second time:

(a) it shall, despite Standing Order No. 63 (Committal of bills not subject to a programme order), stand

committed to a Committee of the whole House without any Question being put;

(b) proceedings on the Bill shall stand postponed while the Question is put, in accordance with Standing Order No. 52(1) (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), on any financial resolution relating to the Bill;

(c) on the conclusion of proceedings on any financial resolution relating to the Bill, proceedings on the Bill shall be resumed and the Speaker shall leave the Chair whether or not notice of an Instruction has been given.

(4) (a) On the conclusion of proceedings in Committee of the whole House, the Chair shall report the Bill to the House without putting any Question.

(b) If the Bill is reported with amendments, the House shall proceed to consider the Bill as amended without any Question being put.

(5) For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph (1), the Chair or Speaker shall forthwith put the following Questions in the same order as they would fall to be put if this Order did not apply:

(a) any Question already proposed from the chair;

(b) any Question necessary to bring to a decision a Question so proposed;

(c) the Question on any amendment, new Clause or new Schedule selected by the Chair or Speaker for separate decision;

(d) the Question on any amendment moved or Motion made by a Minister of the Crown;

(e) any other Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded;

and shall not put any other questions, other than the question on any motion described in paragraph (15)(a) of this Order.

(6) On a Motion so made for a new Clause or a new Schedule, the Chair or Speaker shall put only the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill.

(7) If two or more Questions would fall to be put under paragraph (5)(d) on successive amendments moved or Motions made by a Minister of the Crown, the Chair or Speaker shall instead put a single Question in relation to those amendments or Motions.

(8) If two or more Questions would fall to be put under paragraph (5)(e) in relation to successive provisions of the Bill, the Chair shall instead put a single Question in relation to those provisions, except that the Question shall be put separately on any Clause of or Schedule to the Bill which a Minister of the Crown has signified an intention to leave out.

Consideration of Lords Amendments

(9) (a) Any Lords Amendments to the Bill may be considered forthwith without any Question being put; and any proceedings interrupted for that purpose shall be suspended accordingly.

(b) Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall be brought to a conclusion (so far as not previously concluded) one hour after their commencement; and any proceedings suspended under sub-paragraph (a) shall thereupon be resumed.

(10) Paragraphs (2) to (7) of Standing Order No. 83F (Programme orders: conclusion of proceedings on consideration of Lords amendments) apply for the purposes of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph (9) of this Order.

Subsequent stages

(11) (a) Any further Message from the Lords on the Bill may be considered forthwith without any Question being put; and any proceedings interrupted for that purpose shall be suspended accordingly.

(b) Proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement; and any proceedings suspended under sub-paragraph (a) shall thereupon be resumed.

(12) Paragraphs (2) to (5) of Standing Order No. 83G (Programme orders: conclusion of proceedings on further messages from the Lords) apply for the purposes of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph (11) of this Order.

Reasons Committee

(13) Paragraphs (2) to (6) of Standing Order No. 83H (Programme orders: reasons committee) apply in relation to any committee to be appointed to draw up reasons after proceedings have been brought to a conclusion in accordance with this Order.

Miscellaneous

(14) Standing Order No. 82 (Business Committee) shall not apply in relation to any proceedings to which this Order applies.

(15) (a) No Motion shall be made, except by a Minister of the Crown, to alter the order in which any proceedings on the Bill are taken, to recommit the Bill or to vary or supplement the provisions of this Order.

(b) No notice shall be required of such a Motion.

(c) Such a Motion may be considered forthwith without any Question being put; and any proceedings interrupted for that purpose shall be suspended accordingly.

(d) The Question on such a Motion shall be put forthwith; and any proceedings suspended under subparagraph (c) shall thereupon be resumed.

(e) Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to proceedings on such a Motion.

(16) (a) No dilatory Motion shall be made in relation to proceedings to which this Order applies except by a Minister of the Crown.

(b) The Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

(17) The start of any debate under Standing Order No. 24 (Emergency debates) to be held on a day on which the Bill has been set down to be taken as an Order of the Day shall be postponed until the conclusion of any proceedings on that day to which this Order applies.

(18) Proceedings to which this Order applies shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

(19) At today's sitting the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until:

(a) any message from the Lords on the Bill has been received and any Committee to draw up Reasons which has been appointed at that sitting has reported;

(b) the Speaker has notified the Royal Assent to any Act agreed upon by both Houses.

(20) At the conclusion of proceedings the Speaker shall adjourn the House without putting any Question.

2. Steel Industry (Special Measures) Bill: Second Reading

Until 2.00pm (if the Steel Industry (Special Measures) Bill: Business of the House motion is agreed to)

3. Steel Industry (Special Measures) Bill: Money

No debate (Standing Order No. 52(1)(a))

James Murray

That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Steel Industry (Special Measures) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of:

(a) any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State under or by virtue of this Act, and

(b) any increase attributable to this Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided.

Notes:

King's Recommendation signified.

4. Steel Industry (Special Measures) Bill: Committee and Remaining Stages

Until 2.00pm (if the Steel Industry (Special Measures) Bill: Business of the House motion is agreed to)

The House will not adjourn until the Speaker has reported the Royal Assent to any Act agreed upon by both Houses (if the Steel Industry (Special Measures) Bill: Business of the House motion is agreed to).

ANNOUNCEMENTS**FORTHCOMING END OF DAY ADJOURNMENT DEBATES**

Applications for 30-minute end of day adjournment debates should be made to the Table Office by 7.00pm or rise of the House, whichever is the earlier, on the Wednesdays listed below. Members can submit their application via MemberHub. The ballot takes place the day after the deadline. Members who are successful will be contacted by the Speaker's Office.

Tuesday 29 April to Thursday 1 May (deadline Wednesday 23 April 7.00pm or the rise of the House, whichever is earlier)

Tuesday 6 May to Monday 12 May (deadline Wednesday 30 April 7.00pm or the rise of the House, whichever is earlier)

FORTHCOMING WESTMINSTER HALL DEBATES

The rota for answering Departments is listed below. Applications for 90, 60 and 30-minute debates should be made to the Table Office by 10.00pm or the rise of the House, whichever is the earlier, on the days listed below. Members can submit their application via MemberHub. The ballot takes place the day after the deadline. Members who are successful will be contacted by the Speaker's Office.

Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 April (deadline Tuesday 22 April 10.00pm or the rise of the House, whichever is earlier)

The following Departments will answer:

Attorney General; Cabinet Office; Culture, Media and Sport; Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; Foreign, Commonwealth and Development; Health and Social Care; Home Office; Justice; Northern Ireland; Scotland; Women and Equalities

Tuesday 6 and Wednesday 7 May (deadline Monday 28 April 10.00pm or the rise of the House, whichever is earlier)

The following Departments will answer:

Business and Trade; Defence; Education; Energy Security and Net Zero; Housing, Communities and Local Government; Science, Innovation and Technology; Transport; Treasury; Wales; Work and Pensions

Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 May (deadline Tuesday 6 May 10.00pm or the rise of the House, whichever is earlier)

The following Departments will answer:

Attorney General; Business and Trade; Culture, Media and Sport; Defence; Energy Security and Net Zero; Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; Housing, Communities and Local Government; Northern Ireland; Treasury; Wales; Women and Equalities

Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 May (deadline Monday 12 May 10.00pm or the rise of the House, whichever is earlier)

The following Departments will answer:

Cabinet Office; Education; Foreign, Commonwealth and Development; Health and Social Care; Home Office; Justice; Science, Innovation and Technology; Scotland; Transport; Work and Pensions

Tuesday 3 and Wednesday 4 June (deadline Monday 19 May 10.00pm or the rise of the House, whichever is earlier)

The following Departments will answer:

Attorney General; Business and Trade; Culture, Media and Sport; Defence; Energy Security and Net Zero; Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; Housing, Communities and Local Government; Northern Ireland; Treasury; Wales; Women and Equalities

Tuesday 10 and Wednesday 11 June (deadline Monday 2 June 10.00pm or the rise of the House, whichever is earlier)

The following Departments will answer:

Cabinet Office; Education; Foreign, Commonwealth and Development; Health and Social Care; Home Office; Justice; Science, Innovation and Technology; Scotland; Transport; Work and Pensions

EASTER ADJOURNMENT - TABLING OF PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS

The following arrangements will apply for the tabling of Questions for oral and written answer during the Easter Adjournment.

Questions for oral answer

Under Standing Order No. 22(6), the Speaker has made the following arrangements for tabling Questions for oral answer when the House returns:

Last date of tabling*	Date for answer	Departments etc.
Tuesday 22 April	Monday 28 April	Education (T)**
Tuesday 22 April	Wednesday 30 April	Wales

The results of the shuffles on 8 April have been published and are available on the internet. For further details of last tabling days for other departments and answering bodies, see the Order of Questions rota available on the Commons Business Papers website.

Notes:

* The latest time for tabling is 12.30pm on each of these days.

** (T) denotes that there are Topical questions for this Department.

Questions for written answer on a named day

Time of tabling	Earliest date for named day answer
From the rise of the House on Tuesday 8 April until 2.30pm on Thursday 17 April	Thursday 24 April (each Member may table up to five named day questions during this period)
Tuesday 22 April	Friday 25 April

EASTER ADJOURNMENT - TABLING OF AMENDMENTS TO PUBLIC BILLS

During the recess, amendments should be submitted by email to pbohoc@parliament.uk. Amendments can be accepted from a Member's parliamentary email account or from the email account of a member of staff who has been specifically authorised to act on the Member's behalf.

Amendments must be tabled **by 4.30pm on Thursday 17 April** in order to be eligible for the following proceedings on Thursday 24 April:

Bank Resolution (Recapitalisation) Bill [Lords] (report stage)

Crime and Policing Bill (Public Bill Committee)

FURTHER INFORMATION

MPs' GUIDE TO PROCEDURE

The MPs' Guide to Procedure is available on the Parliamentary website and also in hard copy from the Vote Office

BUSINESS OF THE DAY

Documents and reports relating to the business being held in the Chamber are available on the Commons Business Briefings webpage: www.parliament.uk/business/publications/research/commons-business-briefings/

WRITTEN STATEMENTS

Text of today's Written Statements: <https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/>

SELECT COMMITTEES

Select Committees Webpage: <https://committees.parliament.uk/>

STANDING ORDERS RELATING TO PUBLIC BUSINESS

Text of Standing Orders relating to public business: https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm5901/cmstords/so_829_05072024/so-2024i.pdf

CHAMBER ENGAGEMENT

Information about engaging the public with debates is available on the parliamentary website: <https://www.parliament.uk/get-involved/have-your-say-on-laws/chamber-engagement/>.

All business papers are available via the HousePapers app on mobile devices