



# House of Commons

Saturday 12 April 2025

## Votes and Proceedings

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*Notice given by the Speaker pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 (Earlier meeting of House in certain circumstances)*

Whereas His Majesty's Government have represented to me, Sir Lindsay Hoyle, Speaker of the House of Commons, that the public interest requires the House to meet at an earlier time than the day of Tuesday 22 April 2025 and I am satisfied that the public interest does so require.

Now, therefore, I hereby give notice pursuant to the Standing Order (earlier meeting of House in certain circumstances) that the House shall meet on Saturday 12 April at 11 am.

Given under my hand this 11th day of April 2025.

*Sir Lindsay Hoyle*

Speaker

The House met at 11 am.

Prayers

**1 Steel Industry (Special Measures) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Secretary Jonathan Reynolds, supported by the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Pat McFadden, Secretary John Healey, Secretary Ed Miliband and Secretary Heidi Alexander presented a Bill to make provision about powers to secure the continued and safe use of assets of a steel undertaking.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time today, and to be printed (Bill 221) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 221–EN).

**2 Business of the House (Today)**

*Ordered, 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 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 sub-paragraph (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.—(*Lucy Powell.*)

**3 Steel Industry (Special Measures) Bill: Second Reading**

Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House (Order, today).

**4 Steel Industry (Special Measures) Bill: Money**

King's Recommendation signified.

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 52(1)(a)), 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.—(*Kate Dearden.*)

Question agreed to.

**5 Steel Industry (Special Measures) Bill: Committee of the whole House**

The House resolved itself into a Committee (Order, today).

(In the Committee)

As it was after 2 pm, the Chair put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings in Committee of the whole House to a conclusion (Order, today).

The following Question was put forthwith (Order, today).

That Clauses 1 to 10 stand part of the Bill (any Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded).

The occupant of the Chair left the Chair to report the Bill (Order, today).

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The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Kate Dearden reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made no amendment.

**6 Steel Industry (Special Measures) Bill: Third Reading**

As it was after 2 pm, the Speaker put the Question necessary to bring proceedings on Third Reading to a conclusion (Order, today).

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

Question agreed to and Bill accordingly read the third time and passed.

**7 Suspension of sitting: awaiting Lords Message**

The Speaker suspended the sitting (Order, today).

**8 Royal Assent**

The Speaker reported that the King had signified Royal Assent to the following Act under the Royal Assent Act 1967:

Steel Industry (Special Measures) Act 2025

**9 Adjournment**

House adjourned without Question put (Order, today).

Adjourned at 6.01 pm until Tuesday 22 April (Order, today).

## Other Proceedings

### *Lords Messages*

**10 Steel Industry (Special Measures) Bill**

The Lords agree to the Steel Industry (Special Measures) Bill without amendment.

*Select Committees: Reports relating to orders for printing made during the adjournment under Standing Order No. 137*

### *Thursday 10 April*

**11 Business and Trade Committee**

*Post Office Horizon scandal: fast and fair redress*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 341) (Clerk of the House).

**12 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee**

(1) *Reforming the water sector*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 588);

(2) *Work of the Department and its arm's-length bodies*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 415)

(Clerk of the House).

*Sir Lindsay Hoyle*

Speaker

## Papers Laid

Papers presented and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates during the adjournment under Standing Orders No. 158 and No. 159

*Thursday 10 April*

### Other papers

**1 Employment**

Explanatory Memorandum to the Gangmasters (Licensing Conditions) (Amendment) (Fees) Rules 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 405) (by Command) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

**2 Treaty Series No. 21 (2025)**

Decision No 2/2021, done at London and Bern on 16 July 2021, of the UK-Switzerland Trade Joint Committee of 16 July 2021 amending the Appendix to Annex 1 of the Trade Agreement between the Swiss Confederation and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, done at Bern on 11 February 2019 (by Command) (CP 1307) (Secretary David Lammy)

**3 Treaty Series No. 22 (2025)**

Agreement, done at Ottawa on 9 December 2020, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Canada on Trade Continuity (by Command) (CP 1308) (Secretary David Lammy)

### Withdrawn papers

**4 Employment**

Explanatory Memorandum to the Gangmasters (Licensing Conditions) (Amendment) (Fees) Rules 2025 (laid 31 March 2025)

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## SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

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

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

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Member	From	To	Proxy
Satvir Kaur	11 December 2024	11 July	<b>Mark Tami (12 April); Chris Elmore (thereafter)</b>
Ian Murray	29 January	22 May	<b>Mark Tami (12 April); Chris Elmore (thereafter)</b>
Olivia Blake	24 February	14 April	<b>Mark Tami (12 April); Chris Elmore (thereafter)</b>
Andrew Gwynne	1 April	28 April	<b>Mark Tami (12 April); Chris Elmore (thereafter)</b>

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