



# House of Commons

Wednesday 30 April 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 Wales**

**(2) the Prime Minister**

**2 Statements: (1) UK air strike against Houthi military facility (Secretary John Healey)**

**(2) UK energy grid resilience (Michael Shanks)**

**3 Parliamentary Scrutiny of Trade Agreements Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Clive Jones, supported by Mr Alistair Carmichael, Daisy Cooper, Sarah Gibson, Mr Joshua Reynolds, Tom Morrison, Andrew George and Sarah Olney, presented a Bill to provide for parliamentary approval of international trade agreements; to require the Secretary of State to publish a proposed negotiating mandate in draft before entering into negotiations in respect of an international trade agreement; to require parliamentary approval of that draft before negotiations begin; to make provision for the amendment of draft negotiating mandates by Parliament; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 16 May, and to be printed (Bill 227).

**4 UK–USA trade agreements (Parliamentary scrutiny): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)**

*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the Secretary of State to lay before Parliament any trade agreement between the UK and the USA which the Government proposes to implement; to prohibit the implementation of such an agreement without the approval by resolution of each House; to make provision for the amendment of such agreements by Parliament; and for connected purposes;

That Richard Foord, Tim Farron, Calum Miller, Helen Morgan, Sarah Olney and Edward Morello present the Bill.

Richard Foord accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 16 May, and to be printed (Bill 228).

**5 Sentencing Guidelines (Pre-sentence Reports) Bill: Committee of the whole House**

The House resolved itself into a Committee (Programme Order, 22 April).

(In the Committee)

Clause 1 (Sentencing guidelines about pre-sentence reports)

Amendment 1 proposed.—(*Sir Jeremy Wright.*)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment 3 proposed.—(*Dr Kieran Mullan.*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Division No. 184

Ayes: 86 (Tellers: Jerome Mayhew, Rebecca Smith)

Noes: 222 (Tellers: Anna McMorris, Taiwo Owatemi)

Question negatived.

Amendment 4 proposed.—(*Dr Kieran Mullan.*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Division No. 185

Ayes: 88 (Tellers: Jerome Mayhew, Rebecca Smith)

Noes: 226 (Tellers: Anna McMorris, Taiwo Owatemi)

Question negatived.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Keir Mather reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made no amendment.

## **6 Sentencing Guidelines (Pre-sentence Reports) Bill: Third Reading**

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

The House divided.

Division No. 186

Ayes: 214 (Tellers: Anna McMorris, Taiwo Owatemi)

Noes: 3 (Tellers: Ayoub Khan, Ellie Chowns)

Question agreed to and Bill passed.

## **7 Licences and Licensing**

*Resolved*, That the draft Licensing Act 2003 (Victory in Europe Day Licensing Hours) Order 2025, which was laid before this House on 23 April, be approved.—(*Dame Diana Johnson.*)

**8 Crime and Policing Bill: Ways and Means**

*Resolved*, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Crime and Policing Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund.—(*Dame Diana Johnson.*)

**9 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval**

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Health and Social Care Information Standards (Procedure) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 25 March, be approved.—(*Sir Nicholas Dakin.*)

Question agreed to.

**10 Adjournment**

Subject: Government support for people in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (Chi Onwurah)

*Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Sir Nicholas Dakin.*)

Adjourned at 6.18 pm until tomorrow.

## Other Proceedings

### *Lords Messages*

**11 Bus Services (No. 2) Bill [Lords]**

The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision about local and school bus services; and for connected purposes; to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

### *First Reading and Printing of Lords Bills*

**12 Bus Services (No. 2) Bill [Lords]**

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 229), with Explanatory Notes (Bill 229–EN).

### *General Committees: Reports*

**13 Third Delegated Legislation Committee**

Martin Vickers (Chair) reported the draft Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) (Amendment, Surrender and Compensation) (England and Wales) Order 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).*

#### **14 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Finance Act 2021 (Increase in Schedule 26 Penalty Percentages) Regulations 2025)**

Members: Dr Scott Arthur, Lee Barron, Wendy Chamberlain, Daisy Cooper, Gareth Davies, Helena Dollimore, Naushabah Khan, Lola McEvoy, James Murray, David Pinto-Duschinsky, Joe Powell, Sir Alec Shelbrooke, John Slinger, Blake Stephenson, Alistair Strathern, Christian Wakeford and James Wild

#### **15 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) (Amendment, Surrender and Compensation) (England and Wales) Order 2025)**

Members: Louise Jones discharged and Jade Botterill nominated in substitution.

### *Select Committees: Reports*

#### **16 Energy Security and Net Zero Committee**

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

(2) *Correspondence from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero*: Written evidence, to be published;

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

(4) *The cost of energy*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 736)

(Bill Esterson).

#### **17 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)**

(1) *The work of the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 866);

(2) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice (Sir Nicholas Dakin) relating to the Employment Rights Bill*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Chair of the Equality and Human Rights Commission relating to the Supreme Court judgment in For Women Scotland Ltd v The Scottish Ministers*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Department of Science and Technology relating to the Data Use and Access Bill [Lords]*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with the Ministry of Justice relating to the Sentencing Guidelines (Pre-sentence Reports) Bill*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Transnational repression in the UK*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 681) (Sir Desmond Swayne).

**18 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee**

(1) *Operation of the Windsor Framework*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 491);

(2) *The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 586)

(Tonia Antoniazzi).

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

Twenty-second Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 291-xxii) (Sir Bernard Jenkin).

**20 Statutory Instruments (Select Committee on)**

Seventh Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 294-vii) (Sir Bernard Jenkin).

**21 Transport Committee**

*Managing the impact of street works*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 522) (Ruth Cadbury).

**22 Treasury Committee**

*Finfluencers*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 863) (Dame Meg Hillier).

**23 Work and Pensions Committee**

(1) *Safeguarding vulnerable claimants*: First Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 402);

(2) *Defined benefit pensions schemes: Government Response*: Second Special Report, to be printed (HC 870);

(3) *Pensioner Poverty: challenges and mitigations*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 465);

(4) *Get Britain Working: Pathways to Work*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 837);

(5) *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 Government policies to limit global deforestation**

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered Government policies to limit global deforestation.—(*Barry Gardiner.*)

At 11 am, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

**2 Parthenon Marbles and the British Museum Act 1963**

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the Parthenon Marbles and the British Museum Act 1963.—(*Alberto Costa.*)

At 11.30 am, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

*The sitting was suspended between 11.30 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).*

**3 Safety of humanitarian workers in conflict zones**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the safety of humanitarian workers in conflict zones.—(*Tom Morrison.*)

*The sitting was suspended between 3.39 pm and 4 pm.*

**4 Impact of the Windsor Framework on parcel deliveries across the Irish Sea**

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the impact of the Windsor Framework on parcel deliveries across the Irish Sea.—(*Jim Allister.*)

*The sitting was suspended between 4.16 pm and 4.39 pm for divisions in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).*

The debate was resumed.

*The sitting was suspended between 4.50 pm and 5.05 pm for a division in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).*

**5 Potential impact of puberty suppressing hormones on children and young people with gender incongruence**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the potential impact of puberty suppressing hormones on children and young people with gender incongruence.—(*Rebecca Paul.*)

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

Adjourned at 5.58 pm until Tuesday 6 May (Order, 3 February).

***Ms Nusrat Ghani***

Chairman of Ways and Means

## Papers Laid

### Papers subject to Negative Resolution

**1 Civil Aviation**

Aviation Security (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 529), dated 28 April 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Heidi Alexander)

**2 Consumer Protection**

Furniture and Furnishings (Fire) (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 531), dated 28 April 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Justin Madders)

### Other papers

**3 Climate Change**

Report by the Climate Change Committee on progress in adapting to climate change for 2025 (by Act) (Secretary Ed Miliband)

**4 Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency**

Updated report on the government review on introducing costs protections in civil recovery proceedings in the High Court under Part 5 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (by Act) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)