



House of Commons

Thursday 8 May 2025

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 **Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
(2) the Solicitor General**

- 2 **Business Question (Leader of the House)**

- 3 **Service of Commemoration: 80th Anniversary of VE Day**

The Speaker suspended the House.

The Speaker and members of the House proceeded to Westminster Abbey for a service of commemoration on the 80th anniversary of VE Day.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair at 1.30 pm.

- 4 **Select Committee Statement on the First Report of the Environmental Audit Committee,
The role of natural capital in the UK's green economy, HC 501 (Mr Toby Perkins)**

- 5 **Backbench Business**

(1) St George's Day and English affairs

Resolved, That this House has considered St George's Day and English affairs.—(Adam Jogee.)

(2) Research and treatment of brain tumours

Resolved, That this House notes that Brain Tumour Awareness Month took place in March; further notes that there has been no progress in NHS treatment of brain tumours in 20 years and that they are the biggest cancer killer of people under the age of 40; calls on the Government to demand that the National Institute for Health and Care Research take action to spend the £40 million provided by the Government for brain tumour research in 2018 for innovative and meaningful drug trials, following the death of the late Baroness Tessa Jowell; and further calls on the Government to encourage the pharmaceutical industry to undertake research into the repurposing of drugs for brain tumours and to require the NHS repurposing service to consider the repurposing of drugs for brain tumours.—(Dame Siobhain McDonagh.)

- 6 **Suspension of sitting: Forthcoming statement on trade negotiations**

The Deputy Speaker suspended the sitting.

The Speaker resumed the Chair at 5.11 pm.

7 Statement: Trade negotiations (Mr Douglas Alexander)**8 Adjournment**

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Keir Mather*.)

Adjourned at 6.12 pm until Monday 12 May.

Other Proceedings

Changes to Notices Given

9 Ceramics (Country of Origin Marking) Bill

* This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings relating to Monday 12 May 2025.

Order for Second Reading on Friday 16 May, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 13 June.

10 Fireworks Bill

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 20 June.

General Committees: Reports

11 Crime and Policing Bill Committee

Mark Pritchard (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

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).

12 Animal Welfare (Import of Dogs, Cats and Ferrets) Bill

Chair: Sir Jeremy Wright

13 Football Governance Bill [Lords]

Chairs: Dawn Butler, Esther McVey, Karl Turner, and Sir Jeremy Wright

14 Product Regulation and Metrology Bill [Lords] Committee

Members: Yuan Yang discharged and Alex McIntyre nominated in substitution.

15 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Medical Devices and Blood Safety and Quality (Fees Amendment) Regulations)

Chair: Sir Desmond Swayne

Members: Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst discharged and Joe Robertson nominated in substitution.

16 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (The Syria (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations (SI, 2025, No. 507), dated 23 April 2025)

Chair: Sir Roger Gale

17 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft National Security Act 2023 (Foreign Activities and Foreign Influence Registration Scheme: Exemptions for Certain Foreign Power Investment Funds, Education, Government Administration and Public Bodies) Regulations 2025, draft National Security Act 2023 (Foreign Activities and Foreign Influence Registration Scheme: Publication) Regulations 2025, draft National Security Act 2023 (Foreign Activities and Foreign Influence Registration Scheme: Specified Persons) (Iran) Regulations 2025 and draft National Security Act 2023 (Foreign Activities and Foreign Influence Registration Scheme: Specified Persons) (Russia) Regulations 2025)

Chair: Graham Stringer

Members: Jim Dickson, Keir Mather and Mr Connor Rand discharged and Julia Buckley, Euan Stainbank and Mark Tami nominated in substitution.

18 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Pension Fund Clearing Obligation Exemption (Amendment) Regulations 2025)

Chair: Mr Clive Betts

Members: Alistair Strathern discharged and Imogen Walker nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

19 Culture, Media and Sport Committee

Pre-appointment hearing for the Chair of the Independent Football Regulator: Written evidence, to be published (HC 694) (Dame Caroline Dineneage).

20 Backbench Business Committee

Determination of business to be taken on Thursday 15 May, Thursday 22 May, Tuesday 3 June, Thursday 5 June and Thursday 12 June in Westminster Hall (Bob Blackman).

21 Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

Rough sleeping: Written evidence, to be published (HC 339) (Florence Eshalomi).

22 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG):* Twenty-sixth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 644);

(2) *Government's relationship with digital technology suppliers:* Twenty-seventh Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 640);

(3) *Immigration: Skilled worker visas:* Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 819);

(4) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Secretary of the Cabinet Office relating to the published assessment of evaluation in the Government Major Projects Portfolio:* Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government relating to the follow up on local scrutiny and accountability processes:* Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence with the Minister for Creative Industries, Art and Tourism at the Department for Culture, Media and Sport relating to the gifting of Navy Commissioner's barge*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Correspondence with the Permanent Secretary to the Home Office*: Written evidence, to be published;

(8) *DHSC Annual Report and Accounts 2023–24*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 639);

(9) *Work of the Department for Business and Trade*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 818)

(Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown).

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 Cold and damp homes

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of cold and damp homes.—(Alex Sobel.)

The sitting was suspended between 2.28 pm and 3 pm.

2 Potential merits of Government support for small abattoirs

Resolved, That this House has considered the potential merits of Government support for small abattoirs.—(Sarah Dyke.)

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

Adjourned at 4.06 pm until Monday 12 May.

Ms Nusrat Ghani

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Online Safety

Draft Statement of Strategic Priorities for Online Safety (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Peter Kyle)

2 Plant Health

Phytosanitary Conditions (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 559), dated 7 May 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Steve Reed)

3 Town and Country Planning

Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) (Amendment) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 560), dated 6 May 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and two Impact Assessments (by Command) (Matthew Pennycook)

Other papers**4 Treaty Series No. 26 (2025)**

Stepping Stone Economic Partnership Agreement, done at London on 15 October 2020, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the one part, and Côte d'Ivoire, of the other part (by Command) (CP 1319) (Secretary David Lammy)

5 Treaty Series No. 27 (2025)

Interim Agreement, done at London on 9 March 2021, establishing an Economic Partnership Agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the one part, and the Republic of Cameroon, of the other part (by Command) (CP 1320) (Secretary David Lammy)

6 Treaty Series No. 28 (2025)

Amendment to the Agreement, done at Singapore on 7 and 21 April 2025, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Singapore concerning Air Services, done at Singapore on 21 August 2007, and to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Aeronautical Authorities of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Republic of Singapore, signed on 28 September 2022 (by Command) (CP 1323) (Secretary David Lammy)

7 Treaty Series No. 29 (2025)

Agreement, done at Belgrade on 21 May 2024, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Republic of Serbia on Cooperation and Mutual Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters (by Command) (CP 1324) (Secretary David Lammy)

CORRECTION**Tuesday 11 February 2025**

Item 20 (Select Committees: Reports) should have read:

Business and Trade Committee**(1) *Make Work Pay: Employment Rights Bill:***

(i) Third Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 370);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 370);

(2) *Industrial strategy:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 727);

(3) *Correspondence from Bidfood relating to collective bargaining agreements*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Rip-off Britain: Dynamic pricing and consumer protection*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 700);

(5) *UK arms exports to Israel*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 548);

(6) *UK Export Finance 2024–25 Supplementary Estimate Memorandum*: Written evidence to be published

(Liam Byrne).