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## House of Commons

Tuesday 13 May 2025

### Votes and Proceedings

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The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

#### **1 Private Bills: Royal Albert Hall Bill [Lords]: Second Reading**

Motion made, That the Royal Albert Hall Bill [Lords] be now read a second time.—  
(*Chairman of Ways and Means.*)

Objection taken (Standing Order No. 20(2)).

Bill to be read a second time on Tuesday 20 May.

## **2 Questions to the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs**

## **3 Speaker's Statement: Sir Roy Stone CBE**

## **4 Urgent Question: Mansion House Accord (Torsten Bell)**

## **5 A34 slip road safety (East Ilsley and Beedon): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)**

*Ordered,* That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for a review of the safety of the A34 slip roads at East Ilsley and Beedon; and to require the publication of plans to address any deficiencies in safety identified by that review;

That Olivia Bailey, Mr Lee Dillon and Olly Glover present the Bill.

Olivia Bailey accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 13 June, and to be printed (Bill 236).

## **6 Opposition Day: Leader of the Opposition (7th allotted day (Standing Order No. 14))**

### **UK-EU Summit**

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House recognises that the Conservative Party stands by the result of the 2016 referendum to leave the European Union (EU); calls on the Government to stand by that decision at the summit with the EU on 19 May 2025, to put the national interest first and not to row back on Brexit, for example by re-introducing free movement through a EU youth mobility scheme, accepting compulsory asylum transfers, creating dynamic alignment between the UK and the EU, by submitting the UK to further oversight from the European Court of Justice or by joining the EU's carbon tax scheme which will lead to higher energy bills; further calls on the Government to stand by the will of the British people by ensuring that no new money is paid to the EU, that there is no reduction in UK fishing rights, that NATO remains the foundation

of European security and that the UK can continue to undertake strategic and defence agreements with non-EU partners; and also calls on the Government to put the negotiated outcome to a vote in the House of Commons.—(*Alex Burghart.*)

Amendment proposed, in line 1, to leave out from 'House' to the end of the Question and add 'notes the overwhelming mandate on which the Government was elected, which included resetting the United Kingdom's relationship with the European Union to deepen ties with its European friends, neighbours and allies; welcomes the Government's commitment only to agree a deal that is in the UK's national interest and is in line with the manifesto on which the Government was elected; supports the Government's commitment to agree a new and ambitious security agreement between the UK and the EU to help tackle common threats, whilst noting that NATO is the cornerstone of the UK's defence; recognises the Government's ambition to negotiate a sanitary and phytosanitary and veterinary agreement to address the cost of food and to tackle a range of other issues to reduce barriers to trade; and further supports

improvements to the UK-EU relationship that are aimed at making the UK safer, more secure and more prosperous, in line with the Prime Minister's Plan for Change.'.—(*Nick Thomas-Symonds.*)

Question proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question (Standing Order No. 31(2)).

The Deputy Speaker announced a time limit on backbench speeches (Standing Order No. 47(1)).

Question put.

The House divided.

Division No. 196

Ayes: 104 (Tellers: Mr Richard Holden, David Simmonds)

Noes: 402 (Tellers: Vicky Foxcroft, Anna Turley)

Question negatived.

Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 31(2)), That the proposed words be there added.

The House divided.

## Division No. 197

Ayes: 321 (Tellers: Vicky Foxcroft, Anna Turley)

Noes: 102 (Tellers: Mr Richard Holden, David Simmonds)

Question agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker declared the Main Question, as amended, agreed to (Standing Order No. 31(2)).

*Resolved*, That this House notes the overwhelming mandate on which the Government was elected, which included resetting the United Kingdom's relationship with the European Union to deepen ties with its European friends, neighbours and allies; welcomes the Government's commitment only to agree a deal that is in the UK's national interest and is in line with the manifesto on which the Government was elected; supports the Government's commitment to agree a new and ambitious security agreement between the UK and the EU to help tackle common threats, whilst

noting that NATO is the cornerstone of the UK's defence; recognises the Government's ambition to negotiate a sanitary and phytosanitary and veterinary agreement to address the cost of food and to tackle a range of other issues to reduce barriers to trade; and further supports improvements to the UK-EU relationship that are aimed at making the UK safer, more secure and more prosperous, in line with the Prime Minister's Plan for Change.

## **7 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval**

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Medical Devices and Blood Safety and Quality (Fees Amendment) Regulations, which were laid before this House on 3 April, be approved.—(*Taiwo Owatemi*.)

Question agreed to.

## **8 Adjournment**

*Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Taiwo Owatemi*.)

Adjourned at 7.25 pm until tomorrow.

## Other Proceedings

### *Lords Messages*

#### **9 Armed Forces Commissioner Bill**

The Lords agree to the Armed Forces Commissioner Bill with Amendments to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

#### **10 Bank Resolution (Recapitalisation) Bill [Lords]**

The Lords agree without amendment to the Amendments made by the Commons to the Bank Resolution (Recapitalisation) Bill [Lords].

### *Printing of Lords Amendments*

#### **11 Armed Forces Commissioner Bill**

Lords Amendments to the Armed Forces Commissioner Bill to be considered tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 243) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 243–EN).



## *Changes to Notices Given*

### **12 Assets of Community Value (Sports Facilities) Bill**

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 11 July.

### **13 Agricultural Land (Planning) Bill**

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

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

## *General Committees: Reports*

### **14 Crime and Policing Bill Committee**

Dr Rosena Allin-Khan (Chair) reported:

(1) written evidence submitted to the Committee.

(2) the Bill, as amended.

Written evidence to be published.

Bill, as amended, to be considered tomorrow and to be printed (Bill 235).

## **15 Planning and Infrastructure Bill Committee**

Christine Jardine (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

## **16 Product Regulation and Metrology Bill [Lords] Committee**

Valerie Vaz (Chair) reported:

(1) That the Committee had come to the following Resolution, That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication; and

(2) written evidence.

Written evidence to be published.

## **17 Second Delegated Legislation Committee**

Sir Roger Gale (Chair) reported the Syria (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2025.

## 18Third Delegated Legislation Committee

Graham Stringer (Chair) reported the 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, the draft National Security Act 2023 (Foreign Activities and Foreign Influence Registration Scheme: Publication) Regulations 2025, the draft National Security Act 2023 (Foreign Activities and Foreign Influence Registration Scheme: Specified Persons) (Iran) Regulations 2025 and the draft National Security Act 2023 (Foreign Activities and Foreign Influence Registration Scheme: Specified Persons) (Russia) 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).*

**19 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)**

Members: Sarah Bool discharged and Jack Rankin nominated in substitution.

## *Select Committees: Reports*

### **20Administration Committee**

Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on Tuesday 13 May, to be published (Nick Smith).

### **21Backbench Business Committee**

Transcript of representations made on Tuesday 13 May, to be published (Bob Blackman).

### **22Business and Trade Committee**

(1) *How to strengthen UK-EU relations: Policy Priorities for the Summit: Sixth Report*, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 908);

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

(3) *Correspondence from Marks & Spencer relating to cyber attacks against the business*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Minister for Trade and Economic Policy relating*

*to whistleblowing legislation: Written evidence, to be published;*

*(5) Correspondence from the Post Office relating to its new leadership: Written evidence, to be published;*

*(6) Correspondence with P&O Ferries relating to the resignation of their statutory auditor: Written evidence, to be published;*

*(7) Export led growth: Written evidence, to be published (HC 649)*

(Liam Byrne).

## **23 Culture, Media and Sport Committee**

*(1) Grassroots music venues: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 843);*

*(2) Protecting built heritage: Written evidence, to be published (HC 594);*

*(3) The work of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport: Written evidence, to be published (HC 330)*

(Dame Caroline Dinenage).

## 24 Defence Committee

*The UK contribution to European Security:*  
Oral evidence, to be published (HC 520)  
(Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi).

## 25 Education Committee

*Solving the SEND Crisis:* Oral evidence, to be  
published (HC 492) (Helen Hayes).

## 26 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:*  
Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Unlocking community energy at scale:*  
Written evidence, to be published (HC 394)

(Bill Esterson).

## 27 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

(1) *The Government's vision for farming:*  
First Report, to be printed, with the formal  
minutes relating to the Report (HC 906);

(2) *Reforming the water sector*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 588)  
(Mr Alistair Carmichael).

## **28 Foreign Affairs Committee**

- (1) *The Israeli-Palestinian conflict*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 488);
- (2) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State and the Secretary of State for Defence relating to the Security and Defence Partnership (SDP)*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *The UK-EU reset: Rebuilding a strategic partnership in uncertain times*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 857);
- (4) *The UK's sanctions strategy*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 699)  
(Emily Thornberry).

## **29 Home Affairs Committee**

- (1) *Asylum accommodation*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 580);



(2) *Correspondence from the Home Secretary relating to child sexual abuse: Written evidence, to be published*  
(Dame Karen Bradley).

### **30Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee**

(1) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Local Government and English Devolution relating to support for five councils to recover and reform: Written evidence, to be published;*

(2) *Grenfell and building safety: Written evidence, to be published (HC 780)*  
(Florence Eshalomi).

### **31International Development Committee**

(1) *The development work of the FCDO: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 531);*

(2) *Humanitarian access and adherence to international humanitarian law: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 526);*

(3) *The FCDO's approach to value for money: Written evidence, to be published (HC 422)*

(Sarah Champion).

### 32Justice Committee

(1) *Rehabilitation and resettlement: Ending the cycle of reoffending*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 469);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Prisons, Probation and Reducing Reoffending*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister of State, Sarah Sackman KC, relating to the Criminal Legal Aid Solicitor Fees Consultation*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Alex Davies-Jones*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Work of the Criminal Cases Review Commission*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 749)

(Andy Slaughter).

### 33 Modernisation Committee

*Access to the House of Commons and its procedures:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 755) (Lucy Powell).

### 34 Petitions Committee

- (1) Record of the Committee's decisions relating to e-petitions, to be published;
  - (2) List of closed e-petitions presented to the House, to be published
- (Jamie Stone).

### 35 Science, Innovation and Technology Committee

- (1) *Digital centre of government:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 790);
  - (2) *Innovation showcase:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 523);
  - (3) *Correspondence with the Department:* Written evidence, to be published;
  - (4) *Social media, misinformation and harmful algorithms:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 441)
- (Chi Onwurah).

### **36 Standards (Committee on)**

*Outside employment and interests:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 620) (Alberto Costa).

### **37 Transport Committee**

(1) *Buses connecting communities:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 494);

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

### **38 Welsh Affairs Committee**

*Correspondence relating to housing and homelessness in Wales:* Written evidence, to be published (Ruth Jones).

*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 Impact of churches and religious buildings on communities**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered the impact of churches and religious buildings on communities.—(*Marsha De Cordova*.)

### **2 Access to venture capital for people from ethnic minority and other underrepresented backgrounds**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered access to venture capital for people from ethnic minority and other underrepresented backgrounds.—(*Sarah Olney*.)

*The sitting was suspended between 11.27 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).*

### **3 Reform of the standard method for assessing local housing need**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered reform of the standard method for assessing local housing need.—(*John Milne*.)

### **4 Government support for defence industries in the North East**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered Government support for defence industries in the North East.—(*Luke Myer*.)

### **5 Flooding and planning and developer responsibilities**

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered flooding and planning and developer responsibilities.—(*George Freeman*.)

The Chair announced a time limit on backbench speeches (under the authority of the Chairman of Ways and Means and Standing Order No. 47(1)).

*Resolved*, That this House has considered flooding and planning and developer responsibilities.

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

Adjourned at 5.30 pm until tomorrow.

*Ms Nusrat Ghani*

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

## **1 Proceeds of Crime**

Draft Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) (Threshold Amount) (Amendment) Order 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

## **2 Constitutional Law**

Scotland Act 1998 (Agency Arrangements) (Specification) (Recognition of

Qualifications) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 555), dated 6 May 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Ian Murray)

### **3 Ministers of the Crown**

(1) Transfer of Functions (Digital Government) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 557), dated 6 May 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Pat McFadden)

(2) Transfer of Functions (Fire and Rescue Services) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 556), dated 6 May 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

Other papers

### **4 HM Treasury**

HM Treasury Minute, dated 13 May 2025, concerning the notification of a contingent liability arising from the Asset Purchase Facility (by Command) (Chancellor of the Exchequer)



## **5 Retained EU Law Reform**

Explanatory Memorandum to the Public Procurement (Revocation) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 522) (by Command) (Georgia Gould)

Withdrawn papers

## **6 Retained EU Law Reform**

Explanatory Memorandum to the Public Procurement (Revocation) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 522) (laid 25 April)