



# House of Commons

Wednesday 14 May 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 Science, Innovation and Technology  
(2) the Prime Minister**
- 2 Urgent Questions: (1) Gaza: UK assessment (Mr Hamish Falconer)  
(2) Ministerial Code: Compliance (Leader of the House)**
- 3 Statement: Government response to the Infected Blood Inquiry (Nick Thomas-Symonds)**
- 4 Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Secretary Heidi Alexander, supported by the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Ed Miliband, Secretary Hilary Benn, Secretary Ian Murray, Secretary Jo Stevens, Secretary Steve Reed and Mike Kane, presented a Bill to make provision about sustainable aviation fuel.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 240) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 240–EN).
- 5 Victims of Rape and Serious Sexual Offences (Free Access to Sentencing Remarks) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Sarah Olney, supported by Josh Babarinde, presented a Bill to require the provision, free of charge, to victims of rape and serious sexual offences of transcripts of sentencing remarks delivered following conviction for those offences; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 11 July, and to be printed (Bill 241).
- 6 Energy and Employment Rights Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Carla Denyer presented a Bill to set a timeline for the phasing out of UK oil and gas production and the decommissioning of related infrastructure; to require the Secretary of State to publish a plan for ensuring that oil and gas workers have access to appropriate redeployment or retraining opportunities, and to involve unions and communities in the production of this plan, which should include plans for funding; to make provision for the establishment of a training fund for workers in the oil and gas industry, to which oil and gas companies would contribute by paying a levy; to make provision for a proportion of workers' wages to be guaranteed by the state for a defined period after they leave the oil and gas industry; to introduce sectoral collective bargaining in the energy industry; to extend legislation relating to pay and conditions for UK onshore workers to cover all

offshore workers in the UK Continental Shelf and UK Exclusive Economic Area; to require GB Energy's investments to support UK jobs; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 4 July, and to be printed (Bill 244).

**7 Equitable Life policyholders (compensation): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)**

*Ordered*, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision about the paying out of compensation under the Equitable Life (Payments) Act 2010 for persons adversely affected by maladministration in the regulation before December 2001 of the Equitable Life Assurance Society; and for connected purposes;

That Bob Blackman, Christine Jardine, Fabian Hamilton, Sir Desmond Swayne, Siân Berry, Jim Shannon, Stephen Flynn and Andrew Rosindell present the Bill.

Bob Blackman accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 4 July, and to be printed (Bill 242).

**8 Great British Energy Bill: Consideration of Lords Message**

Lords Amendment 2B agreed to.

**9 Data (Use and Access) Bill [Lords]: Programme (No. 2)**

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Data (Use and Access) Bill [Lords] for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 12 February 2025 (Data (Use and Access) Bill [Lords]: Programme):

*Consideration of Lords Message*

(1) Proceedings on the Lords Message shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion two hours after their commencement.

*Subsequent stages*

(2) Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

(3) The 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.—(Kate Dearden.)

Question agreed to.

**10 Data (Use and Access) Bill [Lords]: Consideration of Lords Message**

The Deputy Speaker announced that Lords Amendment 49B, the Lords disagreement with the Commons in Commons Amendment 52 and Lords Amendments 52B and 52C, engaged Commons financial privilege.

Commons Amendment 32

Motion made and Question put, That this House insists on its Amendment 32 to which the Lords have disagreed, and disagrees with the Lords in their Amendments 32B and 32C proposed to the words restored to the Bill by the Lords disagreement.—(Chris Bryant.)

The House divided.

Division No. 198

Ayes: 371 (Tellers: Gerald Jones, Kate Dearden)

Noes: 98 (Tellers: James Wild, Gregory Stafford)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendments 32B and 32C accordingly disagreed to and Commons Amendment 32 insisted upon.

Lords Amendments 34B and 34C

Motion made and Question put, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendments 34B and 34C proposed instead of the words left out of the Bill by Commons Amendment 34.—(*Chris Bryant.*)

Division called.

Gerald Jones and Kate Dearden appointed Tellers for the Ayes.

No Members appointed Tellers for the Noes.

The Deputy Speaker declared that the Ayes had it.

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendments 34B and 34C accordingly agreed to.

Lords Amendment 43B

Motion made and Question put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 43B.—(*Chris Bryant.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 199

Ayes: 304 (Tellers: Gerald Jones, Kate Dearden)

Noes: 68 (Tellers: Bobby Dean, Tom Morrison)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 43B accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendment 49B

Motion made and Question put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 49B.—(*Chris Bryant.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 200

Ayes: 297 (Tellers: Kate Dearden, Gerald Jones)

Noes: 168 (Tellers: Bobby Dean, Tom Morrison)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 49B accordingly disagreed to.

As it was more than two hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Lords Message, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on the Lords Message to a conclusion (Programme Order, today).

The following Questions were put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83G).

(1) That this House insists on its Amendment 52 to which the Lords have disagreed, and disagrees with the Lords in their Amendments 52B and 52C proposed to the words restored to the Bill by the Lords disagreement (Question on any motion made by a Minister on or relevant to items in the Lords Message).—(*Chris Bryant.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 201

Ayes: 366 (Tellers: Kate Dearden, Gerald Jones)

Noes: 98 (Tellers: Katie Lam, Mr Richard Holden)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendments 52B and 52C accordingly disagreed to and Commons Amendment 52 insisted upon.

(2) That this House does not insist on its Amendment 55 to which the Lords have disagreed, agrees with the Lords in their Amendments 55D and 55E proposed in lieu of Commons Amendment 55, and agrees with the Lords in their Amendment 56B (Single Question on a motion to agree with the Lords in all of the remaining Lords proposals).

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendments 55D, 55E and 56B accordingly agreed to.

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83H(2)), That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for insisting on Commons Amendment 32, disagreeing with the Lords in their Amendments 32B and 32C, disagreeing with the Lords in their Amendments 43B and 49B, insisting on Commons Amendment 52 and disagreeing with the Lords in their Amendments 52B and 52C.

That Callum Anderson, Chris Bryant, Victoria Collins, Rachel Hopkins, Dr Ben Spencer, Anna Turley and Katie White be members of the Committee.

That Chris Bryant be the Chair of the Committee.

That three be the quorum of the Committee.

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(*Keir Mather.*)

Question agreed to.

## 11 Sanctions

Motion made and Question proposed, That the Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 504), dated 22 April 2025, a copy of which was laid before this House on 23 April, be approved.—(*Stephen Doughty.*)

At 7 pm, the debate was interrupted.

## 12 Deferred Divisions

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 41A(3)), That, at this day's sitting, Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply to the Motion in the name of Stephen Doughty relating to Sanctions.—(*Kate Dearden.*)

Question agreed to.

## 13 Sanctions (resumed)

The House resumed the debate.

Question put and agreed to.

*Resolved*, That the Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 504), dated 22 April 2025, a copy of which was laid before this House on 23 April, be approved.

**14 Appointment of lay member to the Speaker's Committee for the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority**

*Resolved*, That, in pursuance of paragraph 2A of Schedule 3 to the Parliamentary Standards Act 2009, Mary Curnock Cook CBE be appointed as a lay member of the Speaker's Committee for the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority for a period of five years from 2 June 2025 to 31 May 2030.—(*Lucy Powell*.)

**15 Public petitions**

(1) A public petition from residents of the United Kingdom relating to Marsh Lock Horsebridge was presented and read by Freddie van Mierlo.

(2) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Broadland and Fakenham relating to a permanent Post Office in Fakenham was presented and read by Jerome Mayhew.

**16 Adjournment**

Subject: Environmental impact of plastic recycling in Leamington (Matt Western)

*Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Kate Dearden*.)

Adjourned at 7.37 pm until tomorrow.

## Other Proceedings

### *Lords Messages relating to Private Bills*

**17 Norwich Livestock Market Bill [Lords]**

The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision for the relocation of Norwich Livestock Market and for connected purposes, to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

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

**18 Norwich Livestock Market Bill [Lords]**

Bill read the first time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

### *Reasons Committees: Reports*

**19 Data (Use and Access) Bill [Lords]: Reasons Committee**

Chris Bryant (Chair) reported that the Committee had agreed the following Reasons:

Insistence upon Commons Amendment 32 and disagreement to Lords Amendments 32B and 32C

Because it is not appropriate to require the Secretary of State, in preparing the DVS trust framework, to carry out an assessment of whether listed public authorities reliably ascertain sex data.

Lords Amendment 43B

Because it would not be appropriate to restrict the meaning of "scientific research" in the UK GDPR in the ways proposed by the Lords Amendment.

Lords Amendment 49B

Because the Amendment would involve charges on public funds, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.

Insistence upon Commons Amendment 52 and disagreement to Lords Amendments 52B and 52C

Because the Disagreement by the Lords to Commons Amendment 52 and the Lords Amendments would involve charges on public funds, and the Commons do not offer any further reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.

### *General Committees: Reports*

#### **20 Animal Welfare (Import of Dogs, Cats and Ferrets) Bill Committee**

Sir Jeremy Wright (Chair) reported the Bill as amended.

Bill, as amended, to be considered on Friday 4 July; and to be printed (Bill 239).

#### **21 Planning and Infrastructure Bill Committee**

Wera Hobhouse (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

#### **22 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee**

Mr Clive Betts (Chair) reported the draft Pension Fund Clearing Obligation Exemption (Amendment) 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).*

#### **23 Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) Bill Committee**

Members: Sadik Al-Hassan, Aphra Brandreth, Ian Byrne, Ann Davies, Richard Foord, Sir Ashley Fox, Dr Neil Hudson, Adam Jogee, Ruth Jones, Uma Kumaran, Abtisam Mohamed, Edward Morello, Connor Naismith, Kanishka Narayan, Mr Richard Quigley, Mrs Sarah Russell and Daniel Zeichner

#### **24 Football Governance Bill [Lords] Committee**

Members: Mr Clive Betts, Kevin Bonavia, Charlie Dewhurst, Jim Dickson, Mr Lee Dillon, Vicky Foxcroft, Mr Louie French, Lincoln Jopp, Amanda Martin, James Naish, Melanie Onn, Matthew Patrick, Stephanie Peacock, Jon Pearce, Joe Robertson, Baggy Shanker and Max Wilkinson

**25 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Pollution Prevention and Control (Fees) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2025)**

Members: Sadik Al-Hassan, Cat Eccles, Linsey Farnsworth, Tim Farron, Pippa Heylings, Chris McDonald, Frank McNally, Jerome Mayhew, Peter Prinsley, Dave Robertson, Sam Rushworth, Michael Shanks, Bradley Thomas, Nick Timothy, Anna Turley, Sir Jeremy Wright and Rosie Wrighting

**26 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Scotland Act 1998 (Increase of Borrowing Limits) Order 2025)**

Members: Juliet Campbell, Wendy Chamberlain, John Cooper, Harriet Cross, Sir Ashley Fox, Mary Kelly Foy, Christine Jardine, Terry Jermy, Gerald Jones, Afzal Khan, John Lamont, Martin McCluskey, Steve Race, Alison Taylor, Dr Marie Tidball, Dan Tomlinson and Melanie Ward

*Select Committees: Reports*

**27 Energy Security and Net Zero Committee**

(1) *Retrofitting homes for net zero*: First Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 453);

(2) *Ofgem 2025–26 Main Estimate Memorandum*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Tidal power and the Severn*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 816) (Bill Esterson).

**28 Environmental Audit Committee**

(1) *Airport expansion and climate and nature targets*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 831);

(2) *Environmental sustainability and housing growth*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 439);

(3) *Flood resilience in England*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 550);

(4) *Governing the marine environment*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 551);

(5) *Proposals for the Seventh Carbon Budget*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 815) (Mr Toby Perkins).

**29 Health and Social Care Committee**

(1) *Black maternal health*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 895);

(2) *Correspondence relating to social care*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence relating to the Casey Commission*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Gambling-related harms*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 804) (Paulette Hamilton).

**30 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)**

(1) *Legislative Scrutiny: Mental Health Bill*: Third Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 601);

(2) *Legislative Scrutiny: Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 789);

(3) *Correspondence from the Chair of the Equality and Human Rights Commission to the Committee relating to the Supreme Court's 'For Women Scotland' judgment and interim guidance*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice relating to the Victims and Courts Bill*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Forced labour in UK supply chains*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 633);

(6) *Transnational repression*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 681)

(Sir Desmond Swayne).

### 31 Procedure Committee

(1) *Call lists*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 536);

(2) *Elections within the House of Commons*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 535);

(3) *Electronic voting*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 710);

(4) *Written parliamentary questions: Departmental performance in Session 2024–25*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 828)

(Cat Smith).

### 32 Scottish Affairs Committee

(1) *GB Energy and the net zero transition*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 459);

(2) *Industrial transition in Scotland*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 729)

(Patricia Ferguson).

### 33 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

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

### 34 Transport Committee

*Buses connecting communities*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 494) (Ruth Cadbury).

### 35 Treasury Committee

(1) *National Wealth Fund*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 806);

(2) *HM Revenue & Customs 2025–26 Main Estimate Memorandum*: Written evidence, to be published

(Dame Meg Hillier).

### 36 Welsh Affairs Committee

(1) *Promoting Wales for inward investment*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 444);

(2) *Prisons, probation and rehabilitation in Wales*: Part of the written evidence, to be published (HC 702);

(3) *The environmental and economic legacy of Wales' industrial past*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 560)

(Ruth Jones).



**37 Women and Equalities Committee**

(1) *The rights of older people: Responses from Government, Advertising Standards Authority, Ofcom and IPSO*: Third Special Report, to be printed (HC 910);

(2) *Tackling non-consensual intimate image abuse: Government Response*: Fourth Special Report, to be printed (HC 911);

(3) *Health impacts of breast implants and other cosmetic procedures*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 869);

(4) *Female genital mutilation*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 714);

(5) *Gendered Islamophobia*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 571)

(Sarah Owen).

**38 Work and Pensions Committee**

(1) *Pension Schemes Bill*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 897);

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

(3) *Get Britain Working: Reforming Jobcentres*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 653);

(4) *Safeguarding vulnerable claimants*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 402)

(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 Future of public libraries**

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the future of public libraries.—(*Jonathan Davies*.)

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

**2 Potential merits of rebalancing regional economies**

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the potential merits of rebalancing regional economies.—(*Andy MacNae*.)

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 Impact of extended producer responsibility for packaging on glass packaging producers**

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the impact of extended producer responsibility for packaging on glass packaging producers.—(*Sarah Champion*.)

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 the impact of extended producer responsibility for packaging on glass packaging producers.

*The sitting was suspended between 3.59 pm and 4.30 pm.*

**4 Carer's leave**

*Resolved*, That this House has considered carer's leave.—(*Wendy Chamberlain*.)

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

Adjourned at 5.29 pm until tomorrow.

*Ms Nusrat Ghani*

Chairman of Ways and Means

## Papers Laid

### Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

**1 Companies**

Draft Protection and Disclosure of Personal Information (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Jonathan Reynolds)

### Papers subject to Negative Resolution

**2 Companies**

Companies and Limited Liability Partnerships (Annotation) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 573), dated 12 May 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Justin Madders)

**3 Retained EU Law Reform**

Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (Social Security Co-ordination) (Compatibility) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 580), dated 13 May 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (James Murray)

**4 Value Added Tax**

Value Added Tax (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 578), dated 13 May 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (James Murray)

### Other papers

**5 Cabinet Office**

Government Response to the Infected Blood Inquiry (by Command) (CP 1318) (Nick Thomas-Symonds)

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## SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

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

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

Member	From	To	Proxy
Alicia Kearns	10 December 2024	30 November	<b>Kit Malthouse (16 May), Joy Morrissey (thereafter)</b>
Claire Coutinho	8 January	3 August	<b>Danny Kruger (16 May), Joy Morrissey (thereafter)</b>
Shivani Raja	23 April	<b>24 January 2026</b>	Mr Gagan Mohindra
Patrick Spencer	15 May	16 June	Joy Morrissey

## CORRECTION

### Wednesday 7 May 2025

Item 22 should have read:

#### Health and Social Care Committee

*The First 1000 Days: A renewed focus:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 802) (Paulette Hamilton).