



House of Commons

Thursday 15 May 2025

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Transport

2 Speaker's Statement: Ministerial Code (compliance)

3 Urgent Question: Recalled offenders: Limit on sentences (Sir Nicholas Dakin)

4 Royal Assent

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

Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (Transfer of Functions etc) Act 2025

Bank Resolution (Recapitalisation) Act 2025

Great British Energy Act 2025

5 Business Question (Leader of the House)

6 Statement: Cross-government review of sanctions implementation and enforcement (Stephen Doughty)

7 Select Committee Statement (Standing Order No. 22D): Publication of the First Report of the Work and Pensions Committee, Safeguarding vulnerable claimants, HC 402 (Debbie Abrahams)

8 Backbench Business

(1) Solar farms

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered solar farms.—
(*Dr Caroline Johnson.*)

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

Question put and agreed to.

(2) Long-term funding of youth services

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the long-term funding of youth services.—(*Natasha Irons.*)

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

Question put and agreed to.

9 Adjournment

Subject: Government support for coroner services in the West Midlands (Ayoub Khan)

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Gerald Jones.*)

At 5 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 9(3)).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Gerald Jones.*)

Adjourned at 5.29 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Changes to Notices Given

10 Quantitative Easing (Prohibition) Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 4 July.

11 Transport (Duty to Cooperate) Bill

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

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

12 Meat (Information About Method of Killing) Bill

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

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

13 Exemption from Value Added Tax (Listed Places of Worship) Bill

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

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

14 Exemption from Value Added Tax (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill

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

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

15 Caravan Site Licensing (Exemptions of Motor Homes) Bill

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

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

16 Arm's-Length Bodies (Review) Bill

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

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

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- 17 Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984 (Amendment) Bill**
Order for Second Reading on Friday 16 May, read and discharged.
Bill to be read a second time on Friday 13 June.
- 18 Statutory Instruments Act 1946 (Amendment) Bill**
Order for Second Reading on Friday 16 May, read and discharged.
Bill to be read a second time on Friday 13 June.
- 19 Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 (Amendment) Bill**
Order for Second Reading on Friday 16 May, read and discharged.
Bill to be read a second time on Friday 13 June.
- 20 Domestic Energy (Value Added Tax) Bill**
Order for Second Reading on Friday 16 May, read and discharged.
Bill to be read a second time on Friday 13 June.
- 21 BBC Licence Fee Non-Payment (Decriminalisation for Over-75s) Bill**
Order for Second Reading on Friday 16 May, read and discharged.
Bill to be read a second time on Friday 13 June.
- 22 Covid-19 Vaccine Damage Payments Bill**
Order for Second Reading on Friday 16 May, read and discharged.
Bill to be read a second time on Friday 13 June.
- 23 Anonymity of Suspects Bill**
Order for Second Reading on Friday 16 May, read and discharged.
Bill to be read a second time on Friday 13 June.
- 24 Children's Clothing (Value Added Tax) Bill**
Order for Second Reading on Friday 16 May, read and discharged.
Bill to be read a second time on Friday 13 June.
- 25 Highways Act 1980 (Amendment) Bill**
Order for Second Reading on Friday 16 May, read and discharged.
Bill to be read a second time on Friday 13 June.
- 26 British Broadcasting Corporation (Privatisation) Bill**
Order for Second Reading on Friday 16 May, read and discharged.
Bill to be read a second time on Friday 13 June.
- 27 Illegal Immigration (Offences) Bill**
Order for Second Reading on Friday 16 May, read and discharged.
Bill to be read a second time on Friday 13 June.

28 Vaccine Damage Payments Act (Review) Bill

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

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

29 NHS England (Alternative Treatment) Bill

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

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

30 Covid-19 Vaccine Damage Bill

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

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

31 Mobile Homes Act 1983 (Amendment) Bill

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

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

32 Arm's-Length Bodies (Accountability to Parliament) Bill

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

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

33 Maternity Units (Requirement for Bereavement Suite) Bill

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

34 Parliamentary Scrutiny of Trade Agreements Bill

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

*General Committees: Reports***35 Planning and Infrastructure Bill Committee**

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

Written evidence to be published.

36 Product Regulation and Metrology Bill [Lords] Committee

Valerie Vaz (Chair) reported:

(1) written evidence submitted to the Committee; and

(2) the Bill as amended.

Written evidence to be published.

Bill, as amended, to be considered tomorrow; and to be printed (Bill 245).

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).

37 Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) Bill Committee

Chair: Matt Western

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

Chair: Dr Andrew Murrison

Members: Frank McNally discharged and Kenneth Stevenson nominated in substitution.

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

Chair: Clive Efford

Select Committees: Reports

40 Backbench Business Committee

Determination of business to be taken on Thursday 22 May in the Chamber and Thursday 5 June, Tuesday 10 June and Thursday 12 June in Westminster Hall (Bob Blackman).

41 Business and Trade Committee

(1) *Correspondence relating to the cyber-attacks against UK businesses*: Written evidence, to be published;

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

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

(Liam Byrne).

42 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

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

43 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *Decommissioning Sellafield*: Twenty-Eighth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 363);

(2) *Condition of government property*: Twenty-Ninth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 641);

(3) *Jobcentres*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 823);

(4) *Condition and maintenance of local roads in England*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 349)

(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 Select Committee Statement (Standing Order No. 22D)

Publication of the Second Report of the Joint Committee on Human Rights, Accountability for Daesh Crimes, HC 612 (Tom Gordon)

The sitting was suspended between 1.40 pm and 1.50 pm.

2 Funding for GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance, and the Global Fund

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the matter of funding for GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance, and the Global Fund.—(*Emily Darlington.*)

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 matter of funding for GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance, and the Global Fund.

3 World Asthma Day

Resolved, That this House has considered World Asthma Day.—(*Jim Shannon.*)

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

Adjourned at 4.19 pm until Monday 19 May.

Ms Nusrat Ghani

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Competition

Draft Enterprise Act 2002 (Mergers Involving Newspaper Enterprises and Foreign Powers) Regulations 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Stephanie Peacock)

2 Licences and Licensing

Draft Licensing Act 2003 (UEFA Women's European Football Championship Licensing Hours) Order 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

3 Financial Services and Markets

Financial Services and Markets Act 2023 (Private Intermittent Securities and Capital Exchange System Sandbox) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 583), dated 14 May 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Emma Reynolds)

4 Local Government

(1) Draft South Tyneside (Electoral Changes) Order 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (The Speaker)

(2) Draft Swindon (Electoral Changes) Order 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (The Speaker)

Other papers

5 Law Commissions

(1) Report of the Law Commission for 2024–25 (by Act), to be printed (HC 860) (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)

(2) Report of the Law Commission on Modernising Wills Law: Report and Draft Bill (by Act), to be printed (HC 861) (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)

6 Main Estimates 2025–26

(1) Central Government Supply Estimates: Main Supply Estimates for 2025–26 (by Command), to be printed (HC 871) (Darren Jones)

(2) House of Commons Administration: Main Supply Estimate for 2025–26 (by Act), to be printed (HC 858) (The Speaker)

(3) Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority: Main Supply Estimate for 2025–26 (by Act), to be printed (HC 909) (The Speaker)

7 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on HM Revenue & Customs: Collecting the right tax from wealthy individuals (by Act), to be printed (HC 876) (Clerk of the House)

8 Science, Innovation and Technology

Government Response to the consultation on the UK's future exhaustion of intellectual property rights regime (by Command) (CP 1313) (Feryal Clark)

9 Treasury

Treasury Minutes on Government Responses to the Fifth and the Tenth to the Seventeenth Reports of the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2024–25 (by Command) (CP 1328) (James Murray)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

VOTING BY PROXY (STANDING ORDER NO. 39A)

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

Member	From	To	Proxy
Patrick Spencer	15 May	16 June	Danny Kruger (16 May) , Joy Morrissey (thereafter)
Satvir Kaur	11 December 2024	11 July	Darren Paffey (16 May) , Chris Elmore (thereafter)
Kate Osborne	25 April	19 May	Tom Rutland (16 May) , Kim Johnson (thereafter)
Dan Norris	16 May	16 December	Chris Elmore