



House of Commons

Tuesday 3 June 2025

Votes and Proceedings

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)).

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 10 June.

2 Questions to the Secretary of State for Justice

3 Urgent Question: Thames Water (Secretary Steve Reed)

4 Royal Fleet Auxiliary (report on commissioner): 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 for a report on the potential merits of appointing a commissioner to consider, investigate and make recommendations to address welfare issues faced by personnel serving in the Royal Fleet Auxiliary and their families;

That Jayne Kirkham, Anna Gelderd, Andrew George, Anneliese Midgley, Ben Maguire, Chris Bloore, Graeme Downie, Jacob Collier, Laurence Turner, Luke Akehurst, Noah Law and Perran Moon present the Bill.

Jayne Kirkham accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 20 June, and to be printed (Bill 252).

5 Armed Forces Commissioner Bill Programme: (No. 2)

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Armed Forces Commissioner Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 18 November 2024 (Armed Forces Commissioner Bill: Programme):

Consideration of Lords Amendments

(1) Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.

Subsequent stages

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

(3) 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.—(*Taiwo Owatemi.*)

Question agreed to.

6 Armed Forces Commissioner Bill: Consideration of Lords Amendments

Lords Amendment 1 agreed to.

Lords Amendment 2

Motion made and Question put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 2.—(*Luke Pollard.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 207

Ayes: 319 (Tellers: Gen Kitchen, Taiwo Owatemi)

Noes: 180 (Tellers: Mr Andrew Snowden, Gregory Stafford)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 2 accordingly disagreed to.

As it was more than one hour after the commencement of proceedings on the consideration of Lords Amendments to the Armed Forces Commissioner Bill, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings to a conclusion (Programme Order, today).

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

(1) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 3 (Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to disagree with a Lords Amendment).—(*Luke Pollard.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 208

Ayes: 315 (Tellers: Taiwo Owatemi, Gen Kitchen)

Noes: 184 (Tellers: Mr Andrew Snowden, Gregory Stafford)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 3 accordingly disagreed to.

(2) That Amendment (a) be made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendments 2 and 3 (Question on any Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown relevant to a Lords Amendment).—(*Luke Pollard.*)

The House divided

Division No. 209

Ayes: 329 (Tellers: Gen Kitchen, Taiwo Owatemi)

Noes: 101 (Tellers: Mr Andrew Snowden, Gregory Stafford)

Question agreed to.

Amendment (a) accordingly made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendments 2 and 3.

(3) That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendments 4 to 7 (Single Question to agree with all remaining Lords Amendments).

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendments 4 to 7 accordingly agreed to.

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

Lords Amendment 49F

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

The House divided.

Division No. 210

Ayes: 317 (Tellers: Gen Kitchen, Taiwo Owatemi)

Noes: 185 (Tellers: Mr Will Forster, Charlie Maynard)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 49F accordingly disagreed to.

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83H(2)), That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment 49F;

That Callum Anderson, Chris Bryant, Victoria Collins, Adam Jogee, Luke Myer, Dr Ben Spencer and Anna Turley 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.—(*Christian Wakeford.*)

Question agreed to.

8 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Human Medicines (Amendments Relating to Hub and Spoke Dispensing etc.) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 29 April, be approved.—(*Christian Wakeford.*)

Question agreed to.

9 Business of the House (Today)

Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the business determined by the Backbench Business Committee may be proceeded with for up to two hours after the commencement of proceedings on the motion for this Order, or until 7.00pm, whichever is the later, and shall then lapse if not previously disposed of; those proceedings may be entered upon and may continue, though opposed, after the moment of interruption; and Standing Order No. 41A (Deferred divisions) shall not apply.—(*Lucy Powell.*)

10 Backbench Business (Unallotted day)

Dementia care

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered dementia care.—(*Caroline Voaden.*)

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

Question put and agreed to.

11 Public petitions

(1) A public petition from residents of the Garretts Green Ward, Birmingham relating to waste provision on Lea Hall Road, in the Garretts Green Ward in Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North constituency was presented and read by Liam Byrne.

(2) A public petition from residents of Bicester relating to construction of an underpass at the Bicester level crossing was presented and read by Calum Miller.

(3) A public petition from residents of Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk relating to a banking hub for Selkirk and Eyemouth was presented and read by John Lamont.

12 Adjournment

Subject: Closure of Yeovil Hospital's maternity unit (Adam Dance)

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

Adjourned at 7.27 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Changes to Notices Given

13 Public Services (Targets) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 13 June, read and discharged.

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

Reasons Committees: Reports

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

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

Lords Amendment 49F

Because the proposed statement to the House of Commons is unnecessary, given the economic impact assessment and report which are required to be published and laid before Parliament by Commons Amendments 45 and 46, and because it is not appropriate to require the Secretary of State to publish draft legislation within three months of publishing those documents.

General Committees: Reports

15 Football Governance Bill [Lords] Committee

Sir Jeremy Wright (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 submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

16 Third Delegated Legislation Committee

Esther McVey (Chair) reported the draft Investigatory Powers (Codes of Practice, Review of Notices and Technical Advisory Board) 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).

17 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Investigatory Powers (Codes of Practice, Review of Notices and Technical Advisory Board) Regulations 2025)

Members: Jenny Riddell-Carpenter discharged and Dave Robertson nominated in substitution.

18 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Payment Services and Payment Accounts (Contract Termination) (Amendment) Regulations 2025)

Members: James Asser discharged and Tom Rutland nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

19 Backbench Business Committee

Transcript of representations made on Tuesday 3 June, to be published (Bob Blackman).

20 Business and Trade Committee

(1) Industrial strategy:

(i) Seventh Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 727);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 727);

(2) Post Office Horizon scandal redress: Unfinished business: Government Response: Second Special Report, to be printed (HC 969);

(3) Export led growth: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 649);

(4) Competition and Markets Authority 2025–26 Main Estimate Memorandum: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) Correspondence from P&O Ferries relating to filing the company accounts: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) Correspondence from the Minister for Employment Rights, Competition and Markets relating to the Pubs Code Adjudicator: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to the reappointment of the Chair of the Financial Reporting Council: Written evidence, to be published;

(8) Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to US Tariffs on the automotive sector: Written evidence, to be published;

(9) Make work pay: Employment Rights Bill: Written evidence, to be published (HC 370);

(10) *The work of the Department for Business and Trade*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 450);

(11) *UK economic security*: Written evidence received by the Sub-Committee, to be published (HC 835)

(Liam Byrne).

21 Culture, Media and Sport Committee

(1) *Game on: Community and school sport*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 593);

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

(3) *Grassroots music venues*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 843);

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

(5) *The future of the BBC World Service*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 529);

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

(Dame Caroline Dinenage).

22 Defence Committee

(1) *One-off session on defence in the High North*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 940);

(2) *Armed Forces Covenant*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 572);

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for the Armed Forces relating to Afghanistan*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to the multi-year Spending Review*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Ministry of Defence and Armed Forces Parliamentary Scheme 2025–26 Main Estimate Memoranda*: Written evidence, to be published

(Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi).

23 Education Committee

(1) *Further education and skills*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 666);

(2) *Correspondence with the Permanent Secretary relating to music hubs*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Department for 2025–26 Education Main Estimate Memorandum*: Written evidence, to be published;

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

(5) *Solving the SEND crisis*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 492);

(6) *Teachers' Pension Scheme Main Estimate Memorandum 2025–26*: Written evidence, to be published

(Helen Hayes).

24 Home Affairs Committee

(1) *The work of the Home Office*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 505);

(2) *Asylum accommodation*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 580);

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Migration and Citizenship relating to the appointment of a permanent Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Security relating to transnational repression*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to measures to tackle group-based child sexual exploitation*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to the immigration white paper*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Correspondence with the Minister of State for Policing and Crime Prevention relating to the police pension remedy*: Written evidence, to be published;

(8) *Violence against women and girls: Funding*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 741)

(Dame Karen Bradley).

25 Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

(1) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Homelessness and Democracy relating to the IFF Research's Year 2 Electoral Integrity Programme Evaluation Report*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Correspondence with the Chancellor of the Exchequer relating to Spending Review 2025 and affordable housing*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Delivering 1.5 million new homes: Land value capture*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 672)

(Florence Eshalomi).

26 International Development Committee

(1) *The FCDO's approach to displaced people*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 525);

(2) *The FCDO's approach to value for money*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 422);

(3) *Aid for community-led energy*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 849);

(4) *Correspondence from the Minister for the Indo-Pacific relating to 2025–26 Main Estimates Memorandum*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Humanitarian access and adherence to international humanitarian law*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 526)

(Sarah Champion).

27 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).

28 Science, Innovation and Technology Committee

(1) *Innovation showcase*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 523);

(2) *Phone theft*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 882);

(3) *Correspondence with the Department*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Digital centre of government*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 790);

(5) *Innovation growth and the regions*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 538);

(6) *Social media, misinformation and harmful algorithms*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 441)

(Chi Onwurah).

29 Transport Committee

(1) *Access denied: rights versus reality in disabled people's access to transport: Government response*: First Special Report, to be printed (HC 931);

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

(3) *Department for Transport 2025–26 Main Estimate Memorandum*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Driving tests availability*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 437);

(5) *Rail investment pipelines: ending boom and bust*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 575)

(Ruth Cadbury).

30 Treasury Committee

(1) *Bank of England Monetary Policy Reports*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 419);

(2) *Banks and building societies*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 900);

(3) *Correspondence from the Governor of the Bank of England relating to interest payments on reserves*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Chancellor of the Exchequer*: Written evidence, to be published

(Dame Meg Hillier).

31 Welsh Affairs Committee

The work of the First Minister of Wales: Written evidence, to be published (HC 659) (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 Powers of the Groceries Code Adjudicator

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the powers of the Groceries Code Adjudicator.—(*Sir John Hayes*.)

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)).

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

2 Leasehold reform

Resolved, That this House has considered leasehold reform.—(*Ruth Cadbury*.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.30 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)) and between 2.30 pm and 3.01 pm for divisions in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

3 Animal welfare standards in farming

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered animal welfare standards in farming.—(*Adrian Ramsay*.)

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)).

The sitting was suspended between 3.45 pm and 3.58 pm for a division in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

Resolved, That this House has considered animal welfare standards in farming.

4 Impact of inheritance tax on family-owned businesses

Resolved, That this House has considered the impact of inheritance tax on family-owned businesses.—(*Susan Murray*.)

5 Serious Fraud Office and tackling fraud and economic crime

Resolved, That this House has considered the Serious Fraud Office and tackling fraud and economic crime.—(*David Pinto-Duschinsky*.)

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

Adjourned at 6.14 pm until tomorrow.

Ms Nusrat Ghani

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Civil Aviation

Draft Transport Act 2000 (Air Traffic Services) (Prescribed Terms) Regulations 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Heidi Alexander)

2 Electricity

Draft Electricity Capacity (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Ed Miliband)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

3 Broadcasting

Communications Act 2003 (Restrictions on the Advertising of Less Healthy Food) (Effective Date) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 641), dated 3 June 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Ashley Dalton)

4 Education

School Travel (Pupils with Dual Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 632), dated 30 May 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Catherine McKinnell)

5 Local Government

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

Other papers

6 Energy

Capacity Market (Amendment) Rules 2025 (by Act) (Secretary Ed Miliband)

7 National Citizen Service

National Citizen Service Trust Annual Business Plan 2025–26 (by Act) (Stephanie Peacock)

8 National Heritage

Government Indemnity Scheme: Statement to Parliament on the level of outstanding liabilities under the Scheme for the six-month period ending 31 March 2025 (by Act) (Chris Bryant)

9 Science, Innovation and Technology

Government Chemist Review 2023 (by Command) (CP 1325) (Feryal Clark)