



House of Commons

Thursday 5 June 2025

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

1 Questions to the Minister for the Cabinet Office

2 Business Question (Leader of the House)

3 Statement: Free School Meals eligibility expansion (Stephen Morgan)

4 Select Committee Statements (Standing Order No. 22D)

(1) Publication of the Third Report of the Justice Committee, Leadership of the Criminal Cases Review Commission, HC 749 (Andy Slaughter)

(2) Publication of the Second Report of the Environmental Audit Committee, Governing the Marine Environment, HC 551 (Mr Toby Perkins)

5 Pension Schemes Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Secretary Liz Kendall, supported by the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary John Healey, Secretary Shabana Mahmood, Secretary Bridget Phillipson, Secretary Peter Kyle, Jim McMahon, Ellie Reeves, Georgia Gould, Al Carns and Mary Creagh, presented a Bill to make provision about pension schemes; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Monday 9 June, and to be printed (Bill 255) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 255–EN).

6 Backbench Business

(1) High street banking closures and banking hubs

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House recognises the importance of banking facilities to local communities and expresses concern over the precipitous decline over the past 40 years; notes the change to banking habits through online services; further recognises that, for vulnerable people, face-to-face banking is a vital service and a reduction of branches risks significant financial exclusion; further notes the impact of a loss of physical banking on small businesses through lost productivity and lost footfall; also notes the innovative nature of banking hubs as a solution to a loss of high street banking, but recognises that Financial Conduct Authority rules for their recommendation are too inflexible; and calls on the Government to instigate a review into the impact on communities of bank branch loss and a change to the regulations to ensure communities have appropriate access to banking facilities.—(*Ian Lavery*.)

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

Question put and agreed to.

(2) Safety regulations in the construction and planning of battery energy storage sites

Resolved, That this House recognises the unique challenges posed by lithium-ion fires in battery energy storage sites; and calls on the Government to bring forward enforceable national regulations for their design and construction.—(*John Milne*.)

7 Public petitions

A public petition from residents of the United Kingdom relating to reform of the planning system was presented and read by Chris Hinchliff.

8 Adjournment

Subject: Applications to the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy scheme (Sir Iain Duncan Smith)

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

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

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

Adjourned at 5.30 pm until Monday 9 June.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

9 Data (Use and Access) Bill [Lords]

The Lords insist on an Amendment to the Data (Use and Access) Bill [Lords] to which the Commons have disagreed, for which insistence they assign their Reason.

Printing of Lords Messages

10 Data (Use and Access) Bill [Lords]

Lords Message to be considered on Monday 9 June, and to be printed (Bill 256).

General Committees: Reports

11 Football Governance Bill [Lords] Committee

Dawn Butler (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 Mental Health Bill [Lords]

Chairs: Gill Furniss, Carolyn Harris, Sir Desmond Swayne and Martin Vickers

Members: Leigh Ingham discharged and Natasha Irons nominated in substitution.

13 Victims and Courts Bill

Chairs: Dr Andrew Murrison and Graham Stringer

14 Absent Voting (Elections in Scotland and Wales) Bill

Chair: Wera Hobhouse

15 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Act 2007 (Extension of Duration of Non-jury Trial Provisions) Order 2025)

Chair: Esther McVey

16 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Investigatory Powers (Communications Data) (Relevant Public Authorities and Designated Senior Officers) Regulations 2025)

Chair: Dr Andrew Murrison

Members: Sarah Bool and Tracy Gilbert discharged and Johanna Baxter and Blake Stephenson nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

17 Backbench Business Committee

Determination of business to be taken on Thursday 12 June, Monday 16 June and Thursday 19 June in the Chamber and Tuesday 24 June and Thursday 26 June in Westminster Hall (Bob Blackman).

18 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *Antimicrobial resistance: addressing the risks*: Thirtieth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 646);

(2) *UK Research and Innovation*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 826);

(3) *Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs relating to the update on recycling infrastructure capacity analysis publication*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Second Permanent Secretary to the Home Office relating to the Immigration Removal Centre Expansion Programme*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Government's use of private finance for infrastructure*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 821)

(Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown).

19 Treasury Committee

Correspondence with Meta relating to compliance with FCA takedown requests: Written evidence, to be published (Dame Meg Hillier).

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 Police presence on high streets

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered police presence on high streets.—(*Paulette Hamilton.*)

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 police presence on high streets.

2 Contribution of maths to the UK

Resolved, That this House has considered the contribution of maths to the UK.—(*Ian Sollow.*)

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

Adjourned at 4.20 pm until Monday 9 June.

Ms Nusrat Ghani

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Exiting the European Union

Draft Marking of Retail Goods Regulations 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Steve Reed)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

2 Financial Services and Markets

Capital Buffers and Macro-prudential Measures Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 653), dated 4 June 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Emma Reynolds)

3 Local Government

Local Audit (Modification of Financial Reporting Requirements) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 652), dated 4 June 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jim McMahon)

Other papers

4 Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers

Competition and Markets Authority: SMS Levy Rules Consultation (by Act) (Justin Madders)

5 Energy

Business Plan of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority for the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2028 (by Act) (Secretary Ed Miliband)

6 Government Resources and Accounts

Report and Accounts of Phone-paid Services Authority Limited for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Statutory Instrument), to be printed (HC 881) (Chris Bryant)