



House of Commons

Wednesday 18 June 2025

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to (1) the Minister for Women and Equalities
(2) the Prime Minister**
- 2 Statement: HS2 reset (Secretary Heidi Alexander)**
- 3 Universal Credit and Personal Independence Payment Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)**

Secretary Liz Kendall, supported by the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Pat McFadden, Secretary Jonathan Reynolds, Ellie Reeves, Sir Stephen Timms, Alison McGovern, Torsten Bell and Andrew Western, presented a Bill to make provision to alter the rates of the standard allowance, limited capability for work element and limited capability for work and work-related activity element of universal credit and the rates of income-related employment and support allowance, and to restrict eligibility for the personal independence payment.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 267) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 267–EN).

- 4 Right to manage and leasehold: 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 definition of qualifying tenants for the purposes of claiming a right to manage; to reduce the proportion of qualifying tenants required to give notice of a claim to acquire a right to manage; to establish a duty on freeholders to assist a Right to Manage company in establishing contact with leaseholders within the freeholder's property; to make provision about establishing a presumption in favour of a right to manage in certain circumstances before the First Tier Tribunal; to require the Secretary of State to review procedures for converting leasehold property into commonhold property; and for connected purposes;

That Rachel Blake, Lizzi Collinge, Dr Beccy Cooper, Deirdre Costigan, Emily Darlington, Marsha De Cordova, Anna Dixon, Amanda Hack, Jayne Kirkham, Uma Kumaran, Sarah Russell and Yuan Yang present the Bill.

Rachel Blake accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 4 July, and to be printed (Bill 265).

5 Crime and Policing Bill: Consideration of the Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee (second day)

New Clause NC2—(*Tonia Antoniazzi*)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

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

Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

New Clause NC7—(*Matt Vickers*)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Division No. 234

Ayes: 102 (Tellers: Mr Andrew Snowden, David Simmonds)

Noes: 390 (Tellers: Anna McMorrin, Martin McCluskey)

Question negatived.

As it was less than one hour before the moment of interruption, the Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on the remaining new Clauses and new Schedules, Amendments to Clauses 166 to 172, other than Amendments relating to abortion, and remaining proceedings on Consideration, to a conclusion (Programme Order, 17 June).

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

(1) That New Clause NC43 be added to the Bill (Question on any new Clause selected by the Speaker for separate decision).—(*Mike Martin*.)

The House divided.

Division No. 235

Ayes: 147 (Tellers: Bobby Dean, Mr Will Forster)

Noes: 305 (Tellers: Anna McMorrin, Martin McCluskey)

Question negatived.

(2) That New Clause NC88 be added to the Bill (Question on any new Clause selected by the Speaker for separate decision).—(*Lisa Smart*.)

The House divided.

Division No. 236

Ayes: 178 (Tellers: Bobby Dean, Mr Will Forster)

Noes: 313 (Tellers: Martin McCluskey, Anna McMorrin)

Question negatived.

(3) That New Clause NC121 be added to the Bill (Question on any new Clause selected by the Speaker for separate decision).—(*Dame Caroline Dinenage*.)

The House divided.

Division No. 237

Ayes: 114 (Tellers: Mr Andrew Snowden, Gregory Stafford)

Noes: 310 (Tellers: Martin McCluskey, Anna McMorrin)

Question negatived.

(4) That New Clause NC130 be added to the Bill (Question on any new Clause selected by the Speaker for separate decision).—(*Matt Vickers.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 238

Ayes: 178 (Tellers: David Simmonds, Mr Andrew Snowden)

Noes: 313 (Tellers: Anna McMorris, Martin McCluskey)

Question negatived.

(5) That Amendments 102 to 121, 123, 122 and 124 to 133 be made (single Question on Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown).—(*Dame Diana Johnson.*)

Question agreed to.

Consideration completed.

6 Crime and Policing Bill: Third Reading

As it was after the moment of interruption, the Speaker put the Question necessary to bring proceedings on Third Reading to a conclusion (Programme Order, 17 June).

Motion made and Question put forthwith, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The House divided.

Division No. 239

Ayes: 312 (Tellers: Anna McMorris, Martin McCluskey)

Noes: 95 (Tellers: David Simmonds, Mr Andrew Snowden)

Question agreed to and Bill read the third time and passed.

7 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 Lucy Powell relating to Estimates (Liaison Committee Recommendation).—(*Anna Turley.*)

Question agreed to.

8 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) (Threshold Amount) (Amendment) Order 2025, which was laid before this House on 13 May, be approved.—(*Anna Turley.*)

Question agreed to.

9 Estimates (Liaison Committee Recommendation)

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 145(3)), That this House agrees with the Report of the Liaison Committee of 17 June:

(1) That a day not later than 5 August be allotted for the consideration of the following Estimates for the financial year 2025–26: Department for Education; Department of Health and Social Care; and Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government; and

(2) That a further day not later than 5 August be allotted for consideration of the following Estimates for the financial year 2025–26: Ministry of Justice, in so far as it

relates to criminal justice; Ministry of Defence, in so far as it relates to the remit of the National Armaments Director; and Department for Transport.—(*Anna Turley*.)

Question agreed to.

10 Public petitions

A public petition from residents of the constituency of Washington and Gateshead South relating to anti-stab and anti-slash protective gear in prisons was presented and read by Mrs Sharon Hodgson.

11 Adjournment

Subject: Government support for post-industrial towns (Jo White)

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

House adjourned without Question put (Standing Order No. 9(7)).

Adjourned at 7.44 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

12 Holocaust Memorial Bill

The Lords agree to the Holocaust Memorial Bill with an Amendment to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

Printing of Lords Amendments

13 Holocaust Memorial Bill

Lords Amendment to be considered tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 269) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 269–EN).

Changes to Notices Given

14 Royal Fleet Auxiliary (Report on Commissioner) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 20 June, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 24 October.

15 Women, Peace and Security Bill [Lords]

Order for Second Reading on Friday 20 June, read and discharged.

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

16 Public Procurement (British Goods and Services) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 20 June, read and discharged.

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

17 Agricultural Land (Planning) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 20 June, read and discharged.

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

*General Committees: Reports***18 Space Industry (Indemnities) Bill Committee**

Sir Christopher Chope (Chair) reported the Bill without amendment.

Bill, not amended, to be considered tomorrow.

19 Third Delegated Legislation Committee

Sir Roger Gale (Chair) reported the draft Enterprise Act 2002 (Mergers Involving Newspaper Enterprises and Foreign Powers) 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).

20 Controlled Drugs (Procedure for Specification) Bill Committee

Members: Sadik Al-Hassan, Jade Botterill, Jen Craft, Daniel Francis, Anna Gelderd, John Grady, Simon Hoare, Dame Diana Johnson, Lincoln Jopp, Ben Lake, Alex McIntyre, Edward Morello, Katrina Murray, Charlotte Nichols, Greg Smith, Dr Lauren Sullivan and Cameron Thomas

21 Unauthorised Entry to Football Matches Bill Committee

Members: Danny Beales, Saqib Bhatti, Bob Blackman, Chris Bloore, Kevin Bonavia, Dawn Butler, Jonathan Davies, Linsey Farnsworth, Sir Ashley Fox, Dame Diana Johnson, Louise Jones, Mr Paul Kohler, Ben Lake, Amanda Martin, Samantha Niblett, Chris Vince and Max Wilkinson

22 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Marking of Retail Goods Regulations 2025)

Members: John Cooper, Sarah Dyke, Lauren Edwards, Tim Farron, Jonathan Hinder, Dr Neil Hudson, Lillian Jones, Laura Kyrke-Smith, John Lamont, Jerome Mayhew, Abtisam Mohamed, Charlotte Nichols, Gregor Poynton, Jeff Smith, Rachel Taylor, Henry Tufnell and Daniel Zeichner

23 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Combined Authorities (Adult Education Functions) (Amendment) Order 2025)

Members: Paula Barker, Irene Campbell, Sir Geoffrey Cox, Pam Cox, Janet Daby, Peter Fortune, Mr Richard Holden, Leigh Ingham, Frank McNally, Neil O'Brien, Mr Richard Quigley, Ian Sollom, Alan Strickland, Sir Mark Tami, Chris Webb, Michael Wheeler and Munira Wilson

24 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Enterprise Act 2002 (Mergers Involving Newspaper Enterprises and Foreign Powers) Regulations 2025)

Members: Mr Lee Dillon and Vicky Foxcroft discharged and Liz Jarvis and Jeff Smith nominated in substitution.

25 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Protection and Disclosure of Personal Information (Amendment) Regulations 2025)

Members: Dame Harriett Baldwin, Danny Beales, Daisy Cooper, Josh Fenton-Glynn, George Freeman, Mr James Frith, Paulette Hamilton, Claire Hughes, Warinder Juss, Anna McMorris, Justin Madders, Amanda Martin, Sarah Olney, Rebecca Paul, Mrs Sarah Russell, Sir Julian Smith and Fred Thomas

26 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Nuclear Installations (Compensation for Nuclear Damage) (Amendment) Regulations 2025)

Members: Luke Akehurst, Mr Calvin Bailey, Andrew Bowie, Tom Collins, Andrew Cooper, Sir Iain Duncan Smith, Tim Farron, Pippa Heylings, Chris McDonald, Esther McVey, Samantha Niblett, Dr Simon Opher, Joani Reid, Dr Jeevun Sandher, Michael Shanks, Nick Timothy and Anna Turley

27 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities etc.) (Amendment) Order 2025)

Members: Torsten Bell, Maureen Burke, Daisy Cooper, David Davis, Dr Allison Gardner, Mark Garnier, Chris Hinchliff, Patrick Hurley, Sonia Kumar, Sir Julian Lewis, Margaret Mullane, Sarah Olney, Darren Paffey, Rebecca Smith, Alistair Strathern, Chris Vince and Christian Wakeford

Select Committees: Reports

28 Business and Trade Committee

Industrial strategy: Written evidence, to be published (HC 727) (Liam Byrne).

29 Energy Security and Net Zero Committee

(1) *Building support for the energy transition:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 734);

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

(3) *National planning for energy infrastructure:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 868);

(4) *Workforce planning to deliver clean, secure energy:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 393)

(Bill Esterson).

30 Environmental Audit Committee

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

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

(Mr Toby Perkins).

31 Health and Social Care Committee

- (1) *Black maternal health*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 895);
 - (2) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (3) *Gambling-related harms*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 804)
- (Paulette Hamilton).

32 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

- (1) *Legislative Scrutiny: Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill*: Fourth report, to be published, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 789);
 - (2) *Crime and Policing Bill*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 830)
- (Sir Desmond Swayne).

33 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

- (1) *Funding and delivery of public services: follow up*: Second Special Report, to be printed (HC 1096);
 - (2) *Ending violence against women and girls in Northern Ireland*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 840);
 - (3) *Correspondence from the Secretary of State relating to Spirit AeroSystems*: Written evidence, to be published;
 - (4) *The Government's new approach to addressing the legacy of the past in Northern Ireland*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 586);
 - (5) *The surveillance of journalists and press freedoms in NI*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 650)
- (Tonia Antoniazzi).

34 Procedure Committee

Status of independent Members of Parliament: Written evidence, to be published (HC 534) (Cat Smith).

35 Scottish Affairs Committee

- (1) *Industrial transition in Scotland*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 729);
 - (2) *GB Energy and the net zero transition*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 459);
 - (3) *Problem drug use in Scotland follow-up: Glasgow's Safer Drug Consumption Facility*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 630)
- (Patricia Ferguson).

36 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

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

37 Transport Committee

Rail investment pipelines: ending boom and bust: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 575) (Ruth Cadbury).

38 Treasury Committee

National Wealth Fund: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 806) (Dame Harriett Baldwin).

39 Welsh Affairs Committee

(1) *Promoting Wales for inward investment*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 444);
(2) *The work of the First Minister of Wales*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 659) (Ruth Jones).

40 Women and Equalities Committee

(1) *Misogyny: the manosphere and online content*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 867);
(2) *Correspondence with the Minister for Sport, Media, Civil Society and Youth relating to health barriers for women and girls in sport*: Written evidence, to be published (Sarah Owen).

41 Work and Pensions Committee

(1) *Local Housing Allowance and other benefit-related matters in the housing sector*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1009);
(2) *Correspondence from the Pensions Ombudsman relating to the winding down of the Pensions Dishonesty Unit*: Written evidence, to be published;
(3) *Get Britain Working: Pathways to work*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 837) (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 the gas grid

Resolved, That this House has considered the future of the gas grid.—(Josh Newbury.)

2 Government policy on marriage between first cousins

Resolved, That this House has considered Government policy on marriage between first cousins — (Mr Richard Holden.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.25 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 Government support for businesses in rural areas

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered Government support for businesses in rural areas.—(Steff Aquarone.)

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 Government support for businesses in rural areas.

4 Removal of asbestos from non-domestic buildings

Resolved, That this House has considered the removal of asbestos from non-domestic buildings.—(*Emma Lewell*.)

5 Detention of Jimmy Lai and other political prisoners internationally

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the matter of the detention of Jimmy Lai and other political prisoners internationally.—(*Rachel Blake*.)

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 the detention of Jimmy Lai and other political prisoners internationally.

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 Negative Resolution

1 Climate Change

Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes (Amendment) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 678), dated 11 June 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Heidi Alexander)

2 Energy

Draft Modifications to the Standard Conditions of Gas and Electricity Supply Licences, the Smart Energy Code and the Conditions of the Smart Meter Communication Licences (Smart Meters No. 2 of 2025) (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Ed Miliband)

Other papers

3 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)

4 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on HM Treasury: Financial management of fees and charges (by Act), to be printed (HC 947) (Clerk of the House)

5 Treasury

Corrections made to the Spending Review 2025 (by Command) (Darren Jones)

Withdrawn papers

6 Government Resources and Accounts

Report and Accounts of Phone-paid Services Authority Limited for 2024–25 (laid 5 June)