

Tuesday 1 July 2025

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

1 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 8 July.

2 Questions to the Chancellor of the Exchequer

3 Statement: Launch of the Parental Leave Review (Justin Madders)

4 Clean air (human rights): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish the right to breathe clean air; to require the Secretary of State to achieve and maintain clean air in England; to make provision about environmental targets and minimum standards in relation to clean air; to make provision about the powers, duties and functions of public bodies in England in relation to air pollution; to give the Office for Environmental Protection additional powers and duties related to clean air; to require the Secretary of State to comply with the United Nations Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution; to require the Secretary of State and public authorities to apply specified environmental principles in carrying out their duties under this Act; and for connected purposes;

That Siân Berry, Ms Stella Creasy, Bell Ribeiro-Addy, Wera Hobhouse, Shockat Adam, Seamus Logan, Claire Hanna, Afzal Khan, Ellie Chowns, Ruth Jones, Uma Kumaran and Dr Roz Savage present the Bill.

Siân Berry accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 7 November, and to be printed (Bill 279).

5 Universal Credit and Personal Independence Payment Bill: Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, That the Universal Credit and Personal Independence Payment Bill be now read a second time.

Amendment proposed, to leave out from 'That' to the end of the Question and add 'this House, whilst noting the need for the reform of the social security system, and agreeing with the Government's principles for providing support to people into work and protecting people who cannot work, declines to give a Second Reading to the Universal

Credit and Personal Independence Payment Bill because its provisions have not been subject to a formal consultation with disabled people, or co-produced with them, or their carers; because the Office for Budget Responsibility is not due to publish its analysis of the employment impact of these reforms until the autumn of 2025; because the majority of the additional employment support funding will not be in place until the end of the decade; because while acknowledging protection for current claimants, the Government has yet to produce its own impact assessment on the impact of future claimants of Personal Independence Payment (PIP) and Universal Credit limited capability for work and related activity and the number of people, including children, who will fall into poverty or experience worsening mental or physical health as a result, nor how many carers will lose carers allowance; because the Government has not published an assessment of the impact of these reforms on health or care needs; and because the Government is still awaiting the findings of the Minister for Social Security and Disability's review into the assessment for PIP and Sir Charlie Mayfield's independent review into the role of employers and government in boosting the employment of disabled people and people with long-term health conditions.'.—(Rachael Maskell.)

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

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Division No. 247

Ayes: 149 (Tellers: Clive Lewis, Andy McDonald) Noes: 328 (Tellers: Keir Mather, Kate Dearden)

Question negatived.

Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 62(2)), That the Bill be now read a second time

The House divided.

Division No. 248

Ayes: 335 (Tellers: Keir Mather, Kate Dearden)
Noes: 260 (Tellers: Gregory Stafford, Harriet Cross)
Question agreed to and Bill read a second time.

6 Universal Credit and Personal Independence Payment Bill: Programme

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Universal Credit and Personal Independence Payment Bill:

Committal

(1) The Bill shall be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Proceedings in Committee, on Consideration and on Third Reading

- (2) Proceedings in Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.
- (3) Any proceedings on Consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on the day on which proceedings in Committee of the whole House are commenced.

Programming committee

(4) Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings in Committee of the whole House, to any proceedings on Consideration or to proceedings on Third Reading.—(*Chris Elmore*.)

Question agreed to.

7 Universal Credit and Personal Independence Payment Bill: Money

King's Recommendation signified.

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 52(1)(a)), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Universal Credit and Personal Independence Payment Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of:

- (a) any increase in the administrative expenses of the Secretary of State that is attributable to the Act;
- (b) any increase in sums payable by virtue of any other Act out of money so provided that is attributable to increasing—
 - (i) the standard allowance or limited capability for work and work-related activity element of universal credit;
 - (ii) the personal allowance, support component, severe disability premium or enhanced disability premium of income-related employment and support allowance.—(*Chris Elmore.*)

Question agreed to.

8 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Criminal Justice Act 2003 (Suitability for Fixed Term Recall) Order 2025, which was laid before this House on 9 June, be approved.—(Chris Elmore.)

The Deputy Speaker's opinion as to the decision on the Question was challenged.

Division deferred until tomorrow (Standing Order No. 41A).

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Contracts for Difference (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 3) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 2 June, be approved.—(Chris Elmore.)

Question agreed to.

9 Public petitions

A public petition from residents of the Castle Bromwich Ward, Solihull relating to traffic calming measures on the slip road off Water Orton Road was presented and read by Liam Byrne.

10 Adjournment

Subject: Infant feeding (Jess Brown-Fuller)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Martin McCluskey.)

Adjourned at 7.58 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Changes to Notices Given

11 Rural Crime (Strategy) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 4 July, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 12 September.

12 Short-term Lets (Planning Permission) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 4 July, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 12 September.

13 Energy and Employment Rights Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 4 July, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 14 November.

14 Bereavement Support (Children and Young People) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 4 July, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 12 September.

Public petitions

15 Petitions presented informally

A public petition from residents of the constituency of Nuneaton relating to fire engines in Nuneaton fire station was presented by Jodie Gosling.

General Committees: Reports

16 Bus Services (No. 2) Bill [Lords] Committee

Dame Siobhain McDonagh (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

17 Third Delegated Legislation Committee

Sir Jeremy Wright (Chair) reported the draft Sheep Carcase (Classification and Price Reporting) (England) Regulations 2025.

18 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee

Karl Turner (Chair) reported the draft Subsidy Control (Subsidies and Schemes of Interest or Particular Interest) (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).

19 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Contracts for Difference (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 3) Regulations 2025)

Chair: Martin Vickers discharged and Sir Desmond Swayne appointed in substitution.

20 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Sheep Carcase (Classification and Price Reporting) (England) Regulations 2025)

Members: Sarah Dyke discharged and Tessa Munt nominated in substitution.

21 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Subsidy Control (Subsidies and Schemes of Interest or Particular Interest) (Amendment) Regulations 2025)

Members: Mr Richard Holden and Anna McMorrin discharged and Mr Gagan Mohindra and Christian Wakeford nominated in substitution.

22 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Amendment, etc.) Regulations 2025)

Chair: Dr Rosena Allin-Khan discharged and Graham Stringer appointed in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

23 Administration Committee

Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on Tuesday 1 July, to be published (Nick Smith).

24 Backbench Business Committee

Transcript of representations made on Tuesday 1 July, to be published (Bob Blackman).

25 Business and Trade Committee

- (1) Draft Legislative Reform (Disclosure of Adult Social Care Data) Order 2025: Ninth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1140), and including the following recommendations:
 - (i) That the affirmative procedure should apply to the draft Legislative Reform (Disclosure of Adult Social Care Data) Order 2025, which was laid before this House on 21 May 2025; and
 - (ii) That the draft Legislative Reform (Disclosure of Adult Social Care Data) Order 2025, which was laid before this House on 21 May 2025, should be made.

These recommendations were agreed without a division;

- (2) Small business strategy: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1057);
- (3) Correspondence from the Minister for Employment Rights, Competition and Markets relating to corporate sustainability consultations: Written evidence, to be published;

- (4) Correspondence from the Post Office relating to Capture accounting software information: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) Correspondence with the Parliamentary Secretary for the Cabinet Office relating to the draft Legislative Reform (Disclosure of Adult Social Care Data) Order 2025: Written evidence, to be published;
- (6) Export-led growth: Written evidence, to be published (HC 649);
- (7) Industrial strategy: Written evidence, to be published (HC 727);
- (8) *Pricing, competition and consumer protection*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1073)

(Liam Byrne).

26 Culture, Media and Sport Committee

- (1) British film and high-end television: Government Response: Fourth Special Report, to be printed (HC 1123);
- (2) Game on: Community and school sport: Written evidence, to be published (HC 593);
- (3) Protecting built heritage: Written evidence, to be published (HC 594);
- (4) The work of the BBC: Written evidence, to be published (HC 331);
- (5) The work of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport: Written evidence, to be published (HC 330)

(Dame Caroline Dinenage).

27 Defence Committee

- (1) Defence in the Grey Zone: Fifth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 405);
- (2) The UK contribution to European Security: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 520);
- (3) AUKUS: Written evidence, to be published (HC 841);
- (4) Correspondence with the Minister for Defence Procurement and Industry relating to A400M in-service performance: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to racial discrimination in the Armed Forces: Written evidence, to be published

(Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi).

28 Education Committee

Solving the SEND Crisis: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 492) (Helen Hayes).

29 Energy Security and Net Zero Committee

* This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings relating to Wednesday 2 July 2025.

National planning for energy infrastructure: Second Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 868) (Bill Esterson).

30 Finance Committee

Record of the Committee's decisions taken at its meeting on 1 July, to be published (Steve Barclay).

31 Foreign Affairs Committee

- (1) The UK at the United Nations Security Council: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 930);
- (2) *The UK Government's China Audit*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1174) (Emily Thornberry).

32 Home Affairs Committee

- (1) Police response to the 2024 summer disorder: Government Response: First Special Report, to be printed (HC 1099);
- (2) Asylum accommodation: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 580);
- (3) Correspondence from the Minister for Migration and Citizenship relating to Immigration Rules changes: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) Correspondence from the Minister for Security relating to the Deprivation of Citizenship (Effect during Appeal) Bill: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) Correspondence with the Minster for Policing and Crime Prevention relating to police social media capability: Written evidence, to be published (Dame Karen Bradley).

33 Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

- (1) Housing for older people: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 982);
- (2) Community cohesion: Written evidence, to be published (HC 981);
- (3) Correspondence from the Minister of State for Local Government and English Devolution relating to local authority governance: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) Property management companies: Written evidence, to be published (HC 980);
- (5) The funding and sustainability of local government finance: Written evidence, to be published (HC 514)

(Florence Eshalomi).

34 International Development Committee

Correspondence with the Minister for the Indo-Pacific relating to the Global Oceans Treaty: Written evidence, to be published (Sarah Champion).

35 Justice Committee

- (1) Work of the Parole Board: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1074);
- (2) Correspondence from the Law Society relating to the Legal Aid Agency data breach: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) Correspondence from the Lord Chancellor relating to the terms of reference for the Interim Chair's review of the Criminal Cases Review Commission: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) Correspondence from the Minister of State (Sarah Sackman KC): Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Alex Davies-Jones) relating to the introduction of Victim Impact Statements to the First-tier Tribunal (Mental Health) and the Mental Health Review Tribunal for Wales: Written evidence, to be published;

- (6) Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Sir Nicholas Dakin) relating to the Sentencing Act 2020 (Amendment of Schedule 21) Regulations 2025: Written evidence, to be published;
- (7) Correspondence with the Minister for Prisons, Probation and Reducing Reoffending: Written evidence, to be published;
- (8) Correspondence with the Vice-Chair of the Sentencing Council relating to the consultation on the proposed sentencing guideline for hare coursing offences: Written evidence, to be published;
- (9) Rehabilitation and resettlement: ending the cycle of reoffending: Written evidence, to be published (HC 469)

(Andy Slaughter).

36 Liaison Committee

Planning: national policy statements (Standing Order No. 152H):

That the Committee has designated the Energy Security and Net Zero Committee to consider the draft National Policy Statement on Nuclear Energy Generation, laid before Parliament on 6 February

(Simon Hoare).

37 Modernisation Committee

Access to the House of Commons and its procedures: Written evidence, to be published (HC 755) (Lucy Powell).

38 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).

39 Public Accounts (Committee of)

Jobcentres: Written evidence, to be published (HC 823) (Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown).

40 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

- * This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings relating to Wednesday 2 July 2025.
- (1) The work of the UK Statistics Authority: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 847);
- (2) Correspondence with the Chair of the UK Statistics Authority relating to the resignation of Professor Sir Ian Diamond and recruitment of his successor: Written evidence, to be published

(Simon Hoare).

41 Transport Committee

- (1) Access denied: Rights versus reality in disabled people's access to transport: Government Response: Written evidence, to be published (HC 931);
- (2) Buses connecting communities: Written evidence, to be published (HC 494);
- (3) Rail investment pipelines: Ending boom and bust: Written evidence, to be published (HC 575)

(Ruth Cadbury).

42 Treasury Committee

- (1) National Wealth Fund: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 806);
- (2) Work of HM Revenue and Customs: Written evidence, to be published (HC 416) (Dame Meg Hillier).

43 Women and Equalities Committee and Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

Appointment of the Chair of the Equality and Human Rights Commission: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 873) (Sarah Owen).

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 Regulatory powers over billing of energy supply to businesses

Resolved, That this House has considered regulatory powers over billing of energy supply to businesses.—(Sarah Edwards.)

The sitting was suspended between 10.31 am and 11 am.

2 Impact of ADHD on rehabilitation and reoffending in the prison system

Resolved, That this House has considered the impact of ADHD on rehabilitation and reoffending in the prison system.—(Tessa Munt.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.29 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 Government support for the hospitality sector

Resolved, That this House has considered Government support for the hospitality sector.— (Mike Wood.)

The sitting was suspended between 3.55 pm and 4 pm.

4 Introduction of Class 701 trains on the Waterloo-Reading line

Resolved, That this House has considered the introduction of Class 701 trains on the Waterloo-Reading line.—(Clive Jones.)

The sitting was suspended between 4.14 pm and 4.30 pm.

5 Refugee citizenship rights

Resolved, That this House has considered refugee citizenship rights.—(Brian Leishman.) 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 Agriculture

Draft Free-Range Poultrymeat Marketing Standards (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Steve Reed)

2 Hovercraft

Draft Hovercraft (Application of Enactments) (Amendment) Order 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Heidi Alexander)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

3 Animals

Welfare of Animals (Transport) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 776), dated 30 June 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Steve Reed)

4 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries

- (1) Gambling Act 2005 (Commencement No. 6 and Transitional Provisions) (Amendment) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 734), dated 25 June 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Stephanie Peacock)
- (2) Gambling Act 2005 (Premises Licences and Provisional Statements) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 736), dated 25 June 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Stephanie Peacock)

5 Immigration

- (1) Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 763), dated 26 June 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)
- (2) Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command), to be printed (HC 997) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

6 Social Security

Social Security (Income and Capital Disregards) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 778), dated 30 June 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Sir Stephen Timms)

Other papers

7 Budget Responsibility and National Audit

Office for Budget Responsibility: Forecast evaluation report (by Act) (James Murray)

8 Energy Security and Net Zero

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero Minute, dated 1 July 2025, concerning the notification of a contingent liability in relation to Prax Lindsey Oil Refinery and related subsidiaries (by Command) (Michael Shanks)

9 Government Resources and Accounts

- (1) Report and Accounts of English Sports Development Trust Limited for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Statutory Instrument), to be printed (HC 1014) (Stephanie Peacock)
- (2) Report and Accounts of the Sports Council Trust Company for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Statutory Instrument), to be printed (HC 1013) (Stephanie Peacock)

10 Government Trading Funds

Treasury Minute, dated 1 July 2025, for the Patent Office Trading Fund (by Act) (Darren Jones)

11 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme

A Charging Scheme for Offshore Installations made under Regulation 18 of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme Regulations 2012 (by Statutory Instrument) (Secretary Ed Miliband)

CORRECTION

Monday 30 June 2025

(1) The following item should have appeared before item 24 (Select Committees: Reports):

Environmental Audit Committee

Environmental sustainability and housing growth: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 439) (Mr Toby Perkins).

(2) The following items should have appeared before item 1 (Papers Laid):

Papers presented and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 27 June under Standing Orders No. 158 and No. 159

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Customs

- (1) Customs (Preferential Trade Arrangements and Tariff Quotas) (US) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 753), dated 26 June 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (James Murray)
- (2) Customs (Tariff and Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 751), dated 25 June 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (James Murray)

2 Electricity

Electricity Act 1989 (Requirement of Consent for Solar Generating Stations) (England) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 762), dated 9 June 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Ed Miliband)

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 30 June