



House of Commons

Wednesday 2 July 2025

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland
(2) the Prime Minister**
- 2 Urgent Question: UK-Mauritius Treaty: British Indian Ocean Territory future sovereignty (Stephen Doughty)**
- 3 Statement: National Energy System Operator North Hyde Substation Review Report (Michael Shanks)**
- 4 Public authority (accountability): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)**

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to set a requirement on public

institutions, public servants and officials and on those carrying out functions on their behalf to act in the public interest and with candour and frankness; to define the public law duty on them to assist courts, official inquiries and investigations; to enable victims to enforce such duties; to create offences for the breach of certain duties; to provide funding for victims and their relatives in certain proceedings before the courts and at official inquiries and investigations; and for connected purposes;

That Ian Byrne, Kim Johnson, Paula Barker, Peter Dowd, Derek Twigg, Sorcha Eastwood, Siân Berry, Liz Saville Roberts, Jeremy Corbyn, Stephen Flynn, Tom Morrison and Richard Burgon present the Bill.

Ian Byrne accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 11 July, and to be printed (Bill 280).

5 Armed Forces Commissioner Bill: Consideration of Lords Message

Lords Amendments 2B and 2C

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House insists on Commons Amendment 2A to which the Lords have disagreed and disagrees with the Lords in Lords Amendments 2B and 2C proposed in lieu of that Amendment.—(*Luke Pollard.*)

The House divided.

Division No. 251

Ayes: 321 (Tellers: Christian Wakeford, Gen Kitchen)

Noes: 158 (Tellers: Harriet Cross, Rebecca Paul)

Question agreed to.

Commons Amendment 2A accordingly insisted on and Lords Amendments 2B and 2C 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 insisting on Commons Amendment 2A and disagreeing to Lords Amendments 2B and 2C in lieu of that amendment;

That Luke Akehurst, Lizzi Collinge, Kate Dearden, Graeme Downie, Rachel Hopkins, Tessa Munt and David Reed be members of the Committee;

That Kate Dearden be the Chair of the Committee;

That three be the quorum of the Committee;

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(*Gerald Jones.*)

Question agreed to.

6 Defence

Motion made and Question proposed,
That the draft Armed Forces Act 2006 (Continuation) Order 2025, which was laid before this House on 9 June, be approved.—(*Luke Pollard.*)

7 Deferred Divisions

The Deputy Speaker announced the results of the Divisions which had been deferred to this day (Standing Order No. 41A).

(1) Competition

That the draft Enterprise Act 2002 (Mergers Involving Newspaper Enterprises and Foreign Powers) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 15 May, be approved.

Division No. 249

Ayes: 338

Noes: 79

Question agreed to.

(2) Prisons

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.

Division No. 250

Ayes: 333

Noes: 168

Question agreed to.

8 Defence (resumed)

The House resumed the debate.

Resolved, That the draft Armed Forces Act 2006 (Continuation) Order 2025, which was laid before this House on 9 June, be approved.

9 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism

Motion made and Question proposed, That the draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Proscribed Organisations) (Amendment) Order 2025, which was laid before this House on 30 June, be approved.—(*Dan Jarvis*)

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

Question put.

The House divided.

Division No. 252

Ayes: 385 (Tellers: Gen Kitchen, Christian Wakeford)

Noes: 26 (Tellers: Bell Ribeiro-Addy, Ayoub Khan)

Question agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Proscribed Organisations) (Amendment)

Order 2025, which was laid before this House on 30 June, be approved.

10 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Sheep Carcase (Classification and Price Reporting) (England) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 2 June, be approved.—(*Keir Mather.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Subsidy Control (Subsidies and Schemes of Interest or Particular Interest) (Amendment) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 2 June, be approved.—(*Keir Mather.*)

Question agreed to.

11 Adjournment

Subject: Regulatory environment of corporate businesses and franchisees
(Sir John Hayes)

*Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—
(Keir Mather.)*

Adjourned at 6.31 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Private Business

12Norwich Livestock Market Bill [Lords]

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Norwich Livestock Market Bill [Lords] and had found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made no Amendments.

Bill to be read the third time.

Changes to Notices Given

13National Cancer Strategy Bill

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

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 5 September.

14Aviation (Accessibility) Bill

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

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

15Child Criminal Exploitation Bill

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

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

16Regulators (Growth Objective) Bill

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

17Reasonable Adjustments (Duty on Employers to Respond) Bill

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

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

Reasons Committees: Reports

18 Armed Forces Commissioner Bill: Reasons Committee

Kate Dearden (Chair) reported that the Committee had agreed the following Reasons:

Lords Amendments 2B and 2C:

Because the Bill creates an effective regime for the investigation of matters of concern to service personnel and their families, Amendment 2A makes appropriate provision to protect the anonymity of individuals who raise such concerns, and the additional provision inserted by Amendments 2B and 2C is unnecessary and inappropriate.

General Committees: Reports

19 Rare Cancers Bill Committee

Graham Stuart (Chair) reported the Bill without amendment.

Bill, not amended, to be considered on Friday 11 July.

20Secure 16 to 19 Academies Bill Committee

David Mundell (Chair) reported the Bill without amendment.

Bill, not amended, to be considered on Friday 11 July.

21Courts (Remote Hearings) Bill Committee

Christine Jardine (Chair) reported the Bill without amendment.

Bill, not amended, to be considered on Friday 11 July.

22Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee

Graham Stringer (Chair) reported the draft Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Amendment, etc.) 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).

23First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Online Safety Super-Complaints (Eligibility and Procedural Matters) Regulations 2025)

Members: Feryal Clark, Victoria Collins, Jen Craft, Charlie Dewhirst, Natalie Fleet, Peter Fortune, Tom Gordon, Tom Hayes, Paul Holmes, Sojan Joseph, Alice Macdonald, Lola McEvoy, Matthew Patrick, Jon Pearce, Nick Timothy, Henry Tufnell and Anna Turley

24Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Electricity and Gas (Energy Company Obligation) (Amendment) Order 2025)

Members: Antonia Bance, Anna Dixon, Miatta Fahnbulleh, Tim Farron, Mr James Frith, Pippa Heylings, Leigh Ingham, Natasha Irons, Andrew Ranger, Jack Rankin, Mr Andrew Snowden, Alison Taylor, Bradley Thomas, Fred Thomas, Nick Timothy, Anna Turley and Katie White

25Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Electricity Capacity (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2025)

Members: Jas Athwal, Andrew Bowie, Sam Carling, John Cooper, Marsha De Cordova, Anneliese Dodds, Sarah Edwards, Kirith Entwistle, Tim Farron, Sir Ashley Fox, Pippa Heylings, Patrick Hurley, Chris McDonald, Andrew Pakes, Michael Shanks, Bradley Thomas and Anna Turley

26Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Transport Act 2000 (Air Traffic Services) (Prescribed Terms) Regulations 2025)

Members: Gareth Bacon, Mr Peter Bedford, Olivia Blake, Liam Conlon, Kate Dearden, Linsey Farnsworth, Tim Farron, John Grady, Mike Kane, John Lamont, Samantha Niblett, Melanie Onn, Rebecca Smith, Luke Taylor, Adam Thompson, Rosie Wrighting and Mohammad Yasin

27Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Buckinghamshire Council, Surrey County Council and Warwickshire County

Council (Housing and Regeneration Functions) Regulations 2025)

Members: Mr Gideon Amos, Julia Buckley, Lewis Cocking, Mark Ferguson, Mrs Sharon Hodgson, Lincoln Jopp, Gen Kitchen, Noah Law, Douglas McAllister, Jim McMahon, Tristan Osborne, Joe Powell, David Simmonds, Vikki Slade, Gregory Stafford, Euan Stainbank and Paul Waugh

Select Committees: Reports

28 Business and Trade Committee

Correspondence with the Prime Minister relating to arms exports to Israel: Written evidence received by the Sub-Committee, to be published (Liam Byrne).

29 Culture, Media and Sport Committee

The work of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport: Written evidence, to be published (HC 330) (Dame Caroline Dinenage).

30 Defence Committee

The work of the Secretary of State for Defence: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 973) (Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi).

31 Education Committee

Children's Social Care: Fourth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 430) (Helen Hayes).

32 Energy Security and Net Zero Committee

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

(2) Correspondence from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) Smart meters: Written evidence, to be published (HC 752)

(Bill Esterson).

33 Health and Social Care Committee

(1) The First 1000 Days: a renewed focus: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 802);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for Care relating to the draft Oliver McGowan Code of Practice*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Public Health and Prevention relating to HPV self-sampling kits*: Written evidence, to be published

(Paulette Hamilton).

34 Human Rights (Joint Committee on)

(1) *Human Rights and the regulation of AI*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1137);

(2) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Housing and Local Government relating to the Renters' Rights Bill*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Crime and Policing Bill*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 830);

(4) *Forced labour in UK supply chains*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 633);

(Sir Desmond Swayne).

35Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

(1) *Ending violence against women and girls in Northern Ireland*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 840);

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

(Tonia Antoniazzi).

36Procedure Committee

(1) *Call lists*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 536);

(2) *Electronic voting*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 710);

(3) *Written parliamentary questions: Departmental performance in Session 2024–25*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 828)

(Cat Smith).

37Scottish Affairs Committee

(1) *Support for veterans in Scotland*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1003);

(2) *GB Energy and the net zero transition*: Oral evidence and written evidence, to be published (HC 459);

(3) *Universal postal service: Impact on remote, rural and island communities*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 938)
(Patricia Ferguson).

38 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee on)

Thirtieth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 291-xxx) (Sir Bernard Jenkin).

39 Speaker's Conference

Speaker's Conference on the security of candidates, MPs and elections: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 570)
(Sir Jeremy Wright).

40 Transport Committee

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

41Welsh Affairs Committee

(1) *The impact of the 2025 spending review on Wales*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1087);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for Water and Flooding relating to the Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence relating to housing and homelessness in Wales*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Prisons, probation and rehabilitation in Wales*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 702)

(Ruth Jones).

42Women and Equalities Committee

(1) *Female entrepreneurship*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 711);

(2) *Health impacts of breast implants and other cosmetic procedures*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 869);

(3) *Work of the Equality and Human Rights Commission*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 942)

(Sarah Owen).

43 Work and Pensions Committee

(1) *Correspondence from The Pensions Ombudsman, relating to the winding down of the Pensions Dishonesty Unit*: Written evidence, to be published;

(2) *Local Housing Allowance and other benefit-related matters in the housing sector*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1009)

(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 Impact of the Spending Review 2025 on Scotland

Resolved, That this House has considered the impact of the Spending Review 2025 on Scotland.—(*Graeme Downie*.)

The sitting was suspended between 10.51 am and 11 am.

2 Redress under the ECO4 scheme

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of redress under the ECO4 scheme.—(*Wendy Chamberlain*.)

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

3 Contribution of whistleblowers

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the contribution of whistleblowers.—(*Lloyd Hatton.*)

The sitting was suspended between 2.37 pm and 2.51 pm for a division in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

Resolved, That this House has considered the contribution of whistleblowers.

The sitting was suspended between 3.42 pm and 3.59 pm.

4 Impact of space weather on the UK

Resolved, That this House has considered the impact of space weather on the UK.—(*Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst.*)

5 Forced displacement of Palestinians in the West Bank

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the matter of the forced displacement of Palestinians in the West Bank.—(*Martin Rhodes.*)

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 5.27 pm and 5.42 pm for a division in the House (Standing Order No. 10(3)).

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of the forced displacement of Palestinians in the West Bank.

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

Adjourned at 5.58 pm until tomorrow.

Ms Nusrat Ghani

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Domestic Top-up Tax

Multinational Top-up Tax (Pillar Two Territories, Qualifying Domestic Top-up Taxes and Accredited Qualifying Domestic

Top-up Taxes) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 783), dated 30 June 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (James Murray)

2 Sanctions

Haiti (Sanctions) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 786), dated 1 July 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Stephen Doughty)

Other papers

3 Business and Trade

Department for Business and Trade Minute, dated 2 July 2025, concerning the notification of the parameters and contingent liability arising from the Npower guarantee scheme pilot (by Command) (Sarah Jones)

4 Energy

Capacity Market (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 2025 (by Act) (Secretary Ed Miliband)

5 Financial Services and Markets

Report and Accounts of the Financial Ombudsman Service for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 961) (Emma Reynolds)

6 Justice

Civil legal aid: Towards a sustainable future: Consultation response (by Command) (CP 1333) (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)

CORRECTIONS

Tuesday 1 July 2025

(1) Item 29 (Select Committee: Reports) should have read:

Energy Security and Net Zero Committee

Gridlock or growth? Avoiding energy planning chaos: Second Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 868) (Bill Esterson).

(2) The following item should have appeared after item 40 (Select Committee: Reports):

Science, Innovation and Technology Committee

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

(2) *Under the microscope*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 622);

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

(4) *Correspondence with the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero*: Written evidence, to be published;

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

(6) *Correspondence with UKRI*: Written evidence, to be published

(Dame Chi Onwurah).