

Monday 21 July 2025

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

1 Royal Assent

The Speaker reported that the King had signified Royal Assent to the following Acts under the Royal Assent Act 1967:

Supply and Appropriation (Main Estimates) Act 2025

Product Regulation and Metrology Act 2025

Football Governance Act 2025

Norwich Livestock Market Act 2025

- 2 Questions to the Secretary of State for Education
- 3 Urgent Question: Asylum hotels: Migrant criminal activity (Dame Diana Johnson)
- 4 Statements: (1) Independent Water Commission (Secretary Steve Reed)
 - (2) Middle East (Secretary David Lammy)
 - (3) Infected Blood Inquiry Additional Report: Government Response (Nick Thomas-Symonds)
- 5 Transport for London (Extension of Concessions) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Andrew Rosindell, supported by Gareth Bacon, Dr Neil Hudson, Alex Burghart, Lewis Cocking, Joy Morrissey, Mr Gagan Mohindra, David Simmonds, Peter Fortune, Chris Philp, Bob Blackman and Julia Lopez, presented a Bill to require Transport for London to enable any local authority in England which is served by a Transport for London route, or by a route to which a TfL concessionary scheme applies, to opt into concessionary fare schemes, including the Freedom Pass; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 31 October, and to be printed (Bill 291).

6 80th anniversary of Victory over Japan

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the 80th anniversary of Victory over Japan.—(Stephanie Peacock).

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

Question put and agreed to.

7 Public petitions

- (1) A public petition from residents of the constituency of Lancaster and Wyre relating to redundancies at Lancaster University was presented and read by Cat Smith.
- (2) A public petition from residents in the Castle Bromwich Ward of the Birmingham Hodge Hill and Solihull North Constituency relating to parking enforcement at Castle Bromwich Infant School was presented and read by Liam Byrne.

8 Adjournment

Subject: Homes for Ukraine and the Ukrainian Permission Extension Scheme (Martin Wrigley)

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

Adjourned at 10.31 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Changes to Notices Given

9 Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) Bill

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

General Committees: Reports

10 First Delegated Legislation Committee

Martin Vickers (Chair) reported the draft Electrical Safety Standards in the Private Rented Sector (England) (Amendment) (Extension to the Social Rented Sector) Regulations 2025 and the draft Hazards in Social Housing (Prescribed Requirements) (England) Regulations 2025.

11 Second Delegated Legislation Committee

Esther McVey (Chair) reported the draft Criminal Justice Act 2003 (Removal of Prisoners for Deportation) Order 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).

12 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Electrical Safety Standards in the Private Rented Sector (England) (Amendment) (Extension to the Social Rented Sector) Regulations 2025 and draft Hazards in Social Housing (Prescribed Requirements) (England) Regulations 2025)

Members: Terry Jermy and Sir Mark Tami discharged and Martin McCluskey and Mr Richard Quigley nominated in substitution.

13 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Criminal Justice Act 2003 (Removal of Prisoners for Deportation) Order 2025)

Members: Mike Wood discharged and Mr Gagan Mohindra nominated in substitution.

14 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Local Audit (Amendment of Definition of Smaller Authority) Regulations 2025)

Members: Kirsteen Sullivan and Harpreet Uppal discharged and Rachel Blake and Mark Ferguson nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports relating to orders for printing made during the adjournment under Standing Order No. 137

Friday 18 July

15 Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

- (1) Ending violence against women and girls in Northern Ireland: Written 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);
- (3) The operation of the Windsor Framework: Written evidence, to be published (HC 491) (Clerk of the House).

16 Women and Equalities Committee

Appointment of the Chair of the Equality and Human Rights Commission: Written evidence, to be published (HC 873) (Clerk of the House).

Select Committees: Reports made on Monday 21 July

17 Energy Security and Net Zero Committee

- (1) Retrofitting homes for net zero: Government Response: First Special Report, to be printed (HC 1260);
- (2) Work of the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 396);
- (3) Building support for the energy transition: Written evidence, to be published (HC 734);
- (4) *The cost of energy*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 736) (Bill Esterson).

18 Environmental Audit Committee

- (1) Environmental sustainability and housing growth: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 439);
- (2) Addressing the risks from Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS): Written evidence, to be published (HC 852);
- (3) *Outcomes of UNFCCC COP29*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 667) (Mr Toby Perkins).

19 Foreign Affairs Committee

Israel-Palestine conflict:

- (i) First Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 488);
- (ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 488)

(Emily Thornberry).

20 Home Affairs Committee

Correspondence from the Minister for Policing and Crime Prevention relating to police social media capability: Written evidence, to be published (Dame Karen Bradley).

21 Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

- (1) Correspondence from the Minister of State for Local Government and English Devolution relating to support for councils: Written evidence, to be published;
- (2) Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Homelessness and Democracy relating to secure elections: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) *Spending Review*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 983) (Florence Eshalomi).

22 International Development Committee

Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Business and Trade relating to the exemption of F-35 components from suspended arms exports to Israel: Written evidence, to be published (Sarah Champion).

23 Liaison Committee

The work of the Prime Minister: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1199) (Dame Meg Hillier).

Sir Lindsay Hoyle
Speaker

Papers Laid

Papers presented and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 18
July under Standing Orders No. 158 and No. 159

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Education

School Teachers' Pay and Conditions (England) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 892), dated 16 July 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Catherine McKinnell)

2 Senior Courts of England and Wales

Civil Procedure (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 893), dated 16 July 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 21 July

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

3 Financial Services and Markets

Draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2023 (Mutual Recognition Agreement) (Switzerland) Regulations 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Emma Reynolds)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

4 Consumer Protection

Cosmetic Products (Restriction of Chemical Substances) (No. 2) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 901), dated 17 July 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Justin Madders)

5 Financial Services

OTC Derivatives Risk Mitigation and Central Counterparties (Equivalence) (Switzerland) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 898), dated 16 July 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Emma Reynolds)

6 Local Government

Local Audit (Major Local Audit) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 896), dated 17 July 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jim McMahon)

Other papers

7 Bank of England

Financial Stability Report by the Financial Policy Committee: July 2025 (by Act) (Emma Reynolds)

8 Budget Responsibility and National Audit

- (1) National Audit Office: 2024 Value for Money Review: Audit Transformation Programme (ATP) (by Act), to be printed (HC 1252) (Clive Efford)
- (2) National Audit Office: 2024–25 Value for Money Review: Hubs and Insights (by Act), to be printed (HC 1253) (Clive Efford)

9 Civil Aviation

Report and Accounts of the Civil Aviation Authority for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Heidi Alexander)

10 Companies (Audit, Investigations and Community Enterprise)

Report of the Regulator of Community Interest Companies for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Jonathan Reynolds)

11 Crime and Courts

Report and Accounts of the National Crime Agency for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1115) (James Murray)

12 Culture, Media and Sport

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements of Historic Royal Palaces for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Command) (Chris Bryant)

13 Defence

Report and Accounts of the Royal Air Force Museum for 2024–25 with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Command) (CP 1370) (Secretary John Healey)

14 Energy

- (1) Report and Accounts of the Civil Nuclear Police Authority for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1258) (Secretary Ed Miliband)
- (2) Report and Accounts of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1107) (Secretary Ed Miliband)

15 Environment

- (1) Report and Financial Statements of the Environment Agency Active Pension Fund for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1147) (Secretary Steve Reed)
- (2) Report and Financial Statements of the Environment Agency Closed Pension Fund for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1148) (Secretary Steve Reed)

16 Equality

Report and Accounts of the Equality and Human Rights Commission for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1110) (Seema Malhotra)

17 Export Control

Report on the Export of Objects of Cultural Interest for 2024–25 (by Act) (Chris Bryant)

18 Forensic Science Regulator

Report of the Forensic Science Regulator for the period 25 July 2023 to 24 July 2024 (by Act) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

19 Gambling

Report and Accounts of the Gambling Commission for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 759) (Stephanie Peacock)

20 Government Resources and Accounts

- (1) Report and Accounts of Defence Equipment and Support for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1079) (Secretary John Healey)
- (2) Report and Accounts of HM Treasury for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1244) (James Murray)
- (3) Report and Accounts of Insolvency Service for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1066) (Secretary Jonathan Reynolds)
- (4) Report and Accounts of LocatED Property Limited for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1142) (Stephen Morgan)
- (5) Report and Accounts of Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1062) (James Murray)
- (6) Report and Accounts of the Department for Transport for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1157) (James Murray)
- (7) Report and Accounts of the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1226) (Secretary Heidi Alexander)
- (8) Report and Accounts of the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1203) (Karin Smyth)
- (9) Report and Accounts of the Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1158) (James Murray)
- (10) Report and Accounts of the Office of the Secretary of State for Wales (Wales Office) for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1201) (James Murray)
- (11) Report and Accounts of the Scotland Office and the Office of the Advocate General for Scotland for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1202) (James Murray)

21 Immigration

United Kingdom Labour Market Enforcement Strategy 2025–26 (by Act) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

22 Law Commissions

Report of the Law Commission on evidence in sexual offences prosecutions (by Act), to be printed (HC 1156) (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)

23 Local Government

Report and Financial Statements of the Southbank Centre for 2024–25 (by Act) (Chris Bryant)

24 Local Government Finance

(1) Levy Account for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1205) (Secretary Angela Rayner)

(2) Main Non-Domestic Rating Account for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1204) (Secretary Angela Rayner)

25 Medical

- (1) Report and Accounts and Fitness to Practise Statistics Report of the General Medical Council for 2024 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)
- (2) Report of the Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service for 2024 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)

26 Museums and Galleries

- (1) Report and Accounts of the Imperial War Museum for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1175) (Chris Bryant)
- (2) Report and Accounts of the National Maritime Museum for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1038) (Chris Bryant)
- (3) Report and Accounts of the National Portrait Gallery for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1018) (Chris Bryant)
- (4) Report and Accounts of the Natural History Museum for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1131) (Chris Bryant)

27 National Health Service

- (1) Report and Accounts of Airedale NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)
- (2) Report and Accounts of Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)
- (3) Report and Accounts of Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)
- (4) Report and Accounts of Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)
- (5) Report and Accounts of East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)
- (6) Report and Accounts of Rotherham Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)
- (7) Report and Accounts of Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)
- (8) Report and Accounts of the NHS Business Services Authority for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1141) (Karin Smyth)
- (9) Report and Accounts of University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)

28 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums

Report and Accounts of the Electoral Commission for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1086) (The Speaker)

29 Transport

Report and Accounts of Network Rail Limited for 2025 with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Command) (CP 1364) (Secretary Heidi Alexander)

30 Video Recordings

- (1) Report and Accounts of the British Board of Film Classification for 2024 (by Act) (Chris Bryant)
- (2) Report and Accounts of the Games Rating Authority for 2024 (by Act) (Chris Bryant)

Withdrawn papers

31 Energy

Report and Accounts of the Civil Nuclear Police Authority for 2024–25 (laid 17 July)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE

VOTING BY PROXY (STANDING ORDER NO. 39A)

(Variations to existing arrangements appear in **bold**.)

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Nadia Whittome 21 July 30 September Bell Ribeiro-Addy