



House of Commons

Tuesday 2 September 2025

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

1 General Cemetery Bill [Lords]: Second Reading

Bill read a second time.

2 Privilege

The Speaker announced his decision to give precedence to a complaint made by the honourable Member for North Dorset concerning a challenge to the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration's discretion to lay reports before the House.

Motion to give precedence at the commencement of public business on Thursday 4 September.

3 Questions to the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs

4 Statements: (1) Speciality Steel UK: Insolvency (Sarah Jones)

(2) Group-based child sexual exploitation and abuse (Jess Phillips)

5 Sentencing Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Secretary Shabana Mahmood, supported by the Prime Minister, Secretary Angela Rayner, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Secretary Peter Kyle, presented a Bill to make provision about the sentencing, release and management after sentencing of offenders; to make provision about bail; to make provision about the removal from the United Kingdom of foreign criminals and the processing of information about foreign criminals for immigration purposes; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 299) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 299–EN).

6 Vehicle Registration Marks (Misuse and Offences) Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

Dr Al Pinkerton presented a Bill to make provision about offences relating to the misuse and illegal copying of vehicle registration marks; to require the Secretary of State to introduce measures to reduce incidences of such misuse and illegal copying; to make provision about support for victims of any such offences; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 12 September, and to be printed (Bill 298).

7 Babies and infants (allergy guidance): 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 for a review of allergy guidance relating to the feeding and weaning of babies and infants; and for connected purposes;

That Becky Gittins, Jim Shannon, Chris Bloore, Alex McIntyre, Sarah Coombes, Kirith Entwistle, Jodie Gosling, Maya Ellis, Pam Cox, Claire Hughes, Satvir Kaur and Catherine Fookes present the Bill.

Becky Gittins accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 12 September, and to be printed (Bill 297).

8 English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill: Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, That the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill be now read a second time.

Amendment proposed, to leave out from 'That' to the end of the Question and add 'That this House declines to give a Second Reading to the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill, because the Bill does nothing to empower local communities, but instead contains measures reducing the democratically elected representation of communities and enables the Government to impose local government restructuring on communities, irrespective of local opinion, disregarding local geography and identity; because bureaucratic restructuring of local government will cost money and reduce focus on housing delivery with no evidence that it will deliver better services; because the Bill will lead to greater costs for residents by creating new mayoral precepts, increasing borrowing powers, and raising parking charges on motorists, and adding more local bureaucrats as mayoral-appointed commissioners; and because the Bill will result in higher council tax bills for hardworking families, at a time when local government is facing increased costs pressures due to unfunded rises in employers' National Insurance contributions.'.—(*Sir James Cleverly*.)

The Deputy 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. 272

Ayes: 167 (Tellers: Harriet Cross, Jerome Mayhew)

Noes: 367 (Tellers: Keir Mather, Gen Kitchen)

Question negatived.

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

The House divided.

Division No. 273

Ayes: 365 (Tellers: Gen Kitchen, Keir Mather)

Noes: 164 (Tellers: Harriet Cross, Jerome Mayhew)

Question agreed to and Bill read a second time.

9 English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill: Programme

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill:

Committal

(1) The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee

(2) Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Wednesday 12 November 2025.

(3) The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

Consideration and Third Reading

(4) Proceedings on Consideration 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.

(5) Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.

(6) Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading.

Other proceedings

(7) Any other proceedings on the Bill may be programmed.—(*Chris Elmore.*)

Question agreed to.

10 English Devolution and Community Empowerment 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 English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of:

(a) any expenditure incurred under or by virtue of the Act by the Secretary of State, and

(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under or by virtue of any other Act out of money so provided.—(*Keir Mather.*)

Question agreed to.

11 English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill: Ways and Means

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 52(1)(a)), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the charging of fees under or by virtue of the Act, and

(b) the charging of Community Infrastructure Levy by mayors for the areas of combined authorities or combined county authorities.—(*Keir Mather.*)

Question agreed to.

12 Legislative Reform Orders: Motion for Approval

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 18(1)(a)), That the draft Legislative Reform (Disclosure of Adult Social Care Data) Order 2025, which was laid before this House on 21 May, be approved.—(*Keir Mather.*)

Question agreed to.

13 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Electrical Safety Standards in the Private Rented Sector (England) (Amendment) (Extension to the Social Rented Sector) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 25 June, be approved.—(*Keir Mather.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Hazards in Social Housing (Prescribed Requirements) (England) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 25 June, be approved.—(*Keir Mather.*)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Criminal Justice Act 2003 (Removal of Prisoners for Deportation) Order 2025, which was laid before this House on 25 June, be approved.—(*Keir Mather.*)

Question agreed to.

(4) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Local Audit (Amendment of Definition of Smaller Authority) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 16 June, be approved.—(*Keir Mather.*)

Question agreed to.

(5) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Hovercraft (Application of Enactments) (Amendment) Order 2025, which was laid before this House on 1 July, be approved.—(*Keir Mather.*)

Question agreed to.

14 Public petitions

A public petition from residents of the village of Burton in the constituency of Christchurch relating to the GP practice in Burton, Dorset was presented and read by Sir Christopher Chope.

15 Adjournment

Subject: Large scale solar development in Newark constituency (Robert Jenrick)

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

Adjourned at 7.59 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

16 Pension Schemes Bill Committee

Karl Turner (Chair) reported:

(1) That the Committee had come to the following Resolution, That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication; and

(2) written evidence.

Written evidence to be published.

17 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee

Sir Jeremy Wright (Chair) reported the draft Free-Range Poultrymeat Marketing Standards (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2025.

18 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee

Derek Twigg (Chair) reported the draft Limited Liability Partnerships (Application and Modification of Company Law) Regulations 2025, the draft Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 (Consequential, Incidental and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2025 and draft Register of People with Significant Control (Amendment) Regulations 2025.

19 Seventh Delegated Legislation Committee

Dr Andrew Murrison (Chair) reported the draft Online Safety Act 2023 (Qualifying Worldwide Revenue) 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 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Limited Liability Partnerships (Application and Modification of Company Law) Regulations 2025, draft Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 (Consequential, Incidental and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2025 and draft Register of People with Significant Control (Amendment) Regulations 2025)

Members: Jayne Kirkham and Nadia Whittome discharged and Dr Simon Opher and Jon Pearce nominated in substitution.

*Select Committees: Reports***21 Administration Committee**

Record of the Committee's discussions at its meeting on Tuesday 2 September, to be published (Nick Smith).

22 Backbench Business Committee

Transcript of representations made on Tuesday 2 September, to be published (Bob Blackman).

23 Business and Trade Committee

(1) *How to strengthen UK-EU relations: Policy Priorities for the Summit: Government Response: Third Special Report*, to be printed (HC 1267);

(2) *Small business strategy*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1057);

(3) *Correspondence from Eli Lilly relating to the list price for Mounjaro*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Cabinet Office relating to the Legislative Reform (Disclosure of Adult Social Care Data) Order 2025*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Economic crime*: Written evidence received by the Sub-Committee, to be published (HC 798);

(6) *Export led growth*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 649);

(7) *Pricing, competition and consumer protection*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1073);

(8) *The role of regulators*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1219);

(9) *UK economic security*: Written evidence received by the Sub-Committee, to be published (HC 835);

(10) *UK trade with the US, India and the EU*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 996);

(11) *The work of the Department for Business and Trade*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 450)

(Liam Byrne).

24 Culture, Media and Sport Committee

(1) *State of Play: Play*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1122);

(2) *Creative Industries Sector Plan*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1132);

(3) *Protecting built heritage*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 594);

(4) *The work of Ofcom*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 595);

(5) *The work of the BBC*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 331);

(6) *The work of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 330)

(Natasha Irons).

25 Defence Committee

(1) *AUKUS*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 841);

(2) *Correspondence with the Minister for the Armed Forces*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to the protocol on defence announcements and defence munitions strategy*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *The UK contribution to European security*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 520) (Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi).

26 Education Committee

(1) *Solving the SEND crisis*:

(i) Fifth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 492);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 492);

(2) *Correspondence from the Chief Regulator of the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual) relating to access arrangements in examinations*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Children and Families relating to additional funding for the Families First Partnership programme*: Written evidence, to be published (Helen Hayes).

27 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

*This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings relating to Wednesday 3 September 2025.

(1) *Animal and plant health*:

(i) Third Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1296);

(ii) Fourth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1297);

(iii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 611);

(2) *The future of farming*:

(i) *The Government's vision for farming: Government Response: Second Special Report*, to be printed (HC 1255);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 527);

(3) *Preventing waste and enabling a circular economy*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 929);

(4) *Reforming the water sector*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 588);

(5) *Work of the Department and its arm's-length bodies*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 415)

(Mr Alistair Carmichael).

28 Foreign Affairs Committee

(1) *The UK's sanctions strategy*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 699);

(2) *Correspondence from the Minister for the Armed Forces relating to the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy data incident*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for International Development, Latin America and the Caribbean relating to the Hillmore Treaty*: Written evidence, to be published

(Emily Thornberry).

29 Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

(1) *Work of the Building Safety Regulator*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1254);

(2) *Correspondence from Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Building Safety on the building safety levy*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Delivering 1.5 million new homes: Land Value Capture*: Written evidence, to be published (672);

(4) *Grenfell and building safety*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 780);

(5) *Housing conditions in England*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1154);

(6) *Housing for older people*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 982);

(7) *Property management companies*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 980);

(8) *Spending Review*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 983)

(Mr Gagan Mohindra).

30 International Development Committee

(1) *The FCDO's approach to displaced people*: Sixth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 525);

(2) *Protection not permission: The UK's role in upholding international humanitarian law and supporting the safe delivery of humanitarian aid: Government Response*: Fifth Special Report, to be printed (HC 1301);

(3) *Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary relating to the exemption of F-35 components from suspended arms exports to Israel*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *The development work of the FCDO*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 531)

(Sarah Champion).

31 Justice Committee

(1) *Appointment of the Standing Advocate*:

(i) Fifth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1196)

(ii) Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1196);

(2) *Correspondence from the Chief Executive of the Howard League for Penal Reform regarding Imprisonment for Public Protection*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence from the Minister for Prisons, Probation and Reducing Reoffending*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede) regarding the United Nations Mid-Term Universal Periodic Review*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence with the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Sir Nic Dakin)*: Written evidence, to be published

(Andy Slaughter).

32 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).

33 Transport Committee

(1) *Driving test availability*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 437);

(2) *Ministerial correspondence*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *National Policy Statement for Ports*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1028)

(Ruth Cadbury).

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 Defibrillator access

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered defibrillator access.—(*Sam Rushworth*.)

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)).

At 11 am, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

2 Regulation of pony and trap racing on public roads

Resolved, That this House has considered the regulation of pony and trap racing on public roads.—(*Sarah Green*.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.18 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 Commemorating the Battle of Britain

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of commemorating the Battle of Britain.—(*Cameron Thomas*.)

The sitting was suspended between 3.56 pm and 4 pm.

4 Impact of pornography prostitution on violence against women and girls

Resolved, That this House has considered the impact of pornography prostitution on violence against women and girls.—(*Joani Reid*.)

5 Prevention of deaths from eating disorders

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the matter of the prevention of deaths from eating disorders.—(*Mr Richard Quigley*.)

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 prevention of deaths from eating disorders.

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 Private International Law

Draft Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Act 2020 (Extension of Operative Period) Regulations 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)

Papers laid under paragraph 6 of Schedule 5 to the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023

2 Retained EU Law Reform

Proposal for an instrument titled Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2025, with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary Heidi Alexander)

Other papers

3 Energy

Capacity Market (Amendment) (No. 3) Rules 2025 (by Act) (Secretary Ed Miliband)

4 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Ministry of Defence: The Afghanistan Response Route (by Act), to be printed (HC 1288) (Clerk of the House)

5 National Health Service

(1) Report and Accounts of Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)

- (2) Report and Accounts of Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)
- (3) Report and Accounts of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)
- (4) Report and Accounts of Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)
- (5) Report and Accounts of Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)
- (6) Report and Accounts of Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)
- (7) Report and Accounts of Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)
- (8) Report and Accounts of Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)
- (9) Report and Accounts of Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)
- (10) Report and Accounts of Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)
- (11) Report and Accounts of Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)
- (12) Report and Accounts of The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)

Withdrawn papers

6 National Health Service

Report and Accounts of Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (laid 22 July)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

VOTING BY PROXY (STANDING ORDER NO. 39A)

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

Member	From	To	Proxy
Becky Gittins	3 September	23 November	Chris Elmore
Mike Martin	6 October	5 April 2026	Bobby Dean