



House of Commons

Thursday 4 September 2025

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 **Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
(2) the Solicitor General**
- 2 **Business Question (Leader of the House)**
- 3 **Statement: Delivering expanded early education and childcare (Stephen Morgan)**
- 4 **Members' interests (Standing Order No. 150(4)(a)) (Clive Lewis)**

5 **Privilege**

Ordered, That—

(1) There be laid before this House the reports of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration proposed to be laid under section 10(3) of the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967 concerning the steps taken by the Charity Commission to implement recommendations contained in two reports issued by the Commissioner in respect of "Miss A" and "Mr U";

(2) The matter of the actions of the Charity Commission in bringing legal proceedings that would prevent the laying of a report before this House be referred to the Committee of Privileges.—(*Simon Hoare.*)

6 **House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) Bill: Programme (No. 2)**

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 15 October 2024 (House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) Bill: Programme):

Consideration of Lords Amendments

(1) Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion three hours after their commencement.

(2) The Lords Amendments shall be considered in the following order: 1, 2, 3, 8, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9.

Subsequent stages

(3) Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

(4) Proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.—(*Anna McMorris*.)

Question agreed to.

7 House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) Bill: Consideration of Lords Amendments

Nick Thomas-Symonds signified King's consent, as far as His Majesty's prerogative is concerned.

Lords Amendment 1

Motion made and Question put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 1.—(*Nick Thomas-Symonds*.)

The House divided.

Division No. 276

Ayes: 336 (Tellers: Anna McMorris, Gen Kitchen)

Noes: 77 (Tellers: Rebecca Paul, Jerome Mayhew)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 1 accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendment 2

Motion made and Question put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 2.—(*Nick Thomas-Symonds*.)

The House divided.

Division No. 277

Ayes: 331 (Tellers: Anna McMorris, Gen Kitchen)

Noes: 73 (Tellers: Rebecca Paul, Jerome Mayhew)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 2 accordingly disagreed to.

As it was three hours after the commencement of consideration of Lords Amendments, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on Lords Amendments to a conclusion (Programme Order, today).

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

(1) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 3 (Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to disagree with a Lords Amendment).—(*Nick Thomas-Symonds*.)

The House divided.

Division No. 278

Ayes: 338 (Tellers: Gen Kitchen, Anna McMorris)

Noes: 74 (Tellers: Rebecca Paul, Jerome Mayhew)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 3 accordingly disagreed to.

(2) That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment 8 (Question on any Motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to disagree with a Lords Amendment).—(*Nick Thomas-Symonds*.)

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendment 8 disagreed to.

(3) That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendments 4 to 7 and 9 (single Question to agree with all remaining Lords Amendments).

Question agreed to.

Lords Amendments 4 to 7 and 9 agreed to.

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83H(2)), That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments 1 to 3 and 8;

That Alex Burghart, Tracy Gilbert, Josh MacAlister, Douglas McAllister, Martin McCluskey, Sarah Olney and Nick Thomas-Symonds be members of the Committee;

That Nick Thomas-Symonds be the Chair of the Committee;

That three be the quorum of the Committee;

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(*Martin McCluskey.*)

Question agreed to.

8 Adjournment

Subject: Future of the BBC Monitoring Service (Sir Julian Lewis)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Kate Dearden.*)

Adjourned at 5.34 pm until Monday 8 September.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

9 Employment Rights Bill

The Lords agree to the Employment Rights Bill with Amendments to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

Printing of Lords Amendments

10 Employment Rights Bill

Lords Amendments to the Bill to be considered on Monday 8 September, and to be printed (Bill 301) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 301–EN).

Changes to Notices Given

11 Fur (Import and Sale) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 12 September, read and discharged.

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

*Reasons Committees: Reports***12 House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) Bill: Reasons Committee**

Nick Thomas-Symonds reported that the Committee had agreed the following Reasons:

Lords Amendment 1

Because the Commons consider that it is more appropriate for section 2 of the House of Lords Act 1999 to be repealed than amended in the manner proposed.

Lords Amendment 2

Because the Commons consider that the provision made by the Amendment is inappropriate.

Lords Amendment 3

Because the Commons consider that a person on whom a life peerage is conferred under the Life Peerages Act 1958 should participate in the work of the House of Lords.

Lords Amendment 8

Because it is consequential on Lords Amendment 1 to which the Commons disagrees.

*General Committees: Reports***13 Pension Schemes Bill Committee**

Sir Christopher Chope (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

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).

14 English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill Committee

Chairs: Sir John Hayes, Sir Mark Hendrick, Graham Stuart, Valerie Vaz

15 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Markets in Financial Instruments (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2025 and draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2023 (Capital Buffers and Macro-prudential Measures) (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2025)

Chair: Graham Stringer

16 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Data Protection Act 2018 (Qualifying Competent Authorities) Regulations 2025)

Chair: Sir Jeremy Wright

17 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Act 2019 and the Terrorism Act 2000 (Port Examination Codes of Practice) Regulations 2025)

Chair: Sir Roger Gale

Members: Maya Ellis discharged and Andy MacNae nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

18 Backbench Business Committee

Determination of business to be taken on Thursday 11 September in the Chamber and Tuesday 16 September in Westminster Hall (Bob Blackman).

19 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *Governance and decision-making on major projects*: Forty-fourth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 642);

(2) *Improving family court services for children*: Forty-fifth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 883);

(3) *Improving local areas through developer funding*: Forty-sixth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 886);

(4) *Resilience to threats from animal disease*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 885);

(5) *Civil service pensions*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 888);

(6) *Condition of Government properties*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 641);

(7) *Correspondence from the Chief Executive and First Permanent Secretary at HM Revenue and Customs relating to the Making Tax Digital Programme*: Written evidence, to be published;

(8) *Correspondence from the Chief Executive and First Permanent Secretary at HM Revenue and Customs relating to the publication of the HMRC Transformation Roadmap*: Written evidence, to be published;

(9) *Correspondence from the Chief Executive at HM Prison and Probation Service and the Chief Executive at HM Courts and Tribunal Service relating to the Committee's inquiries into Crown Court backlogs and Prison estate capacity*: Written evidence, to be published;

(10) *Correspondence from the Chief Executive at National Savings and Investments relating to NS&I business transformation programme progress update*: Written evidence, to be published;

(11) *Correspondence from the Chief Executive at Ofwat relating to the announcement of him stepping down from his role*: Written evidence, to be published;

(12) *Correspondence from the Chief Secretary to the Treasury and the Minister of State for Local Government and English Devolution relating to local audit reform*: Written evidence, to be published;

(13) *Correspondence from the Minister for Climate at the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero relating to the Spherical Tokamak for Energy Production (STEP) contingent liability including Departmental Minute*: Written evidence, to be published;

(14) *Correspondence from the Minister for Energy Consumers at the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero relating to the second annual Smart Metering Implementation Programme Costs and Benefits Report*: Written evidence, to be published;

- (15) *Correspondence from the Minister for the Armed Forces at the Ministry of Defence relating to the update on the Government's response to Afghan data incident:* Written evidence, to be published;
- (16) *Correspondence from the Minister of State for International Development, Latin America and the Caribbean at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office relating to the loan guarantee for World Bank lending to Egypt:* Written evidence, to be published;
- (17) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Building Safety, Fire and Local Growth at the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government relating to the laying of the draft Building Safety Levy (England) Regulations 2025:* Written evidence, to be published;
- (18) *Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary of the Department for Work and Pensions relating to the publication of the fairness assessment of the Universal Credit:* Written evidence, to be published;
- (19) *Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary of the Department for Transport relating to the six-monthly report to Parliament on HS2:* Written evidence, to be published;
- (20) *Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Care relating to the COVID-19 Vaccine Liabilities: Autumn 2025:* Written evidence, to be published;
- (21) *Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Care relating to the cost of NHS care for overseas patients:* Written evidence, to be published;
- (22) *Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Defence relating to the follow up on the information on the acquisition of Harland and Wolff by Navantia:* Written evidence, to be published;
- (23) *Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government relating to Remediation Acceleration Plan 2025 update:* Written evidence, to be published;
- (24) *Correspondence relating to Competition and Markets Authority findings with banks in competition:* Written evidence, to be published;
- (25) *Correspondence relating to the Committee's previous Reports:* Written evidence, to be published;
- (26) *Correspondence with the Permanent Under-Secretaries of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office relating to the FCDO's management of Official Development Assistance (ODA):* Written evidence, to be published;
- (27) *Cost of maintaining the FCDO's overseas estate:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 884);
- (28) *Decommissioning Sellafield:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 363);
- (29) *DHSC Annual Report and Accounts 2023–24:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 639);
- (30) *Energy Bills Support:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 511);
- (31) *HMRC Customer Service and Accounts 2023–24:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 347);
- (32) *HS2: Update following the Northern leg cancellation:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 357);
- (33) *Local bus services in England:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 892);

(34) *Local Government Financial Sustainability*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 647);

(35) *MoD's oversight of Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Associations*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 893);

(36) *NHS financial sustainability*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 350);

(37) *Prison estate capacity*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 366);

(38) *Public charge points for electric vehicles*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 512);

(39) *Tackling Violence against Women and Girls*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 644);

(40) *The cost of the tax system*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 645);

(41) *The remediation of dangerous cladding*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 362)

(Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown).

Sir Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 1.30 pm.

Business determined by the Backbench Business Committee (Standing Orders No. 10(7) and No. 14(4))

1 Select Committee Statement (Standing Order No. 22D)

Publication of the Second Report of the Procedure Committee, Proxy voting: Review of arrangements introduced in Session 2024–25, HC 489 (Graeme Downie)

The sitting was suspended between 1.41 pm and 1.50 pm.

2 Adoption and Special Guardianship Support Fund

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the Adoption and Special Guardianship Support Fund.—(*Alison Bennett*.)

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 3.10 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 10(6)).

3 Future of terrestrial television

Resolved, That this House has considered the future of terrestrial television.—(*David Mundell*.)

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

Adjourned at 4.26 pm until Monday 8 September.

Ms Nusrat Ghani

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

*This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings relating to Tuesday 16 September 2025.

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

1 Climate Change

Response to the Committee on Climate Change Report (Extension of Period) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 991), dated 3 September 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Kerry McCarthy)

2 Immigration

Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules (by Act), to be printed (HC 1298), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

Other papers

3 Civil Aviation

Explanatory Memorandum to the Air Navigation (Amendment) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 850) (by Command) (Secretary Heidi Alexander)

4 Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate

Report of HM Chief Inspector of the Crown Prosecution Service for 2024–25 (by Act), to be printed (HC 1266) (The Solicitor General)

5 Government Resources and Accounts

Report of the Financial Reporting Advisory Board for 2024–25 (by Act), to be printed (HC 1275) (James Murray)

6 Intelligence and Security

Government Response to the Report of the Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament on Iran (by Command) (CP 1403) (The Prime Minister)

7 Law Commissions

Report of the Law Commission on the Fourteenth Programme of Law Reform (by Act), to be printed (HC 1256) (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)

8 Marshall Aid Commemoration

(1) Accounts of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1270) (Stephen Doughty)

(2) Seventy-first Report of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission (by Act) (Stephen Doughty)

9 National Health Service

- (1) Report and Accounts of Hampshire and Isle of Wight Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)
- (2) Report and Accounts of Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)
- (3) Report and Accounts of North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)
- (4) Report and Accounts of North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)
- (5) Report and Accounts of Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)
- (6) Report and Accounts of South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)
- (7) Report and Accounts of The Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)
- (8) Report and Accounts of University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)
- (9) Report and Accounts of Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)

10 Northern Ireland

Report of the Independent Review of the Windsor Framework (by Act) (Secretary Hilary Benn)

11 Science, Innovation and Technology

Consultation on changes to the UK designs framework (by Command) (CP 1401) (Feryal Clark)

12 Treaty Series No. 53 (2025)

Convention, done at London on 15 April 2013, on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Kingdom of Morocco (by Command) (CP 1407) (Secretary David Lammy)

13 Treaty Series No. 54 (2025)

Agreement, done at Zurich on 17 December 2018, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Swiss Confederation relating to Scheduled Air Services (by Command) (CP 1408) (Secretary David Lammy)

14 UK Borders

Report of the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration for 2024–2025 (by Act) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

Withdrawn papers

15 Civil Aviation

Explanatory Memorandum to the Air Navigation (Amendment) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 850) (laid 16 July)

16 Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate

Report of HM Chief Inspector of the Crown Prosecution Service for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (laid 17 July)

CORRECTION

Wednesday 3 September 2025

Item 20 (Select Committees: Reports) should have read:

Environmental Audit Committee

(1) *Governing the marine environment: Government Response*: Third Special Report, to be printed (HC 1272);

(2) *The UK and the Antarctic Environment: Government Response*: Fourth Special Report, to be printed (HC 1273);

(3) *National Highways and environmental sustainability*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1284);

(4) *Addressing the risks from Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 852);

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

(6) *Correspondence from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Nature, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, relating to the Government's Response to the Committee's Report The role of natural capital in the UK's green economy*: Written evidence, to be published;

(7) *Flood resilience in England*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 550)

(Mr Toby Perkins).