



House of Commons

Tuesday 21 October 2025

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 11.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 **Questions to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care**
- 2 **Urgent Question: Rape gangs: Statutory national inquiry (Jess Phillips)**
- 3 **Cyber extortion and ransomware (reporting): Motion for leave to bring in a Bill (Standing Order No. 23)**

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require a company that meets specified criteria to report any cyber extortion or ransomware attack on the company to the Government within a specified time after the attack; to make provision about the content of such reports, including a requirement to provide information about any payments made; and for connected purposes;

That Bradley Thomas, Tom Tugendhat, Alison Griffiths, Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst, Joy Morrissey, Saqib Bhatti, John Glen, Greg Smith, Ben Obese-Jecty, Lincoln Jopp, Sir John Hayes and Jim Shannon present the Bill.

Bradley Thomas accordingly presented the Bill.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 29 May 2026, and to be printed (Bill 315).

- 4 **Sentencing Bill: Committee of the whole House**

The House resolved itself into a Committee (Programme Order, 16 September).

(In the Committee)

Clause 1 (Presumption of suspended sentence order for sentences of 12 months or less)

Amendment 46 proposed.—(*Esther McVey*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Division No. 319

Ayes: 105 (Tellers: Jerome Mayhew, David Reed)

Noes: 381 (Tellers: Mark Ferguson, Taiwo Owatemi)

Question negatived.

Amendments 2 to 5 made.

Question put, That Clause 1, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Division No. 320

Ayes: 389 (Tellers: Taiwo Owatemi, Mark Ferguson)

Noes: 102 (Tellers: David Reed, Jerome Mayhew)

Question agreed to.

Clause 1, as amended, accordingly agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 5 agreed to.

Clause 6 (Finding of domestic abuse)

Amendments 6 to 11 made.

Clause 6, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 7 agreed to.

Clause 8 (Sentence with fixed licence period: Scotland)

Amendment 12 made.

Clause 8, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 9 (Sentence with fixed licence period: Northern Ireland)

Amendment 13 made.

Clause 9, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 10 to 12 agreed to.

Clause 13 (Driving prohibition requirement)

Amendments 14 and 15 made.

Clause 13, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 14 and 15 agreed to.

Clause 16 (Restriction zone requirement)

Amendments 16 and 17 made.

Clause 16, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 17 to 19 agreed to.

Clause 20 (Release)

Amendment 24 proposed.—(*Dr Kieran Mullan.*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Division No. 321

Ayes: 182 (Tellers: David Reed, Jerome Mayhew)

Noes: 307 (Tellers: Taiwo Owatemi, Mark Ferguson)

Question negatived.

Clause 20 agreed to.

Clauses 21 to 41 agreed to.

Clause 42 disagreed to.

Clauses 43 and 44 agreed to.

Clause 45 (Extent)

Amendment 19 made.

Clause 45, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 46 (Commencement)

Amendment 20 made.

Clause 46, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 47 agreed to.

New Clause NC1—(*Jake Richards*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC6—(*Ben Obese-Jecty*)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Division No. 322

Ayes: 167 (Tellers: David Reed, Jerome Mayhew)

Noes: 313 (Tellers: Taiwo Owatemi, Mark Ferguson)

Question negatived.

New Clause NC9—(*Dr Kieran Mullan*)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Division No. 323

Ayes: 104 (Tellers: Jerome Mayhew, David Reed)

Noes: 317 (Tellers: Taiwo Owatemi, Mark Ferguson)

Question negatived.

As it was after 7 pm, the Chair put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on Committee of the whole House to a conclusion (Programme Order, 16 September).

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

(1) That New Clause NC30 be read a second time (Question on any new clause selected for separate decision by the Chair).—(*Jess Brown-Fuller*.)

The Committee divided.

Division No. 324

Ayes: 77 (Tellers: Zöe Franklin, Susan Murray)

Noes: 390 (Tellers: Taiwo Owatemi, Mark Ferguson)

Question negatived.

(2) That Schedules 1 to 4 be the first to fourth Schedules to the Bill (Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded).

Question agreed to.

(3) That New Schedule NS1 be added to the Bill (Question on any new schedule moved by a Minister of the Crown).—(*Jake Richards*.)

Question agreed to.

(4) That Amendment 21 be made (Question on any amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown).—*(Jake Richards.)*

Question agreed to.

The occupant of the Chair left the Chair to report the Bill (Programme Order, 16 September).

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Gregor Poynton reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and made Amendments and had amended the title.

Title accordingly amended as follows: 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 for connected purposes.

Bill, as amended, to be considered tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 313).

5 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Compensation for Miscarriages of Justice (Alteration of Overall Compensation Limits) Order 2025, which was laid before this House on 15 July, be approved.—*(Gregor Poynton.)*

Question agreed to.

6 Changes to membership of select committees

(1) *Ordered*, That Ellie Chowns be discharged from the Environmental Audit Committee and Carla Denyer be added.—*(Gen Kitchen, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)*

(2) *Ordered*, That Peter Fortune and James Murray be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts and Rupert Lowe and Dan Tomlinson be added.—*(Gen Kitchen, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)*

(3) *Ordered*, That Danny Kruger be discharged from the Work and Pensions Committee and Joy Morrissey be added.—*(Gen Kitchen, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)*

7 Public petitions

A public petition from residents of the constituency of Penrith and Solway relating to Wordsworth House and Garden was presented and read by Markus Campbell-Savours.

8 Adjournment

Subject: Social housing in South Cotswolds constituency (Dr Roz Savage)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—*(Gregor Poynton.)*

Adjourned at 7.53 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

9 English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill Committee

Sir John Hayes (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.
Written evidence to be published.

10 Second Delegated Legislation Committee

Valerie Vaz (Chair) reported the draft Companies (Directors' Report) (Payment Reporting) Regulations 2025.

11 Third Delegated Legislation Committee

Sir Jeremy Wright (Chair) reported the draft Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 (Definition of Relevant Land) (Amendment) 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 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Companies (Directors' Report) (Payment Reporting) Regulations 2025)

Members: Phil Brickell and Rebecca Paul discharged and Harriet Cross and Alison Taylor nominated in substitution.

13 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 (Definition of Relevant Land) (Amendment) Order 2025)

Members: Lizzi Collinge discharged and Katrina Murray nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

14 Backbench Business Committee

Transcript of representations made on Tuesday 21 October, to be published (Bob Blackman).

15 Business and Trade Committee

- (1) *Financing the real economy*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1220);
- (2) *Export led growth*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 649);
- (3) *Small business strategy*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1057);
- (4) *UK trade with the US, India and EU*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 996) (Liam Byrne).

16 Defence Committee

- (1) *Defence in the Grey Zone: Government Response*: Fifth Special Report, to be printed (HC 1326);
- (2) *AUKUS*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 841);
- (3) *Afghan Data Breach and Resettlement Schemes*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1304);
- (4) *Correspondence with Cyber and Specialist Operations Command relating to the Command*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) *Correspondence with the Minister for Defence Readiness and Industry*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (6) *Correspondence with the Minister for Veterans and People relating to the Armed Forces Commissioner appointment process*: Written evidence, to be published;
- (7) *Memorandum from the Ministry of Defence relating to Defence Reform*: Written evidence, to be published

(Mr Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi).

17 Education Committee

- (1) *Higher Education and funding: Threat of Insolvency and International Students*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 807);
- (2) *Further Education and Skills*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 666)

(Helen Hayes).

18 Energy Security and Net Zero Committee

- (1) *The new National Policy Statement for nuclear energy generation*:
 - (i) Fourth Report, with an Appendix, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1212);
 - (ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 1212);
- (2) *Tackling the cost of the energy crisis*: Fifth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 736);
- (3) *Correspondence from the Department*: Written evidence, to be published

(Bill Esterson).

19 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

- (1) *Animal and plant health*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 611);
- (2) *Climate and weather resilience*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1317);
- (3) *Reforming the water sector*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 588);
- (4) *The future of farming*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 527)

(Mr Alistair Carmichael).

20 Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

Delivering 1.5 million new homes: Land Value Capture: Third Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 672) (Florence Eshalomi).

21 Modernisation Committee

Access to the House of Commons and its Procedures: Written evidence, to be published (HC 755) (Sir Alan Campbell).

22 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).

23 Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

- (1) *Public Bodies:* Oral evidence to be published (HC 553);
- (2) *Correspondence from Minister for the Cabinet Office and HM Paymaster General relating to launch of the Ethics and Integrity Commission and related policies:* Written evidence, to be published
- (3) *Work of the UK Statistics Authority:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 847) (Simon Hoare).

24 Science, Innovation and Technology Committee

- (1) *Information and data security across government and the work of the Information Commissioner:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 1395);
- (2) *Innovation showcase:* Oral evidence, to be published (HC 523);
- (3) *Correspondence from the Cabinet Office on government data breaches:* Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) *Correspondence from the Department:* Written evidence, to be published;
- (5) *Life sciences investment:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 1369);
- (6) *Phone theft:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 882) (Dame Chi Onwurah).

25 Transport Committee

- (1) *Correspondence from the Minister for Roads and Buses relating to changes to motor vehicle regulations:* Written evidence, to be published;
- (2) *Driving tests availability:* Written evidence, to be published (HC 437);
- (3) *Licensing of taxis and private hire vehicles:*
 - (i) Written evidence, to be published (HC 1224);
 - (ii) Written evidence (Ruth Cadbury).

26 Treasury Committee

- (1) *Cash ISA:* Eleventh Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1422);
- (2) *National Wealth Fund:* Twelfth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 806) (Dame Meg Hillier).

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 Progress on ending homelessness

Resolved, That this House has considered progress on ending homelessness.—(Bob Blackman.)

2 Impact of electricity infrastructure on rural communities

Resolved, That this House has considered the impact of electricity infrastructure on rural communities.—(John Lamont.)

The sitting was suspended between 11.30 am and 2.30 pm (Standing Order No. 10(1)(b)).

3 Government support for the co-operative sector

Resolved, That this House has considered Government support for the co-operative sector.—(Jim McMahon.)

4 Funding for local government in the North West

Resolved, That this House has considered funding for local government in the North West.—(Tom Morrison.)

The sitting was suspended between 4.25 pm and 4.30 pm.

5 Mandatory digital ID

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered the matter of mandatory digital ID.—(Pete Wishart.)

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 mandatory digital ID.

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

Adjourned at 5.30 pm until tomorrow.

Ms Nusrat Ghani
Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Civil Aviation

Draft Unmanned Aircraft (Offences and Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Heidi Alexander)

2 Electronic Communications

Draft Online Safety Act 2023 (Priority Offences) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Kanishka Narayan)

3 Mental Health

Draft Health and Care Act 2022 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Dr Zubir Ahmed)

4 Public Procurement

Draft Procurement Act 2023 (Specified International Agreements and Saving Provision) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Chris Ward)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

5 Civil Aviation

Unmanned Aircraft (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 1106), dated 20 October 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Heidi Alexander)

6 Immigration

Immigration and Nationality (Fees) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 1108), dated 21 October 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)

Other papers

7 Electronic Communications

Explanatory Memorandum to the Online Safety (CSEA Content Reporting by Regulated User-to-User Service Providers) (Revocation) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 1066) (by Command) (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)

8 National Health Service

Report and Accounts of Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust for 2024–25 (by Act) (Secretary Wes Streeting)

9 Road Traffic

Explanatory Memorandum to the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 1085) (by Command) (Secretary Heidi Alexander)

Withdrawn papers

10 Electronic Communications

Explanatory Memorandum to the Online Safety (CSEA Content Reporting by Regulated User-to-User Service Providers) (Revocation) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 1066) (laid 10 October)

11 Road Traffic

Explanatory Memorandum to the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 1085) (laid 16 October)

CORRECTION

Monday 20 October 2025

The following item should have appeared before item 8:

Public petitions

(i) Petitions presented informally

A public petition from Mr Michael Osman and Mrs Katrina Osman of Woking, Surrey, relating to DAS now ARAG Legal Expenses Insurance was presented.