



House of Commons

Monday 27 October 2025

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

1 Changes to Standing Orders (Private Business)

Ordered, That the Amendment to the Standing Orders relating to Private Business set out in the Schedule be made.—(*Chairman of Ways and Means.*)

SCHEDULE

224 Examination of public bills by Examiners (HL 83)

After paragraph 6, insert:

"(6A) In the case of a public bill in relation to which the Examiner decides standing orders are applicable, or of any additional provision in such a bill, the Examiner will not report that the bill, or additional provision, is non-compliant with a standing order on the ground that the date, or dates, specified in the standing order has, or have, not been complied with, provided that the Examiner is satisfied that anything which was required to be done on, or by, a date specified in that standing order has been done on, or by, a date that is appropriate, having regard to the purpose of the standing order in question."

2 Speaker's Statement: Publication of the Second Report of the Speaker's Conference on the security of MPs, candidates and elections

3 Questions to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

4 Urgent Question: North Sea oil and gas industry (Michael Shanks)

5 Statement: Strengthening prisoner release checks (Lord Chancellor)

6 Royal Assent

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

Bus Services Act 2025

Deprivation of Citizenship Orders (Effect during Appeal) Act 2025

Renters' Rights Act 2025

Absent Voting (Elections in Scotland and Wales) Act 2025

General Cemetery Act 2025

7 Victims and Courts Bill: Consideration of the Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee

New Clause NC13—(*Alex Davies-Jones*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC14—(*Alex Davies-Jones*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

New Clause NC4—(*Dr Kieran Mullan*)—brought up and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Division No. 325

Ayes: 152 (Tellers: Sir Ashley Fox, Nick Timothy)

Noes: 337 (Tellers: Mark Ferguson, Imogen Walker)

Question negatived.

New Clause NC7—(*Jess Brown-Fuller*)—brought up and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Division No. 326

Ayes: 165 (Tellers: Zöe Franklin, Claire Young)

Noes: 323 (Tellers: Imogen Walker, Mark Ferguson)

Question negatived.

New Clause NC12—(*Mr Joshua Reynolds*)—brought up and read the first time.

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

The House divided.

Division No. 327

Ayes: 166 (Tellers: Zöe Franklin, Claire Young)

Noes: 322 (Tellers: Imogen Walker, Mark Ferguson)

Question negatived.

Amendments 10 to 21 made.

Amendment 5 proposed.—(*Dr Kieran Mullan.*)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Division No. 328

Ayes: 153 (Tellers: Sir Ashley Fox, Nick Timothy)

Noes: 332 (Tellers: Imogen Walker, Mark Ferguson)

Question negatived.

Consideration completed.

8 Victims and Courts Bill: Third Reading

Bill read the third time and passed.

9 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Companies (Directors' Report) (Payment Reporting) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 17 July, be approved.—(*Deirdre Costigan.*)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 (Definition of Relevant Land) (Amendment) Order 2025, which was laid before this House on 8 September, be approved.—(*Deirdre Costigan.*)

Question agreed to.

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Financial Services (Overseas Recognition Regime Designations) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 15 July, be approved.—(*Deirdre Costigan.*)

Question agreed to.

(4) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Control of Mercury (Enforcement) (Amendment) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 17 July, be approved.—(*Deirdre Costigan.*)

Question agreed to.

10 Changes to membership of select committees

(1) *Ordered*, That Gregor Poynton and Rosie Wrighting be discharged from the Business and Trade Committee and Daniel Aldridge and Justin Madders be added.—(*Jessica Morden, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(2) *Ordered*, That James Frith, Tom Rutland and Paul Waugh be discharged from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee and Vicky Foxcroft, Anneliese Midgley and Jeff Smith be added.—(*Jessica Morden, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(3) *Ordered*, That Andrew Pakes be discharged from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee and Terry Jermy be added.—(*Jessica Morden, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(4) *Ordered*, That Blair McDougall be discharged from the Foreign Affairs Committee and Fleur Anderson be added.—(*Jessica Morden, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(5) *Ordered*, That Jake Richards, Shaun Davies and Conor Rand be discharged from the Home Affairs Committee and Lewis Atkinson, Peter Prinsley and Jo White be added.—(*Jessica Morden, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(6) *Ordered*, That Naushabah Khan and Joe Powell be discharged from the Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee and Sean Woodcock and Andrew Cooper be added.—(*Jessica Morden, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(7) *Ordered*, That Alice MacDonald be discharged from the International Development Committee and Janet Daby be added.—(*Jessica Morden, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(8) *Ordered*, That Mike Tapp be discharged from the Justice Committee and Tony Vaughan be added.—(*Jessica Morden, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(9) *Ordered*, That Nesil Caliskan and Luke Charters be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts and Catherine McKinnell and Tristan Osborne be added.—(*Jessica Morden, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(10) *Ordered*, That Steve Race and Jon Pearce be discharged from the Science, Innovation and Technology Committee and Samantha Niblett and Daniel Zeichner be added.—(*Jessica Morden, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(11) *Ordered*, That Catherine Atkinson be discharged from the Transport Committee and Jacob Collier be added.—(*Jessica Morden, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(12) *Ordered*, That Lola McEvoy, Dr Jeevun Sandher and Rachel Blake be discharged from the Treasury Committee and Jim Dickson, Luke Murphy and Catherine West be added.—(*Jessica Morden, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(13) *Ordered*, That Kirith Entwistle, Natalie Fleet and Catherine Fookes be discharged from the Women and Equalities Committee and Kevin McKenna, Kim Leadbeater and Nadia Whittome be added.—(*Jessica Morden, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

(14) *Ordered*, That David Pinto-Duschinsky, Gill German and Frank McNally be discharged from the Work and Pensions Committee and Lee Barron, David Baines and Rushanara Ali be added.—(*Jessica Morden, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.*)

11 Adjournment

Subject: Regulation and inspection of funeral services (Simon Hoare)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Deirdre Costigan.*)

Adjourned at 9.49 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

12 Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill

The Lords agree to the Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill with Amendments to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

13 Absent Voting (Elections in Scotland and Wales) Bill

The Lords agree to the Absent Voting (Elections in Scotland and Wales) Bill without amendment.

Printing of Lords Amendments

14 Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill

Lords Amendments to the Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill to be considered tomorrow, and to be printed (Bill 319) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 319–EN).

Changes to Notices Given

15 Controlled Drugs (Procedure for Specification) Bill

Order for Consideration of Bill, not amended in the Public Bill Committee, on Friday 31 October, read and discharged.

Bill to be further considered on Friday 28 November.

16 Aviation (Accessibility) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 14 November, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 23 January 2026.

*General Committees: Reports***17 First Delegated Legislation Committee**

David Mundell (Chair) reported the draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2023 (Mutual Recognition Agreement) (Switzerland) 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).

18 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2023 (Mutual Recognition Agreement) (Switzerland) Regulations 2025)

Members: Mr Paul Foster and Blake Stephenson discharged and Aphra Brandreth and Andy MacNae nominated in substitution.

19 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Football Governance Act 2025 (Specified Competitions) Regulations 2025)

Members: Andrew Snowden discharged and Mr Gagan Mohindra nominated in substitution.

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

*Friday 24 October***20 Foreign Affairs Committee, Home Affairs Committee, Justice Committee and National Security Strategy (Joint Committee on)**

Espionage cases and the Official Secrets Acts: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1414) (Clerk of the House).

21 National Security Strategy (Joint Committee on)

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Select Committees: Reports made on Monday 27 October

22 National Security Strategy (Joint Committee on)

(1) *Espionage cases and the Official Secrets Acts*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1414);

(2) *The National Security Strategy*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 1045) (Matt Western).

Sir Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 4.30 pm.

Debate on e-petitions (Standing Orders No. 10(1)(a) and No. 145A(7))

1 Holidays during school term time

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petition 700047 relating to holidays during school term time.—(*Robbie Moore*.)

The sitting was suspended between 5.54 pm and 6 pm.

2 Statutory maternity and paternity pay

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House has considered e-petition 715292 relating to statutory maternity and paternity pay.—(*Jacob Collier*.)

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 e-petition 715292 relating to statutory maternity and paternity pay.

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

Adjourned at 7.28 pm until tomorrow.

Ms Nusrat Ghani

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Constitutional Law

Draft Infrastructure (Wales) Act 2024 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Jo Stevens)

2 Financial Services and Markets

Draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) (ESG Ratings) Order 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Lucy Rigby)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

3 County Court

Court and Public Guardian Fees (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 1126), dated 27 October 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary David Lammy)

4 Education

Coasting Schools (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 1120), dated 23 October 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Georgia Gould)

5 Football Governance

Draft Statutory Guidance on the Meaning of "Significant Influence or Control" in the Context of the Football Governance Act 2025 (by Act) (Stephanie Peacock)

Other papers

6 Agriculture

Report on Local Authority Smallholdings in England for 2023–24 (by Act) (Secretary Emma Reynolds)

7 Financial Services and Markets

Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) (ESG Ratings) Order 2025 (by Command) (Lucy Rigby)

8 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department of Health and Social Care: Financial sustainability of England's adult hospice sector (by Act), to be printed (HC 1378) (Clerk of the House)

9 National Lottery etc.

Account of Sports Council for Wales Lottery Distribution for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1332) (Clerk of the House)

10 Parliamentary Standards

First Report of 2025 from the Speaker's Committee for the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority on the Appointment of IPSA Board Members (Former Member and Statutory Auditor) (by Act), to be printed (HC 1426) (The Speaker)

Withdrawn papers

11 Financial Services and Markets

Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) (ESG Ratings) Order 2025 (laid 20 October)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATE**VOTING BY PROXY (STANDING ORDER NO. 39A)**

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

Member	From	To	Proxy
Chris Vince	13 October	24 October	Sir Nicholas Dakin