

Monday 3 November 2025

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

- 1 Speaker's Statement: Official Secrets Act case
- 2 Questions to the Secretary of State for Defence
- 3 Urgent Question: Verdict in the trial of "Soldier F" (Secretary Hilary Benn)
- 4 Statement: Response to the Huntingdon train attack (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)
- 5 Public Office (Accountability) Bill: Second Reading

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

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

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

6 Public Office (Accountability) Bill: Programme

Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 83A(7)), That the following provisions shall apply to the Public Office (Accountability) 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 Thursday 11 December 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.—(Stephen Morgan.)

Question agreed to.

7 Public Office (Accountability) 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 Public Office (Accountability) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any

increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under or by virtue of any other Act out of money so provided.—(Stephen Morgan.)

Question agreed to.

8 Statutory Instruments: Motions for Approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Broadcasting (Independent Productions) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 13 October, be approved.—(Stephen Morgan.)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Broadcasting (Regional Programme-making and Original Productions) (Amendment) Regulations 2025, which were laid before this House on 13 October, be approved.— (Stephen Morgan.)

Question agreed to.

9 Changes to membership of select committees

- (1) Ordered, That Luke Murphy and Anneliese Midgley be discharged from the Energy Security and Net Zero Committee and Graeme Downie and Lizzie Collinge be added.—(Gen Kitchen, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)
- (2) Ordered, That Samantha Niblett be discharged from the Women and Equalities Committee and Dame Nia Griffith be added.—(Gen Kitchen, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

10Public petitions

A public petition from residents of the constituency of South Shields relating to regulation of houses in multiple occupation was presented and read by Emma Lewell.

11Adjournment

Subject: Government support for care leavers (Sally Jameson).

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Stephen Morgan.)

At 7 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 9(3)).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.— (Stephen Morgan.)

Adjourned at 10.27 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

12First Delegated Legislation Committee

Sir Desmond Swayne (Chair) reported the draft Environmental Protection (Wet Wipes Containing Plastic) (England) 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).

13First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Environmental Protection (Wet Wipes Containing Plastic) (England) Regulations 2025)

Members: Sarah Dyke discharged and Sarah Olney nominated in substitution.

14Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Trade Act 2021 (Power to Implement International Trade Agreements) (Extension of Expiry) Regulations 2025)

Members: Kerry McCarthy and Dr Lauren Sullivan discharged and Lizi Collinge and Damien Egan nominated in substitution.

15Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Motor Fuel Price (Open Data) Regulations 2025)

Members: Bradley Thomas discharged and Charlie Dewhirst nominated in substitution.

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

Friday 31 October

16Business and Trade Committee

UK economic security: Written evidence received by the Sub-Committee, to be published (HC 835) (Clerk of the House).

Select Committees: Reports made on Monday

3 November

17Culture, Media and Sport Committee

State of Play: Elite deaf athletes and the Deaflympics: Written evidence, to be published (HC 845) (Dame Caroline Dinenage).

18Foreign Affairs Committee

Work of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office: Oral and written

evidence, to be published (HC 385) (Emily Thornberry).

19National Security Strategy (Joint Committee on)

The National Security Strategy: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 1045) (Matt Western).

20Public Accounts (Committee of)

- (1) Afghanistan Response Route: Fifty-fourth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1391);
- (2) Government support for biomass:Written evidence, to be published (HC 715)(Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown).

21Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

Work of the UK Statistics Authority: Oral evidence to be published (HC 847) (Simon Hoare).

Sir Lindsay Hoyle
Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 4.30 pm.

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

1 Consumer law and videogames

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petition 702074 relating to consumer law and videogames.—(Ben Goldsborough.)

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

Adjourned at 5.32 pm until tomorrow.

Ms Nusrat Ghani

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Capital Gains Tax

- (1) Draft Double Taxation Relief and International Tax Enforcement (Andorra) Order 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Dan Tomlinson)
- (2) Draft Double Taxation Relief and International Tax Enforcement (Portuguese Republic) Order 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Dan Tomlinson)

2 Environmental Protection

Draft Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging and Packaging Waste) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Emma Reynolds)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

3 Income Tax

Income Tax (Pay As You Earn) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 1144), dated 30 October 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Dan Tomlinson)

Other papers

4 Constitutional Law

Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Infrastructure (Wales) Act 2024 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2025 (by Command) (Secretary Jo Stevens)

5 Environment

Report and Accounts of the Environment Agency for 2024–25, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 1358) (Secretary Emma Reynolds)

Withdrawn papers

6 Constitutional Law

Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Infrastructure (Wales) Act 2024 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2025 (laid 27 October)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

VOTING BY PROXY (STANDING ORDER NO. 39A)

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

Member Claire Hughes	From 31 October	To 28 November	Proxy Sir Nicholas Dakin (3 November); Sir Mark Tami (4 to 10 November); Sir Nicholas Dakin (thereafter)
Ashley	20	31	Sir
Dalton	October	October	Nicholas
			Dakin
Sir Mark	13	30	Sir Mark
Hendrick	October	November	Tami (4
			to 10
			November);
			Sir Nicholas
			Dakin
			(thereafter)
Becky	3	23	Sir Mark
Gittins	September	November	Tami (4 to 10
			November); Sir
			Nicholas Dakin
			(thereafter)

Member Satvir Kaur	From 4 September	To 28 February 2026	Proxy Sir Mark Tami (4 to 10 November); Sir Nicholas Dakin
Andrew Gwynne	1 April	1 December	(thereafter) Sir Mark Tami (4 to 10 November); Sir Nicholas Dakin
Dan Norris	16 May	16 December	(thereafter) Sir Mark Tami (4 to 10 November); Sir Nicholas Dakin (thereafter)