



# House of Commons

Monday 3 November 2025

## Votes and Proceedings

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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.*)

## **10 Public 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.

## **11 Adjournment**

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*

#### **12 First 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).*

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

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

#### **14 Second 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.

#### **15 Third 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*

#### **16 Business 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*

#### **17 Culture, Media and Sport Committee**

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

**18 Foreign Affairs Committee**

*Work of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office:* Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 385) (Emily Thornberry).

**19 National Security Strategy (Joint Committee on)**

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

**20 Public 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).

**21 Public 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)

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## SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

### VOTING BY PROXY (STANDING ORDER NO. 39A)

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

Member	From	To	Proxy
Claire Hughes	31 October	28 November	Sir Nicholas Dakin (3 November); Sir Mark Tami (4 to 10 November); Sir Nicholas Dakin (thereafter)
Ashley Dalton	20 October	<b>31 October</b>	Sir Nicholas Dakin

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Member	From	To	Proxy
Sir Mark Hendrick	13 October	30 November	<b>Sir Mark Tami (4 to 10 November);</b> Sir Nicholas Dakin (thereafter)
Becky Gittins	3 September	23 November	<b>Sir Mark Tami (4 to 10 November);</b> Sir Nicholas Dakin (thereafter)
Satvir Kaur	4 September	28 February 2026	<b>Sir Mark Tami (4 to 10 November);</b> Sir Nicholas Dakin (thereafter)
Andrew Gwynne	1 April	1 December	<b>Sir Mark Tami (4 to 10 November);</b> Sir Nicholas Dakin (thereafter)
Dan Norris	16 May	16 December	<b>Sir Mark Tami (4 to 10 November);</b> Sir Nicholas Dakin (thereafter)