



House of Commons

Monday 7 September 2026

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 2.30 pm.

Prayers

1 Holborn and St Pancras Writ

Ordered, That the Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough Constituency of Holborn and St Pancras, in the room of the Right hon. Sir Keir Rodney Starmer, who since his election for the said Borough Constituency has been appointed to the Office of Steward and Bailiff of His Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Burnham in the county of Buckingham.—(*Anneliese Midgley*.)

2 Questions to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government

3 Statements: (1) Local Government reorganisation (Secretary Angela Rayner)

(2) Dover and Portsmouth: Protests (Sarah Jones)

(3) Economic growth (Emma Reynolds)

4 Military Operations Bill: Presentation (Standing Order No. 57)

David Davis presented a Bill to make provision about the authorisation and use of force during or in connection with military operations; to make provision about civil and criminal proceedings, inquests and investigations relating to military operations; to make provision about certain inquiries relating to the use of force during military operations; and for connected purposes.

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Friday 12 March 2027, and to be printed (Bill 140).

5 Health Bill: Programme (No. 2)

Ordered, That the Order of 1 June 2026 (Health Bill: Programme) be varied as follows:

(1) Paragraphs (4) and (5) of the Order shall be omitted.

(2) Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading shall be taken in two days in accordance with the following provisions of this Order.

(3) Proceedings on Consideration—

(a) shall be taken on each of those days in the order shown in the first column of the following Table, and

(b) shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the times specified in the second column of the Table.

Proceedings	Time for conclusion of proceedings
First day	
New Clauses and new Schedules relating to the subject matter of, and amendments to, Clauses 1 to 61 and Schedules 1 to 8, new Clauses and new Schedules relating to women's health, maternity, procurement and trade, and the workforce of the NHS	The moment of interruption on the first day

Second day

New Clauses and new Schedules relating to the subject matter of, and amendments to, Clauses 62 to 81 and Schedules 9 to 12, remaining new Clauses and new Schedules; remaining proceedings on Consideration	One hour before the moment of interruption on the second day
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(4) Proceedings on Third Reading shall be taken on the second day and shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on the second day.—(*Karin Smyth*.)

6 Health Bill: Consideration of the Bill, as amended in the Public Bill Committee (first day)

New Clause NC96—(*Karin Smyth*)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

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

Question put and agreed to.

NC96 added to the Bill.

New Clause NC97—(*Karin Smyth*)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

As it was after the moment of interruption on the first day, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on Consideration of new Clauses and new Schedules relating to the subject matter of, and amendments to, Clauses 1 to 61 and Schedules 1 to 8, new Clauses and new Schedules relating to women's health, maternity, procurement and trade, and the workforce of the NHS to a conclusion (Programme Order, today).

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

(1) That New Clause NC6 be added to the Bill (Question on new clause selected by the Speaker for separate decision).—(*Helen Morgan*.)

The House divided.

Division No. 66

Ayes: 77 (Tellers: Bobby Dean, Mr Will Forster)

Noes: 317 (Tellers: Shaun Davies, Jade Botterill)

Question negatived.

(2) That New Clause NC145 be added to the Bill (Question on new clause selected by the Speaker for separate decision).—(*Dr Caroline Johnson*.)

The House divided.

Division No. 67

Ayes: 170 (Tellers: Sir Ashley Fox, Jerome Mayhew)

Noes: 316 (Tellers: Jade Botterill, Shaun Davies)

Question negatived.

(3) That Amendments 60 to 64, 70 and 71 be made (single Question on successive amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown).—(*Karin Smyth*).

Question agreed to.

Bill to be further considered tomorrow.

7 Statutory Instruments: Motions for approval

(1) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Nature Restoration Levy Regulations 2026, which were laid before this House on 18 June, be approved.—(*Rachel Hopkins*.)

Question agreed to.

(2) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Plant Health, Seeds, Seed Potatoes and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2026, which were laid before this House on 22 June, be approved.—(*Rachel Hopkins*.)

The Deputy Speaker's opinion as to the decision on the Question was challenged.

Division deferred until Wednesday 9 September (Standing Order No. 41A).

(3) Motion made and Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 118(6)), That the draft Protection Against Detriment (Industrial Action) Regulations 2026, which were laid before this House on 24 June, be approved.—(*Rachel Hopkins*.)

Question agreed to.

8 Business of the House

Ordered, That notices of Amendments, new Clauses and new Schedules to be moved in Committee in respect of the Sovereign Grant Bill may be accepted by the Clerks at the Table before it has been read a second time.—(*Rachel Hopkins*.)

9 Changes to membership of select committees

(1) *Ordered*, That Jenny Riddell-Carpenter be discharged from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee.—(*Jessica Morden, on behalf of the Committee of Selection*.)

(2) *Ordered*, That Edward Morello be discharged from the Joint Committee on the National Security Strategy and Helen Maguire be added.—(*Jessica Morden, on behalf of the Committee of Selection*.)

(3) *Ordered*, That Tom Morrison be discharged from the Procedure Committee and Martin Wrigley be added.—(*Jessica Morden, on behalf of the Committee of Selection*.)

10 Public petitions

A public petition from residents of the United Kingdom relating to local government reorganisation in Devon was presented and read by Caroline Voaden.

11 Adjournment

Subject: VAT on drugs provided through compassionate access schemes (Danny Beales)

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Rachel Hopkins*.)

Adjourned at 10.52 pm until tomorrow.

Other Proceedings

Explanatory Notes to Bills

12 Controlled Drugs (Procedure for Specification) Bill

Explanatory Notes to the Bill to be printed (Bill 110–EN).

Changes to Notices Given

13 Short-term Let Accommodation Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 11 September, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 19 March 2027.

14 Environmental Impact Assessment (Downstream Emissions) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 11 September, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 4 December.

General Committees: Reports

15 First Delegated Legislation Committee

Paula Barker (Chair) reported the draft Licensing Act 2003 (Mandatory Licensing Conditions) (Amendment) Order 2026.

16 Second Delegated Legislation Committee

Christine Jardine (Chair) reported the draft Building Safety Levy (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2026.

17 Third Delegated Legislation Committee

Sir Desmond Swayne (Chair) reported the draft Digital Government (Disclosure of Information) Regulations 2026.

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 Licensing Act 2003 (Mandatory Licensing Conditions) (Amendment) Order 2026)

Members: Sarah Jones discharged and Jo White nominated in substitution.

19 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Building Safety Levy (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2026)

Members: Kit Malthouse discharged and Mike Wood nominated in substitution.

20 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Digital Government (Disclosure of Information) Regulations 2026)

Members: Munira Wilson discharged and Zöe Franklin nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

21 Foreign Affairs Committee

A new Syria: assessing UK strategy in a transitional state: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 578) (Emily Thornberry).

22 National Security Strategy (Joint Committee on)

(1) *AI and quantum computing in the national security context*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 628);

(2) *Deterrence in an age of Russian aggression*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 338);

(3) *Space resilience*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 572);

(4) *The National Security Strategy: Government Response*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 337)

(Sarah Champion).

23 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *Regulation of water, energy and broadband*: Thirteenth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 105);

(2) *Devolving power in England*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 612);

(3) *Affordability of the Defence Investment Plan*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 552);

(4) *Correspondence from the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster relating to public procurement*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Correspondence from the Permanent Secretary to the Department of Health and Social Care relating to Favipiravir liability*: Written evidence, to be published;

(6) *Restoration and renewal of Parliament: Costing and governance*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 90)

(Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown).

24 Science, Innovation and Technology Committee

Correspondence from the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation, Science and Trade relating to Advanced Research and Invention Agency governance: Written evidence, to be published (Dame Chi Onwurah).

Sir Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 4.30 pm.

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

1 Surrogacy law and legal parenthood

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petition 763161 relating to surrogacy law and legal parenthood.—(*Dave Robertson.*)

2 Crimes motivated by misogyny and hate crime law

Resolved, That this House has considered e-petition 746640 relating to crimes motivated by misogyny and hate crime law.—(*Tony Vaughan.*)

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

Adjourned at 7.06 pm until tomorrow.

Ms Nusrat Ghani

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Electricity

Draft Renewables Obligation and Electricity Capacity (Amendment) (British Industrial Competitiveness Scheme Excluded Electricity) Regulations 2026 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Secretary Jonathan Reynolds)

2 Excise

Travellers' Allowances (Amendment) Order 2026 (SI, 2026, No. 981), dated 7 September 2026 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Dan Tomlinson)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

3 Miscellaneous No. 10 (2026)

Constitution, adopted at Vienna on 8 April 1979, of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (by Command) (CP 1675), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary Ed Miliband)

4 Road Traffic

M5 Motorway (Junctions 1 to 3) (60 Miles Per Hour Speed Limit) Regulations 2022 (Revocation) Regulations 2026 (SI, 2026, No. 980), dated 4 September 2026 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Heidi Alexander)

5 Social Security

Housing Benefit (Earned Income Disregards) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2026 (SI, 2026, No. 978), dated 7 September 2026 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Sir Stephen Timms)

Other papers**6 Animal Welfare (Sentience)**

Government Response to the Report of the Animal Sentience Committee on views on animals as sentient beings in relation to the Glue Traps (Offences) Act 2022 (by Act) (Secretary Angela Eagle)

7 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department of Health and Social Care and NHS England: Managing the flow of patients through hospital from A&E (by Act), to be printed (HC 588) (Clerk of the House)

8 National Health Service

(1) Report and Accounts of Bradford District Care NHS Foundation Trust for 2025–26 (by Act) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

(2) Report and Accounts of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust for 2025–26 (by Act) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

(3) Report and Accounts of Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for 2025–26 (by Act) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

(4) Report and Accounts of Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for 2025–26 (by Act) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

(5) Report and Accounts of Homerton Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust for 2025–26 (by Act) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

(6) Report and Accounts of Kettering General Hospital NHS Foundation Trust for 2025–26 (by Act) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

(7) Report and Accounts of Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust for 2025–26 (by Act) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

(8) Report and Accounts of Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for 2025–26 (by Act) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

(9) Report and Accounts of South Warwickshire University NHS Foundation Trust for 2025–26 (by Act) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

(10) Report and Accounts of The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust for 2025–26 (by Act) (Secretary Yvette Cooper)

9 Police

State of Policing: Annual Assessment of Policing in England and Wales by His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary (by Act) (Clerk of the House)

SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES

VOTING BY PROXY (STANDING ORDER NO. 39A)

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

Member	From	To	Proxy
Cameron Thomas	24 June	14 September	Mr Will Forster (8–11 September); Wendy Chamberlain (thereafter)
Jamie Stone	8 September	31 October	Mr Will Forster (8–11 September); Wendy Chamberlain (thereafter)
Helen Maguire	8 September	8 November	Mr Will Forster (8–11 September); Wendy Chamberlain (thereafter)