

HOUSE OF LORDS BUSINESS

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Items marked † are new or have been altered.

Thursday 4 April 2019 at 11.00am

**Oral Questions, 30 minutes*

***Baroness Jones of Whitchurch** to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure the long-term viability of upland farming.

***Baroness Donaghy** to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their estimate of the number of households in fuel poverty; and what action they intend to take to reduce that number.

†***The Lord Bishop of St Albans** to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their current assessment of freedom of religion in China.

***Lord Watson of Invergowrie** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the decision by some teachers to take a 20 per cent pay cut in order to prevent staff redundancies in their schools.

†**Business of the House** Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town to move, further to the resolution of the House of 28 January that Her Majesty's Government should provide sufficient time for this House to ensure the timely passage of legislation necessary to implement any deal or proposition that has commanded the support of the majority of the House of Commons, that:

(1) Standing Order 46 (*No two stages of a Bill to be taken on one day*) be dispensed with to allow the European Union (Withdrawal) (No. 5) Bill to be taken through all its stages this day; and

(2) Standing Order 39 (*Order of Business*) be dispensed with to enable that Bill to be considered after the motions on Economic Affairs Committee reports in the name of Lord Forsyth of Drumlean.

†**Lord Forsyth of Drumlean** to move, as an amendment to the above motion, to leave out from "move" to the end and to insert "that the Standing Orders of the House relating to public business shall apply to all proceedings on the European Union (Withdrawal) (No.5) Bill."

†**Lord True** to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town, to leave out from "move" to the end and to insert "notwithstanding the non-binding resolution of the House of 28 January that Her Majesty's Government should provide sufficient time for this House to ensure the timely passage of legislation necessary to implement any deal or proposition that has commanded the support of the majority of the House of Commons, that this House does not consider it is in keeping with the traditions and procedures of the House of Lords, its proper scrutinising role or its function as a safeguard of the constitution to apply unprecedented procedures to this Bill, and therefore declines to dispense with normal Standing Orders."

†**Baroness Noakes** to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town, to leave out from "move" to the end and to insert "notes that the Prime Minister has already indicated her intention to ask for a delay in the date for the United Kingdom to leave the European Union and considers it unnecessary, as well as undesirable and unprecedented, to apply exceptional procedures to the European Union (Withdrawal) (No.5 Bill) and therefore regrets the proposal by Her Majesty's Opposition to do so."

†**Viscount Ridley** to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town, to leave out from first “that” to the end and to insert “the attempt to accelerate procedures on the European Union (Withdrawal) (No.5) Bill is not in accordance with normal practice in either House of Parliament and the provisions of Standing Order 46 (*No two stages of a Bill to be taken on one day*) should be dispensed with only to the extent necessary to allow the First and Second Readings of the Bill to be taken on one day, the Committee stage on a subsequent day, and the Report and Third Reading to be taken on the same day subsequently.”

†**Lord Robathan** to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town, to leave out from “Commons,” to the end and to insert “notes that more than one day is required for this House to have sufficient time to scrutinise the European Union (Withdrawal) (No.5) Bill received from the House of Commons that has had less than one day of consideration in that House, and had not been received by this House by the end of business on 3 April.”

†**Lord Hamilton of Epsom** to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town, at the end to insert “but in view of the exceptional constitutional implications of the proposal put forward, regrettably without agreement in the Usual Channels, for its exceptional consideration in the House of Lords, the House shall not resolve itself into a Committee on the bill until at least 24 hours after a report from the Constitution Committee on the bill has been laid before the House.”

†**Lord Blencathra** to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town, at the end to insert “but the House shall not resolve itself into a Committee on the bill until at least 24 hours after a report from the Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee on the bill has been laid before the House.”

†*Lord Forsyth of Drumlean has given notice of his intention to move, under Standing Order 62 (Committees of the Whole House), that the House resolves into a Committee of the Whole House on the motion in the name of Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town.*

The following two motions are expected to be debated together:

Lord Forsyth of Drumlean to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Economic Affairs Committee *Making Tax Digital for VAT: Treating Small Businesses Fairly* (3rd Report, HL Paper 229).

Lord Forsyth of Drumlean to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Economic Affairs Committee *The Powers of HMRC: Treating Taxpayers Fairly* (4th Report, HL Paper 242).

†*If the motion in the name of Baroness Hayter of Kentish Town is agreed to, it is expected that the Second Reading and remaining stages of the European Union (Withdrawal) (No. 5) Bill will be taken.*