

GOVERNMENT WHIPS' OFFICE
HOUSE OF LORDS

TODAY'S LISTS
WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH 2020

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Business in the Chamber at 12.00pm

Prayers by the Bishop of Rochester (5 mins)

Main Business

Coronavirus Bill - Committee and Report stages - Lord Bethell

Grouping of amendments:

1, 2

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6, 14

7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

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After the conclusion of Committee and Report stage proceedings on the Bill, the House will adjourn during pleasure until 3:00pm.

Oral Questions at 3.00pm (30 mins)

- * Lord McNicol of West Kilbride to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the judgment in *Bates v Post Office* [2019] EWHC 3408 on 16 December 2019, what steps they are taking to ensure that the directors responsible for the Horizon Accounting System are held to account. **Lord Callanan (Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy)**
- * **Lord Borwick has withdrawn his oral question**
- * Lord Bates to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to address short-selling on financial markets of shares in companies based in the United Kingdom impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. **Lord Callanan (Her Majesty's Treasury)**

Business expected to be brief

Business of the House motion - Baroness Evans of Bowes Park

6 Statutory Instruments Approval motions to be moved en bloc - Earl of Courtown

Contingencies Fund Bill (Money Bill) - Second Reading (and all remaining stages) - The Earl of Courtown

The House will adjourn during pleasure for 10 minutes before the continuation of the Coronavirus Bill

Main Business

Continuation of Coronavirus Bill - Third Reading - Lord Bethell

Estimated rising time

The House is expected to rise at the receipt of Royal Assent for the Coronavirus Bill.

Notes:

- *This document sets out the matters for the day's business which the Government Whips' Office coordinates: Speakers' Lists (Companion 4.26), ministerial statements (Companion 6.02) and the grouping of amendments (Companion 8.70). It is not the formal order paper, which is produced by the Clerk of the Parliaments and is available from the Printed Paper Office and www.parliament.uk/lords*
- *Time estimates are best endeavours: there is no certainty other than for formally time-limited business. It is the duty of individual members to observe the rules on attendance at debate (Companion 4.32) and, in particular, to ensure that they are present for the start of business in which they wish to take part.*
- *The number of sessions shown for a stage of a bill represents the Government's assessment of reasonable time given the balance of bills and remaining days to the likely end of the session. Progress remains in the hands of the House. Report stage is usually half the length of Committee.*
- *The grouping of amendments is informal. Although every effort is made to secure agreement to groupings, any peer may speak to an amendment in its place on the Marshalled List. "g" before an amendment indicates a Government amendment.*
- *Speaking in debates (Companion 4.34): A member of the House who is taking part in a debate (including general debates and debates on amendments or motions) should attend the start, end and greater part of that debate. In addition, it is considered discourteous for members not to be present for at least the opening speeches, the speeches before and after their own, and for the winding-up speeches. Ministers may decide not to answer, orally or in writing, points made by a speaker who does not stay to hear the Minister's closing speech. Members who believe that they are unlikely to be able to stay until the end of a debate should not seek to participate in it (and if the debate has a speakers' list, should remove their names from the list).*