

# HOUSE OF LORDS BUSINESS

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Items marked † are new or have been altered. Bills marked § have been set down before the expiry of the recommended minimum interval between stages.

## Monday 25 October 2021 at 2.30pm

*Oral questions (40 minutes)*

\***Lord Browne of Ladyton** to ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they have taken to ensure government departments and other public bodies have regard to the latest National Audit Office guidance *Climate change risk: A good practice guide for Audit and Risk Assurance Committees*, published on 5 August.

\***Lord Farmer** to ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to introduce a men's health strategy.

\***Lord McNicol of West Kilbride** to ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to ensure music and the arts are prioritised in schools and other educational settings in England.

\***The Lord Bishop of St Albans** to ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the report by the Rural Services Network *Towards the UK Shared Prosperity Fund*, published in June, what plans they have accurately to reflect in-work rural poverty in future funding allocation mechanisms.

**Procedure and Privileges** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that the Report from the Select Committee *Virtual participation in Grand Committee; Divisions: pass-readers; Leave of Absence* (3rd Report, HL Paper 81) be agreed to.

**Lord Taylor of Holbeach** to move, as an amendment to the above motion, at the end to insert “with the exception of the recommendations relating to the conduct of divisions which should be reconsidered by the Committee because this House regrets that the proposals would (1) remove tellers from the process of divisions, (2) end any oversight of the process by Members of the House, and (3) lead to congestion through the voting lobbies and in Prince’s Chamber; considers that the Report takes insufficient account of the importance of securing tellers for votes and having votes counted in the lobbies; regrets that the process of making changes to the established processes of conducting divisions has been rushed; and believes that the implications of no longer requiring (a) the Lord on the Woolsack to repeat the Question and take the voices after three minutes, and (b) the appointment of tellers, need further consideration”.

**Lord Rooker** to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of the Senior Deputy Speaker, at the end to insert, “but regrets that pass readers have been positioned outside the division lobbies, and believes this should be reviewed in three months”.

**Lord Cormack** to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of the Senior Deputy Speaker, at the end to insert, “but that when all the COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted the arrangements for conducting divisions will return to the way they operated before the pandemic”.

†**Lord Forsyth of Drumlean** to move, as an amendment to the motion in the name of the Senior Deputy Speaker, at the end to insert, "but considers that the word 'shall' in proposed new Standing Order 21(7A) should be replaced with 'may'".

†**Standing Orders (Public Business)** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that the standing orders relating to public business be amended as follows:

Standing Order 21 (*Leave of Absence*)

After paragraph (7) insert the following new paragraph:

“(7A) The House shall refuse or end leave of absence on the application of the Commissioner for Standards or the Conduct Committee, where this is necessary either to enable the Commissioner to conduct an investigation under the Code of Conduct, or to enable the Conduct Committee to impose or recommend the imposition of a sanction on a member of the House.”

†**Lord Forsyth of Drumlean** to move, as an amendment to the above motion, in paragraph (7A) line 1, delete “shall” and insert “may”.

†**Standing Orders (Public Business)** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move that the standing orders relating to public business be amended as follows:

Standing Order 24A (*Arrangements for virtual participation by disabled members*)

In paragraph (1), at the end insert: “or in Grand Committee”.

**Draft Online Safety Bill** The Senior Deputy Speaker to move, further to the resolution of the House of 22 July, that the Committee should also have power to meet outside Westminster.

†**Critical Benchmarks Bill (References and Administrators Liability) Bill [HL]** Lord Agnew of Oulton to move that the order of commitment of 13 October committing the bill to a Grand Committee be discharged and the bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

§**Skills and Post-16 Education Bill [HL]** Third Reading [Baroness Barran]

**Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill** Committee (day 2) [Baroness Williams of Trafford] *1st, 2nd, 4th and 6th Reports from the Joint Committee on Human Rights*

**Lord Boateng** to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of (1) the benefits of mandatory ethnicity pay gap reporting, and (2) the joint call by the Confederation of British Industry, the Trades Union Congress, and the Equality and Human Rights Commission, for the introduction of mandatory ethnicity pay gap reporting. (*Dinner break business, 1 hour*)