

**GOVERNMENT WHIPS' OFFICE
HOUSE OF LORDS**

**TODAY'S LISTS
WEDNESDAY 24 JANUARY 2024**

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Business in the Chamber at 3pm

Prayers by the Bishop of Gloucester (5 minutes)

Oral Questions (40 minutes)

- * Lord Beith to ask His Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with train operators about changes to the East Coast Mainline timetable in December 2024. **(Lord Davies of Gower, DfT)**
- * Baroness Twycross to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of persistent absenteeism in English schools; and what steps they are taking to address it. **(Baroness Barran, DfE)**
- * Baroness Anelay of St Johns to ask His Majesty's Government, further to the White Paper International Development in a contested world published in November 2023 (CP 975), what steps they are taking to achieve gender equality and the autonomy of all women and girls by 2030. **(Lord Benyon, FCDO)**
- * Lord Sikka to ask His Majesty's Government, following the December 2019 High Court judgment in the case of Alan Bates and Others v Post Office Limited, how many Post Office directors have been charged for breach of statutory duties under the Companies Act 2006, or for conspiracy to pervert justice. **(Lord Offord of Garvel, DBT)**

Business expected to be brief

Business of the House Motion - The Lord Privy Seal

Senior Deputy Speaker's Business

Thirty Select Committee appointment motions en bloc - Lord Gardiner of Kimble

Business expected to be brief

Three Statutory Instrument approval motions en bloc - Lord Benyon

Questions on an Oral Statement made in the House of Commons on Tuesday 23 January (40 Minutes)

'Action against Houthi maritime attacks in the Red Sea' - Lord True (Leader of the House of Lords)

Main Business

When a message has been received from the Commons on the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation) Bill, it is expected that it will be considered.

Northern Ireland (Executive Formation) Bill – Second Reading – Lord Caine

Speakers:

- L Caine
- L Dodds of Duncairn
- L Empey
- B Foster of Aghadrumsee
- 5 L Morrow
- B Hoey
- L McCrea of Magherafelt and Cookstown
- L Weir of Ballyholme

- B Suttie
- 10 L Murphy of Torfaen
- L Caine

A Repeat of an Urgent Question taking place in the House of Commons today (10 minutes)

**‘To ask His Majesty’s Government if they will make a statement on resilience in light of recent extreme weather events, including Storm Isha and Storm Jocelyn.’
– Baroness Neville-Rolfe (CO)**

Remaining stages of the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation) Bill will be taken at a time to be indicated on the annunciator. An updated version of Today’s List with groupings for Committee may be issued, if required, following the conclusion of the Second Reading of the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation) Bill.

Victims and Prisoners Bill – Committee (day 1 of 4) – Lord Bellamy

Target for the day: to complete the group beginning with amendment 18

Grouping of amendments:

1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 12, 19

5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11

13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 22, 32, 52

18, 25, 33, 47

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21, 34, 55, 57, 61, 66, 68, 70, 71, 73, 108, 109, 118, 119

23, 139, 140

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158, 159, 160, 164, 165, 166, 167

CI 49 S/P, CI 50 S/P, CI 51 S/P, CI 52 S/P, 169, CI 53 S/P, 170, 171, CI 54 S/P

CI 55 S/P, CI 56 S/P, 172

Estimated rising time

The House is expected to rise at around 10pm.

Business in Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 4.15pm

Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill - Committee (day 2 of 6) - Lord Offord of Garvel / Viscount Camrose

Target for the day: to complete the group beginning with amendment g73

Grouping of amendments:

16, 17, 33, 52, 53, 54, 220, 222

18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 - *already debated*

18A, 31

32, 34, 35 - *already debated*

36, 38, 39, 40, 41, CI 29 S/P, 43, g47, 48, 49, 50, 51, g84, 107

37, 42, 44, 45, 46, 55, 56, 57, 58 - *already debated*

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61 - *already debated*

g62, 70, g74, g75, g78

63 - *already debated*

64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 71, 72

g73, g206, g207, g208, g213, g214, g216, g217, g218, g219, g223

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85, 86, 87, g90, g91, g92, 93, g94, g95, g96, g97, g98, g99, g100, g101, g102, g103, g104, g105, 106

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128A, 145A, g195, 199, 200, 201, 202, g203, g204, g205, 209, g210, g211, 215A

137, g138, 140, 142, 143, g147

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148, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 172, 172A

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168, 169, 191, CI 262 S/P, 192, CI 263 S/P, 193, CI 264 S/P, 194, 221, 224

170, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, CI 257 S/P, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190

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Estimated Rising Time

The Grand Committee is expected to rise at around 8.15pm.

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 <https://lordsbusiness.parliament.uk/>*
- *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).*