

**GOVERNMENT WHIPS' OFFICE
HOUSE OF LORDS**

**TODAY'S LISTS
TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2024**

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Business in the Chamber at 2.30pm

Prayers by the Bishop of Newcastle (5 minutes)

Oral Questions (40 minutes)

- * Lord Davies of Gower to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to strengthen position of Wales within the United Kingdom. **(Baroness Anderson of Stoke-on-Trent, WO)**
- * The Lord Bishop of Newcastle to ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of data published by the Office for National Statistics on 23 October indicating that the number of drug related deaths in England and Wales was higher in 2023 than in any other year since records began in 1993, and what steps they are taking to reduce the number of such deaths. **(Baroness Merron, DHSC)**
- * Lord Oates to ask His Majesty's Government what representations they are making to the government of Israel about the impact of visa restrictions on international aid workers to that country and the Occupied Palestinian Territories. **(Baroness Chapman of Darlington, FCDO)**
- * Lord Fuller to ask His Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to safeguard the overall quantity of agricultural land for food production in the light of recent proposals for solar farms. **(Baroness Hayman of Ullock, DEFRA)**

Business expected to be brief

Water (Special Measures) Bill [HL] - Third Reading - Baroness Hayman of Ullock

Questions on an Urgent Question made in the House of Commons on Monday 25 November (10 minutes)

'To ask His Majesty's Government if they will make a statement on the Government's response to the decision taken by the International Criminal Court's Pre-Trial Chamber I to issue arrest warrants in respect of the Israel-Gaza conflict' - Baroness Chapman of Darlington (FCDO)

Followed by Questions on an Oral Statement made in the House of Commons on Monday 25 November (40 minutes)

'Storm Bert Update' - Baroness Hayman of Ullock (DEFRA)

Main Business

Baroness Smith of Cluny to move that this House takes note of the importance of the rule of law.

Advisory backbench speaking time: 10 minutes

Speakers:

- B Smith of Cluny (Maiden)
- L Wolfson of Tredegar
- L Thomas of Gresford
- L Etherton
- 5 L Faulks
- L Bach
- B Laing of Elderslie (Maiden)
- L Lilley
- L Verdirame
- 10 L Sikka
- Bp Norwich
- L Bellamy
- B O'Loan
- L Stewart of Dirleton
- 15 L Inglewood
- L Hodgson of Astley Abbots
- L Kakkar
- L Banner
- B Whitaker
- 20 L Macdonald of River Glaven

- L Marks of Henley-on-Thames
- L Keen of Elie
- L Hermer

Estimated rising time

The House is expected to rise by 9pm.

Business in Grand Committee in the Moses Room at 3.45pm

Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (Transfer of Functions etc) Bill - Committee (day 2 of 2) – Baroness Smith of Malvern

- All members opening or winding are expected to keep remarks within 15 minutes, with the exception of ministers winding up who are expected to keep within 20 minutes.
- Other speakers within each group are expected to keep within 10 minutes.
- Members' speeches should not summarise or repeat at length points made by others, and if speaking more than once a Member should not repeat points they have already made.
- Members pressing or withdrawing an amendment should normally be brief.

Target for the day: to complete Committee Stage

Grouping of amendments:

18, 22, 23, 31, 35, 36, 36A

19, 20, 27, 28, 29, 30, 36B

21 – *already debated*

24, 25, 26

32, 33, 34 – *already debated*

37, 38, 39, 40, 41

42 – *already debated*

Estimated Rising Time

The Grand Committee is expected to rise by 7.45pm.

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/>
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- 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.
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