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IN THE FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-EIGHTH PARLIAMENT OF THE  
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### House of Commons

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*The House met at half-past Two o'clock*

*The House met on the first day of this Parliament, pursuant to Proclamation. JOHN BENDER, Clerk of the House of Commons, SARAH DAVIES, Clerk Assistant, and COLIN LEE, Principal Clerk of the Table Office, attended in the House, and the other Clerks attended, according to their duty.*

SIR RICHARD HEATON, *Deputy Clerk of the Crown in Chancery in Great Britain, delivered to the said JOHN BENDER a book containing a list of the Members returned to serve in this Parliament.*

SIR PETER BOTTOMLEY, *the Member for Worthing West, took the Chair (Standing Order No. 1).*

#### MESSAGE TO ATTEND THE LORDS COMMISSIONERS

*Message to attend the Lords Commissioners delivered by the Lady Usher of the Black Rod.*

*The House went up to hear the Commission for opening and holding the Parliament, and the Lords Commissioners directed the House to proceed to the Election of a Speaker and to present the Speaker-Elect in the House of Peers for the Royal Approbation.*

*The House returned.*

### Election of Speaker

**Sir Peter Bottomley (in the Chair):** Under the provisions of Standing Order No. 1A, I am now required to ascertain whether Sir Lindsay Hoyle is willing to be chosen as Speaker.

2.48 pm

**Sir Lindsay Hoyle (Chorley) (Ind):** First, I would like to thank the constituents of Chorley for allowing me to put myself forward as Speaker, and I would also like to welcome all the new Members to the House. May I offer many congratulations to you on your new role as Father of the House, Sir Peter? Of course, this is nothing new to your family; as you know, you have great history in this Room. You have served this place and your constituents for 44 and a half years—it just goes to show all the newcomers that this really can be a job for life—[*Laughter.*] And I do not think this is the end just yet.

It has been an absolute privilege to serve as a Deputy Speaker for the past nine years and as Speaker for a full two days; I have to say that that made the election pretty easy. Of course, Parliament was dissolved last month and it would be an honour to serve again in this Parliament—I hope that this time it would be for a little longer.

As I have said before, a Speaker has to be trusted, and I believe I was trusted as Deputy Speaker. I have a proven track record of being impartial, independent and fair, allowing Members to exercise their right to speak regardless of the length of their service. [*Interruption.*] I would have thought the new MPs would have given me a bit of a boost on that—do not let those who have been here a lot longer start dictating already! Having served on the Back Benches for 13 years myself, I understand how important it is for Back Benchers to be able to hold the Government to account and to promote the causes that are dear to them. On that basis, I submit myself to the House as your Speaker and your champion. I will ensure that my office is open to all.

2.50 pm

**Lisa Nandy** (Wigan) (Lab): I beg to move, That Sir Lindsay Hoyle do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

I am delighted to propose someone who has been a great friend, not just to me but for many of us from all parts of the House. When I arrived in this place nearly 10 years ago as a newly elected MP, it was a daunting experience. For those of us who have not spent most of our lives in buildings like these, it can be incredibly overwhelming. As the former Member for North West Durham, Laura Pidcock, said when she arrived, this place reeks of privilege. Finding our confidence and our voice for our constituents takes practice and time, but it also takes friendship and support from other people.

It should be of comfort to all new Members of this House to know that they will find a great friend in our Speaker. With his typical Lancashire warmth, Members will always find his door open for a mug of Yorkshire tea—[*Interruption*]/—and, of course, a Hobnob. A few years ago I was told the story of when Lindsay arrived unannounced, as he often does, in another MP's office. He sat down and said, "Right, put the kettle on then." "Yorkshire tea?" said the MP. "Absolutely," said Lindsay, with enthusiasm, adding, "There are only two good things about Yorkshire: the tea and the M62 taking you back to Lancashire." [*Laughter.*] If any Yorkshire MPs would like to change their minds, now is the time, but I am sure they will not, because above all else Lindsay has always been a fair and non-partisan Deputy Speaker, even to those who hail from God's own country. He knows that to privilege some voices over others is to silence people in our communities up and down the country.

Lindsay can take his lack of partisanship a little bit too far. In 2017, he asked me to come and launch his general election campaign in what was then his marginal constituency of Chorley. It is one junction on the motorway from Wigan to Chorley. I was driving down the motorway and I started to see these enormous billboards looming up out of the distance: great big blue billboards saying, "For a strong and stable Chorley". I started to panic and thought, "My God, they are targeting this place. Lindsay hasn't got a hope. I have to get there, motivate his supporters and get people out." Then, I looked closer, and on these billboards was Lindsay's face: "Vote Lindsay Hoyle for a strong and stable Chorley". I think the right hon. Member for Maidenhead (Mrs May) will be pleased to have inspired such mischief. That slogan may not have worked out so well for the other side, but it certainly worked out well for Lindsay, who was returned to this place and became Deputy Speaker again.

Lindsay has always made the effort to work with people and respect people from all sides of the House. Many of us on the Opposition Benches are deeply saddened by the loss from this place of our friend, the former MP for Bolsover, but it is a comfort to know that Lindsay has a cat named Dennis Skinner. The House should be reassured that he never picks sides: he also has a parrot called Boris.

There is a more serious point to make. When we chose Lindsay Hoyle to be our Speaker, someone back home said to me, "I can't believe that he was allowed to do it." Wigan and Chorley are right next door to each other, and they are towns where people have felt for a

very long time that things are not working for them. Just let that sink in for a moment: "I can't believe that he was allowed to do it." What does it say about how people feel in those communities—communities that have just sent shock waves through the political system, many changing hands for the first time in 100 years? What does it say that they see Parliament as a whole as a bastion of privilege, where ordinary people like them cannot wield power?

All of us in the House, whether we have won or lost, have done this place a service by electing to be our face and our voice someone who people many miles distant from here see as one of their own. Many of us in this place have known for some time that the system is not working. I have had those conversations in the Division Lobby and behind closed doors with Members of Parliament from all political parties. We can feel the ground crumbling beneath our feet. We have seen it and we have felt it, and we must give voice to it. That is why I am relieved, proud and honoured to propose that Sir Lindsay Hoyle takes the Chair today.

*Question put forthwith (Standing Order No. 1A), That Sir Lindsay Hoyle do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.*

*Question put and agreed to.*

SIR PETER BOTTOMLEY *left the Chair, and* SIR LINDSAY HOYLE *was conducted to the Chair by* LISA NANDY *and* MR NIGEL EVANS.

**Mr Speaker-Elect** (*standing on the upper step*): Before I take the Chair as Speaker-Elect, I wish first to thank the House for the honour that it has again bestowed upon me. I am aware that it is the greatest honour it can give to any of its Members. I pray that I shall justify its continuing confidence and I propose to do all within my power to preserve and to cherish its best traditions.

*The Speaker-Elect sat down in the Chair and the Mace was placed upon the Table.*

**Mr Speaker-Elect:** Before I call the Prime Minister, I just say that we have a very busy day ahead of us, with further ceremony in the House of Lords and most returning hon. Members having to be sworn in. I therefore encourage short speeches from party leaders and discourage other Members from seeking to catch my eye. As much as I would like to bask, it is more important to get Members sworn in. That is my commitment to the House.

2.57 pm

**The Prime Minister (Boris Johnson):** Mr Speaker-Elect, I am sure that the whole House will join me in sending condolences to the families and friends of Jack Merritt and Saskia Jones, who were murdered in the terrorist attack near London Bridge during the election campaign. We pay tribute once again to the emergency services and to members of the public for the bravery they showed.

Mr Speaker-Elect, I congratulate you on your office, and the hon. Member for Wigan (Lisa Nandy) who has just spoken. I do not know about you, Mr Speaker-Elect, as you survey the House from your eminence, with the characteristic beam that has brought you such deserved popularity, but I mean no disrespect to those who are no longer with us when I say that I think this Parliament is a vast improvement on its predecessor. Indeed, I would say it is one of the best Parliaments that this country

has ever produced, with more female Members than ever before and more black and minority ethnic Members than ever before. It is also, incarnated in your person, Mr Speaker-Elect, a vastly more democratic Parliament, because it will not waste the nation's time in deadlock, division and delay. On Friday, this Parliament will put the withdrawal agreement in the popty ping, as we say in Wales. Then this new democratic Parliament—this people's Parliament—is going to do something. I wonder, Mr Speaker-Elect, if you can guess what it is. What is this Parliament going to do? We are going to get Brexit done. [HON. MEMBERS: "Get Brexit done."] Even your parrot would be able to recite that one by now.

We are going to get on with delivering the priorities of the British people—transforming the NHS; investing massively in education and the police; and uniting and levelling up across the whole UK. It is my belief that most hon. Members in this House believe we should resist the calls of those who would break up the United Kingdom. As the Parliament of the United Kingdom, we should politely and respectfully defend that partnership and the Union. I can tell the House that, after three and a half years of wrangling and division, the Government will do whatever we can to reach out across the House to find common ground, to heal the divisions of our country and to find a new and generous spirit in which we conduct all our political dealings with one another that will last beyond the immediate season of Christmas goodwill.

In that spirit, Mr Speaker-Elect, I congratulate you once again on your election and I look forward to the months and years ahead under your guidance.

3.1 pm

**Jeremy Corbyn** (Islington North) (Lab): May I join the Prime Minister in remembering the horror of what happened at London Bridge just three weeks ago? It is the third time in the last two general election campaigns that we have witnessed appalling and depraved terrorist attacks on our communities. Our hearts must go out to the families of Saskia Jones and Jack Merritt. When the Prime Minister and I attended a memorial event at the Guildhall, I had the honour of meeting many of the students who had been at college with Jack, and they were just devastated. In his memory, they wanted his work and his message to carry on. We should also remember the very good words of his father David about how proud he was of his son on that day. That attack was an attempt to damage our democracy, to halt the process. It did not succeed and it never should succeed, because we have to make sure that our democracy is fully intact.

I would like to offer my congratulations to the Prime Minister on winning the election and being returned to office, and I want to pay tribute to those Members, from my party particularly, who sadly lost their seats in the election and therefore will not be here. In particular, although many will be remembered, obviously Dennis Skinner is somebody who comes very much to mind on this occasion.

In the campaign, the Prime Minister made many promises and therefore has tremendous responsibilities to live up to. He will be judged on whether he keeps those promises by the communities that he has made them to. Our job in the Labour party will be to hold the Government to account and stand up for the communities

we represent and for the more than 10 million people who voted for our party in the general election. Because that is what parliamentary democracy is about—holding the Government to account and representing the people who sent us here on their behalf.

I also offer my congratulations to the hon. Member for Worthing West (Sir Peter Bottomley) on taking up his position as Father of the House. I first encountered him at the Woolwich West by-election in 1975. I was a trade union organiser at the time, and I made a very strong recommendation to all the members of my union that they should vote for the Labour candidate, not him. I do not want to embarrass the hon. Gentleman, but some of them went to see him and said, "He seems such a very nice man. We might well vote for him." I do not want to tarnish his reputation further, but whenever I was trying in the past to get an all-party consensus together on an early-day motion—sometimes a difficult task—he would often give it a Conservative character by supporting such moves. I thank him for that and wish him well as Father of the House.

May I take this opportunity to welcome all newly elected Members to the House? It is a very daunting day for them—their first day here after being elected to this place on behalf of their constituents, with all the responsibility that goes with that. There is no greater honour than to be elected to this House to represent our constituents, and one of the greatest strengths of our political system is that every one of us represents a community and every one of us has a constituency. We are here to represent the homeless and the desperate as well as those who are better off and lead more comfortable existences. We are here to represent all of them, and that surely ought to be the watchword of our House and our democracy.

This is the first time that a majority of Labour MPs are women, and I congratulate them all on being elected. Twenty of the 26 newly elected Labour MPs are women, which compares rather favourably to the Conservative party's performance in that regard. This is also the most diverse Parliament in history, and I am proud that 41 of the 65 black and minority ethnic MPs are on the Labour Benches. I know they will do a fantastic job representing their constituencies and wider community interests.

Finally, Mr Speaker-Elect, I offer my warmest congratulations to you as you resume your place in the Speaker's Chair. It is great to see you back. Your role goes beyond the pomp and ceremony, as you well understand. I am keen to work with you, as many others are, on all the issues facing this House. This House cannot function without Members' staff and House staff—vsecurity, administration, caterers, cleaners and officials—who do so much good work here; they all make a contribution to ensure that our democracy functions properly. But there is also enormous pressure on MPs, staff and many others, and I know that you take very seriously the mental health and wellbeing of us all. I hope that we in this House ensure that that is taken seriously.

Mr Speaker-Elect, there are portraits of all your predecessors in Speaker's House. One of the most famous, of course, is Speaker Lenthall, who resisted the autocracy of Charles I in support of the freedoms of Parliament. Our democracy needs you as a Speaker who will stand firm against abuses of power by the Executive or anybody else. In doing so, you are defending the rights not just of this House, but of millions of people who put their faith



[Jeremy Corbyn]

in a democratic system to elect a Parliament, and therefore a Government, who are answerable to them. Our rights and freedoms are always precious, but also often precarious. Democracy is not a given. It is something that we have to extend and defend. I am sure that you, in your role as Speaker-Elect—and hopefully Speaker very soon—will do exactly that. I congratulate you on your election and look forward to working with you.

3.7 pm

**Sir Peter Bottomley** (Worthing West) (Con): The whole House will want to join in the expression of the Leader of the Opposition and the Prime Minister about the tragedy at Fishmongers' Hall and London Bridge.

Let me tell the Leader of the Opposition that he only heard half the Woolwich West story, since I was a member of the 1/128 branch of the Transport and General Workers' Union in Transport House and knew quite a lot about what was going on. For instance, I knew which MPs were not standing again—such as Peter Shore—because they had not applied for re-sponsorship and the like. It was a marvellous experience for me. Let me also say to the Leader of the Opposition that none of us is always right and none of us is always wrong; and on the issues where he and I have agreed, I think we have been right.

Mr Speaker-Elect, the advice that you might give in private—but which I will give in public—to those joining us for the first or even the second time is that they should listen to their Whips, obey the Chair, think of the interests of their constituency and the nation, and do what they think is right. I think that is the kind of thing that Speakers would remind us to do. May I conclude by saying that there are many good things to say about many of your predecessors, but I do not think that any of them have been such a welcome choice as Speaker, and Speaker again, as you?

3.8 pm

**Ian Blackford** (Ross, Skye and Lochaber) (SNP): May I associate myself with the remarks of the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition about the absolutely dreadful attacks at Fishmongers' Hall and London Bridge? We must all stand together against terrorism and stand up together for democracy.

Mr Speaker-Elect, the expanded SNP Westminster group welcomes you to your new role. In the previous Parliament, I appreciated the fair and balanced approach taken by the last Speaker, and I have no doubt that you will conduct proceedings with the same vigour and transparency. These are uncertain and challenging times. The public are now looking to this place for leadership. We owe it to all those who put their trust in us to conduct debate here with respect and to treat each other with dignity.

I give you, Mr Speaker-Elect, the best wishes from the Scottish National party, and I look forward to taking on the case for Scotland in this new Parliament with integrity and with dignity. All the very best to you, Mr Speaker-Elect.

3.10 pm

**Sir Edward Davey** (Kingston and Surbiton) (LD): May I, Mr Speaker-Elect, give you heartfelt congratulations from those on the Liberal Democrat Benches and wish you the very best as you manage the proceedings of this

House? In your election in the last Parliament, you struck a chord with many Members when you spoke about improving the security of Members, staff and our families. It is sad to say that you were right to lead on this, not least as we remember the two young victims of the terrorist attack on London Bridge—Saskia Jones and Jack Merritt, two young people dedicated to helping others to whom we should pay tribute today as this House returns.

Mr Speaker-Elect, I was delighted that in your acceptance speech before the election you spoke eloquently and positively about the speaking rights of smaller parties. I can assure you, Sir, that Liberal Democrat Members want to make their voices heard, not least on behalf of the 3.7 million people who voted for us last Thursday. Under proportional voting, we would now easily be the third largest party in this House with 70 MPs—a fact that I know, Sir, you will take account of.

You will appreciate, Mr Speaker-Elect, that the past few days have been difficult for my colleagues and I, having seen our friend Jo Swinson lose her seat. Jo consistently said during the election that there is an issue even bigger than Brexit—namely, the climate emergency. On these Benches, we will be seeking your help as we raise this issue and argue for the radical climate change policies that Jo advocated. Thank you, Mr Speaker-Elect.

3.12 pm

**Sir Jeffrey M. Donaldson** (Lagan Valley) (DUP): On behalf of the Democratic Unionist party, Mr Speaker-Elect, I want to associate ourselves with the remarks of the Prime Minister. Coming from Northern Ireland, we know all too well the impact that terrorism can have and the devastation it wreaks on families, and our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the victims of that atrocity.

I congratulate you, Mr Speaker-Elect, on your re-election as Speaker. We regard you as someone who is fair and upholds the rights of all Members in this House, and we look forward to working with you.

I also congratulate the Prime Minister and the Conservative party on their victory in the election. We look forward to working with them going forward, particularly in relation to the matters that the Prime Minister spoke of—the Union of our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. As the Prime Minister takes forward his proposals on Brexit, we want to ensure that Northern Ireland's place within the United Kingdom is secured and that the economic, political and constitutional integrity of the United Kingdom is respected.

May I, Mr Speaker-Elect, pay tribute to my colleagues the former Members for Belfast North, Nigel Dodds, and for Belfast South, Emma Little-Pengelly, who are not with us but who made a massive contribution to the work of this House in the last Parliament—and indeed, in the case of Nigel, over many years? I welcome my hon. Friend the Member for Upper Bann (Carla Lockhart) to our ranks, but also the other Members from Northern Ireland who are today taking their seats for the first time in this House. We welcome the fact that they are here and take their seats—unlike others—and will no doubt make a contribution to this House and to the democratic process.

So, Mr Speaker-Elect, we wish you and all colleagues well in this Parliament. We look forward to outlining the voice of Northern Ireland along with our colleagues and ensuring that our place in this Union is secure.

3.14 pm

**Liz Saville Roberts** (Dwyfor Meirionnydd) (PC): Diolch yn fawr, Mr Darpar-Lefarydd, a llongyfarchiadau i chi yn eich parchus, arswydus swydd newydd. Thank you, Mr Speaker-Elect, and congratulations to you on your respected, sublime new role. I and many people here were present on 22 March 2017, and there is no doubt in my mind that the leadership and care that you showed us on that day have inevitably given us the faith to return you with pleasure today. Of course, we sympathise with all the victims of terrorist attacks in the intervening time.

Let me take the opportunity to call on you, Mr Speaker-Elect, to work with the Llywydd in our Senedd in Wales, the Presiding Officer in the Scottish Parliament and the Speaker of the Northern Ireland Assembly in the spirit of equality and mutual respect. I call on you also to continue to develop the principles of equality, including equality of voice and equality of opportunity, much of which was upheld in the Speaker's intern scheme, an excellent scheme that has brought people into this place who would not otherwise have had the opportunity.

I close by saying that all Members here were returned in exactly the same way: by their—our—constituents. Those constituents all stand equal, regardless of whether their MP is a member of the Government or the Opposition; of a large party or a small party; or, indeed, the single representative here. All those constituents are equal and they deserve respect. I have every confidence, Mr Speaker-Elect, that you will ensure that their representatives here will have that equality of voice so that they can best represent their constituents.

3.16 pm

**Caroline Lucas** (Brighton, Pavilion) (Green): I join those who have paid tribute to the two young people who were tragically killed on London bridge.

Mr Speaker-Elect, on behalf of an admittedly small party, but one with a lot of ambition, I should like to add my congratulations to you. I know from my own experience just how serious you are when you say that you will champion the interests of all of us from smaller parties. With our democracy being tested to its limits in recent months, I look forward to seeing your strong sense of fairness prevail, so that we can ensure that we hold the Executive to account, especially by continuing to uphold your long tradition of giving Back Benchers the opportunities to be heard and to play our part, no matter the size of the political party from which we hail.

**Iain Stewart** (Milton Keynes South) (Con): I have to signify to the House the pleasure of Her Majesty that the House should present their Speaker this day at 3.45 pm in the House of Peers for Her Majesty's Royal Approbation.

**Mr Speaker-Elect:** The House is suspended until 3.45 pm.

3.17 pm

*Sitting suspended.*

3.52 pm

*On resuming—*

#### MESSAGE TO ATTEND THE LORDS COMMISSIONERS

*Message to attend the Lords Commissioners delivered by the Lady Usher of the Black Rod.*

*The Speaker-Elect, with the House, went up to be presented to the Lords Commissioners for Her Majesty's Royal Approbation; and returned.*

**Mr Speaker:** I have to report that this House has been in the House of Lords where Her Majesty has been pleased, by Her Majesty's Commissioners, to approve the choice made of myself for the office of Speaker.

My first duty to the House is to repeat my respectful acknowledgements and my grateful thanks for the great honour you have conferred on me in placing me in the Chair, and to renew the assurances of my entire devotion to the service of this House.

## Members Sworn

**Mr Speaker:** I must now call on the Members of the House, according to the usual custom, to take the Oath of Allegiance or to affirm at the Table of the House, first doing so myself.

*The Speaker first, alone, standing on the upper step of the Chair, took and subscribed the Oath required by law.*

**Mr Speaker:** I should remind hon. Members that, until they take the Oath or affirm, they must not sit during any debate or vote in any Division of the House, and they will not receive any salary—a big temptation. The arrangements for swearing in are as set out in the Chamber information sheet and a guidance note is also available from the Table Office and the Vote Office.

I propose to call first the Father of the House, then members of the Cabinet, then members of the shadow Cabinet, then all Privy Counsellors not included in those two groups, wherever they may be sitting, and then other Ministers. Thereafter, I shall call other hon. Members broadly according to the Parliament of their first entry, or, for those with broken service, that of their most recent entry. The first batch will be those who have been Members since before the 2010 election. Thereafter, I shall proceed to call Members by successive Parliaments. I do not expect to call new Members until tomorrow.

I propose to remain in the Chair until 5.45 today and to return at 6.45, continuing until 8.45, with a later session if necessary. The House will sit again tomorrow at 11.30. I propose to be in the Chair for swearing in tomorrow from 11.30 until 1.30, to return at 2 until 4, and again from 4.30 until 5.45, with a later session if necessary. I hope that, by the end of tomorrow afternoon, we will have made sufficient progress to enable all Members to swear in who wish to do so. However, if required, we will sit for swearing in at 2 o'clock on Thursday before the opening of the debate on the Queen's Speech.

I remind Members that the swearing in, as a proceeding of the House, is recorded by television cameras: anything said or done by Members may appear on television or be picked up on microphones. It will assist the broadcasters if new Members state their name and constituency when they come to the Dispatch Box. Progress will depend, of course, on the number of Members wishing to swear in at any particular time. I advise Members to watch the announciators to establish progress, and to speak to their Whips.

*The following Members took and subscribed the Oath, or made and subscribed the Affirmation required by law:*

Sir Peter James Bottomley, *for* Worthing West

Right honourable Alexander Boris de Pfeffel Johnson, Uxbridge and South Ruislip

Right honourable Priti Sushil Patel, Witham

Right honourable Dominic Rennie Raab, Esher and Walton

Right honourable Robert James Buckland, South Swindon

Right honourable Jacob William Rees-Mogg, North East Somerset

Right honourable Sajid Javid, Bromsgrove

Right honourable Michael Andrew Gove, Surrey Heath

Right honourable Thérèse Anne Coffey, Suffolk Coastal

Right honourable Mark Steven Spencer, Sherwood

Right honourable Robert Edward Jenrick, Newark

Right honourable Robert Ben Lobban Wallace, Wyre and Preston North

Right honourable Alok Kumar Sharma, Reading West

Right honourable Andrea Jacqueline Leadsom, South Northamptonshire

Right honourable Brandon Kenneth Lewis, Great Yarmouth

Right honourable Grant Shapps, Welwyn Hatfield

Right honourable Kwasi Alfred Addo Kwarteng, Spelthorne

Right honourable Gavin Alexander Williamson, South Staffordshire

Right honourable Elizabeth Mary Truss, South West Norfolk

Right honourable Matthew John David Hancock, West Suffolk

Right honourable Charles Geoffrey Cox, Torridge and West Devon

Right honourable Theresa Anne Villiers, Chipping Barnet

Right honourable Rishi Sunak, Richmond (Yorks)

Right honourable Oliver James Dowden, Hertsmere

Right honourable Stephen Paul Barclay, North East Cambridgeshire

Right honourable James Spencer Cleverly, Braintree

Right honourable Jeremy Bernard Corbyn, Islington North

Right honourable Nicholas Hugh Brown, Newcastle upon Tyne East

Right honourable Valerie Carol Marian Vaz, Walsall South

Right honourable Diane Julie Abbott, Hackney North and Stoke Newington

Jonathan Michael Graham Ashworth, Leicester South

Right honourable Emily Thornberry, Islington South and Finsbury

Right honourable John Healey, Wentworth and Dearne

Dawn Petula Butler, Brent Central

Richard Burgon, Leeds East

Catherine Jane Smith, Lancaster and Fleetwood

Andrew John Gwynne, Denton and Reddish

Peter Christopher Dowd, Bootle

Nia Rhiannon Griffith, Llanelli

Barry Strachan Gardiner, Brent North

Andrew Joseph McDonald, Middlesbrough

Right honourable Robert Henry Halfon, Harlow

Ian Lavery, Wansbeck

Afzal Mohammed Khan, Manchester, Gorton

Anthony Joseph Lloyd, Rochdale

Right honourable Theresa Mary May, Maidenhead

Right honourable Dame Cheryl Elise Kendall Gillan, Chesham and Amersham

Right honourable Margaret Mary Beckett, Derby South

Right honourable Sir Oliver Heald, North East Hertfordshire

Right honourable Alexander Jesse Norman, Hereford and South Herefordshire



- Right honourable Edward Samuel Miliband, Doncaster North
- Right honourable Dame Rosalie Winterton, Doncaster Central
- Right honourable Ian Blackford, Ross, Skye and Lochaber
- Right honourable Hilary James Benn, Leeds Central
- Right honourable Sir David Anthony Evennett, Bexleyheath and Crayford
- Right honourable Mark Gino Francois, Rayleigh and Wickford
- Right honourable James Peter Brokenshire, Old Bexley and Sidcup
- Right honourable Christopher Stephen Grayling, Epsom and Ewell
- Right honourable David Michael Davis, Haltemprice and Howden
- Right honourable Sir Roger James Gale, North Thanet
- Right honourable Sir Edward Julian Egerton Leigh, Gainsborough
- Right honourable Sir Desmond Angus Swayne, New Forest West
- Right honourable Sir George Edward Howarth, Knowsley
- Right honourable Nicolas John Gibb, Bognor Regis and Littlehampton
- Barbara Mary Keeley, Worsley and Eccles South
- Right honourable Stephen Crabb, Preseli Pembrokeshire
- Right honourable and learned Jeremy Paul Wright, Kenilworth and Southam
- Right honourable Damian Howard Green, Ashford
- Right honourable Caroline Fiona Ellen Nokes, Romsey and Southampton North
- Right honourable Julian Murray Lewis, New Forest East
- Right honourable Maria Frances Lewis Miller, Basingstoke
- Right honourable David Lindon Lammy, Tottenham
- Mary Josephine Robinson, Cheadle
- Right honourable Karen Anne Bradley, Staffordshire Moorlands
- Right honourable Andrew William Murrison, South West Wiltshire
- Right honourable Mark James Harper, Forest of Dean
- Right honourable Philip Martin Dunne, Ludlow
- Right honourable David Gordon Mundell, Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale
- Right honourable David Ian Jones, Clwyd West
- Right honourable Christopher James Skidmore, Kingswood
- Right honourable Esther Louise McVey, Tatton
- Right honourable Sir Edward Jonathon Davey, Kingston and Surbiton
- Right honourable Alexander Morrison Carmichael, Orkney and Shetland
- Right honourable Gregory William Hands, Chelsea and Fulham
- Right honourable Gregory David Clark, Tunbridge Wells
- Right honourable Harriet Ruth Harman, Camberwell and Peckham
- Right honourable Dame Margaret Eve Hodge, Barking
- Barry John Sheerman, Huddersfield
- Rosemary Elizabeth Cooper, West Lancashire
- Yasmin Qureshi, Bolton South East
- Virendra Kumar Sharma, Ealing, Southall
- Mohammad Yasin, Bedford
- Karen Patricia Buck, Westminster North
- Olukemi Olufunto Badenoch, Saffron Walden
- Julia Louise Lopez, Hornchurch and Upminster
- Nadine Vanessa Dorries, Mid Bedfordshire
- Right honourable Jeremy Richard Streynsham Hunt, South West Surrey
- Right honourable Liam Fox, North Somerset
- Right honourable Dame Eleanor Fulton Laing, Epping Forest
- Right honourable Mark Richard Tami, Alyn and Deeside
- Judith Mary Cummins, Bradford South
- Lyn Carol Brown, West Ham
- Jessica Elizabeth Morden, Newport East
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- Justin Paul Tomlinson, North Swindon
- Right honourable Owen William Paterson, North Shropshire
- Right honourable Kevan David Jones, North Durham
- Right honourable Alan Campbell, Tynemouth
- Right honourable Penny Mary Mordaunt, Portsmouth North
- Right honourable Michael Tyrone Ellis, Northampton North
- Graham Charles Stuart, Beverley and Holderness
- Right honourable Sir John Henry Hayes, South Holland and The Deepings
- Victoria Atkins, Louth and Horncastle
- Right honourable Robert Goodwill, Scarborough and Whitby
- James McMahan, Oldham West and Royton
- Stephen James Morgan, Portsmouth South
- Mark Robert Timothy Garnier, Wyre Forest
- Andrew James Bridgen, North West Leicestershire
- Right honourable Damian Patrick George Hinds, East Hampshire
- Right honourable Alec Shelbrooke, Elmet and Rothwell
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- Graham Eric Stringer, Blackley and Broughton

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 Samuel Wilson, East Antrim  
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 Gavin James Robinson, Belfast East  
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 Heather Kay Wheeler, South Derbyshire  
 John David Penrose, Weston-super-Mare  
 Margaret Olivia Hillier, Hackney South and Shoreditch  
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 Richard Michael John Ogilvie Graham, Gloucester  
 Andrew George Stephenson, Pendle  
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 Maria Eagle, Garston and Halewood  
 Anneliese Jane Dodds, Oxford East  
 Daniel Owen Jarvis, Barnsley Central  
 Right honourable John Martin McDonnell, Hayes and Harlington  
 Tanmanjeet Singh Dhese, Slough  
 Seema Malhotra, Feltham and Heston  
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 Sir Charles Ashley Rupert Walker, Broxbourne  
 Shabana Mahmood, Birmingham, Ladywood  
 Christina Elizabeth Rees, Neath  
 Christopher John Bryant, Rhondda  
 Alan Patrick Vincent Whitehead, Southampton, Test  
 Christopher Philip James Elmore, Ogmere  
 Carolyn Harris, Swansea East  
 Gerald Jones, Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney  
 Simon James Hoare, North Dorset  
 Victoria Mary Boswell Prentis, Banbury  
 Robin Caspar Walker, Worcester  
 Craig Whittaker, Calder Valley  
 Lilian Rachel Greenwood, Nottingham South  
 Preet Kaur Gill, Birmingham, Edgbaston  
 Ranil Malcolm Jayawardena, North East Hampshire  
 Leo Docherty, Aldershot  
 Gregory Lloyd Campbell, East Londonderry  
 Right honourable Christopher John Pincher, Tamworth  
 Right honourable Andrew John Bower Mitchell, Sutton Coldfield

Catherine McKinnell, Newcastle upon Tyne North  
 Anna Rhiannon McMorrin, Cardiff North  
 Atta-Ur-Rehman Chishti, Gillingham and Rainham  
 Catherine Elizabeth West, Hornsey and Wood Green  
 Jonathan Simon Djanogly, Huntingdon  
 Chinyelu Susan Onwurah, Newcastle upon Tyne Central  
 Paul Stuart Scully, Sutton and Cheam  
 Sir Alexander Paul Beresford, Mole Valley  
 Sir Geoffrey Robert Clifton-Brown, The Cotswolds  
 Right honourable John Flasby Lawrance Whittingdale, Maldon  
 Royston Matthew Smith, Southampton, Itchen  
 Stephen Anthony McPartland, Stevenage  
 Nigel Martin Evans, Ribble Valley  
 William James Quince, Colchester  
 Marcus Charles Jones, Nuneaton  
 Alberto Castrenze Costa, South Leicestershire  
 Sheryll Murray, South East Cornwall  
 Nusrat Munir Ghani, Wealden  
 David Thomas Morris, Morecambe and Lunesdale  
 Andrew Richard Rosindell, Romford  
 Lucy Claire Frazer, South East Cambridgeshire  
 Right honourable Alun Hugh Cairns, Vale of Glamorgan  
 Sir David Anthony Andrew Amess, Southend West  
 Alexander Cunningham, Stockton North  
 Christian John Patrick Matheson, City of Chester  
 Marsha Chantol De Cordova, Battersea  
 Christopher Laurie Malthouse, North West Hampshire  
 William David Wiggin, North Herefordshire  
 Sir William Nigel Paul Cash, Stone

5.57 pm

*Sitting suspended.*

6.47 pm

*On resuming—*

*The following Members took and subscribed the Oath, or made and subscribed the Affirmation required by law:*  
 Nicklaus Thomas-Symonds, *for* Torfaen  
 Joanna Meriel Stevens, Cardiff Central  
 Michael Joseph Patrick Kane, Wythenshawe and Sale East  
 James Morris, Halesowen and Rowley Regis  
 Tracey Elizabeth Anne Crouch, Chatham and Aylesford  
 Nadhim Zahawi, Stratford-on-Avon  
 Matthew Robert Warman, Boston and Skegness  
 Stephen Daniel Double, St Austell and Newquay  
 Robert William Henry Seely, Isle of Wight  
 Benjamin David Bradley, Mansfield  
 Right honourable Conor Burns, Bournemouth West  
 Laurence Anthony Robertson, Tewkesbury  
 Robert Alexander Stewart, Beckenham  
 Stewart Hosie, Dundee East  
 Henry Edward Millar Smith, Crawley  
 Paul Christopher Maynard, Blackpool North and Cleveleys

Robert John Blackman, Harrow East  
 John Philip Glen, Salisbury  
 Richard Quentin Fuller, North East Bedfordshire  
 Nigel Adams, Selby and Ainsty  
 Karl McCartney, Lincoln  
 Sir Gary Nicholas Streeter, South West Devon  
 Adam Afriyie, Windsor  
 David Thomas Charles Davies, Monmouth  
 Fabian Hamilton, Leeds North East  
 Gillian Furniss, Sheffield, Brightside and Hillsborough  
 Colleen Margaret Fletcher, Coventry North East  
 Miriam Jane Alice Davies, Mid Sussex  
 Timothy James Farron, Westmorland and Lonsdale  
 Christopher Heaton-Harris, Daventry  
 Daniel Robert Kawczynski, Shrewsbury and Atcham  
 Rebecca Faye Pow, Taunton Deane  
 James Stephen Heappey, Wells  
 Right honourable Sir Gregory Knight, East Yorkshire  
 Peter Wishart, Perth and North Perthshire  
 Patrick John Grady, Glasgow North  
 Carol Frances Monaghan, Glasgow North West  
 James Ian Mearns, Gateshead  
 Anthony James Holland Mangnall, Totnes  
 James Philip Duddridge, Rochford and Southend East  
 Victoria Grace Ford, Chelmsford  
 Kelly Jane Tolhurst, Rochester and Strood  
 Nicholas Desmond John Smith, Blaenau Gwent  
 Philip Andrew Davies, Shipley  
 Right honourable Damian Howard Green, Ashford  
 Angus Brendan MacNeil, Na h-Eileanan an Iar  
 Martin John Docherty-Hughes, West Dunbartonshire  
 Alison Emily Thewliss, Glasgow Central  
 Emma Louise Lewell-Buck, South Shields  
 Gordon Leonard Henderson, Sittingbourne and Sheppey  
 Kevin Denis Brennan, Cardiff West  
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 Simon Richard Clarke, Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland  
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 Maria Colette Caulfield, Lewes  
 Fiona Claire Bruce, Congleton  
 Karin Marguerite Smyth, Bristol South  
 Crispin Jeremy Rupert Blunt, Reigate  
 Michael Whitney Freer, Finchley and Golders Green  
 Nigel Paul Huddleston, Mid Worcestershire  
 Damien Moore, Southport  
 Abimbola Afolami, Hitchin and Harpenden  
 Jonathan Cruddas, Dagenham and Rainham  
 Christopher James Evans, Islwyn  
 Stuart James Andrew, Pudsey  
 Luke Anthony Hall, Thornbury and Yate  
 Christopher Lionel John Loder, West Dorset

Neil Quentin Gordon Parish, Tiverton and Honiton  
 Daniel Joseph Carden, Liverpool, Walton  
 Neil Charles Gray, Airdrie and Shotts  
 Andrew Hanson Jones, Harrogate and Knaresborough  
 Paul Bristow, Peterborough  
 Greg Smith, Buckingham  
 Craig Mackinlay, South Thanet  
 Holly Jamie Lynch, Halifax  
 Julie Elliott, Sunderland Central  
 Mark Andrew Menzies, Fylde  
 Giacomo Lopresti, Filton and Bradley Stoke  
 Andrea Marie Jenkyns, Morley and Outwood  
 Anne-Marie Belinda Trevelyan, Berwick-upon-Tweed  
 Patricia Gibson, North Ayrshire and Arran  
 David James Duguid, Banff and Buchan  
 Jack Edgar Brereton, Stoke-on-Trent South  
 Joanna Mary Gideon, Stoke-on-Trent Central  
 Marco Longhi, Dudley North  
 Alexander John Gervase Chalk, Cheltenham  
 Robert Alexander Courts, Witney  
 Andrew Iain Lewer, Northampton South  
 Craig Paul Tracey, North Warwickshire  
 Paul Christopher Blomfield, Sheffield Central  
 Matthew Raymond Western, Warwick and Leamington  
 Katherine Anne Green, Stretford and Urmston  
 Steven John Baker, Wycombe  
 Jacqueline Doyle-Price, Thurrock  
 Simon Anthony Hart, Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire  
 David Henry Rutley, Macclesfield  
 Stephen James McCabe, Birmingham, Selly Oak  
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 Peter William Bone, Wellingborough  
 Naseem Akhtar Shah, Bradford West  
 Matthew Thomas Pennycook, Greenwich and Woolwich  
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 William Roffen Esterson, Sefton Central  
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 Stella Judith Creasy, Walthamstow  
 Amanda Anne Milling, Cannock Chase  
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 Lloyd Russell-Moyle, Brighton, Kemptown  
 Thomas William Randall, Gedling  
 James Nelson Grundy, Leigh  
 Dean Russell, Watford  
 Nicholas Anthony Fletcher, Don Valley  
 Kate Ofunne Osamor, Edmonton  
 Lisa Eva Nandy, Wigan  
 Lucy Maria Powell, Manchester Central  
 Stephen Nathan Kinnock, Aberavon  
 William Paul Girvan, South Antrim  
 Imran Nasir Ahmad-Khan, Wakefield  
 Lisa Cameron, East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow  
 Margaret Ferrier, Rutherglen and Hamilton West  
 Ronald Jack Cowan, Inverclyde  
 John Joseph Mc Nally, Falkirk  
 Matthew Toby Perkins, Chesterfield  
 Richard James Shannon, Strangford  
 Robert Largan, High Peak  
 Martyn Day, Linlithgow and East Falkirk  
 Chris Ian Brian Mynott Philp, Croydon South  
 Ruth Margaret Cadbury, Brentford and Isleworth  
 Charalambos Charalambous, Enfield, Southgate  
 Karl Turner, Kingston upon Hull East  
 Victoria Jane Foxcroft, Lewisham, Deptford  
 Tracy Lynn Brabin, Batley and Spen  
 Jacob Young, Redcar  
 Jason McCartney, Colne Valley  
 Luke Pollard, Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport  
 Sarah Ann Jones, Croydon Central  
 Right honourable Liam Dominic Byrne, Birmingham,  
 Hodge Hill  
 Antonia Louise Antoniazzi, Gower  
 Chloe Rebecca Smith, Norwich North  
 Peter John Kyle, Hove  
 Owen George Thompson, Midlothian

Geraint Richard Davies, Swansea West  
 Gareth Andrew Bacon, Orpington  
 Ben Spencer, Runnymede and Weybridge  
 Mark Peter Fletcher, Bolsover  
 Emma Ann Hardy, Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle  
 Margaret Greenwood, Wirral West  
 Rebecca Long Bailey, Salford and Eccles  
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 Fay Alicia Jones, Brecon and Radnorshire  
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 Christopher Mark Clarkson, Heywood and Middleton  
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 Christian Wakeford, Bury South  
 Paul John Holmes, Eastleigh  
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 Justin Piers Richard Madders, Ellesmere Port and Neston  
 Sharon Hodgson, Washington and Sunderland West  
 Rachael Helen Maskell, York Central  
 Clive Anthony Lewis, Norwich South  
 Siobhain Ann McDonagh, Mitcham and Morden  
 Mary Elizabeth Twist, Blyndon

8.39 pm

*Sitting suspended.*

9.13 pm

*On resuming—*

*The following Members took and subscribed the Oath, or made and subscribed the Affirmation required by law:*

Right honourable Elizabeth Saville Roberts, *for* Dwyfor Meirionnydd  
 Ben Morgan Lake, Ceredigion  
 David Jonathan Edwards, Carmarthen East and Dinefwr  
 Hywel Williams, Arfon  
 Mary Theresa Glindon, North Tyneside  
 Feryal Demirci Clark, Enfield North  
 Harriett Mary Morison Baldwin, West Worcestershire  
 John Michael Howell, Henley  
 Nicola Faye Richards, West Bromwich East  
 Richard John Holden, North West Durham  
 Peter Alexander Gibson, Darlington  
 Jane Marion Hunt, Loughborough  
 Aaron Stuart Bell, Newcastle-under-Lyme  
 Dehenna Sheridan Fareham, Bishop Auckland  
 Anne Marie Morris, Newton Abbot  
 Paul Howell, Sedgfield

#### ADJOURNMENT

*Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Nigel Huddleston.)*

9.34 pm

*House adjourned.*





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