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Lab	Labour
Lab Ind	Labour Independent
LD	Liberal Democrat
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(HANSARD)

IN THE FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF THE
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND
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2.30 pm

Parliament

Opened by Commission, the Royal Commissioners being the Lord Privy Seal (Baroness Stowell of Beeston), the Lord Speaker (Baroness D'Souza), Baroness Royall of Blaisdon, Lord Wallace of Tankerness and Lord Laming.

When the Commons arrived at the Bar,

The Lord Privy Seal (Baroness Stowell of Beeston) (Con): My Lords and Members of the House of Commons, we are commanded by Her Majesty to let you know that, it not being convenient for her to be present here this day in her Royal Person, she has thought fit, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal, to empower several Lords therein named to do all things in Her Majesty's name which are to be done on Her Majesty's part in this Parliament as, by the Letters Patent, will more fully appear.

When the Commission had been read at the Table,

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons, we have it in command from Her Majesty to let you know that, as soon as the Members of both Houses shall be sworn, the causes of Her Majesty calling this Parliament will be declared to you; and, it being necessary that a Speaker of the House of Commons should be first chosen, it is Her Majesty's pleasure that you, Members of the House of Commons, repair to the place where you are to sit, and there proceed to the choice of some proper person to be your Speaker, and that you present such person whom you shall so choose here for Her Majesty's Royal Approbation.

The Commons then withdrew.

Prayers—read by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford.

Oaths and Affirmations

2.57 pm

The Lord Speaker, singly in the first place, took the oath.

Several noble Lords took the oath or made the solemn affirmation, and signed an undertaking to abide by the Code of Conduct.

House adjourned at 7.30 pm.

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