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The Committee consisted of the following Members:

Chairs: MR GRAHAM BRADY, † GRAHAM STRINGER

Arkless, Richard (*Dumfries and Galloway*) (SNP)
 Burgon, Richard (*Leeds East*) (Lab)
 † Fernandes, Suella (*Fareham*) (Con)
 Gyimah, Mr Sam (*Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice*)
 † Heald, Sir Oliver (*Minister for Courts and Justice*)
 Jenrick, Robert (*Newark*) (Con)
 Lynch, Holly (*Halifax*) (Lab)
 McGinn, Conor (*St Helens North*) (Lab)
 † Opperman, Guy (*Lord Commissioner of Her Majesty's Treasury*)
 † Philp, Chris (*Croydon South*) (Con)

Qureshi, Yasmin (*Bolton South East*) (Lab)
 Saville Roberts, Liz (*Dwyfor Meirionnydd*) (PC)
 † Smith, Nick (*Blaenau Gwent*) (Lab)
 † Swayne, Sir Desmond (*New Forest West*) (Con)
 † Thomas-Symonds, Nick (*Torfaen*) (Lab)
 Tomlinson, Michael (*Mid Dorset and North Poole*) (Con)
 Tracey, Craig (*North Warwickshire*) (Con)
 † Warman, Matt (*Boston and Skegness*) (Con)
 Katy Stout, Clementine Brown, *Committee Clerks*
 † **attended the Committee**

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[GRAHAM STRINGER *in the Chair*]

Prisons and Courts Bill

11.30 am

The Minister for Courts and Justice (Sir Oliver Heald): On a point of order, Mr Stringer. I thank you and Mr Brady for the excellent way in which you have chaired our proceedings. Before my hon. Friend the Member for Hexham moves the motion, may I also thank the House officials, *Hansard*, the Doorkeepers and security staff for all they have done for the Committee?

On behalf of myself and my hon. Friend the Member for East Surrey, I thank all members of the Committee, including the Opposition Front Benchers—we have had a measure of warm agreement on many of the measures in the Bill—and our Whips, who have kept us in order.

Finally, I thank all the civil servants at the Ministry of Justice, particularly the Bill team manager, Kate Gregory-Smith, and our legal team, for all the work they have done on the Bill. I also thank my assistant private secretary, Keighley Jones.

Nick Thomas-Symonds (Torfaen) (Lab): Further to that point of order, Mr Stringer. I associate myself with all the Minister's remarks. I, too, thank everyone who has contributed to the Committee's sessions. When I came up to Westminster from south Wales on Tuesday morning, I thought that the Committee would dominate my week and some other weeks, but events have intervened. The sessions that we had were very positive. There was a large measure of agreement but, at times, robust debate too, which I am sure will stand all the various issues in good stead for the future.

The Lord Commissioner of Her Majesty's Treasury (Guy Opperman): Given events and with the leave of the Committee, I wish to move a motion.

Ordered,

That the Committee do not proceed with further consideration of the Bill.—(*Guy Opperman.*)

The Chair: The Committee must now agree a special report to be made to the House.

Ordered,

That the Committee agree the Special Report as on the paper before the Committee and that the Chair do report the Bill, so far as amended, to the House.

Bill, so far as amended, accordingly to be reported to the House.

11.32 am

Committee rose.

Written evidence reported to the House

PCB 25 Hepatitis C Coalition

PCB 23 Thompsons Solicitors

PCB 24 David Godfrey

