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The House met at half-past Eleven o'clock

PRAYERS

[MR SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

Members Sworn

Mr Speaker: I remind the House that I expect to be in the Chair today until 1.30 pm and return at 2 pm, until 4 pm, and then again at 4.30 pm to 5.45 pm, with a later session if necessary. If required, we will sit swearing in at 2 pm tomorrow. I invite the first Members elected prior to the current Parliament to take the oath and will make further announcements to invite Members first elected to the present Parliament. Will Members wishing to take their seats please come to the Table?

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

Eleanor Claire Reeves, *for* Lewisham West and Penge
Right honourable Sir Michael Penning, Hemel Hempstead
Ian Richard Peregrine Liddell-Grainger, Bridgwater and West Somerset

Stephen James Metcalfe, South Basildon and East Thurrock

Kevin Paul Hollinrake, Thirsk and Malton

Richard Grosvenor Drax, South Dorset

Ben Everitt, Milton Keynes North

William Peter Wragg, Hazel Grove

Felicia Jane Beatrix Drummond, Meon Valley

Daniel Rayne Kruger, Devizes

Alun Craig Williams, Montgomeryshire

Scott Leslie Mann, North Cornwall

Christine Anne Jardine, Edinburgh West

Mark Rory Logan, Bolton North East

James Barry Daly, Bury North

Caroline Lucas, Brighton, Pavilion

Right honourable Tobias Martin Ellwood, Bournemouth East

James Roger Cartlidge, South Suffolk

Jamie Hume Stone, Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross

Helen Elizabeth Hayes, Dulwich and West Norwood

Andrew Edmund Armstrong Selous, South West Bedfordshire

Rebecca Elizabeth Scott Harris, Castle Point

Jonathan Neil Reynolds, Stalybridge and Hyde

John Robert Cryer, Leyton and Wanstead

Gillian Keegan, Chichester

Martin John Vickers, Cleethorpes

Andrew John Stevenson, Carlisle

Daniel Leonard James Poulter, Central Suffolk and North Ipswich

Michelle Emma May Elizabeth Donelan, Chippenham

Julian Carlton Knight, Solihull

Wera Benedicta Hobhouse, Bath

Diana Ruth Johnson, Kingston upon Hull North

Anthony Edward Timpson, Eddisbury

Andrew Campbell Bowie, West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine

Natalie Cecilia Elphicke, Dover

David Melvyn Linden, Glasgow East

Gavin Andrew Stuart Newlands, Paisley and Renfrewshire North

Brendan O'Hara, Argyll and Bute

Andrew Egan Henderson Hendry, Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey

Alan Brown, Kilmarnock and Loudoun

Douglas Chapman, Dunfermline and West Fife

Marion Fellows, Motherwell and Wishaw

Stewart Malcolm McDonald, Glasgow South

Hannah Mary Bardell, Livingston

Right honourable James Jacob Gilchrist Berry, Rossendale and Darwen

Matthew James Offord, Hendon

Jessica Rose Phillips, Birmingham, Yardley

Wesley Paul William Streeting, Ilford North

Huw William Merriman, Bexhill and Battle

Khalid Mahmood, Birmingham, Perry Barr

Alison McGovern, Wirral South

Lee Anderson, Ashfield

Christopher James Green, Bolton West

Trudy Lynne Harrison, Copeland

Caroline Elizabeth Johnson, Sleaford and North Hykeham

Sarah Jane Olney, Richmond Park

Daisy Cooper, St Albans

Wendy Anne Chamberlain, North East Fife

Christopher Murray Alexander Law, Dundee West

Peter Grant, Glenrothes

Giles Francis Watling, Clacton

Claire Aisling Hanna, Belfast South

Mark Andrew Pritchard, The Wrekin

Alan Mak, Havant

Nicola Jane Aiken, Cities of London and Westminster

Siobhan Kathleen Baillie, Stroud

Kirsty Ann Blackman, Aberdeen North

Alicia Alexandra Martha Kearns, Rutland and Melton

Ruth Rosamond Edwards, Rushcliffe

Joy Inboden Morrissey, Beaconsfield

Luke Morgan Evans, Bosworth

Julie Marson, Hertford and Stortford

Andrew Francis Slaughter, Hammersmith

Gareth Alan Johnson, Dartford

Jane Fiona Catherine Stevenson, Wolverhampton North East

Christopher Charles Stephens, Glasgow South West

Alexander David Sobel, Leeds North West

Zarah Sultana, Coventry South

Apsana Begum, Poplar and Limehouse
 Thomas Sheppard, Edinburgh East
 Jerome Patrick Burke Mayhew, Broadland
 James Oliver Wild, North West Norfolk
 Gareth Mark Davies, Grantham and Stamford
 Stuart Paul Anderson, Wolverhampton South West
 Felicity Christiana Buchan, Kensington
 James Michael Davies, Vale of Clwyd
 Caroline Ansell, Eastbourne
 Jamie Hamilton Wallis, Bridgend
 Sarah Elizabeth Atherton, Wrexham
 Virginia Ann Crosbie, Ynys Môn
 Miriam Joy Cates, Penistone and Stocksbridge
 Duncan Charles Baker, North Norfolk
 Brendan Clarke-Smith, Bassetlaw
 Kate Elizabeth Griffiths, Burton
 Suzanne Webb, Stourbridge
 Shaun Stephen Bailey, West Bromwich West
 Gary William Sambrook, Birmingham, Northfield
 Deidre Leanne Brock, Edinburgh North and Leith
 Robert Joseph Roberts, Delyn
 Sir Bernard Christison Jenkin, Harwich and North Essex
 Munira Wilson, Twickenham
 Joanna Catherine Cherry, Edinburgh South West
 Grahame Mark Morris, Easington
 Anthony Howe Browne, South Cambridgeshire
 Cherilyn Mackrory, Truro and Falmouth
 Mhairi Black, Paisley and Renfrewshire South
 Angela Crawley, Lanark and Hamilton East
 Elizabeth Anne McLaughlin, Glasgow North East
 Laura Rose Farris, Newbury
 Ian Levy, Blyth Valley
 Katherine Fletcher, South Ribble
 Alexander James Jordan Norris, Nottingham North
 Sara Alice Britcliffe, Hyndburn
 Antony Higginbotham, Burnley
 Claire Coryl Julia Coutinho, East Surrey
 Darren George Henry, Broxtowe
 Gareth Thomas, Harrow West
 Rupa Asha Huq, Ealing Central and Acton
 Michael Alex Burghart, Brentwood and Ongar
 Thomas Georg John Tugendhat, Tonbridge and Malling
 Robert Butler, Aylesbury
 David Timothy Simmonds, Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner
 Rachel Helen Maclean, Redditch
 Matthew Alexander Vickers, Stockton South
 Robert Peter Moore, Keighley
 Stephanie Louise Peacock, Barnsley East
 Louise Margaret Haigh, Sheffield, Heeley
 Holly Mumby-Croft, Scunthorpe
 Lia Nici-Townend, Great Grimsby
 Right honourable Yvette Cooper, Normanton, Pontefract and Castleford
 Simon James Jupp, East Devon

Thomas Patrick Hunt, Ipswich
 Abena Oppong-Asare, Erith and Thamesmead
 James Stewart Murray, Ealing North
 Marcus John Hudson Fysh, Yeovil
 Edmund Francis Hughes, Walsall North
 Selaine Rachel Saxby, North Devon
 Mohammad Saqib Bhatti, Meriden
 Sue-Ellen Cassiana Braverman, Fareham
 Andrew Theakstone Percy, Brigg and Goole
 Bellavia Janet Ribeiro-Addy, Streatham
 Tulip Rizwana Siddiq, Hampstead and Kilburn

Mr Speaker: The sitting is suspended until 2 pm. The bells will ring five minutes before the sitting resumes. Thanks, everybody.

1.33 pm

Sitting suspended.

2 pm

On resuming—

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

Mary Kelly Foy, for City of Durham
 Rosena Chantelle Allin-Khan, Tooting
 Michael Whitley, Birkenhead
 Paula Barker, Liverpool, Wavertree
 Kim Marie Johnson, Liverpool, Riverside
 Navendu Prabhat Mishra, Stockport
 Carla Rebecca Lockhart, Upper Bann
 Ian Robert Byrne, Liverpool, West Derby
 Bethan Winter, Cynon Valley
 John Luther Mercer, Plymouth, Moor View
 Sarah Elizabeth Dines, Derbyshire Dales
 Steven Bonnar, Coatbridge, Chryston and Bellshill
 Allan Hopkins Dorans, Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock
 Alyn Edward Smith, Stirling
 David Michael Doogan, Angus
 Kenny Wright MacAskill, East Lothian
 Richard Gordon Thomson, Gordon
 Amy Callaghan, East Dunbartonshire
 Philippa Whitford, Central Ayrshire
 Alexandra Mary Davies-Jones, Pontypridd
 Rachel Louise Hopkins, Luton South
 Stephen Anthony Farry, North Down
 Sarah Deborah Champion, Rotherham
 Scott Lloyd Benton, Blackpool South
 Right honourable Benjamin Peter James Bradshaw, Exeter
 Charles George Eustice, Camborne and Redruth
 Michael Jon Wood, Dudley South
 Helen Grant, Maidstone and The Weald
 Katharine Helen Osborne, Jarrow
 Gagan Mohindra, South West Hertfordshire
 Nadia Edith Whittome, Nottingham East
 Nigel John Mills, Amber Valley
 James Neale Hanvey, Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath
 Neil John O'Brien, Harborough
 Lucy Allan, Telford

Jeffrey Smith, Manchester, Withington
 Taiwo Owatemi, Coventry North West
 Rosemary Clare Duffield, Canterbury
 James Sunderland, Bracknell
 John Charles Baron, Basildon and Billericay
 Fleur Anderson, Putney
 Neil Coyle, Bermondsey and Old Southwark
 Florence Eshalomi, Vauxhall
 Sarah Mei Li Owen, Luton North

Mr Speaker: Order. The sitting is suspended until 3.40 pm. The bells will ring five minutes before the sitting is resumed. Thanks, everybody.

2.58 pm

Sitting suspended.

3.40 pm

On resuming—

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

Andrew Griffith, *for* Arundel and South Downs
 Claudia Naomi Webbe, Leicester East
 David Mervyn Johnston, Wantage
 Sally-Ann Hart, Hastings and Rye
 Angela Joy Richardson, Guildford
 Sir Christopher Robert Chope, Christchurch
 Olivia Frances Blake, Sheffield, Hallam
 Right honourable Melvyn John Stride, Central Devon
 Andrew John Carter, Warrington South
 Charlotte Louise Nichols, Warrington North
 Right honourable and learned Keir Starmer, Holborn and St Pancras
 Alexander Paul Thomas Stafford, Rother Valley
 David John Warburton, Somerton and Frome

Simon Richard James Fell, Barrow and Furness
 Lee Benjamin Rowley, North East Derbyshire
 Laura Trott, Sevenoaks
 Layla Michelle Moran, Oxford West and Abingdon
 Theodora Roosevelt Clarke, Stafford
 Samuel Peter Tarry, Ilford South
 Mathew Richard Allen Rodda, Reading East
 Neil Peter Hammerton Hudson, Penrith and The Border
 Richard Michael Bacon, South Norfolk
 Rushanara Ali, Bethnal Green and Bow
 Elliot Colburn, Carshalton and Wallington

Mr Speaker: The sitting is suspended until 4.30 pm. The bells will ring five minutes before the sitting resumes. Thanks, everybody.

4.2 pm

Sitting suspended.

4.28 pm

On resuming—

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

Mark Simon Eastwood, *for* Dewsbury
 Jonathan George Caladine Lord, Woking
 John MacKenzie Nicolson, Ochil and South Perthshire
 Angela Rayner, Ashton-under-Lyne

ADJOURNMENT

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

5.10 pm

House adjourned.

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