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Free Votes in the House of Commons since 1979

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What is a free vote?

A free vote in Parliament is one in which MPs or members of the Lords are not put under any pressure as to which way to vote by their Party Whips.

The majority of Government business in Parliament is whipped. The primary role of the Government's Whips Office is to get the Government's business through Parliament and to secure a majority for the Government in votes on its legislative and policy programme.

Are free votes officially recorded?

No. There is no definitive list of free votes, and they are often held without any formal announcement. In response to a request in 2013 for a list of Government Bills subject to a free vote, the Leader of the House responded: "Whipping is a matter for individual parties and not a matter that the Government can comment on." [[HC Deb 15 Jan 2013 c685W](#)]

This list attempts to identify divisions in the House of Commons where all the main parties have allowed their MPs a free vote. Occasions, such as the vote on Heathrow expansion in June 2018, where individual parties have allowed their members a free vote are not recorded.

It is sometimes difficult to distinguish definitively between whipped and genuinely free votes. The weekly whip sent to Members of Parliament is a confidential document and it is therefore not possible to identify whether every vote is whipped or not. However, Parties often let it be known when they are giving Members a free vote. Free votes reported in this note have been identified from ministerial comments or were reported as such in the media.

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Date	Session	Debate	Hansard Ref	Division	Ayes	Noes	Session	Parliament
13/07/1979	1979-80	Abortion (Amendment) Bill (Second Reading)	970 cc891-984	Div 57	242	98	1979-80	1979
19/07/1979	1979-80	Death Penalty Motion (Capital Punishment)	970 cc2019-126	Div 70	243	362	1979-80	1979
20/07/1979	1979-80	Road Traffic (Seat Belts) Bill (Second Reading)	970 cc2199-290	Div 72	134	59	1979-80	1979
30/01/1980	1979-80	Televising of Parliament Bill (Tied vote, the Deputy Speaker cast his vote with the Ayes)	977 cc1362-71	Div 148	201	201	1979-80	1979
11/05/1982	1981-82	Criminal Justice Bill (Liability to Capital Punishment)	23 cc608-701	Div 142	357	195	1981-82	1979
11/05/1982	1981-82	Criminal Justice Bill (Death Penalty for Terrorism Involving Loss of Life)	23 cc608-701	Div 143	176	332	1981-82	1979
11/05/1982	1981-82	Criminal Justice Bill (Death Penalty for Murder by Firearms or Explosives)	23 cc608-701	Div 144*	176	343	1981-82	1979
11/05/1982	1981-82	Criminal Justice Bill (Death Penalty for Murder of Police and Prison Officers)	23 cc608-701	Div 144*	208	332	1981-82	1979
11/05/1982	1981-82	Criminal Justice Bill (Death Penalty for Murder in course of Robbery and Burglary with Offensive Weapons)	23 cc608-701	Div 146	151	331	1981-82	1979
13/07/1983	1983-84	Death Penalty (For Murder Resulting from Acts of Terrorism)	45 cc882-986	Div 16	245	361	1983-84	1983
13/07/1983	1983-84	Death Penalty (For Murder of a Police Officer during the course of his duties)	45 cc882-986	Div 17	263	344	1983-84	1983
13/07/1983	1983-84	Death Penalty (For Murder of a Prison Officer during the Course of his Duties)	45 cc882-986	Div 18	252	348	1983-84	1983
13/07/1983	1983-84	Death Penalty (for Murder by Shooting or causing an Explosion)	45 cc882-986	Div 19	204	374	1983-84	1983
13/07/1983	1983-84	Death Penalty (Murder in the course or furtherance of Theft)	45 cc882-986	Div 20	194	369	1983-84	1983
13/07/1983	1983-84	Death Penalty - Main Question: That this House Favours the Restoration of the Death Penalty for Murder	45 cc882-986	Div 21	223	368	1983-84	1983
13/06/1984	1983-84	Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Bill (Third Reading)	61 cc926-1045	Div 370	119	16	1983-84	1983
20/07/1984	1983-84	Office, Secretarial and Research allowance	64 cc617-70	Div 421	108	14	1983-84	1983
20/11/1985	1985-86	Televising the House (to approve the principle of experimental televising)	87 cc277-366	Div 83	263	275	1985-86	1983
01/04/1987	1985-86	Criminal Justice Bill - New Clause 1 (Death Penalty)	113 cc1120-96	Div 132	230	342	1985-86	1983
22/01/1988	1987-88	Abortion (Amendment) Bill (Second Reading)	125 cc1227-1296	Div 150	296	251	1987-88	1987
09/02/1988	1987-88	Televising the House	127 cc192-286	Div 172	318	264	1987-88	1987
07/06/1988	1987-88	Criminal Justice Bil (Report stage) (New clause: Capital Punishment)	134 cc742-818	Div 342	218	341	1987-88	1987
12/12/1989	1989-90	War Crimes Inquiry	163 cc868-910	Div 14	348	123	1989-90	1987
19/03/1990	1989-90	War Crimes Bill (Second Reading)	169 cc889-977	Div 136	273	60	1989-90	1987
23/04/1990	1989-90	Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill□ (to allow embryo research to continue)	171 cc31-133	Div 167	362	189	1989-90	1987
23/04/1990	1989-90	Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill□ (New clause)	171 cc166-305	Div 177	335	129	1989-90	1987
24/04/1990	1990-91	War Crimes Bill□ Brocedure Motion	187 cc901-13	Div 93	177	17	1990-91	1987
12/03/1991	1990-91	Armed Forces (Re-committal) Bill□ (Abolition of the death penalty)	193 cc51-98	Div 175	124	228	1990-91	1987
17/06/1991	1991-92	Wild Mammals Protection Bill (Second Reading)	203 cc1214-86	Div 83	175	187	1991-92	1987
14/02/1992	1992-93	Members' Office Costs Allowance (Amendment to increase amounts)	211 cc1081-110	Div 70	324	197	1992-93	1992
14/07/1992	1992-93	Members' Office Costs Allowance	211 cc1081-110	Div 71	317	186	1992-93	1992
21/02/1994	1993-94	Criminal Justice and Public Order Bill (Committee): New Clause: Capital Punishment for Murder of a Police Officer	238 cc23-123	Div 134	186	383	1993-94	1992
21/02/1994	1993-94	Criminal Justice and Public Order Bill (Committee): New Clause: Capital Punishment for Murder	238 cc23-123	Div 135	159	403	1993-94	1992

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21/02/1994	1993-94	Criminal Justice and Public Order Bill (Committee): New Clause: Age of Consent for Homosexual Acts Reduced to 16	238 cc23-123	Div 136	280	307	1993-94	1992
21/02/1994	1993-94	Criminal Justice and Public Order Bill (Committee): New Clause: Age of Consent for Homosexual Acts Reduced to 18	238 cc23-123	Div 137	427	162	1993-94	1992
10/05/1994	1993-94	Deregulation and Contracting Out Bill New Clause: Betting on Sundays	243 cc161-292	Div 223	290	189	1993-94	1992
06/11/1995	1994-95	Standards in Public Life: Paid Advocacy	265 cc604-82	Div 233	587	2	1994-95	1992
06/11/1995	1994-95	Standards in Public Life: Employment Conditions, Standards in Public Life General Recommendations, Standards and Privileges, Amendment (b) (full disclosure)	265 cc604-82	Div 234	322	271	1994-95	1992
06/11/1995	1994-95	Standards in Public Life: Amendment (f) (public inspection)	265 cc604-82	Div 235	325	202	1994-95	1992
06/11/1995	1994-95	Standards in Public Life: Amendment (g), (i), (k), (m), (p)	265 cc604-82	Div 236	48	243	1994-95	1992
06/11/1995	1994-95	Standards in Public Life: Amendment (a)	265 cc604-82	Div 237	291	266	1994-95	1992
06/11/1995	1994-95	Standards in Public Life: Amendment (b)	265 cc604-82	Div 238	289	264	1994-95	1992
24/04/1996	1995-96	Family Law Bill (HL): Clause 5 (Marital breakdown) Amendment (1)	276 cc443-543	Div 105	137	267	1995-96	1992
24/04/1996	1995-96	Family Law Bill (HL): Clause 7 (Period for reflection and consideration) Amendment (3)	276 cc443-543	Div 106	154	235	1995-96	1992
24/04/1996	1995-96	Family Law Bill (HL): Amendment (7) (Extending the period to two years)	276 cc443-543	Div 107	144	243	1995-96	1992
24/04/1996	1995-96	Family Law Bill (HL): Amendment (8) (Extending the period to 18 months)	276 cc443-543	Div 108	200	196	1995-96	1992
10/07/1996	1995-96	Members' Salaries: Expression of opinion (3%)	281 cc488-543	Div 191	168	317	1995-96	1992
10/07/1996	1995-96	Parliamentary Pay and Allowances (t) (rate for pension purposes)	281 cc488-543	Div 192	302	123	1995-96	1992
10/07/1996	1995-96	Parliamentary Pay and Allowances: (u) to implement the SSRB Report	281 cc488-543	Div 193	279	154	1995-96	1992
10/07/1996	1995-96	Ministerial salaries and other salaries	281 cc488-543	Div 194	253	49	1995-96	1992
10/07/1996	1995-96	Car mileage allowance (reduction)	281 cc488-543	Div 195	376	39	1995-96	1992
10/07/1996	1995-96	Office costs allowance (r) (increase brought forward)	281 cc488-543	Div 196	215	189	1995-96	1992
28/11/1997	1997-98	Wild Mammals (Hunting with Dogs) Bill (Second Reading)	301 c1199-271	Div 100	411	151	1997-98	1997
22/06/1998	1997-98	Crime and Disorder Bill (HL) (Report Stage) Reduction in age at which certain sexual acts are lawful	314 c754-811	Div 311	336	129	1997-98	1997
22/06/1998	1997-98	Crime and Disorder Bill (HL) (Report Stage) Reduction in age at which certain sexual acts are lawful	314 c754-811	Div 312	194	234	1997-98	1997
25/01/1999	1998-99	Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill (Second Reading)	324 c20-209	Div 46	313	130	1998-99	1997
28/01/2000	1999-2000	Medical Treatment (Prevention of Euthanasia) Bill (Second Reading)	343 c686-751	Div 54	113	2	1999-2000	1997
10/02/2000	1999-2000	Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill (Second Reading)	344 c432-500	Div 71	263	102	1999-2000	1997
28/02/2000	1999-2000	Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill (Third Reading)	345 c127-30	Div 90	317	117	1999-2000	1997
14/04/2000	1999-2000	Medical Treatment (Prevention of Euthanasia) Bill (Report Stage) Consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions (Not decided in Affirmative; insufficient majority)	348 c603-66	Div 168	96	10	1999-2000	1997
31/10/2000	1999-2000	Stem Cell Research (Motion to bring in a Bill)	355 c626-31	Div 315	83	175	1999-2000	1997
19/12/2000	2000-01	Draft Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Research Purposes) Regulations (Motion to approve)	360 c211-66	Div 12	366	174	2000-01	1997
20/12/2000	2000-01	Hunting Bill (Second Reading)	360 c379-467	Div 28	373	158	2000-01	1997
17/01/2001	2000-01	Hunting Bill (Committee of Whole House) Hunting with dogs: supervision	361 c354-474	Div 60	155	399	2000-01	1997
17/01/2001	2000-01	Hunting Bill (Committee of Whole House) Hunting with dogs: regulation	361 c354-474	Div 61	182	382	2000-01	1997

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17/01/2001	2000-01	Hunting Bill (Committee of Whole House) Hunting with dogs: prohibition	361 c354-474	Div 62	387	174	2000-01	1997
17/01/2001	2000-01	Hunting Bill (Committee of Whole House) Commencement	361 c354-474	Div 63	37	374	2000-01	1997
17/01/2001	2000-01	Hunting Bill (Committee of Whole House) Commencement	361 c354-474	Div 64	68	346	2000-01	1997
17/01/2001	2000-01	Hunting Bill (Committee of Whole House) Commencement	361 c354-474	Div 65	365	36	2000-01	1997
22/03/2001	2000-01	Election of a Speaker Motion that new Standing Order <i>Election of Speaker by secret ballot</i> be made	365 c498-541	Div 165	82	84	2000-01	1997
05/07/2001	2001-02	Members' Allowances, Insurance &c.	371 c421-77	Div 11	229	117	2001-02	2001
05/07/2001	2001-02	Members' Pay (Expression of Opinion)	371 c421-77	Div 12	66	260	2001-02	2001
05/07/2001	2001-02	Members' Pay (Expression of Opinion)	371 c421-77	Div 13	276	42	2001-02	2001
05/07/2001	2001-02	Parliamentary Pensions	371 c421-77	Div 14	215	172	2001-02	2001
05/07/2001	2001-02	Parliamentary Pensions	371 c421-77	Div 15	289	33	2001-02	2001
16/07/2001	2001-02	Foreign Affairs Committee: Membership	372 c35-90	Div 26	232	301	2001-02	2001
16/07/2001	2001-02	Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee: Membership	372 c35-90	Div 27	221	308	2001-02	2001
16/07/2001	2001-02	Treasury Committee: Membership	372 c35-90	Div 28	52	351	2001-02	2001
19/07/2001	2001-02	International Development Committee: Membership	372 c508-20	Div 37	304	55	2001-02	2001
18/03/2002	2001-02	Hunting with Dogs: Supervision	382 c52-139	Div 197	154	401	2001-02	2001
18/03/2002	2001-02	Hunting with Dogs: Hunting under Licence	382 c52-139	Div 198	169	371	2001-02	2001
18/03/2002	2001-02	Hunting with Dogs: Ban	382 c52-139	Div 199	386	175	2001-02	2001
14/05/2002	2001-02	Modernisation of the House of Commons (Motion to approve) First Report of Select Committee on Modernisation... relating to Select Committees	385 c648-730	Div 236	50	352	2001-02	2001
14/05/2002	2001-02	Select Committees Motion to create a Committee of Nomination	385 c648-730	Div 237	195	209	2001-02	2001
14/05/2002	2001-02	Payment for Chairmen	385 c648-730	Div 238	175	197	2001-02	2001
14/05/2002	2001-02	Payment for Chairmen	385 c648-730	Div 239	199	158	2001-02	2001
14/05/2002	2001-02	Liaison Committee: Power to take Evidence	385 c648-730	Div 240	78	261	2001-02	2001
29/10/2002	2001-02	Modernisation of the House of Commons (Motion to approve) Second Report of Select Committee on Modernisation - Amendment negated	391 c689-843	Div 332	150	394	2001-02	2001
29/10/2002	2001-02	Modernisation of the House of Commons (Motion to approve) Second Report of Select Committee on Modernisation - Amendment negated	391 c689-843	Div 333	94	441	2001-02	2001
29/10/2002	2001-02	Modernisation of the House of Commons (Motion to approve) Second Report of Select Committee on modernisation - Main question agreed to	391 c689-843	Div 334	411	47	2001-02	2001
29/10/2002	2001-02	Parliamentary Questions	391 c689-843	Div 335	144	386	2001-02	2001
29/10/2002	2001-02	Parliamentary Questions	391 c689-843	Div 336	256	283	2001-02	2001
29/10/2002	2001-02	New provision for earlier sittings on Wednesdays, and for Thursdays and Fridays	391 c689-843	Div 337	265	288	2001-02	2001
29/10/2002	2001-02	New provision for earlier sittings on Wednesdays, and for Thursdays and Fridays	391 c689-843	Div 338	311	234	2001-02	2001
29/10/2002	2001-02	New Provision for Earlier Sittings on Tuesdays	391 c689-843	Div 339	274	267	2001-02	2001
29/10/2002	2001-02	Carry-over of Bills	391 c689-843	Div 340	365	147	2001-02	2001
29/10/2002	2001-02	Deferred Divisions	391 c689-843	Div 341	313	153	2001-02	2001
29/10/2002	2001-02	Programming	391 c689-843	Div 342	309	153	2001-02	2001
16/12/2002	2002-03	Hunting Bill (Second Reading)	396 c570-663	Div 25	371	155	2002-03	2001
16/12/2002	2002-03	Hunting Bill (Second Reading)	396 c570-663	Div 26	164	365	2002-03	2001
16/12/2002	2002-03	Hunting Bill (Second Reading)	396 c570-663	Div 27	368	155	2002-03	2001
16/12/2002	2002-03	Hunting Bill (Programme motion)	396 c570-663	Div 28	331	165	2002-03	2001
16/12/2002	2002-03	Hunting Bill (Money resolution)	396 c570-663	Div 29	338	98	2002-03	2001
04/02/2003	2002-03	House of Lords Reform (No. 1) Option 1 (fully appointed)	399 c152-243	Div 75	172	390	2002-03	2001

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04/02/2003	2002-03	House of Lords Reform (No. 1) Option 1 (fully appointed)	399 c152-243	Div 76	245	323	2002-03	2001
04/02/2003	2002-03	House of Lords Reform (No. 2) Option 2 (fully elected)	399 c152-243	Div 77	272	289	2002-03	2001
04/02/2003	2002-03	House of Lords Reform (No. 4)	399 c152-243	Div 78	281	284	2002-03	2001
04/02/2003	2002-03	House of Lords Reform (No. 6) Option 6 (60% elected/40% appointed)	399 c152-243	Div 79	253	316	2002-03	2001
10/03/2003	2002-03	Local Government Bill Repeal of section 2A of Local Government Act 1986	401 c40-129	Div 108	127	356	2002-03	2001
10/03/2003	2002-03	Local Government Bill Leave out Clause 119 (Repeal of prohibition on promotion of homosexuality)	401 c40-129	Div 109	77	368	2002-03	2001
09/07/2003	2002-03	Hunting Bill: Compensation	408 c1281-341	Div 287	145	282	2002-03	2001
09/07/2003	2002-03	Hunting Bill (Third Reading)	408 c1281-341	Div 288	317	145	2002-03	2001
30/10/2003	2002-03	Pay for Chairmen of Select Committees	412 c448-507	Div 346	86	59	2002-03	2001
30/10/2003	2002-03	Pay for Chairmen of Select Committees	412 c448-507	Div 347	81	53	2002-03	2001
10/11/2003	2002-03	Water Bill (HL) Prohibition of artificial fluoridation of water supplies	413 c93-127	Div 357	181	284	2002-03	2001
10/11/2003	2002-03	Water Bill (HL) Fluoridation of water supplies	413 c127-31	Div 358	200	243	2002-03	2001
22/04/2004	2003-04	Security Screen	420 c462-507	Div 138	120	66	2003-04	2001
22/04/2004	2003-04	Security Screen: amendment	420 c462-507	Div 139	92	99	2003-04	2001
22/04/2004	2003-04	Security Screen	420 c462-507	Div 140	112	76	2003-04	2001
12/05/2004	2003-04	Visitor Facilities	421 c447-9	Div 171	333	46	2003-04	2001
15/09/2004	2003-04	Hunting Bill Procedure	424 c1274-1326	Div 246	310	158	2003-04	2001
15/09/2004	2003-04	Hunting Bill Procedure: amendment	424 c1274-1326	Div 247	174	303	2003-04	2001
15/09/2004	2003-04	Hunting Bill Procedure: amendment	424 c1274-1326	Div 248	170	297	2003-04	2001
15/09/2004	2003-04	Hunting Bill Procedure	424 c1274-1326	Div 249	309	157	2003-04	2001
15/09/2004	2003-04	Hunting Bill (Second Reading)	424 c1326-56	Div 250	356	166	2003-04	2001
15/09/2004	2003-04	Hunting Bill Commons suggested amendments Commencement: amendment	424 c1326-410	Div 251	342	15	2003-04	2001
15/09/2004	2003-04	Hunting Bill Commons suggested amendments Commencement	424 c1326-410	Div 253	329	8	2003-04	2001
15/09/2004	2003-04	Hunting Bill (Third Reading)	424 c1411-22	Div 253	339	155	2003-04	2001
26/10/2004	2003-04	Programming of Bills	425 c1308-406	Div 278	191	265	2003-04	2001
26/10/2004	2003-04	Programming of Bills	425 c1308-406	Div 279	174	271	2003-04	2001
26/10/2004	2003-04	Programming of Bills	425 c1308-406	Div 280	182	257	2003-04	2001
26/10/2004	2003-04	Programming of Bills	425 c1308-406	Div 281	261	173	2003-04	2001
26/10/2004	2003-04	Deferred Divisions	425 c1308-406	Div 282	300	130	2003-04	2001
26/10/2004	2003-04	Carry-over of Bills	425 c1308-406	Div 283	296	137	2003-04	2001
26/10/2004	2003-04	Removal of References to Strangers	425 c1308-406	Div 284	242	167	2003-04	2001
03/11/2004	2003-04	Members' Allowances	426 c315-69	Div 307	239	109	2003-04	2001
03/11/2004	2003-04	Members' Allowances	426 c315-69	Div 308	118	193	2003-04	2001
18/11/2004	2003-04	Hunting Bill Procedure	426 c1473-7	Div 337	271	136	2003-04	2001
18/11/2004	2003-04	Hunting Bill (Lords amendments) Motion to disagree (Lords amendments): amendment	426 c1478-508	Div 338	146	286	2003-04	2001
18/11/2004	2003-04	Hunting Bill (Lords amendments) Motion to disagree (Lords amendments)	426 c1478-508	Div 339	46	345	2003-04	2001
18/11/2004	2003-04	Hunting Bill (Lords amendments) Motion to disagree (Lords amendments): (further) amendment	426 c1478-508	Div 340	283	132	2003-04	2001
26/01/2005	2004-05	Sitting hours	430 c327-93	Div 47	292	225	2004-05	2001
26/01/2005	2004-05	Sitting hours: amendment	430 c327-93	Div 48	80	388	2004-05	2001

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26/01/2005	2004-05	Connecting parliament with the public	430 c327-93	Div 49	375	14	2004-05	2001
26/01/2005	2004-05	Car mileage allowance	430 c327-93	Div 50	111	249	2004-05	2001
10/03/2005	2004-05	Support for Members who have chosen not to take their seats: amendment	431 c1704-60	Div 129	170	358	2004-05	2001
10/03/2005	2004-05	Support for Members who have chosen not to take their seats: amendment	431 c1704-60	Div 130	171	357	2004-05	2001
14/02/2006	2005-06	Health Bill (Report Stage) Smoke-free premises: exemptions	442 c1290-392	Div 163	453	125	2005-06	2005
14/02/2006	2005-06	Health Bill (Report Stage) Smoke-free premises: exemptions: amendment	442 c1290-392	Div 164	384	184	2005-06	2005
14/02/2006	2005-06	Health Bill (Report Stage) Smoke-free premises: exemptions: amendments	442 c1290-392	Div 165	413	129	2005-06	2005
14/03/2006	2005-06	Animal Welfare Bill (Report Stage) Docking of dogs' tails	443 c1330-1427	Div 187	476	63	2005-06	2005
14/03/2006	2005-06	Animal Welfare Bill (Report Stage) Docking of dogs' tails: amendment	443 c1330-1427	Div 188	267	278	2005-06	2005
01/11/2006	2005-06	Legislative process (notice for amendments in public bill committee)	451 c303-422	Div 334	223	172	2005-06	2005
01/11/2006	2005-06	Communications Allowance	451 c303-422	Div 335	290	199	2005-06	2005
01/11/2006	2005-06	September Sittings: Amendment	451 c303-422	Div 336	122	354	2005-06	2005
01/11/2006	2005-06	Short speeches	451 c303-422	Div 337	365	62	2005-06	2005
07/03/2007	2006-07	House of Lords Reform: Motion to support principle of a bicameral Parliament	457 c1524-638	Div 65	416	163	2006-07	2005
07/03/2007	2006-07	House of Lords Reform: Motion that a reformed House of Lords should be fully appointed	457 c1524-638	Div 66	196	375	2006-07	2005
07/03/2007	2006-07	House of Lords Reform: Motion that a reformed House of Lords should be composed of 50% elected members and 50% appointed members	457 c1524-638	Div 67	155	418	2006-07	2005
07/03/2007	2006-07	House of Lords Reform: Motion that a reformed House of Lords should be composed of 60% elected members and 40% appointed members	457 c1524-638	Div 68	178	392	2006-07	2005
07/03/2007	2006-07	House of Lords Reform: Motion that a reformed House of Lords should be composed of 80% elected members and 20% appointed members	457 c1524-638	Div 69	305	267	2006-07	2005
07/03/2007	2006-07	House of Lords Reform: Motion that a reformed House of Lords should be fully elected	457 c1524-638	Div 70	337	224	2006-07	2005
07/03/2007	2006-07	House of Lords Reform: Motion concerning hereditary places: amendment	457 c1524-638	Div 71	241	329	2006-07	2005
07/03/2007	2006-07	House of Lords Reform: Motion concerning hereditary places	457 c1524-638	Div 72	391	111	2006-07	2005
19/05/2008	2007-08	Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill (Committee Stage) Prohibitions in connection with genetic material not of human origin	476 c22-131	Div 191	176	336	2007-08	2005
19/05/2008	2007-08	Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill (Committee Stage) Prohibitions in connection with genetic material not of human origin	476 c22-131	Div 192	223	286	2007-08	2005
19/05/2008	2007-08	Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill (Committee Stage) Prohibitions in connection with genetic material not of human origin	476 c22-131	Div 193	181	314	2007-08	2005
19/05/2008	2007-08	Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill (Committee Stage) Activities that may be licensed	476 c22-131	Div 194	149	318	2007-08	2005
19/05/2008	2007-08	Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill (Committee Stage) Activities that may be licensed	476 c22-131	Div 195	163	342	2007-08	2005
19/05/2008	2007-08	Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill (Committee Stage) Activities that may be licensed	476 c22-131	Div 196	200	293	2007-08	2005
20/05/2008	2007-08	Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill (Committee Stage) Conditions of licences for treatment	476 c166-290	Div 197	217	292	2007-08	2005

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20/05/2008	2007-08	Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill (Committee Stage) Amendment of the law relating to abortion	476 c166-290	Div 199	71	393	2007-08	2005
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