

House of Commons (Precedence of Government Business) (European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018) Bill

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BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Precedence in the House of Commons to Government business relating to the European (Withdrawal) Act 2018

- (1) Government business in connection to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 shall have precedence at every sitting of the House of Commons, subject to the exceptions in subsection (3). 5
- (2) No motion may be moved in the House of Commons in relation to the United Kingdom's relationship with the European Union unless it is moved by a Minister of the Crown.
- (3) Subsection (1) does not apply if a resolution of the House of Commons on a motion moved by a Minister of the Crown to disregard it for a particular sitting was agreed by the House of Commons — 10
- (a) without a division; or
- (b) by division, by a number of Members of Parliament equal to or greater than two thirds of the number of seats in the House of Commons (including vacant seats). 15
- (4) This section has effect notwithstanding any law, parliamentary convention, standing order or authority and shall not be questioned in any legal proceedings whatsoever.

2 Extent, commencement, expiry and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. 20
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.

- (3) This Act shall cease to have effect on the day on which the United Kingdom leaves the European Union.
- (4) This Act may be cited as House of Commons (Precedence of Government Business) (European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018) Act 2019.

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