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The Queen's Speech today marked the state opening of the new Parliament.

It announced the planned introduction of 25 new Bills, as well as one draft Bill.

Amongst others, headline legislation included an income tax, VAT and national insurance freeze; the referendum on Britain's membership of the EU; measures to reduce regulations on small businesses; plans to increase energy security; free childcare for three and four year-olds; legislation to proceed with HS2; a cap to household benefits claims; plans for devolution; 500 more free schools and plans to turn failing schools into academies; and a ban for 'legal highs'.

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