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MPs VOTE FOR A LEAP INTO THE UNKNOWN

ASSISTED suicide is on course to be legalised after MPs backed it in a landmark vote.

The Commons voted 330 to 275 in favour of legislation that would let terminally ill people end their lives with the help of the State.

Sir Keir Starmer supported the Bill,

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Policy Editor

which campaigners said would give those with less than six months to live the choice of dying with dignity.

But with MPs allowed to decide according to their consciences rather than along party lines, 147 of the Labour leader's MPs opposed it at the

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NOW MPs must focus on the wider implications of this legislation – on the changing relationship it inevitably brings between the NHS and its patients, the pressure it will exert on the frail elderly to end their lives prematurely,

the gaping holes in the legal and medical safeguards. If, after all the debate to come, serious doubts still exist about the process or morality of State-sponsored suicide, MPs should not be afraid to vote it down...