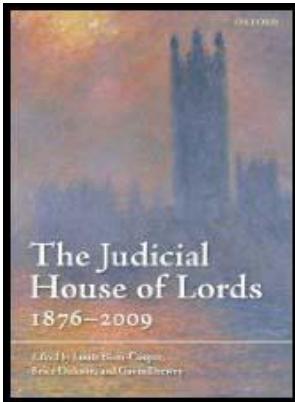


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## Should the government be able to suspend parliament?

If Etonians are less clannish than professions and parties why is so much attention focussed on their role in forming narrow cliques instead of, for example, lawyers? Agitation in its various forms, an active and aggressive press, public meetings and, political associations, the free use of the right of petition, and a turbulent spirit among the people seriously changed the relations of parliament to the country. Twenty-two large towns, including metropolitan districts, became entitled to return two members, and twenty less considerable towns acquired the right of returning one member each. On the last but one of the allotted days at 10 o'clock the chairman was to put the outstanding votes, and on the last day the Speaker was to put the remaining questions necessary to complete the reports of supply.

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It is responsible for criminal matters, policing, and immigration.

### House of Lords

This development towards a more even-handed scrutiny has come as something of a shock to the Conservatives, who always dominated the Lords under the hereditary system and so were therefore used to suffering far fewer defeats when in power than Labour governments did. Pitt, after 1784, was defeated several times on foreign and domestic issues, yet his resignation was neither expected nor desired.

### The House of Lords is an affront to democracy

Any amendments proposed in this way will be examined by the House of Lords and, if there is agreement, will be considered as a House of Lords amendment accepted by the House of Commons.

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