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### Reform Bill

Moreover, these rules are usually entrenched in national constitutions, which makes them hard to change. John Profumo, who was having an affair with model Christine Keeler. That it is expedient that the House of Lords be disabled by law from rejecting or amending a money bill, but that any such limitation by law shall not be taken to diminish or qualify the existing rights and privileges of the House of Commons.

### Why are there Bishops in the House of Lords?

It was in the reign of Henry VI. As in the early Witan, these barons were not elected, but rather selected and appointed by the king. But behind that is a subconscious terror of change at the heart of British public life and the national psyche.

### Should the government be able to suspend parliament?

The present statute law merely exacts the meeting of parliament once in three years; but the annual voting of supplies has long since superseded obsolete statutes. While Parliament cannot act outside the law as it is the supreme maker of law, the government can do so. Such motions shall be put forthwith, and decided without amendment or debate.

### The House of Lords in British politics and society, 1815

The powerful baronage had been decimated on the battlefield and the scaffold; and vast estates had been confiscated to the Crown. In all eight elections from 1945 to 1970, Labour and the Conservatives collectively received between 88 percent and 98 percent of the total vote and won nearly all the seats in England, Scotland and Wales.

### As parliament

On the 9th of March Mr Labouchere again moved his resolution in the House of Commons.



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