

# Funding the Future

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The [Guardian](#) has a report on last night's debate on the Rwanda Bill in the House of Lords.

Amongst the many excellent contributions made they note this:

*In a highly praised speech, the crossbench constitutional expert Lord Hennessy said the bill would diminish the UK's standing in the world. "By rushing this emergency legislation through parliament with the intention of getting the deportation flights to Kigali under way by late spring, the government has already secured for itself a special place in British political history," he said.*

*"The day may not be far off when the Rwanda bill, having cleared all of its parliamentary stages, will be forwarded from the Cabinet Office to Buckingham Palace to receive Royal Assent.*

*"In the few minutes it takes to pass down the Mall and across the tip of St James's Park and its return journey to Whitehall, our country will change, for the government will have removed us from the list of rule-of-law nations."*

So, there was not much at stake then.

But as they then note:

*A Liberal Democrat-sponsored motion designed to block the bill was rejected in the Lords on Monday night, by 206 votes to 84, a majority of 122.*

So why wasn't this travesty of a Bill that guts our constitution blocked? Because our human-rights lawyer led Labour Party is so small minded it could not vote for a Liberal Democrat motion.

I despair.