

Take your PR comforts where you can

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The [Guardian has reported today](#) that:

MPs have voted for proportional representation [PR]. The Commons voted to give Sarah Olney leave to bring in her PR bill by 138 votes to 136.

This will have no practical impact. (See [3pm](#).) A 10-minute rule bill is a type of private member's bill but, even though after the vote was read out the deputy Speaker made a point of asking what day was set aside for the second reading (Friday 24 January), no time will be allocated for the bill that day, and so after today it will vanish into the parliamentary ether. Asking for the date of the second reading is an empty ritual.

But, symbolically, this is a victory for electoral reform campaigners.

And the result may be seen as [further evidence](#) that there is significant support for PR in the parliamentary Labour party.

They go on to note that Starmer has no interest in this issue. The country has, though. PR's day will come.