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Farewell and good riddance to the hereditary Lords

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Parliamnt is prorougued for a week today before returning for a new State Opening and King's Speech next week.

There are two consequences.

The first is that desperate Labour MPs can return to their seats to campaign for their futures in parliament via the local council elections, knowing that they have very little chance of ever seeing the inside of the Housee of Commons chamber again after 2029, if, that is, the next Labour government lasts that long.

Second, today marks the end of the line for the 88 remaining hereditary peers, who have now had their right to sit in the Lords ended by Labour, 27 years after Tony Blair promised he would deliver this reform, such is Labour's progress on any issue of significance.

Farewll, and good riddance, I say. Next, it's time for the monarchy to go, and Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to have the chance to leave the Union.