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PAVING BILL

Following Patrick Jenkin's talk to the Association of Conservative Peers yesterday, he and the Lord President have decided that something has to be given in order to get the Paving Bill through the Lords Committee Stage and they have decided that the best way to do this is by supporting an amendment to make the Commencement Order for the Bill, subject to affirmative resolution in both Houses. This means that the principal objection of the Lords to the Bill, i.e. that it would have been implemented before the Lords had voted on the main Bill, has been met. The view of Lord Whitelaw and Mr. Jenkin is that this should be sufficient to secure the passage of the Paving Bill.

Without compromising the principle that the GLC mandate should be extended, in order to secure the widest publicity, they have decided to let this be known during the course of today.

In effect, this is a decision taken by the Lord President. It is also what the Association of Conservative Peers wanted.

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