



FROM THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE
AND THE CHIEF WHIP

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Jan Sara,

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The Lord Privy Seal has seen your letter of 2 August to Barry Potter.

He believes that it would be much stronger to leave the "reformulation" of those sections of the amendments to which we are intending to agree until the House of Commons. He would have thought that there were business management advantages in the Commons in any case; but in the House of Lords, it would give the Government much ammunition in securing the agreement of the House to the reversal of that part of the original set of proposals to which we cannot agree.

If the "reformulation" is to be done in the House of Lords, it will have to be done with the agreement of all the movers of the amendments. This may present difficulties in itself.

I am copying this to Barry Potter, to the Private Secretaries to other members of Misc 128, and to Sonia Phippard (Cabinet Office).

*Yours ever
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