

United Kingdom

Political System



The United Kingdom is a Monarchy



The British Constitution:

- **Statutes**
- **Political Conventions**
- **Laws and Customs of Parliament**
- **Common Law**



The Official Head of the State is the Monarch (at present Elizabeth the Second).

The full royal title of the Queen: Her Most Excellent Majesty Elizabeth the second by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

Constitutional Monarchy

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Legislative
power

Judiciary

Executive power

Parliament

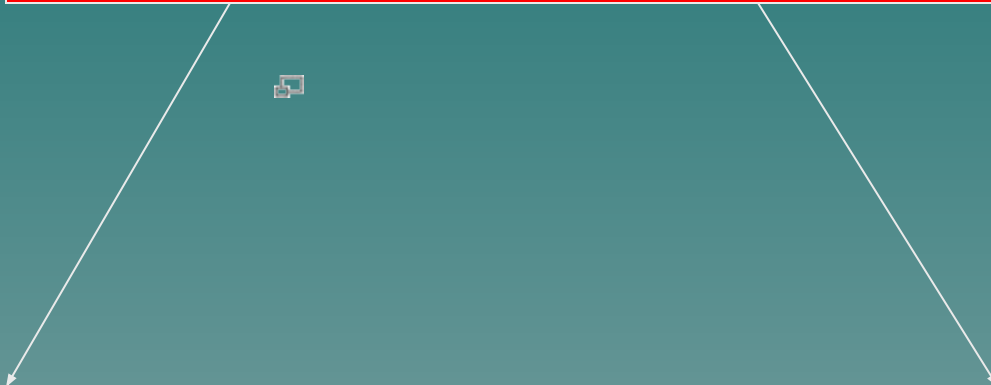
Government



Parliament

The House of Commons

The House of Lords



The Houses of Parliament



The House of Lords meets in a lavishly decorated chamber in the Palace of Westminster.



Benches in the House of Lords Chamber are coloured red



The House of Lords

<u><i>Affiliation</i></u>	Life Peers	Hereditary Peers			<i>Spiritual Lords</i>	
		Elected by Party	Elected by whole house	Royal office-holders		
<u><i>Total</i></u>	<i>620</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>738</i>

The Chairman of the House of Lords is Lord Chancellor who sits on the Woolsack.



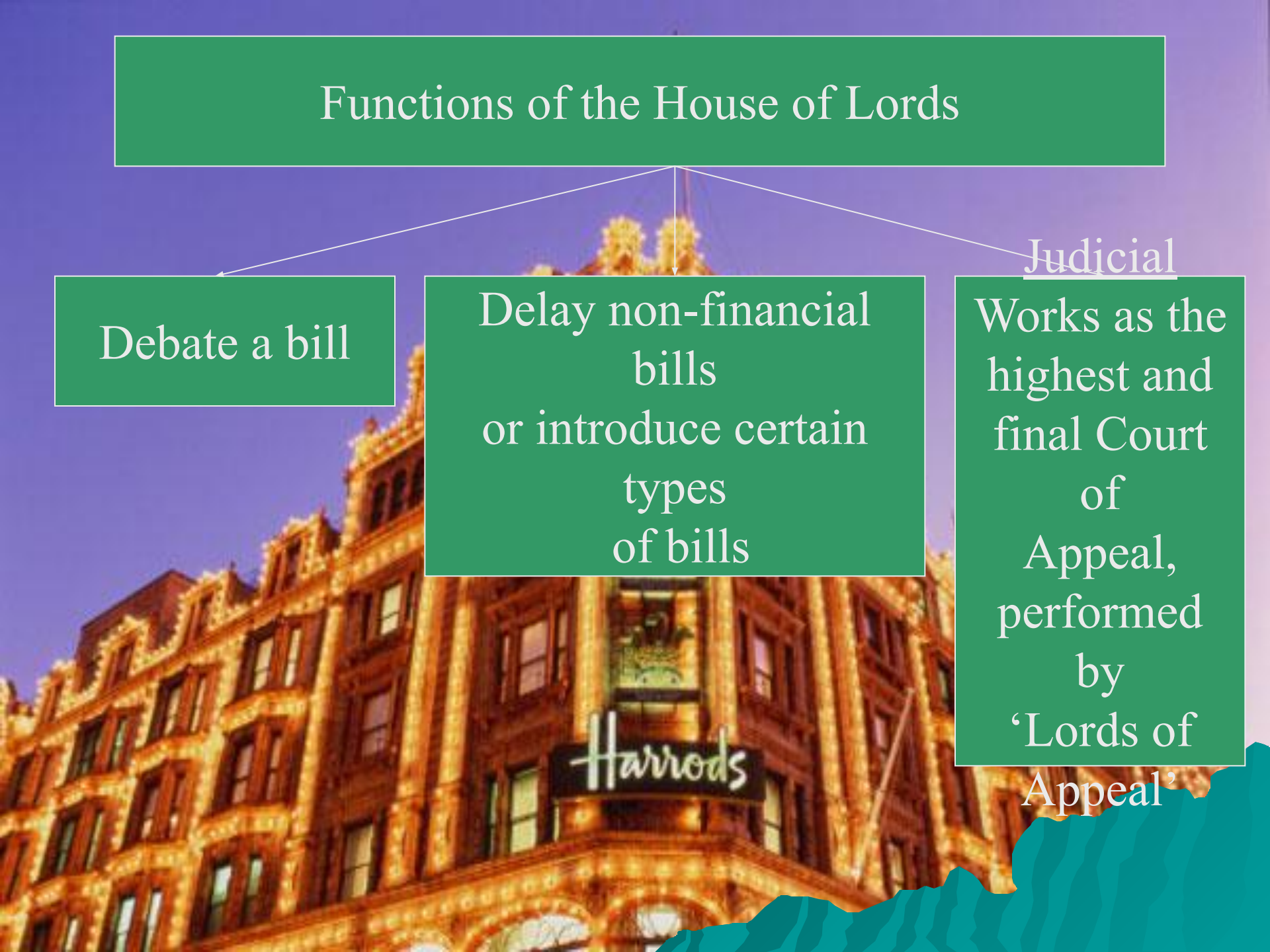
The Lord Chancellor wore black and gold robes whilst presiding over the House of Lords.

Functions of the House of Lords

Debate a bill

Delay non-financial bills
or introduce certain
types
of bills

Judicial
Works as the
highest and
final Court
of
Appeal,
performed
by
'Lords of
Appeal'



House of Commons

650 elected members - MPs

The Labour

356
MPs

Conservati
ves

198
MPs

Liberal
Democrats

62
MPs



How do they
introduce a bill?



Every bill has 3 readings

1st reading

No debate
allowed

2nd reading

May be a
discussion

The bill is sent
to
a committee,
which
considers
the bill clause-
by-clause,
reports its
proposed
amendments.

A photograph of the Tower Bridge in London at night. The bridge is illuminated with warm yellow lights, and its reflection is visible in the water below. The sky is a deep blue. The bridge's two towers and the suspension cables are clearly visible.

The Government:

- ◆ The Cabinet
- ◆ Local Government

The Cabinet

Prime
Minister

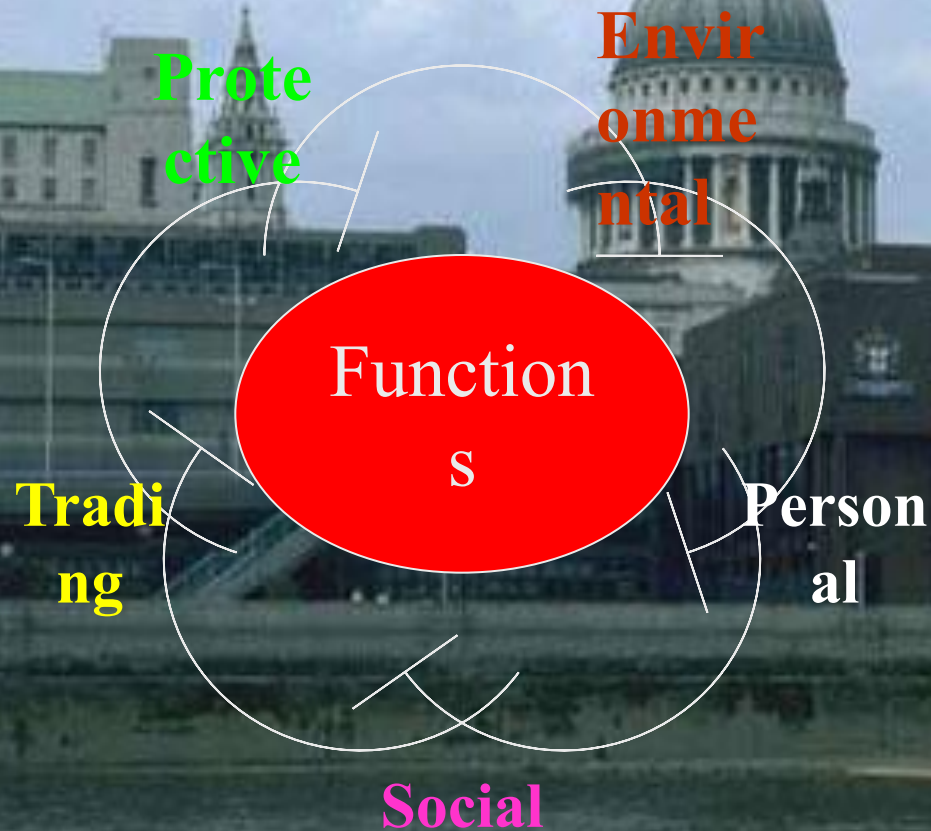
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Senior
Ministers

Junior
Ministers



LOCAL GOVERNMENT



Thank you!

