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Emma Park travels to Westminster to interview Dick about why it's time to abolish the bishops' bench and reform the House of Lords, why constitutional reforms can take such a long time, and why the UK is still not a secular country.

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