Ep 22: Bishops in the Lords - Dick Taverne interview

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Is it time to remove Church of England bishops' automatic right to sit in the House of Lords? Liberal Democrat peer Dick Taverne is introducing a private members' bill – drafted with the NSS's assistance – to do just that.

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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Dick Taverne, Baron Taverne, QC

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