

Prime Minister

I enclose a rather lengthy memorandum from Hugh Thomas about the televising of the House of Lords.

You need not really read through all this, unless you want to. In essence, he is saying that the proposal to televise the House of Lords for an experimental period really got through without any convincing participation by significant numbers of Peers, but that those who did support it perhaps had an unfair advantage by being backed by Willie Whitelaw, Christopher Soames and Bertie Denham. There were some significant opponents to the television experiment, including Lord Chalfont, Lord Tonypany and Peter Bauer. There is some implied criticism in his paper at the over-enthusiastic role which Bertie Denham and Willie Whitelaw played in promoting the idea of the experiment.

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