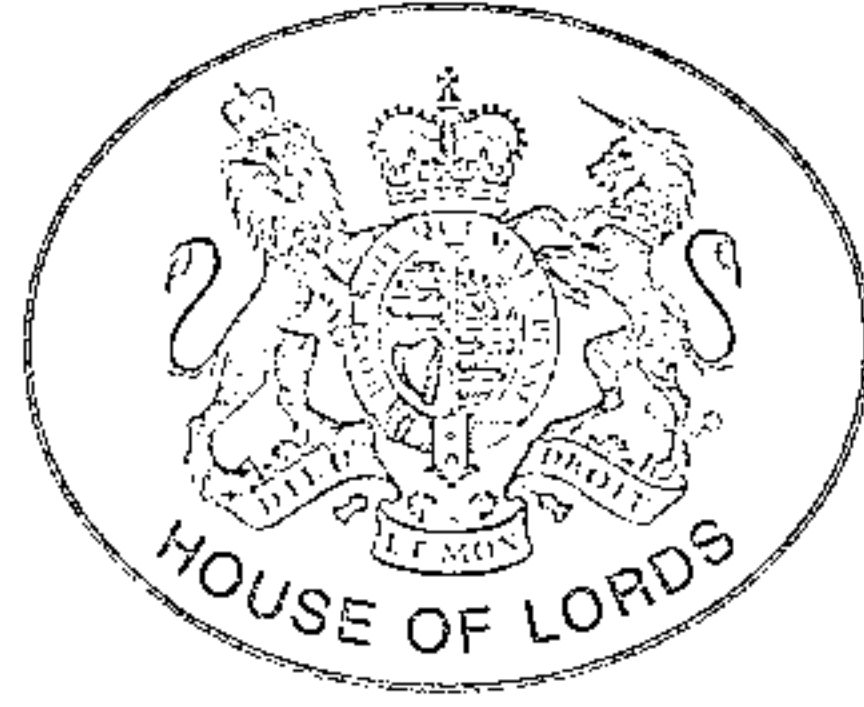


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Dear Sir -

Your explanation of "How EU law reaches us" (17/9/09) doesn't reveal the whole frightening process. This is that the unelected Commission enjoys the monopoly to propose all EU law, in secret. The Commission's proposals are then negotiated, again in secret, in the Committee of Permanent Representatives, COREPER, or bureaucrats from the nation states. When the horse-trading in COREPER is complete, the proposed laws go to the Council of Ministers for decision, still in secret, where the UK has some 8% of the vote. The EU Parliament cannot propose legislation, but can amend and even block some of it. It doesn't do so, of course, because it is loath to delay or derail the gravy train.

UK Governments have promised for many years that they won't agree to any new law in the Council which is still being "scrutinised" (that's all we can do) in the Select Committee of either House of Parliament. But they have broken that promise 435 times in the last 6 years. \*

Our Parliament is powerless to resist or change any of the resulting laws, which are then enforced by the Commission and the Luxembourg Court, against which there is no appeal.

And they call this "the democratic deficit".

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\* See W.A. 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 09, enc. \*