

Clip 14 – House of Lords

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James Cox: In 1970, the electors of Cannock rewarded you for your efforts by chucking you out of Parliament and you were then made a life peer. Did you have any qualms about going to the House of Lords?

Jennie Lee: None, because I'm in favour of abolishing the House of Lords, but you can't abolish it unless you've got members who are willing to abolish it. It's the historical hangover. Also, it's got a marvellous library, so has the House of Commons. And Harold Wilson asked me to go in because I had got a good reputation as a Minister for the Arts and The Open University, and he wanted me to be a leading spokesman on those subjects.