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### House Of Lords Rejects New Law On Consent.

The House of Lords, in defiance of the House of Commons, voted down a new law, lowering the age of consent for sodomites to sixteen, by 290 votes to 122. The decision triggered a crisis for Tony Blair's Labour government, since it did not have time before the end of the parliamentary session to overturn the Lords' decision. They will likely drop the clause on lowering the age of consent, rather than face another defeat and the loss of the entire Bill.