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Access and use of facilities by retired members

1. The House agreed on Tuesday 25 November 2014 that the access privileges already granted to retired bishops should be afforded to a member who chooses to resign or retire under section 1 of the House of Lords Reform Act 2014.¹ These include the retention of a Parliamentary pass, sitting on the steps of the throne and the use of the Library and certain catering facilities. Those privileges are not afforded to members who lose their membership as a result of non-attendance or a sentence of imprisonment, nor by any member expelled under the provisions of the House of Lords (Expulsion and Suspension) Act 2015.
2. We propose that the House Committee should have the authority to decide, on a case-by-case basis, whether to rescind the access privileges of a member who has resigned. Any such decision would be communicated in the Committee's minutes and take effect immediately, without further reference to the House.
3. **We recommend that the House Committee may agree, on a case-by-case basis, to withdraw the access privileges of a member following their resignation from the House under section 1 of the House of Lords Reform Act 2014.**

¹ House Committee, *Access and the use of facilities by retired members* (2nd Report, Session 2014–15, HL Paper 59), agreed by the House on 25 November 2014.