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The Prime Minister's EU (Withdrawal) Bill was supposed to be a straightforward piece of legislation cancelling Britain's membership of the European bloc and smoothing the legal path towards a proud, independent future.

Instead, the Bill has been emasculated beyond recognition by the ermine-clad inhabitants of the House of Lords.

Unelected Remain-backing peers, many enjoying lavish Brussels pensions, have transformed the Bill into a device for diluting and potentially delaying Brexit.

Some clauses added by the Lords have even been drafted in the hope that the departure process can still be averted. One even has the cheek to demand a "meaningful vote" by Parliament before the country finally leaves the EU.

While peers might not have received the message, MPs know full well that a "meaningful vote" has already taken place.

It happened when 17.4million people chose for the country to break ties with Brussels in the biggest exercise in democracy in our history.

Since then, millions more who did not vote for Brexit in the 2016 referendum have come to the conclusion our national interest will be best served by delivering on that verdict and getting the job done.

MPs need to remember that meaningful vote when they decide which division lobby to walk into the Commons over the next 48 hours.

Their constituents will be watching the votes closely and any betrayal of Brexit will not be forgotten the next time the general election ballot boxes open.

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Today the time has come for our elected representatives to decide: are you or are you not the servants of the people?

‘We must honour the people’s vote’

By Alison Little, Deputy Political Editor

PARLIAMENT'S vote on the final Brexit deal with Brussels will be "meaningful", the Government insisted last night, as it rejected calls to let MPs overturn the referendum result.

Brexit minister Suella Braverman was speaking at a Westminster Hall debate about a petition signed by more than 113,000 people.

The petition called for the vote promised to MPs on the Brexit deal to include the option of staying in the EU - not just the choice between the deal that has been struck or leaving without one.

It said: "A lesser of two evils choice between a bad deal and no deal is not acceptable.

"Our MPs should be allowed to vote with their conscience to deliver what they believe is best for the country."

But Mrs Braverman said it would undermine faith Brexit minister Suella Braverman in democracy if Parliament ignored the referendum vote to leave the EU.

"To those who say the Government's approach isn't 'meaningful', I say this: What more meaning can there be than to show that Parliament will faithfully enact the decision we trusted the public to make?" she added.

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Shadow Brexit minister Paul Blomfield said Labour backed a Lords amendment to let MPs tell the Government what to do next if they did not like the exit deal.

But he also rejected the petition's call saying: "Parliament does not have the political mandate to overturn the referendum.

"To do so would create a democratic crisis."



DEMOCRACY: 17.4 million people voted in favour of Brexit

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