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#‘LOCAL MP FAILED SOUTH SUFFOLK ON SUPREMACY VOTE’

Says UKIP

UKIP Prospective Parliamentary Candidate (PPC) for South Suffolk, David Campbell Bannerman has written to local South Suffolk MP Tim Yeo to explain his mysterious absence over a critical vote on a Lisbon Treaty amendment maintaining the Westminster Parliament’s supremacy.

The motion, proposed by his fellow Conservative MP Bill Cash, was to ensure that: ‘nothing in this [Lisbon Treaty Ratification] Act shall affect or be construed by any court in the United Kingdom as affecting the supremacy of the United Kingdom Parliament.’ [Hansard - Division 120, 5th March 2008]

David comments: “According to Hansard, Mr Yeo was present to vote on the previous motion at 7.09pm, but yet he wasn’t there at 7.24pm to support the supremacy of Parliament - he couldn’t wait 15 minutes to uphold Britain’s sovereignty. What was more pressing than this ?”

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“I then heard on Radio 4 that Mr Yeo is introducing a private bill because he wants to have the same time zone as France, but not with Scotland, because he goes ‘to France a lot on business,’”¹

“He has time for business in France, and for many outside interests, but not for the supremacy of Parliament. Perhaps he needs to choose where his true loyalty lies.”

David continues: “I have written to Mr Yeo to ask for an explanation. The people of South Suffolk need to be sure their MP believes in the supremacy of our Parliament, and isn’t so in love with the EU that he’d be happy to sell his own country out.”

David concludes: “History will record that British Democracy died on 5th March. The Lisbon Treaty will give away Britain’s power to be a self-governing nation, yet we saw nothing but lies from the Government about the Treaty not being a Constitution, when every other EU Leader and even the Constitutional writer Giscard d’Estaing says it is the same.”²

“Then we see the disgrace of Labour and Liberal Democrats forcing their MPs to vote against the referendum they promised in election manifestos. And now we observe the Conservative Party doesn’t even believe in Parliamentary supremacy. All 3 old parties have shown contempt for democracy, and we are in deep trouble. Only UKIP is prepared to defend our country’s democracy and freedoms.”

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Notes for Editors

- 1. Tim Yeo MP on Radio 4 Today Programme Friday 7th March 2008**
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/today/listenagain/friday.shtml>
- 2. Giscard D’Estaing, the former French President, said on the Today Programme on 10.7.07 that the Treaty differs to the Constitution in “approach rather than content”.**