

European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018: Statutory Obligations on Ministers

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In 108 days we run out of road, and the only red line that has not been laid down is the one in front of the cliff's edge, over which we would fall into a chaotic no deal. I urge the Minister and the Government to bring forward the meaningful vote to next week, because by then at least we will know what cosmetic changes have been made in Brussels.

Robin Walker The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union

I say gently to my hon. Friend that we should make sure the Prime Minister has the opportunity that she seeks to get the best deal in front of this House, and that we have the assurances we need so that the whole House can get behind the deal. My hon. Friend is a great champion of working across party lines; we ought to be taking this matter forward in a cross-party manner that delivers for the whole country. I do not believe that it would be right to rush into having a vote of this nature before we had sought those assurances.

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