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**CUE NOW****OPENING: Presenter 1 and 2**

Kia ora, good evening.

Welcome to the show that scoops the truth from the honeypot about the people who represent the people in our Parliament, what they're up to, and why it matters.

I'm \_\_\_\_\_, and I'm \_\_\_\_\_, this is Eye on the Hive.

**BANNING THE INTERNET: Presenter 1**

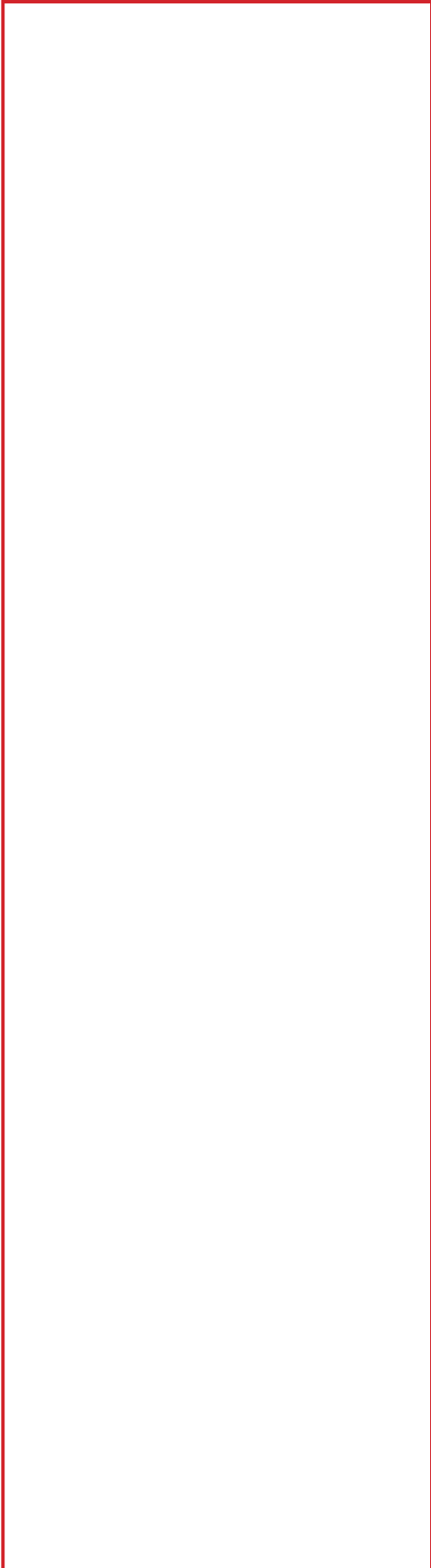
There was panic across the nation today after news from the Beehive of a law to ban the internet because "too much time is wasted on it". This is a move that could cost the New Zealand economy billions of dollars. Here is our reporter in the house, \_\_\_\_\_ with more.

**CUE NOW****IN THE CHAMBER: Reporter 1**

Well yes, in an almost empty House today the Minister for Statements and announcements declared plans for a new law to ban the internet nationwide. This could send the country back to the last century in terms of progress and, in the modern age, we will find ourselves as nothing more than road-kill on the information highway.

The question everyone is asking is what does the Government hope to achieve with this law, apart from making themselves wildly unpopular with anyone born after 1990? We'll bring you more information as it comes to hand. Back to you \_\_\_\_\_.

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### **JOINING LINK: Presenter 1**

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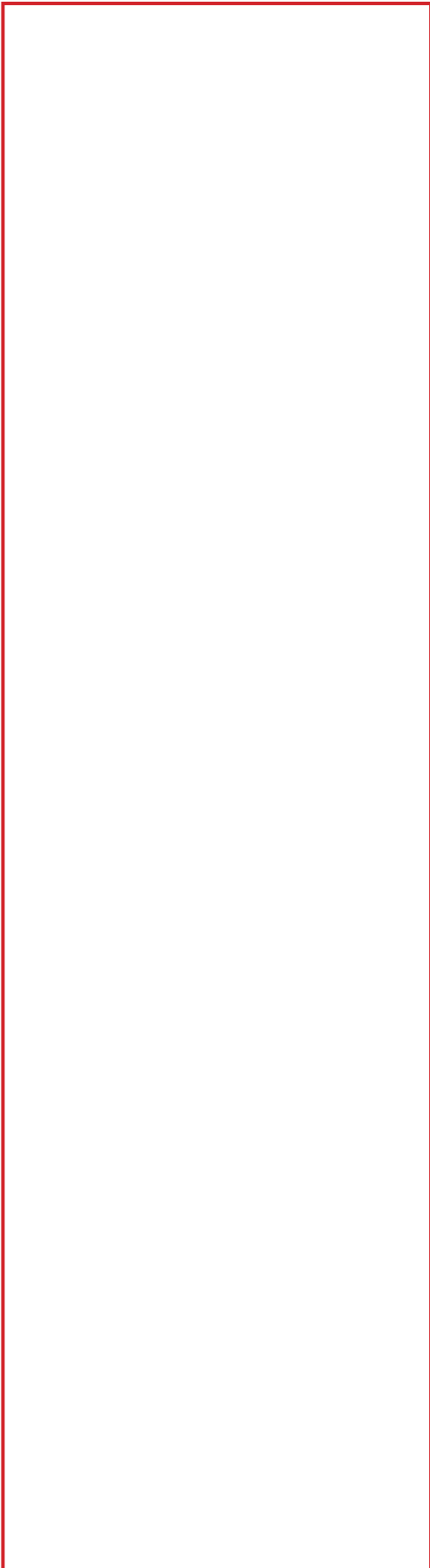
Let's have a look at the speech the Minister made in the House earlier today.

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### **SPEECH IN THE HOUSE: Cabinet Minister**

Mister Speaker, this bill to ban the internet will have many benefits. Without the distraction of the internet, people would play more sports, talk to each other, exercise more and become generally more smart. The internet is turning our minds to slush, and we are becoming a country of square-eyed sofa potatoes obsessed with funny videos of cats and people falling over. Banning the internet will have lasting benefits not only for our children, but for our children's children's children.

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**JOINING LINK: Presenter 2**

Okay. This is a bold move by the Government and this could well be the issue that is likely to divide the country at election time.

Our reporter \_\_\_\_\_ caught up with the spokesperson for the Opposition to get their take on the issue.

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**SPOKESPERSON FOR OPPOSITION**

REPORTER: As Spokesperson for the Opposition, what do you make of the Minister's proposed policy?

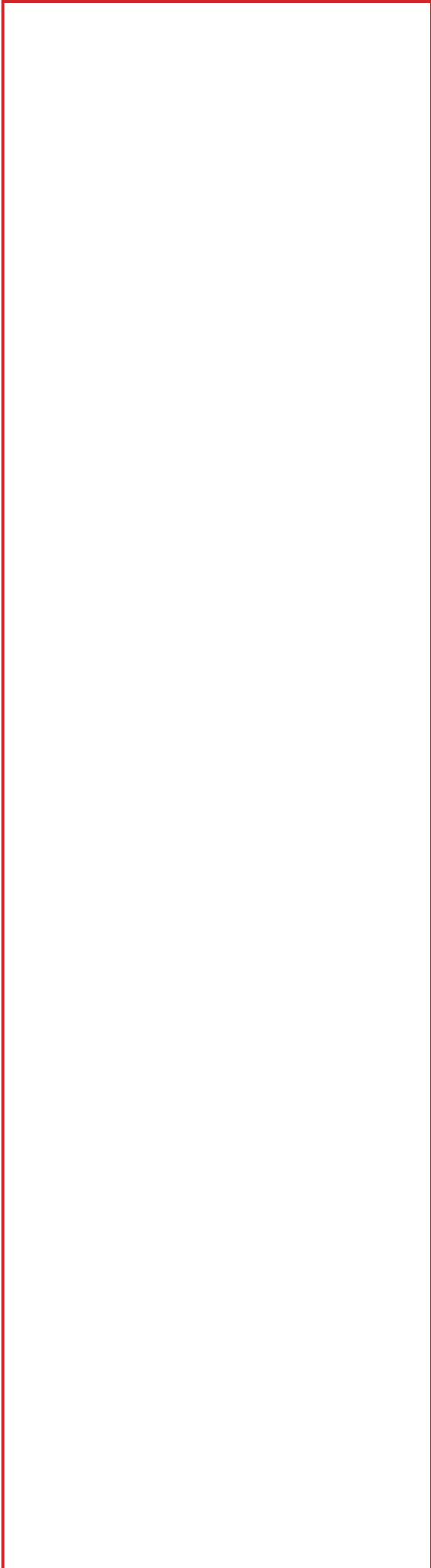
SPOKESPERSON: Well frankly, I think it's absurd. Banning things outright will only lead to disaster! It will open up the door for an underground internet, or under-net, with back-alley internet service providers popping up all over the place like wild meerkats. I think the Minister is out of touch with today's world, and the Government should go back to counting on their fingers and drawing policy on cave walls. Good day.

**JOINING LINK: Reporter**

Thanks for your time.

Well, there's the sound-bite for you. Back to you in the studio.

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**Link To Press Conference: Presenter 2**

And we understand the Minister for Statements and Announcements has just gone on an emergency holiday and is unavailable to the media. And what does the Prime Minister have to say about it all?

Our reporter \_\_\_\_\_ was at the PM's Press conference about this earlier today.

**CUE NOW****THE PM'S PRESS CONFERENCE: Reporter**

PM: Hello everyone thanks for coming. I want to address the speculation swirling around the Ban the Internet Bill. At this point no decision has been made either way. However it's safe to say that going forward we definitely will not be looking backward, as has been suggested.

REPORTER: Any word on the Minister for Statements and Announcements who has now gone on holiday?

PM: Listen, this is just a hard-working Minister who's gone away on a long overdue holiday with his/her family—I wouldn't read too much into it.

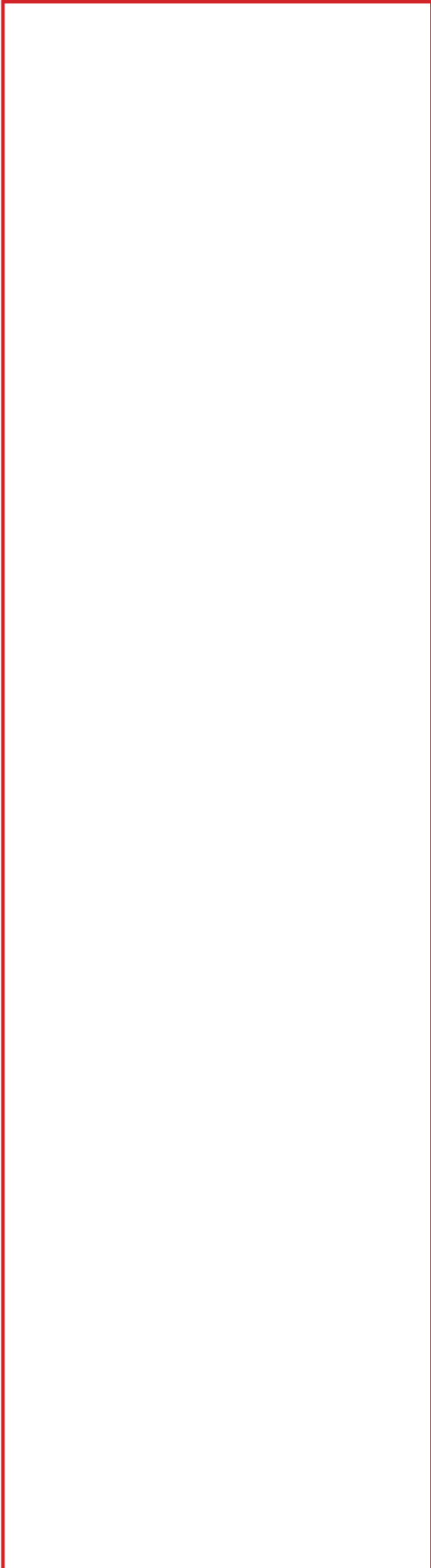
REPORTER: When can we expect this legislation to be put before the House?

PM: It'll be put before the House after we've considered the issue before us. We're looking at finding a middle ground which I don't think is over the top, under the circumstances.

REPORTER: ?

PM: No more questions. Thanks for coming!

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## VOTING AGE: Presenter 1

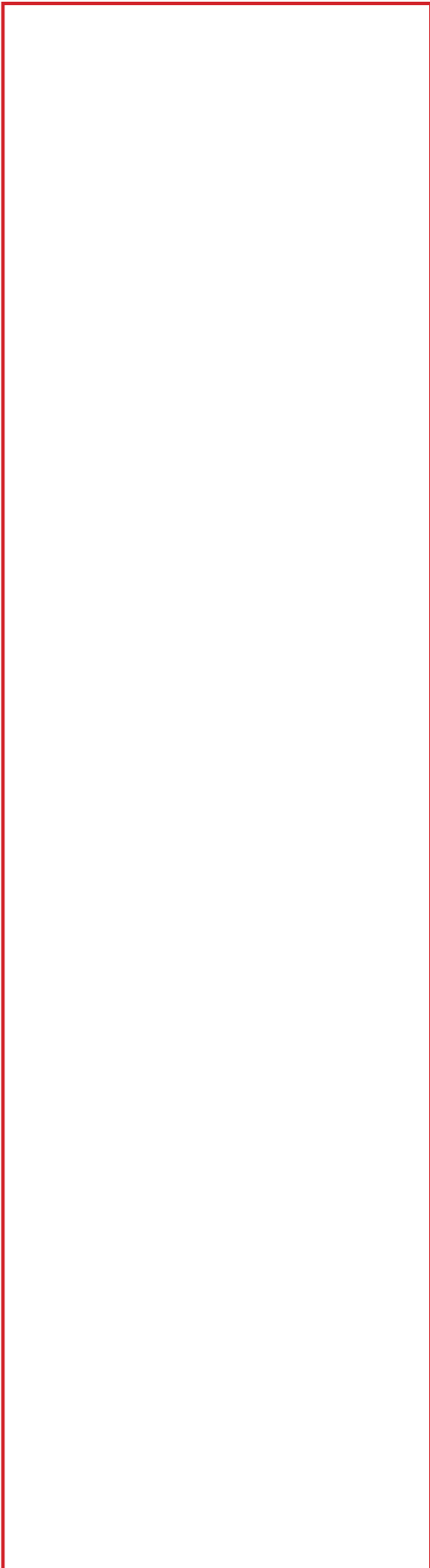
Here at Eye on The Hive, we always have our ear to the ground. Lately we've heard rumblings of the Government digging up that old political hot potato of changing the voting age.

Some are saying that lowering the voting age from 18 to 12 could gain around half a million new voters — not exactly small fry.

We are yet to get any firm word from the Government on this— so far it's just a mash of half-baked answers with a filling of confusion. However, come election time this debate is likely to boil over.

So now, packing down on the tight side of the media scrum, here is our reporter \_\_\_\_\_ with more on this.

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### THE MEDIA SCRUM: Reporter

REPORTER (*piece to camera*): Yes, I am warming up for the Media scrum. It's just about to happen here as we await the Honourable Minister of Various Things who is calling for a review of the age-old debate of voting age.

*(Here comes the Minister...)*

REPORTER: Minister, is it true there has been discussion once again about changing the voting age? Will there be an announcement soon?

MINISTER: An announcement is always a possibility.

REPORTER: Could the voting age could be changed from 18 to 12 to capture the youth vote?

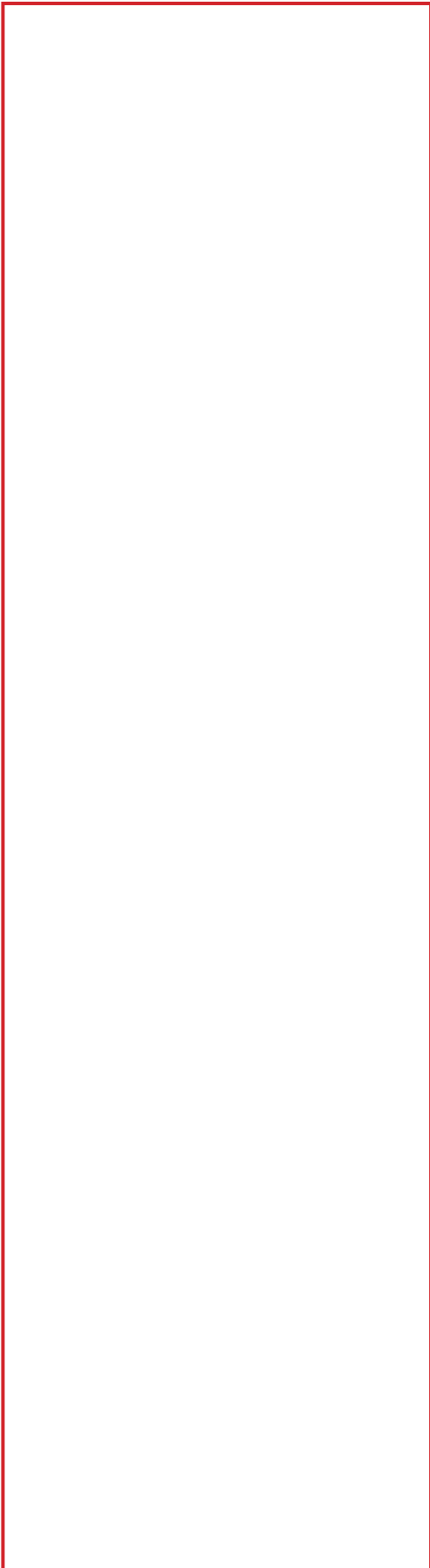
MINISTER: Well when I was 12 all I wanted to do was climb trees and look at comics.

REPORTER: But Minister the question is will the voting age be likely to change in your opinion?

MINISTER: As you know anything can change. I even changed my shoes this morning because I knew it was the right thing to do since I was going to do a lot of walking. Now excuse me please. (*Minister exits*)

REPORTER (*piece to camera*): Ok, the Minister is not giving anything away at this stage, but we'll let you know what we know when we know it. Back to you \_\_\_\_\_

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## BY-ELECTION SPECIAL: Presenter 2

Now it's time for the Eye on The Hive By-Election Live Special. Tonight we are looking at a By-Election for the seat of *(insert your school area here)*, which has been left empty for the last 3 months after the previous sitting MP, Peter Benham, who was volunteering as a magician's lovely assistant at a local mall when he disappeared.

This has left a big hole in the electorate and could create problems for the Government which already has a thin majority.

There are two/three candidates for the seat:

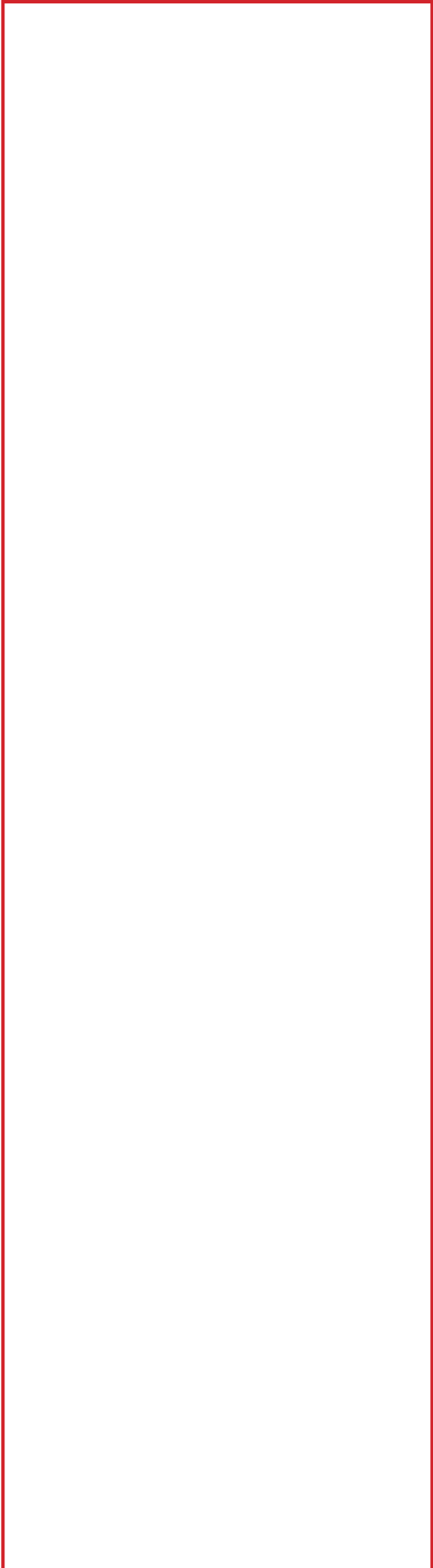
\_\_\_\_\_ of the Square Party,  
a politician who likes \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ of the Pear Party,  
a politician who thinks that \_\_\_\_\_; and,

\_\_\_\_\_ of the Beer Party,  
a politician who is a \_\_\_\_\_.

Leading the debate is our reporter \_\_\_\_\_.

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## LET'S MEET THE CANDIDATES!: By-Election Debate Host

DEBATE HOST: Good evening everybody, and welcome to the Meet-the-candidates debate! So now, let's hear from the candidates!

CANDIDATE #1, let me turn to you first—what are you going to bring the people of \_\_\_\_\_? Why should they vote for you?

And CANDIDATE #2, how do you respond to that? Why should the people of \_\_\_\_\_ elect you to Parliament?

What do you see as the big issue both for the country and also for the electorate CANDIDATE #3?

*(Let the candidates debate..!)*

DEBATE HOST: Well thank-you very much for coming along, and good luck to you all. Back to you \_\_\_\_\_.

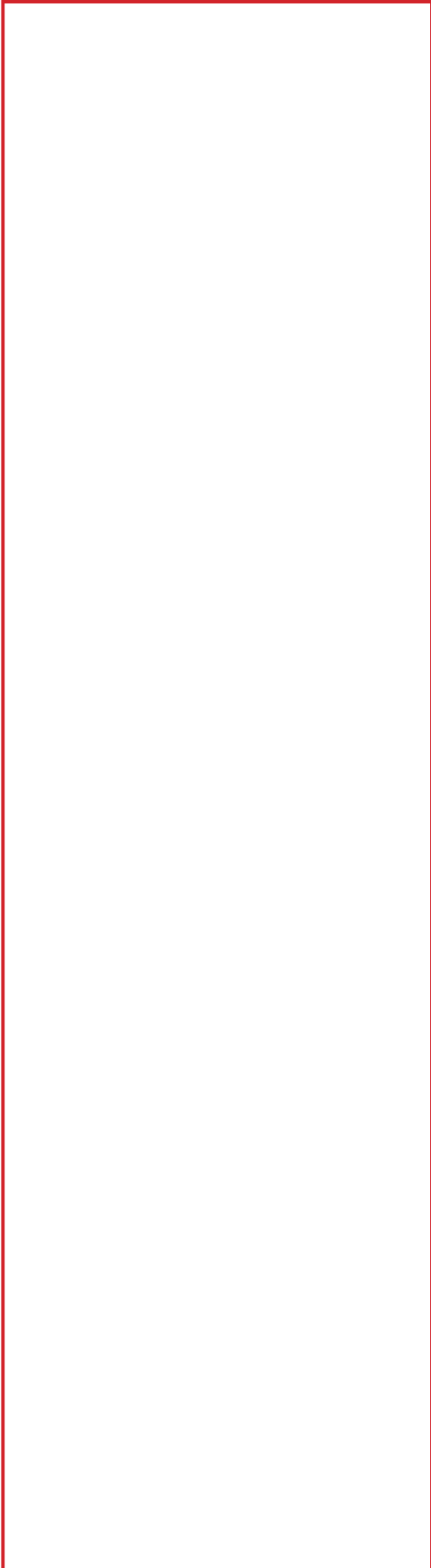
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## JOINING LINK: Presenters 1 and 2

Now, it's over to \_\_\_\_\_ with a quick look at the Political Forecast based on the Eye of The Hive Political Poll.

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## LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THE POLLS: Political Forecaster

Thanks \_\_\_\_\_.

Well, we asked people what they believe is the most pressing issue in the coming election, and

30% of those surveyed said housing,

45% said line dancing regulation,

15% said more homework for students,

With 10% saying they did not know.

And in the latest Political Opinion Poll

The Square Party, tracking at a healthy 0, up by 2

The Pear Party, with 5,

The Beer Party at 1 litre,

And The Swag Party, nil all at halftime, with 15 % still saying they did not know.

Now that's a lot of voters still undecided. It might be the party who can best court those swinging voters who will have a real chance of winning this coming election.

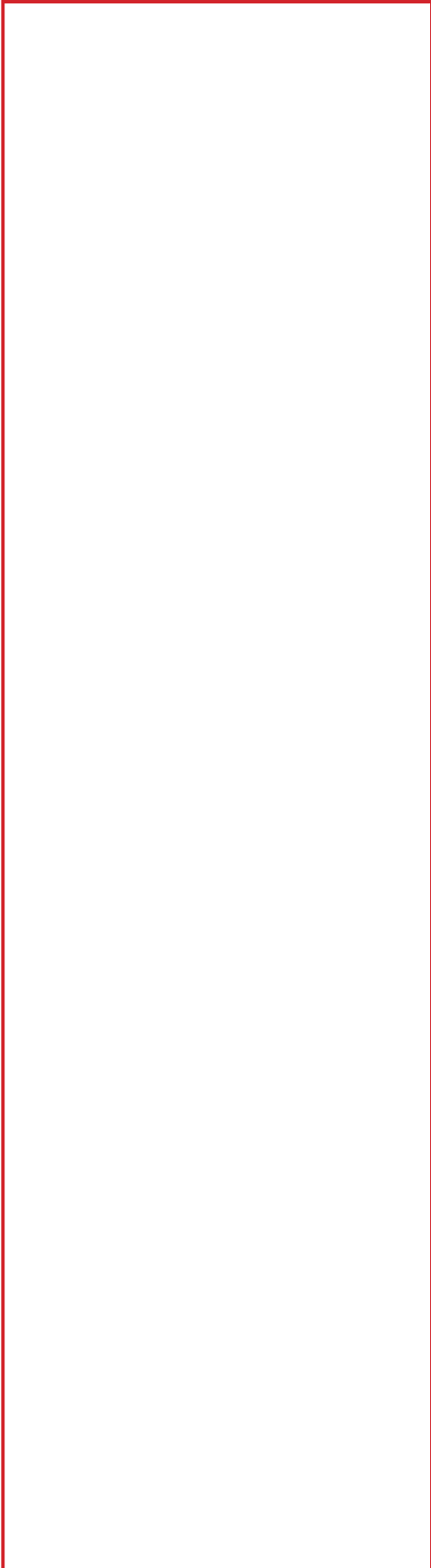
Of the 15% who say they still do not know who they will vote for, when asked *why* they didn't know:

30% didn't like any of the candidates, 10% did not know who I was, and 70% demanded that I get off their property.

So, at this stage of the game, it's fair to say this is still anyone's election.

Back to you \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

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### **JOINING LINK: Presenters 1 & 2**

Thank-you. Finally tonight, we here at Eye on The Hive like to end on a positive note, so tonight's feel-good political story involves one of our beloved elected representatives and an effort to (*twerk/dance/do a thousand press ups...*). Let's take a look now.

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### **PRESSING THE FLESH!: Reporter**

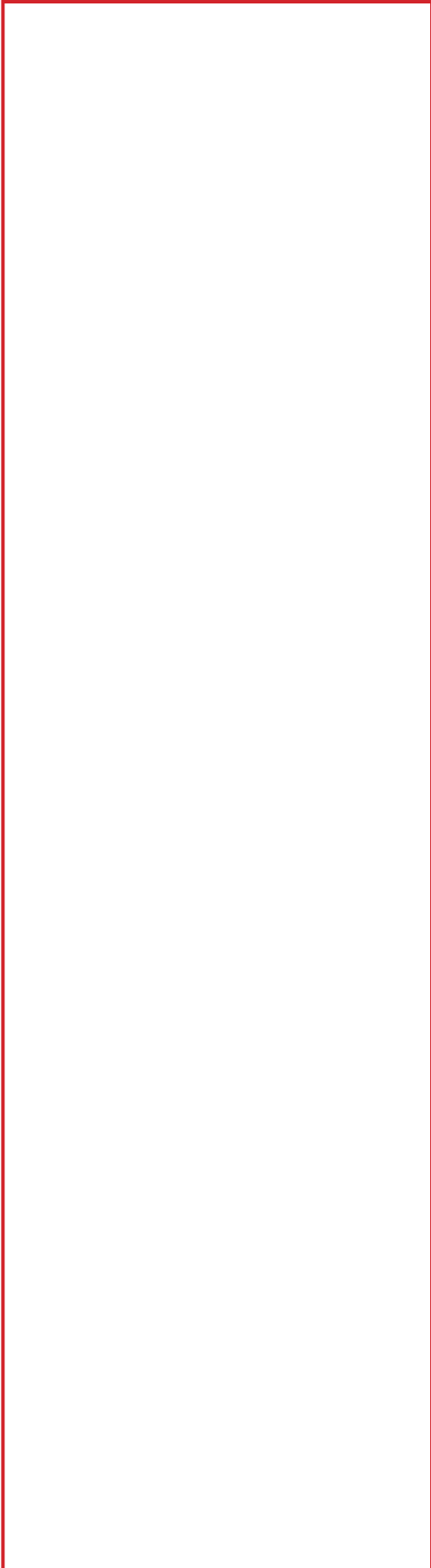
REPORTER: Hello! I am here with \_\_\_\_\_, the popular MP from the \_\_\_\_\_ Party, who is here now to demonstrate that members of Parliament are not boring, dullards with no sense of fun! The member is about to show us some skills here.

So, \_\_\_\_\_ what are you going to be doing for us today?

MP: Well, I am going to (*show you how many press ups I can do/twerk/do some hip-hop dancing/yodel/whatever ..!*)

REPORTER: Well... that's enough of that! Back to you in the studio.

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**CLOSING: Presenters 1 and 2**

And that's another day in Parliament. They say a week is a long time in politics – all the more reason to keep an eye on things.

This is Eye on the Hive.

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