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U.K. politician blocks passing of upskirting law – 19th June, 2018

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Upskirting is a problem because of mobile phones. Men take photos up women's skirts and upload them online. The woman who started the campaign for the upskirting law said the politician blocked it because it "wasn't debated". She said he "wasn't really sure" what upskirting was. A politician said this was "disgusting".

Level 1

A UK politician blocked a law on upskirting from getting passed. Upskirting is when someone secretly takes a photo under someone else's skirt. Politicians wanted it to be a crime, with a two-year prison sentence. However, Christopher Chope blocked the law. He is from the ruling Conservative Party. The UK's Prime Minister was "disappointed" that a member of her party blocked it. She wants to see upskirting become a crime, "with government support".

Upskirting is a big problem because of mobile phones. Women complain that men take photos up their skirts and upload them online. Mr Chope did not tell reporters why he blocked the bill. The woman who started the campaign for the upskirting law said he blocked it because it "wasn't debated" in parliament. She said he "wasn't really sure" what upskirting was. A politician said it was "disgusting" that a man blocked upskirting from becoming a crime.

Level 2

A UK politician has blocked a law on upskirting from being passed. Upskirting is when someone secretly takes a photo under someone else's skirt. Politicians wanted to make it a crime, with a two-year prison sentence. However, Sir Christopher Chope blocked the attempt to pass the law. He is a member of the ruling Conservative Party. Prime Minister Theresa May said she was "disappointed" that a member of her party blocked it. She wants to see upskirting become a criminal offence. She wants to see the bill pass soon, "with government support".

Upskirting is a big problem around the world because of mobile phones. Thousands of women have complained that men took photos up their skirts. The man often uploads the photo to a website. Mr Chope did not tell reporters why he blocked the bill. However, the woman who started the campaign for the upskirting law said Chope told her that he objected to it because it "wasn't debated" in parliament. She also said he "wasn't really sure" what upskirting was. A politician said it was "absolutely disgusting" that a male politician blocked upskirting from becoming a crime.

Level 3

A politician in the United Kingdom has blocked a new law on upskirting from being passed. Upskirting is when someone secretly takes a photo under someone else's skirt. Many politicians wanted to make it a crime, with a two-year prison sentence. However, the politician Sir Christopher Chope blocked the government's attempt to pass the law. Mr Chope is a member of Prime Minister Theresa May's ruling Conservative Party. Ms May said she was "disappointed" that a member of her party blocked the law from being passed. She wanted to see upskirting become a criminal offence. She added that she wanted to see the bill pass soon, "with government support".

Upskirting is becoming a big problem around the world because of digital cameras on mobile phones. Thousands of women in many countries have complained after men have taken photos up their skirts. Quite often, the man uploads the photo to a website. Mr Chope did not tell reporters why he blocked the bill. However, Gina Martin, the woman who started the campaign for the upskirting law, said Mr Chope told her that he objected to it because it "wasn't debated" in parliament. She also said Mr Chope "wasn't really sure" what upskirting was. Politician Dawn Butler said: "It's absolutely disgusting that a male [politician] has blocked upskirting from becoming a criminal offence."

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