

**Lead Story:** David Cameron suffers biggest Conservative rebellion over Europe

**Clips:** PM, Nick Clegg MP, Adam Holloway MP (debate footage), Tim Montgomerie (Conservative Home)

**Commentary:** The PM says there is no bad blood or bitterness over Conservative Commons rebellion over Europe. Back bench motion prompted after petition signed by 100,000. In total 81 Conservative MPs defied three line whip voted for referendum. Mr Cameron said opposing vote right thing for the country.

*Ben Geoghan:* "He tried, charm, pressure cut couldn't hold party together. Biggest defeat on Europe for any Tory PM. Said right confront issue."

*PM:* "No bad blood, no rancour these are valued colleague. Understand why people strongly. Tackled difficult decision country faces."

*Ben Geoghan:* "MP debate for 6 hours. In the end half back benchers refused to vote against as govt had demanded. Two lost jobs as ministerial assistant."

*Adam Holloway (debate footage):* "Honest course action to stand down."

*David Nuttall:* "Message send I am listening to constituents. All evidence show vast majority of public want to have say about relationship."

*Ben Geoghan:* "Minister claimed more united than ever. Some MP say way got handheld catastrophe so lingering distrust."

*Tim Montgomerie:* "Some want to see address EU in the not too distant future. Reason so many rebelled not confident does want to renegotiate. Message to take renegotiation seriously."

*PM (statement footage)* "Like you want to see fundamental reform."

*Ben Geoghan:* "PM told MPs yearned for change in relationship. Lib Dem warned Tory euro sceptic against smash and grab."

*Nick Clegg:* "Pleased got behind us so move on deal with things people care about, jobs growth."

*Ben Geoghan:* "Tory backbencher promise to keep up pressure. Problem for govt once rebelled could do again."

*Ross Hawkins:* "PM squeeze between rock euro sceptics and hard place represented by Lib Dems. Yesterday told Commons committee bring back powers. Made clear today not coalition policy what he would like as Conservative leader. Clegg think back benchers have bee in their bonnet. What happened when govt formed deal between parties on Europe. Euro sceptic want to unpick that deal. Lib Dems won't let that happen without their say."

**Verdict:** PM loss