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## No early vote on Britain's membership of the European Union

London.— British lawmakers overwhelmingly rejected an attempt in parliament yesterday to bring forward a planned referendum on membership of the European Union, sticking to Prime Minister David Cameron's idea for a vote by the end of 2017.

They voted by 249 to 15 to dismiss the proposal for a 2014 referendum by a rebel Conservative lawmaker, helping Cameron to avoid a mutiny over Europe within his divided party.

Cameron promised in January to renegotiate Britain's ties with the 28-nation bloc before holding an in/out referendum, pro-

vided he wins the next election in 2015. Since then, some anti-EU Conservatives have pressed him to back a quick referendum to try to weaken the UK Independence Party (UKIP), which has poached support from Cameron with a promise to leave the EU and tighten immigration rules.

Conservative lawmaker Adam Afriyie forced a parliamentary vote on a 2014 referendum, but gathered little support from a party anxious to avoid exposing age-old splits over Europe.

"What a waste of time that was," Conservative James Wharton tweeted after Afriyie's plan was defeated.

# British expatriates barred from voting in Britain's proposed EU referendum

● **NO** vote for British expatriates who have lived outside Britain for more than 15 years, **even though the majority live in the European Union.**

● **NO** plans to change British voting laws despite **outcry from British citizens overseas.**

● **NO** winter fuel payments for **British pensioners** living in Spain from 2015/16.

● **YES:** *Bulletin* reader urges fellow expats to write to their MPs to protest.

● **YES:** *Bulletin* will campaign for a fair deal for expats living abroad.



Shame on you three. No vote and no cash for pensioners,

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Some snow fell in mountain areas again yesterday as the cold spell continued: See Page 21

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