

Tory plan aims at Scottish power

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LONDON, Oct. 29 -- Britain's Conservative Party advanced a plan aimed at ending Scotland's favorable constitutional and financial position within the United Kingdom. Tory Leader David Cameron is said to be ready to back a change that would prevent British Prime Minister Gordon Brown and other Scottish members of Parliament from voting on matters exclusively affecting England, The Telegraph reported Monday. He said he is also ready to review Scotland's enjoyment of higher public spending than most parts of England. Malcolm Rifkind, who drew up the Tory proposal at Westminster, said his plan was simply completing the "unfinished business of devolution" and would address England's current unfair position, the newspaper said. Scotland's First Minister Alex Salmond told his party members Sunday the people of England should be free to control their own affairs. "There are some people who say the English are not ready to govern themselves but I think they are," Salmond said in The Telegraph's report.

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