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ABSTRACT:

To make policy, legislators must pass laws. However, the ability to propose these laws is largely in the hands of the government or the party and less in the hands of the individual legislator. By comparing the parliaments of Canada, the UK, and Israel, which have different procedures regarding the use of legislative and non-legislative tools, and different electoral systems that can create different incentives for legislators, we demonstrate that the individual legislator must rely heavily on nonlegislative tools because he or she has limited ability to propose legislation. Furthermore, the characteristics of the party compete with those of the individual in determining the ability of legislators to use these non-legislative tools. Thus, in spite of the changes all three parliaments have witnessed the rise of the individual voice, the party still plays a significant role in the daily life of an individual legislator.

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