I have been reflecting on what Lords' Committees can look into which is different from Commons' Committees.

One thing that is clear is that there are more disabled Peers (including me) than disabled MPs, and I think we could build on that. There are so many issues that disability touches, and this is going to become more evident as both the disabled community ages and many of the ageing population become disabled. If the Lords is proud to have so many experts, we should acknowledge the expertise on the mobile benches.

A Committee focusing on disability would certainly be different from the Commons Select Committee on Work and Pensions. It could also build on the Equality and Disability Committee's work which could only touch on a lot of issues like transport, education and employment, and didn't tackle the whole question of independent living. (Nor did it look at benefits.)

It could also highlight the differences around the country in how local authorities fulfil their obligations towards disabled people.

And then there is the landscape after Brexit which has quite a bearing on disability.

So there would be a lot for such a Committee to get their teeth into, and there would appear to be a lot of support round the House for such a Committee.

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