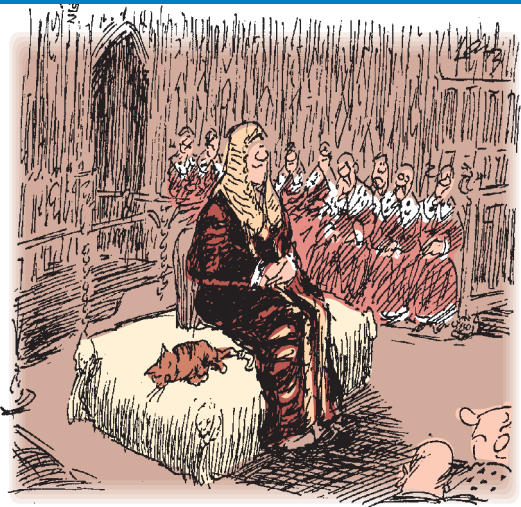


Lord Chancellor's Woolsack



Britain's Lord Chancellor holds an important triple post as a member of the Cabinet, head of the judiciary and leader of the House of Lords

For all this he has a quaint privilege, if it can be described as such. Instead of sitting on a bench as the others do, he sits on a gigantic square cushion called the **Woolsack**. This is so called because it contains wool, handed down as a symbol of national wealth from the 14th century, when sheep and their wool were Britain's greatest trading asset