First Home Rule Bill - 1886
- Made up of two Bills:
  - First Bill: Created an Irish government with two orders:
    1. First Order (Upper House) would contain Irish Peers.
    2. Second Order would contain MPs elected in the normal way.
  The two combined were to be known as the Irish Legislature. It would deal with all Irish affairs except:
  - Defence
  - Foreign policy
  - International trade
  - Customs and excise
  - The Police Force (temporarily).
  - Irish MPs would be excluded from Westminster.
  - 1/15th would be contributed by Ireland to the Imperial treasury.
- Second Bill: Land purchase scheme.
- British treasury would buy out landlords at a cost of £50 million.

Second Home Rule Bill - 1893
The main measures were the same, except:
- Financial aspects were more favourable to the Irish.
- 88 MPs were to be retained in Westminster.
- There was still no arrangement for Ulster.

Possible reasons for failure:
- Anti-Irish prejudice in Britain (racial and religious)
- Ireland was genuinely seen as part of Britain.
- Home Rule threatened the Empire.
- Support for Britain from Ulster.
- Close ties between British and Irish landlords and peers.
- Value of Ulster's economic links with the mainland.
- Ireland was used as a political football, useful to further the ambitions of individuals or as a weapon to use against other political parties.
- Opposition and campaigns of Irish Unionists.

Second Reading - Defeated - 313 votes to 343.
Second Reading - Passed - 347 votes to 304.
Rejected by the House of Lords - 419 votes to 41.