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The Scottish Conservatives will oppose the joint SNP, Labour, Green and Liberal Democrat motion in tomorrow's Holyrood Brexit debate.

Speaking ahead of the event, the party's constitution spokesman Adam Tomkins said the SNP and Greens were using the debate purely to manufacture more grievance as part of their drive for a second referendum on independence.

Labour and the Lib Dems were acting as the SNP's "little helpers", he added.

He said that the Scottish Conservatives will – alone in Scotland – stand up for the decisions made by people in the two referendums held in recent years: backing the decision of Scotland to remain in the UK, and the decision of the UK to leave the European Union.

Scottish Conservative constitution spokesman Adam Tomkins said:

"The Scottish Conservatives will, alone, oppose the motion set out by the SNP, Labour, Lib Dems and Greens today.

"We know what the SNP and Greens are trying to do with this needless debate – they want to use it to manufacture yet more grievance as part of their push for a second independence referendum.

"That Labour and the Liberal Democrats have once again fallen into line with the nationalists is disappointing but hardly surprising.

"It's a choice they've taken at every step since the Brexit referendum was held.

"Willie Rennie and Richard Leonard are Nicola Sturgeon's little helpers.

"The Scottish Conservatives are the only party committed to respecting the results of both referendums we have held in the last four years.

"That clear, democratic principle is one we will seek to uphold in the Scottish Parliament today, in defiance of the SNP's games."