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MP Nigel Evans in court for sexual assault charges 'fell in love with male student'

FORMER Tory MP Nigel Evans fell in love with a bisexual male politics student before becoming Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons, a court heard yesterday.



Evans, 56, is accused of putting his hand in the 23-year-old man's boxer shorts as he slept on the MP's sofa at his home in Pendleton, Lancs.

Yesterday the student's then girlfriend, who cannot be named, told Preston Crown Court: "I formed the opinion Nigel Evans had fallen in love with him. There was, frequently in my view, inappropriate contact between them."

The alleged sex attack took place in 2009 before Evans, who is now an independent MP , became Deputy Speaker.

The court heard that an "off the cuff" drunken comment by the former student about the alleged assault led to the current case when it was reported to Commons Speaker John Bercow.

Evans denies a charge of rape, two indecent assaults and six sexual assaults.

The case continues.