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One of the roles that government played in GB was to establish some kind of ‘licensing relation’ between a particular head and a particular phrase (e.g., in the case of case assignment). Current versions of minimalism try to reduce licensing relations between heads and phrases by means of feature checking or feature valuation, but such approaches still face various problems. In this talk I address the question to what extent feature checking can account for licensing relations that used to involve government.