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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr PEARCE

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the number and nature of amendments to motions of
resolution

PE 79.595

The European Parliament,

- A. desiring to shorten the time spent on voting in the Chamber so as to make more time available for other parliamentary business,
- B. believing that the present large volume of amendments sometimes leads to situations where parliament's view is unclear, contradictory as between its parts, or fails to address itself fully to the issues in question,
- C. believing moreover that motions for resolution should be viewed normally as means of expressing political attitudes rather than as detailed legislation requiring precise working,

urges that:

- 1. The number of amendments to each paragraph of a proposal for a regulation or directive shall not exceed two;
- 2. The number of amendments to any motion for resolution shall not exceed the number of paragraphs in the said motion;
- 3. The amendments to be voted on shall be selected by the Bureau. In carrying out this task, the Bureau shall choose those amendments which, collectively represent the most divergent views, views demonstrably supported by large numbers of members and views particularly relevant to recognised national, regional or cultural interests. Amendments shall generally be favoured in this process if they indicate a direction of attitude rather than one of a number of possible precise positions.