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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr BLANEY

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the extension of FEOGA grants to cover tillage machinery

The European Parliament,

- A. Noting that grants made from EAGGF towards the cost of hay and silage—making machinery in the severely handicapped areas of the west of Ireland have had a beneficial effect in helping to ensure supplies of winter feed for livestock,
- B. Noting however that for many of the small farms in the areas concerned cattle farming alone is inadequate to provide a fair living.
- C. Considering that there is scope in these areas for the extension of tillage production of crops such as sugar beet, barley and potatoes,
- CALLS ON THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION to make appropriate proposals for the extension of EAGGF grants to cover purchase of tillage machinery in the severely handicapped areas;
- SUGGESTS that such grants could best be channelled through cooperatives able and willing to work sharing schemes to use the machinery to best advantage;
- 3. EMPHASISES that this move would encourage tillage farming, help more small farmers to make a living, and considerably reduce the quantities of winter feed that need to be imported into the west of Ireland.