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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr EYRAUD, Mrs THEOBALD-PAOLI, Mrs FUILLET
and Mr GLINNE on behalf of the Socialist Group

with request for topical and urgent debate
pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on emergency measures for the French departments severely
affected by the heavy snowfalls of 27 November and the
exceptionally severe weather conditions of 6 and 7 November
1982

The European Parliament

- A. having regard to the exceptionally severe weather conditions suffered by 41 French departments on 6 and 7 November 1982,
- B. having regard to the heavy snowfalls which hit the French departments of Loire, Haute-Loire and Rhône on 27 November 1982,
- C. whereas this is the fourth natural disaster in a year to have been suffered by the department of Haute-Loire alone,
- D. whereas this department has had to be declared a 'disaster zone' for the fourth time in 1982,
- E. whereas thousands of homes were cut off from the outside world for several days as a result of these snowfalls,
- F. whereas several miles of high-tension cable have been destroyed,
- G. having regard to the shortages of electricity, heating, and, in some cases, drinking water suffered by thousands of homes and public organizations,
- H. whereas many undertakings were obliged to lay off workers for several days as a result of these shortages,
- I. having regard to the consequent delays and losses in production,
- J. whereas these snowfalls have also caused a drop in dairy production at many farms,
- K. whereas the snowfalls have further aggravated the damage to forests caused by the storms of 7 November 1982,
- L. having regard to the national aid granted to the disaster zones,
 - 1. Calls on the Commission and the Council to
 - take urgent steps to assist the French departments of Loire, Haute-Loire and Rhône and the other departments concerned, using the appropriations earmarked for natural disasters;
 - 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and Council of the European Communities.