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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by

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Mr ROGERS, Mr ENRIGHT, Mr ADAM, Mr COLLINS, Mr BONDE,
Mr GRIFFITHS, Mr MEGAHY, Mrs HAMMERICH, Mr SKOVMAND,
Mr BOYES, Mr CABORN, Miss QUIN, Mrs CLWYD, Mr SEAL,
Mrs CASTLE, Mr ~~VAN~~ MINNEN, Mr DANKERT and Mr COLLA

with request for urgent debate
pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on certain consequences of the provisional twelfths
system

The European Parliament.

- Calling in mind

- Article 204 of the EEC Treaty which states as follows:

If, at the beginning of a financial year, the budget has not yet been voted, a sum equivalent to not more than one-twelfth of the budget appropriations for the preceding financial year may be spent each month in respect of any chapter or other subdivision of the budget in accordance with the provisions of the regulations made pursuant to Article 209; this arrangement shall not, however, have the effect of placing at the disposal of the Commission appropriations in excess of one-twelfth of those provided for in the draft budget in course of preparation;

- Article 8 of the Financial Regulation which states as follows:

Payments may be made monthly in respect of any chapter up to one-twelfth of the appropriations in respect of the relevant chapter for the preceding financial year; this may not, however, have the effect of placing at the disposal of the Commission monthly appropriations in excess of one-twelfth of the sum provided for in the draft budget or, in the absence thereof, in the preliminary draft budget;

- Advice from the Director-General for Administration, Personnel and Finance (Doc. PE 62.426) which states as follows:

Under the system of provisional twelfths, the available budgetary appropriations are strictly limited by the provisions of Article 204 of the EEC Treaty and Article 8 of the Financial Regulation. No matter how they are shown in the accounts, authorized payments may not exceed these limits without being deemed to have been effected in an irregular manner;

- Noting

- that the relevant Parliament Budget at Chapter 13 'Mission Expenses' contained a final appropriation of 4,283,500 EUA, one-twelfth of which is 356,958 EUA;
- that the relevant Parliament Budget at Chapter 10 'Members of the Institution' contained a final appropriation of 17,248,500 EUA, one-twelfth of which is 1,437,375 EUA;
- that for the months of January and February 1980 the provisional one-twelfth under Chapter 10 was overspent, and this in spite of there being only one part-session of the Parliament;
- that the March allocation under Chapter 10 will be fully used without any provision being made for an extra part-session;

Resolves with regret to abandon the part-session scheduled for 24-26 March on the grounds that sufficient budgetary cover does not exist.

JUSTIFICATION

The request for urgent debate is self-explanatory.