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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr PEARCE

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the number of amendments submitted to the  
plenary

PE 78.459

The European Parliament,

- believing that the present procedure for voting on amendments, especially after major debates, often produces conclusions whose parts are not consistent with each other and where the mass of detail obscures the general drift of the resolution,
- believing also that the large number of amendments often brought before the plenary renders of much less value the votes in committees and the consequent advice given by rapporteurs to the plenary,
- in the light of the new procedure for voting on draft legislation itself, which greatly reduces the significance of parliamentary resolutions,
- conscious of the time and cost of dealing with the current volume of amendments,

Instructs its relevant committee, in consultation with the Bureau, to submit a report to Parliament before the end of 1982 making proposals having the effect of greatly reducing the number of amendments submitted to the plenary by empowering the President, the Bureau or some other body to select a limited number of representative amendments to it; the report should include proposals for rules and/or a gentleman's agreement by which such a process of selection should be carried out.