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1. Pursuant to Rule 91 of the Rules of Procedure, Parliament sets up standing or temporary, general or special committees and defines their powers.
2. At several of its meetings, the enlarged Bureau has discussed the allocation of responsibilities among the committees set up by Parliament.

At its meeting of 25 September 1980, it decided to submit to the European Parliament a motion for a resolution on the powers and responsibilities of the parliamentary committees and instructed Mr Vandewiele, Vice-President, to present it to the plenary assembly.

3. Accordingly, Doc. 1-820/80 of 23 January 1981 was entered on the agenda for the first March part-session. After amendments had been tabled the item was withdrawn from the agenda.
4. The enlarged Bureau subsequently instructed the President, Mrs VEIL, and Mr VANDEWIELE, Vice-President, to meet the committee chairmen and consider with them the texts that had been tabled. The meeting took place on 6 May 1981. Document 1-820/80 was then revised in the light of that meeting.
5. The enlarged Bureau then took note of the resolution adopted by the House on 9 July 1981 whereby Parliament decided 'to create a permanent committee on institutional problems as from the second half of the term of office of the European Parliament whose task it will be to draw up amendments to the existing Treaties'. In the same resolution, Parliament instructed the Subcommittee on Institutional Problems of the Political Affairs Committee 'to submit to it proposals for a clear division of responsibilities'.

At its meeting of 28 October, the enlarged Bureau noted the Communication (PE 74 755/rev.) on this subject which the chairman of the subcommittee sent to it in letter form on 21 October 1981 (see Annex I) and decided to refer the second part concerning the powers and responsibilities of the new committee on institutional problems to the House.

6. As recorded in the minutes of proceedings of the sitting of 8 July 1981, the terms of reference of the Committee of Inquiry into the Situation of Women are as follows:

1. 'To review how promptly the European authorities are acting on the recommendations contained in the resolution adopted by Parliament in February 1981.'
2. To review developments in the situation of women in the countries of the European Community, and in particular the implementation of Community directives.'

At its sitting of 14 October 1982, the European Parliament noted the position adopted by the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions with respect to the nature of this committee, namely that it was a temporary, special committee within the meaning of Rule 91 of the Rules of Procedure.

7. It should be noted that at its sitting of 16 December 1981, Parliament adopted a resolution (Annex III), the operative part of which is as follows:

' Decides that it will not create any further new full committees before the end of 1982.'

8. The purpose of this document, which the enlarged Bureau agreed on 9 February 1983 to submit to the House meeting in plenary sitting, is to enable the European Parliament to apply the aforementioned provision of Rule 91 of its Rules of Procedure.

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

on the powers and responsibilities of the parliamentary committees

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the provisions of Rule 91 of its Rules of Procedure,

1. Defines as follows the powers and responsibilities of its standing committees;
2. Resolves that a list of these powers and responsibilities shall be published as an annex to its Rules of Procedure.

I. POLITICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Text as drawn up by the enlarged Bureau (25.9.80) and submitted to the House in March 1981

Amendments tabled in March 1981 and meeting between the President of the EP and Mr Vandewiele and the committee chairmen of 6.5.1981

New text submitted to the House

This committee is responsible for:

- the institutional structures of the Communities and their development;
(the Legal Affairs Committee will give an opinion on these matters insofar as they involve the interpretation, application or extension of the provisions of the Treaties governing the internal operation of each institution and relations between the institutions);
- general relations with the other Community institutions or bodies;
(the Legal Affairs Committee will give an opinion on these matters insofar as they involve the interpretation, application or extension of the provisions of the Treaties governing the internal operation of each institution and relations between the institutions);
- preparation of a draft uniform electoral procedure;
(the Legal Affairs Committee will give an opinion on the draft report by the Political Affairs Committee on the draft uniform electoral procedure);
- problems of political union and questions pertaining to cooperation in the sphere of foreign policy;

At the meeting of 6 May 1981, note was taken of the agreement reached between the chairman of the Political Affairs Committee and the chairman of the Legal Affairs Committee on the text drawn up by the enlarged Bureau.

This means that amendments
- No. 17 by Mrs DE MARCH and others
- No. 19 by Mr FORTH
- No. 30 by Mr PATTERSON

are opposed.

The text submitted to the House is therefore the one originally drawn up by the enlarged Bureau on 25 September 1980, unamended.

UNCHANGED

except

in the first indent, add¹
before the bracket :

within the framework of
the existing Treaties;

¹ see attached document from
the subcommittee.

- political aspects of the seat of the Community institutions;
- political and institutional aspects of accession or association agreements with third countries at the application and negotiation stage; in this context, the delegations for relations with third countries which have applied for accession should cooperate closely with this committee in preparing for and discussing the outcome of their meetings;
- political and institutional aspects of relations with other international organizations and with third countries;
- political aspects of international problems;
- problems concerning human rights in third countries.

II. COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Text as drawn up by the enlarged Bureau (25.9.80) and submitted to the House in March 1981

Amendments tabled in March 1981 and meeting between the President of the EP and Mr Vandewiele and the committee chairmen of 6.5.1981

New text submitted to the House

This committee is generally responsible for all matters relating to Title II, Articles 38 to 47 of the EEC Treaty;

- Common market in agricultural and fishery products;
- gradual implementation of a common agricultural policy and organisation of agricultural markets at European level;
- prices and regulation of prices;
- productivity;
- safeguard measures, subsidies, stabilization machinery;
- supplies and production.

The committee will be required to give its opinion on all matters which, although arising in a different specific field (public health, economic policy, external economic relations, relations with European or other associated countries), may have some bearing on the organization of the Community's agricultural market and on matters pertaining to the commercial policy with regard to agricultural products.

Mr NYBORG tabled:

- amendments No. 23, 22 and 24, creating a committee on fisheries, aquaculture and catches, and amending the powers of the Committee on Agriculture accordingly.

On the other hand, amendments

- No. 1 by Sir Henry PLUMB, and
- No. 31 by Mr PATTERSON

introduced into the enlarged Bureau's text a stipulation that the Committee on Agriculture is responsible for fisheries.

Furthermore, an amendment

- No. 3 by Mrs GAIOTTI DE BIASE, on behalf of the Committee on Youth, provided for cooperation between it and the Committee on Agriculture.

Note was taken on 6 May 1981 that Mr NYBORG was willing to defer the matter of the creation of a committee on fisheries.

The chairman of the Committee on Agriculture was opposed to the amendment by Mrs GAIOTTI DE BIASE in its entirety.

It was agreed at the meeting of 6 May to avoid listing cases where other committees should be asked for their opinion.

The new text submitted to the House accordingly adopts the wording proposed by Sir Henry PLUMB in amendment No. 1.

'This committee is generally responsible for all matters relating to Title II, Articles 38 to 47, of the EEC Treaty:

- operation and development of the common agricultural policy;
- establishment, operation and development of a common fisheries policy; and
- veterinary legislation relating to the control and elimination of diseases in domestic animals..

The committee will be required to give its opinion on all matters which, although arising in a different specific field (public health, economic policy, external economic relations, relations with European or other associated countries), may have some bearing on the organization of the Community's agricultural market or on the organization of the market in fisheries products, and on matters pertaining to the common commercial policy with regard to agricultural and fisheries products.'

III. COMMITTEE ON BUDGETS

Text as drawn up by the enlarged Bureau (25.9.80) and submitted to the House in March 1981

Amendments tabled in March 1981 and meeting between the President of the EP and Mr Vandewiele and the committee chairmen of 6.5.1981

New text submitted to the House

This committee is responsible for:

- the definition and exercise of the European Parliament's budgetary powers;
- the budgets of the Communities;
- multiannual estimates of the European Communities' revenue and expenditure;
- financial resources of the Communities (including levies, own resources, Member States' contributions);
- financial implications of Community acts;
- coordination of the conciliation procedure between the Parliament and the Council, with the involvement of the Commission of the European Communities, on Community acts having financial implications;
- the Staff Regulations of the Communities (Article 212 of the EEC Treaty, Article 186 of the EAEC Treaty and Article 78 of the ECSC Treaty); (where matters connected with the Staff Regulations raise questions of principle as regards Community law, they must be examined in close cooperation with the Legal Affairs Committee);
- problems relating to the administrative and accounting management of the Communities which involve budgetary authorization and the Staff Regulations;
- financial and accounting techniques;
- transfers of appropriations which constitute authorization of expenditure;

The following amendments were tabled:

- a) No. 15 and 14 by Mr LANGE, chairman of the Committee on Budgets, making the latter, and not the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, responsible for borrowing and lending policy;
- b) No. 7, 8, 9 and 10 by Mr FERRI, chairman of the Legal Affairs Committee, transferring from the Committee on Budgets to the Legal Affairs Committee powers relating to the Staff Regulations of EC officials, although the former would be asked for an opinion on financial aspects;
- c) No. 32, 33, 34, 35 by Mr PATTERSON, transferring from the Committee on Budgets to the Committee on Budgetary Control problems related to the accounting management of the Communities, accounting techniques and Parliament's accounts;
- d) No. 20 by Mr FORTH.

At the 6 May meeting, note was taken of the conflict of responsibilities between the Committee on Budgets on the one hand and the Legal Affairs Committee and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs on the other, as regards the Staff Regulations and borrowing and lending policy respectively.

Text unchanged, except that in the last indent 'Rule 50' is replaced by 'Rule 114'.

- Parliament's budget, administration and accounts (Rule 50 of the Rules of Procedure)

In examining Parliament's powers of control, which range from budgetary authorization to supervising the implementation of the budget, the Committee on Budgets is required to cooperate closely with the Committee on Budgetary Control.

Unless an agreement is reached by the committees concerned, the conflict will have to be resolved by the House itself.

In regard to Mr PATTERSON's amendments, note was taken of the agreement between the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Budgetary Control on the text originally drawn up by the enlarged Bureau. Mr FORTH's amendment was not endorsed.

The new text submitted to the House remains unchanged, therefore, except that the reference to the Rules of Procedure is altered to bring it into line with the numbering of the revised Rules of Procedure and clarification is given concerning relations between this committee and the Bureau and the enlarged Bureau as regards problems relating to the budget of the European Parliament.

Add before the final paragraph: as regards problems relating to the budget of the European Parliament:

The Bureau and the Committee on Budgets shall take decisions in successive stages on:

- the establishment plan,
- the preliminary draft and the draft estimates.

The decisions concerning the establishment plan shall be taken according to the following procedure:

- the Bureau shall draw up the establishment plan for each financial year,
- it shall ask the Committee on Budgets for its opinion,
- a conciliation procedure between the Bureau and the Committee on Budgets shall be opened in cases where the opinion of the latter diverges from the initial decisions taken by the Bureau,
- at the end of the procedure, the Bureau shall take the final decision, in accordance with Rule 113(3) of the Rules of Procedure.

As regards the estimates proper, the procedure for drawing up the estimates shall begin as soon as the Bureau has taken a final decision on the establishment plan. The stages of this procedure shall be those laid

down in Rule 114 of the Rules of Procedure,
viz.:

- the Bureau shall draw up a first preliminary draft of the estimates of revenue and expenditure (Rule 114(1));
- the Committee on Budgets shall deliver its opinion on the first preliminary draft estimates (Rule 114(2));
- the enlarged Bureau shall adopt the preliminary draft estimates (Rule 114(2));
- before or after these estimates are adopted, a conciliation procedure shall be opened in cases where the positions of the Committee on Budgets and the Bureau are widely divergent;
- in accordance with Rule 114(3) of the Rules of Procedure, the Committee on Budgets shall draw up the draft estimates and report to Parliament. In accordance with the provisions of the Staff Regulations of Officials and the Financial Regulation, these draft estimates shall set out the establishment plan as finally adopted by the Bureau. Where appropriate, the Committee on Budgets shall set out in its report the observations it made to the Bureau when consulted by the latter. In that case, it shall also set out the answers given by the Bureau to its observations.

As regards the release of posts, the Bureau shall take a final decision, not subject to appeal, after hearing the opinion of the Committee on Budgets and in the light of requirements, both on the release of posts (and with regard to any posts which might possibly have been frozen) and on the appropriations relating thereto.

In order to express its opinion on any amendments tabled in plenary sitting, either at the stage of the adoption of the estimates by parliament or at the stage of the consideration of the draft annual budget of the Communities, of which Parliament's estimates form a part, the Committee on Budgets shall establish the appropriate contacts with the Bureau or the member of the Bureau designated by it. This Vice-President may be called upon to explain the position of the Bureau to the House meeting in plenary sitting, either as regards the establishment plan and the appropriations relating thereto, or any other appropriations.

IV. COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND MONETARY AFFAIRS

Text as drawn up by the enlarged Bureau (25.9.80) and submitted to the House in March 1981

Amendments tabled in March 1981 and meeting between the President of the EP and Mr Vandewiele and the committee chairmen of 6.5.1981

New text submitted to the House

This committee is responsible for:

- operation of the common market, more specifically for the application of Articles 9 to 37 of the EEC Treaty relating to the movement of goods, customs duties and quotas and problems arising in this area as a consequence of the Community's enlargement; (matters relating to the application of Articles 52 to 66 of the EEC Treaty, i.e., freedom of establishment, freedom to provide services, etc., would, however, be referred to the Legal Affairs Committee as the committee responsible, which would generally consult the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs unless the problems involved came specifically within the terms of reference of other committees) (for instance, questions of public health, transport, energy...);
- questions of competition, i.e., the application of Articles 85 to 90 of the EEC Treaty (rules on competition, agreements and monopolies), insofar as these are not specific questions falling within the terms of reference of other committees (transport, public health, etc.);
- dumping practices (Article 91 of the EEC Treaty);
- subsidies (Articles 92 to 94 of the EEC Treaty);

Amendments tabled:

- a) No. 15 and 14 by Mr LANGE transferring from the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs to the Committee on Budgets powers relating to borrowing and lending policy (see p.6);
- b) No. 29 by Sir David NICOLSON and others (ED), setting up an Industry Committee and changing the powers of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs accordingly;
- c) No. 36 by Mr PATTERSON, and No. 46 by Mr BISMARCK, which appear to be of an editorial nature.

At the 6 May meeting, the chairman of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs opposed all the amendments tabled.

Accordingly, the text originally drawn up by the enlarged Bureau remains unchanged, except that, to avoid going into too much detail regarding relations between the committee responsible and the committee asked for its opinion, as well as to avoid possible ambiguity in the words 'in close cooperation', the text in parentheses under the first and seventh indents is deleted.

Text unchanged except that

- the text in parentheses under the first indent is deleted;
- the text in parentheses under the seventh indent is also deleted.

- questions of monetary policy, balance of payments, and capital movements and of borrowing and lending policy (control of movements of capital originating in third countries, measures to encourage the export of Community capital; application of Articles 67 to 73 and 104 to 109 of the EEC Treaty);
- application of Articles 95 to 99 of the EEC Treaty on tax provisions;
- all measures and actions to be taken for the progressive establishment of economic and monetary union (machinery for cooperation and conciliation in short-term economic policy, harmonization of medium-term planning, industrial policy, short- or medium-term financial support, arrangements for protection and monetary cooperation, etc.);
(As regards industrial policy, since matters connected with regional planning (industrialization) are the responsibility of the Committee on Regional Policy and Regional Planning, the latter will consider these questions in close cooperation with the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and, where appropriate, with the Committee on Energy and Research);
- problems specific to the common market in coal and steel, particularly questions relating to the stabilization of markets and to prices, agreements and concentrations (Articles 4 and 57 to 67 of the ECSC Treaty);
- forward programmes for coal and steel and the general objectives for coal and steel (Article 46 of the ECSC Treaty);
- medium-term economic policy and, more specifically, the planning and coordination of investments.

- 'tariffs' insofar as they affect the free movement of goods or the short-term economic policy or competition policy;
- the new technologies forming an integral part of the industrial policy.

V. COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND RESEARCH

Text as drawn up by the enlarged Bureau (25.9.80) and submitted to the House in March 1981

Amendments tabled in March 1981 and meeting between the President of the EP and Mr Vandewiele and the committee chairmen of 6.5.1981

New text submitted to the House

This committee is responsible for:

- all matters relating to energy supplies and energy policy in general in the Community;
 - questions relating to scientific and technical research - particularly in the nuclear field - and to the development and applications of such research;
 - development of research, in particular technical research;
 - the Joint Research Centres and the Central Office for Nuclear Measurements;
 - technical and economic research within the meaning of Article 55 of the ECSC Treaty;
 - dissemination of information;
 - patents
 - industrial property
- in agreement with the
Legal Affairs Committee-----

Note was taken of amendment No. 37 by Mr MORELAND on behalf of the European Democratic Group. A new wording proposed by Mr NORMANTON on behalf of the committee chairman was accepted.

This committee is responsible for:

- all matters relating to energy supplies and energy policy in general ~~in the Community~~
(these 3 words deleted)
 - all questions relating to fundamental scientific and technological research - ~~particularly in the nuclear field~~ - (5 words deleted) and to the development and applications of such research in so far as they do not form an integral part of a separate industrial policy (cf. Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs - final indent);
 - 3rd indent deleted;
 - the Joint Research Centres and the Central Office for Nuclear Measurements;
 - 5th indent deleted;
 - dissemination of information;
 - patents
 - industrial property
- in agreement with the
Legal Affairs Committee
as the committee
responsible-----

VI. COMMITTEE ON EXTERNAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS

Text as drawn up by the enlarged Bureau (25.9.80) and submitted to the House in March 1981

Amendments tabled in March 1981 and meeting between the President of the EP and Mr Vandewiele and the committee chairmen of 6.5.1981

New text submitted to the House

This committee is responsible for:

- economic and commercial aspects of relations with third countries and with international organizations such as the OECD and GATT; (the Committee on Agriculture will be required to give its opinion on all matters pertaining to commercial policy with regard to agricultural products);
- matters relating to the common external tariff;
- coordination of Member States' commercial policies and problems associated with the common commercial policy;
- problems of external trade with third countries and agreements or conventions concluded in that sphere;

The delegations other than those mentioned under the Political Affairs Committee and the Committee on Development and Cooperation will cooperate closely with this committee in preparing for and discussing the outcome of their meetings.

Amendments tabled:

- a) No. 12 by Sir Fred CATHERWOOD removing a limitation on the interparliamentary delegations required to cooperate closely with the committee;
- b) No. 21 by Mr DELOROZOY providing for the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs to be asked for its opinion on all questions of trade policy concerning industrial products.

Amendment No. 12 by Sir Fred CATHERWOOD is incorporated in the new text submitted to the House.

Amendment No. 21 by Mr DELOROZOY on behalf of the Liberal and Democratic Group was not adopted in order to avoid going into excessive detail and listing cases involving relations between a committee responsible and a committee asked for its opinion.

Text unchanged, except for the last paragraph, which reads as follows:

The delegations will cooperate closely with this committee in preparing for and discussing the outcome of their meetings.

VII. LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Text as drawn up by the enlarged Bureau (25.9.80) and submitted to the House in March 1981

Amendments tabled in March 1981 and meeting between the President of the EP and Mr Vandewiele and the committee chairmen of 6.5.1981

New text submitted to the House

This committee is responsible for:

- privileges and immunities;
- legal aspects of the creation, interpretation and application of Community law;
- the law of the sea;
- human rights problems in the Community;
- (the Political Affairs Committee could give an opinion on these matters if it so requests);
- all matters relating to the definition¹ of the rights of Community citizens as such and the consolidation of legislation covering these rights; (the Political Affairs Committee could give an opinion on these matters if it so requests);
- coordination at Community level of national legislation:
 - (a) in regulations on freedom of establishment and freedom to provide services (Articles 52 to 66 of the EEC Treaty) including problems of company law; (in exercising this particular responsibility - and unless the problems are purely legal - the committee will generally consult the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs except in cases where the regulations apply to an area for which a different committee has more specific responsibility);

Amendments tabled:

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- a) Nos. 7, 8, 9 and 10 (see under Committee on Budgets), transferring from the Committee on Budgets to the Legal Affairs Committee responsibilities for the Staff Regulations;
- b) No. 18 by Mrs DE MARCH and others, withdrawing responsibility for human rights in the Community;
- c) No. 25 by Mr PANNELLA adding responsibility for action taken on resolutions and all other documents adopted by Parliament.

It will be up to the House to decide on the matter of responsibility raised by the amendments under a).

As regards the amendment by Mrs DE MARCH, note was taken of the agreement between the Political Affairs Committee

¹ Pursuant to Parliament's resolution of 16 November 1977 on special rights (OJ No. C 299 of 12 December 1977, page 26 et seq), the Political Affairs Committee remains the committee responsible as regards the acquisition of new rights not contained in this resolution.

- (b) in the application of article 220 of the EEC Treaty (protection of natural and legal persons) and all measures with wider application.

Questions concerning the approximation of national legislation (Articles 100 and 101 of the EEC Treaty) will be dealt with in each case by the committee responsible for the subject area of the proposals.

However, the Legal Affairs Committee may give its opinion on proposals within the meaning of Articles 100 and 101 of the EEC Treaty pursuant to Rule 44 of the Rules of Procedure, wherever it considers this necessary.

The committee will also be required to give its opinion on:

- proposed amendments to the Staff Regulations of Officials of the Communities if the legal position of officials is involved;
- the discussions leading to the finalization of a uniform electoral procedure (the legal aspects thereof).

and the Legal Affairs Committee, so that the text remains unchanged.

On Mr PANELLA'S amendment a consensus emerged on 6 May that each committee had to remain responsible, within its terms of reference, for action taken on resolutions and decisions of the European Parliament.

The text originally drawn up by the enlarged Bureau remains unchanged.

VIII. COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT

Text as drawn up by the enlarged Bureau (25.9.80) and submitted to the House in March 1981

Amendments tabled in March 1981 and meeting between the President of the EP and Mr Vandewiele and the committee chairmen of 6.5.1981

New text submitted to the House

This committee is responsible for:

- improving living and working conditions;
- employment policy, particularly where it affects young people;
- vocational training, particularly as regards access to the labour market and to retraining in connection with the reconversion and occupational mobility processes;
- activities of the European Social Fund (retraining, readaptation, etc.);
- free movement of workers;
- social security of migrant workers;
- housing policy and low-cost housing schemes;
- promoting cooperation between the Member States in the field of social policy, with particular emphasis on labour law and the approximation of social legislation;
- promotion of a 'European social budget';
- wages, pensions and incomes policy and policy on capital formation;
- equal pay and equal job and vocational training opportunities for men and women;
- paid holidays schemes.

The committee will also be required to give its opinion on matters relating to the rights of migrant workers.

Amendments tabled:

- a) No. 40 by Mr PATTERSON (ED), deleting responsibility for the promotion of a 'European social budget';
- b) No. 38 by Mr PATTERSON (ED), deleting responsibility for youth employment policy;
- c) No. 39 by Mr PATTERSON (ED), making an editorial change.

At the meeting of 6 May the chairman of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment opposed all the amendments tabled and recommended the adoption of the enlarged Bureau's text.

UNCHANGED

IX. COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL POLICY AND REGIONAL PLANNING

Text as drawn up by the enlarged Bureau (25.9.80) and submitted to the House in March 1981

Amendments tabled in March 1981 and meeting between the President of the EP and Mr Vandewiele and the committee chairmen of 6.5.1981

New text submitted to the House

This committee is responsible for:

- Community regional policy understood as a structural policy aimed at alignment of the economies, the harmonious development of the EEC and the removal of disparities;
- the special problems of the regions which are disadvantaged either because their economies are predominantly agricultural or their industrial sectors are in a state of crisis;
- impact of the other Community policies on the regions involved in regional policy;
- the impact of the enlargement of the European Community on the regional policies of the Member States and of the applicant countries;
- problems related to the management, effectiveness and control of the European Regional Development Fund (in particular its non-quota section) and the other instruments of Community regional policy;
- coordination of Community financial instruments in the field of regional policy;
- review of regional development programmes in the framework of Member States' regional policy and Community regional policy;

No amendments were tabled.

The new text submitted to the House embodies an editorial change suggested by the chairman of this committee.

Unchanged except that the last indent is to read:

- relations with local and regional authorities in the spirit of the Treaties.

- questions relating to Member States' ability to absorb and their criteria for using regional aid received from the Community;
- problems related to the relationship between national town and country planning forecasts and decisions and Community regional policy;
- existing relations between the Community institutions and regional and local authorities within the framework of the Treaties.

X. COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT

Text as drawn up by the enlarged Bureau (25.9.80) and submitted to the House in March 1981

Amendments tabled in March 1981 and meeting between the President of the EP and Mr Vandewiele and the committee chairmen of 6.5.1981

New text submitted to the House

This committee is responsible for:

- the development of a common transport policy;
- the creation of a European transport network;
- the liberalization of international transport;
- discrimination, harmonization and coordination in the sphere of transport;
- problems involved in transport by air, sea and pipeline;
- the Community's policy on ports;
- possible areas of interference between a common transport policy and the rules on competition or the requirements of social, agricultural, energy or regional policy (see Articles 3(e) and 74 of the EEC Treaty and Article 70 et seq. of the ECSC Treaty);

The committee will be required to give its opinion on matters pertaining to the fields of competition, the removal of barriers, the right of establishment and freedom to provide services, where transport policy is directly involved.

Amendments tabled:

a) No. 11 by Mr SEEFELD, chairman, adding responsibility for postal communications.

b) No. 41 by Mr PATTERSON (ED), mainly of an editorial nature but also adding responsibility for telecommunications and tourism.

(see under Committee on Youth amendment No. 2 by Mrs GAIOTTI DE BIASE (Youth) and PATTERSON (ED), allocating tourism to the Committee on Youth, Culture, Information and Sport).

Amendment No. 11 by Mr SEEFELD is incorporated in the new text submitted to the House.

Unchanged, except that the following 8th indent is added:

- postal communications.

and insert in the final indent:

- 'possible areas of interference between a common transport policy and its tariffs and the rules on competition ...' (remainder unchanged).

XI. COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH
AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Text as drawn up by the enlarged Bureau
(25.9.80) and submitted to the House in
March 1981

Amendments tabled in March 1981
and meeting between the President
of the EP and Mr Vandewiele and
the committee chairmen of 6.5.1981

New text submitted to
the House

This committee is responsible for:

- environment policy and environmental protection measures:
 - . pollution of air, earth and water,
 - . classification, packing, labelling, transport and use of dangerous substances,
 - . fixing new permissible noise levels,
 - . treatment and storage of waste (including recycling),
 - . international and regional measures and agreements aimed at protecting the environment (for example, the Rhine, the Mediterranean),
 - . protecting fauna and its habitat,
 - . giving opinions on energy and research programmes affecting the environment;
- public health and safety at work:
 - . checks on foodstuffs,
 - . programmes in the field of health education (with the emphasis on preventive action in respect of tobacco, the use of drugs, cardio-vascular illnesses, dietary products),
 - . harmonization of veterinary legislation,
 - . pharmaceutical products, including veterinary products,

Amendments tabled:

- a) No. 42 by Mr JOHNSON (ED)
adding responsibility for
'environmental aspects of
the Law of the Sea'.
- b) No. 4, 5 and 6 by Mrs GAIOTTI
DE BIASI (Youth), defining the
respective terms of reference
of this committee and the
Committee on Youth and Culture,
and providing for cooperation
between the two committees.

These amendments were not adopted
at the meeting of 6 May in an
effort to avoid going into
excessive detail and including
lists that might have a restric-
tive effect on relations between
a committee responsible and one
asked for its opinion.

UNCHANGED,
except that:

'harmonization of
veterinary legislation'
should be replaced by:
'veterinary legislation
concerning protection
against dangers to
human health arising from
bacteria and residues in
animal products; health
controls for products
(meat, milk, etc.) and pro-
duction systems (slaughter-
houses, dairies, etc.)

- . cosmetic products,
- . medical research programmes,
- . protection of employees at work;

- consumer protection:

problems concerning the implementation of the legislation proposed in the two action programmes, viz:

- . protection of consumers against risks to health and safety,
- . protection of consumers' economic interests,
- . improvement of legal protection for consumers (assistance, advice and legal redress),
- . improvement of consumer information and education,
- . appropriate consultation and representation of consumers during the preparatory phase of decisions affecting their interests.

XII. COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, CULTURE, EDUCATION,
INFORMATION AND SPORT

Text as drawn up by the enlarged Bureau (25.9.80) and submitted to the House in March 1981	Amendments tabled in March 1981 and meeting between the President of the EP and Mr Vandewiele and the committee chairmen of 6.5.1981	New text submitted to the House
<p>This committee is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the activities of the European Youth Forum; - youth exchanges, including the exchange of young workers, and other measures designed to promote the involvement of young people in the development of the European Community; - proposals relating to the establishment of a cultural community; - the policy designed to preserve and restore the cultural heritage and safeguard natural areas in cooperation with the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection; - the cultural education policy; - education programmes, harmonization of syllabuses and mutual recognition of diplomas; - the development of the European university; - promoting the system of European Schools; - continuing education for adults and home-study courses; - matters pertaining to the information of the general public on the activities of the European Communities¹; - matters relating to information and the media; 	<p>Amendments tabled:</p> <p>a) No. 2 by Mrs GAIOTTI DE BIASE (Youth) and 43 by Mr PATTERSON (ED), of an editorial nature but also adding responsibility for tourism. (See also under Committee on Transport amendment No. 41 by Mr PATTERSON).</p> <p>b) See, under 'Environment', 'Research' and 'Agriculture', amendments Nos. 5, 6, 4 and 3, underlining the need for liaison between these committees and the Committee on Youth.</p> <p>At the meeting of 6 May it was noted that the chairman of the committee concerned was against Mr PATTERSON's amendment. It was further noted that the chairman of the committee concerned would not press the amendments tabled on behalf of that committee by Mrs GAIOTTI DE BIASE on the understanding that the objectives set out in them would be applied in practice.</p> <p>The text submitted to the House is therefore unchanged.</p>	<p>UNCHANGED</p>

¹ It goes without saying, however, that with regard to regular information on the activities of the European Parliament and its organs and the directives issued to this end to the information services of the Secretariat, powers and responsibilities shall be laid down by the Bureau as part of the organization it determines in accordance with Rule 113(2) of the Rules of Procedure.

- problems associated with the development of the physical education policy;
- tourism;
- leisure.

The committee will be required to give its opinion on problems associated with the youth employment policy and vocational training.

XIII. COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION

Text as drawn up by the enlarged Bureau (25.9.80) and submitted to the House in March 1981

Amendments tabled in March 1981 and meeting between the President of the EP and Mr Vandewiele and the committee chairmen of 6.5.1981

New text submitted to the House

This committee is responsible for:

- application of the Lomé Convention;
- application of the association agreements with the Maghreb and Mashrek countries; in this context the delegations for relations with these countries will cooperate closely with this committee in preparing for and discussing the outcome of their meetings;
- UNCTAD problems, including generalized preferences;
- relations with other international organizations specializing in development or cooperation;
- primary commodities of interest to the developing countries;
- relations with certain specific groupings of developing countries;
- food aid;
- malnutrition;
- technical and financial aid to non-associated developing countries.

Amendments tabled:

- a) Nos. 26, 27 and 28 by Mr PANNELLA, making formal provision for responsibility for assistance in the agri-foodstuffs sphere, the fight against starvation and malnutrition and drawing up food strategies for Third World countries;
- b) No. 45 by Mr JACKSON (ED), introducing an editorial change.

UNCHANGED

The chairman of the committee concerned took the view that these amendments were essentially of an editorial nature.

XIV. COMMITTEE ON BUDGETARY CONTROL

Text as drawn up by the enlarged Bureau (25.9.80) and submitted to the House in March 1981

Amendments tabled in March 1981 and meeting between the President of the EP and Mr Vandewiele and the committee chairmen of 6.5.1981

New text submitted to the House

This committee is responsible for:

- the control of financial and budgetary measures aimed at implementing Community policies; monitoring the use of appropriations entered in the budget of the Community institutions (including the EAGGF, the Social Fund, the ERDF, the EDF), where necessary in cooperation with the committees concerned;
- discharge in respect of the implementation of the Community budgets pursuant to the provisions of the Treaty; the Financial Regulations and current practice; relations with the Court of Auditors, which is responsible for assisting Parliament in exercising its powers of control;
- measures adopted by the institutions following Parliament's decisions to give a discharge;
- monitoring the implementation of the budget, particularly on the basis of the institutions' quarterly reports, and examining and monitoring commitments, transfers and the use of appropriations during the year;
- transfers of appropriations in implementation of the budget (pursuant to the agreement with the Committee on Budgets);
- the Communities' financial balance sheets;
- control of the ECSC's financial and administrative operations;

See, under Committee on Budgets, Amendments Nos. 13 and 35, as well as 32, 33 and 34, under which all accounting matters would be placed within the terms of reference of the Committee on Budgetary Control.

Note was taken of the agreement between the Committee on Budgetary Control and the Committee on Budgets on the text drawn up by the enlarged Bureau.

UNCHANGED

The third part of the second indent needs clarifying and should read as follows:

relations, via the President of the European Parliament, with the Court of Auditors, which is responsible for assisting Parliament in exercising its powers of control over the accounts and the financial management of the institutions. As regards the European Parliament, the President shall submit to the Bureau and to the Committee on Budgetary Control the statement of accounts and the answers given to the observations of the Court of Auditors.

.../...

- monitoring the measures taken by the EIB on the basis of a mandate or a transfer of powers from the Commission for the purpose of implementing Community policies;
- financial control of the organs of the European Parliament, closure of accounts, discharge for the implementation of its budget and the decisions taken in this connection (legality and regularity of expenditure, effectiveness and appropriateness of budgetary management). In this context the committee would prepare the discharge decision for Parliament (Rule 114 of the Rules of Procedure);
- relations with the Court of Auditors and the national audit bodies.

In exercising Parliament's powers of control, which range from budgetary authorization to supervizing the implementation of the budget, the Committee on Budgetary Control is required to cooperate closely with the Committee on Budgets,

Final indent to read:

- relations with the Court of Auditors, via the President ...
(remainder unchanged)

Add an indent:

- the application of Rule 51 of the Rules of Procedure concerning the appointment of Members of the Court of Auditors.

Add a final part to the sentence:

... 'and with the President and the Bureau of the European Parliament when exercising the functions conferred on them by the Rules of Procedure, especially Rule 113(3) and (4), Rule 115, Rule 4 and Rule 18(4).

XV. COMMITTEE ON THE RULES OF PROCEDURE AND PETITIONS

Text as drawn up by the enlarged Bureau (25.9.80) and submitted to the House in March 1981

Amendments tabled in March 1981 and meeting between the President of the EP and Mr Vandewiele and the committee chairmen of 6.5.1981

New text submitted to the House

This committee is responsible for:

- the formulation, application and interpretation of the European Parliament's Rules of Procedure and for the examination of proposed amendments thereto;
- petitions, examination of petitions and action thereon.

Amendment tabled:

No. 44 by Mr PATTERSON (ED), seeking to improve the text as drafted.

This amendment, which embodies references to individual rules in the revised Rules of Procedure, is incorporated in the new text submitted to the House.

Amendment No. 44 by Mr PATTERSON:

'This committee is responsible for:

- the European Parliament's Rules of Procedure
- : the formulation of the Rules of Procedure, including Annexes thereto,
- : the examination of and reporting on proposed amendments to the Rules tabled under Rule 112
- : the interpretation of the Rules of Procedure pursuant to Rules 86 and 111
- the examination of petitions and action thereon.'

XVI. COMMITTEE ON THE VERIFICATION OF CREDENTIALS

Text as drawn up by the enlarged Bureau (25.9.80) and submitted to the House in March 1981

Amendments tabled in March 1981 and meeting between the President of the EP and Mr Vandewiele and the committee chairmen of 6.5.1981

New text submitted to the House

Rule 6 of the revised Rules of Procedure provides for the setting up of a Committee on the Verification of Credentials.

This committee is responsible for applying the provisions of Rule 6 and Rule 7(7) of the Rules of Procedure:

The text submitted to Parliament embodies the provisions of Rule 6 and Rule 7(7).

- verifying the credentials of newly elected Members;
- considering any disputes that may arise.

XVII COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONAL PROBLEMS WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR
-----AMENDMENTS TO THE TREATIES-----

New text submitted to
the House¹

The task of this committee
shall be to revise the Treaties
with a view to drawing up a
new constitutional framework
for the Community.

¹ see Annex and resolution of
9 July 1981

ANNEX I(a)

Luxembourg, 21 October 1981

Mrs Simone VEIL
President of the European Parliament
Centre Europeen
Plateau du Kirchberg
LUXEMBOURG

EP
Subcommittee on
Institutional Problems
The Chairman

Dear Madam President,

I enclose the document adopted at my proposal by the Subcommittee on Institutional Problems on 24 September 1981 in response to the mandate entrusted to it by the European Parliament when, on 9 July 1981, it adopted a resolution 'setting up an ad hoc committee to draw up proposals concerning the progress and development of the Community'.

I would draw your attention to the fact that paragraphs 2 and 3 of this document comply with the wish expressed by the European Parliament for a clear division of powers between the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Institutional Problems and the new committee. Paragraphs 4 and 5 set out the subcommittee's proposals relating to certain practical aspects of the infrastructure of the committee to be set up.

The Political Affairs Committee considers it useful and appropriate that this document be examined by the Bureau of the European Parliament in connection with the report by Mr Vandewiele on the terms of reference of the parliamentary committees in the light of the possible creation of further committees, before being submitted to the European Parliament.

I should therefore be grateful if you would raise this matter with the Bureau at one of its forthcoming meetings.

Yours sincerely,

André F. E. DILIGENT

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Annex I (b)

POLITICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Extract

from the Communication from Mr A. DILIGENT,
Chairman of the Subcommittee on Institutional Problems,
of the proposals adopted by the subcommittee
at its meeting of 24 September 1981
pursuant to the resolution of 9 July 1981 on
the setting up of an ad hoc committee to draw up
proposals concerning the progress and development of the Community
relating to the terms of reference of the latter

7 October 1981

In its resolution of 9 July 1981 on the setting up of an ad hoc Committee to draw up proposals concerning the progress and development of the Community, the European Parliament decided 'to instruct the Subcommittee on Institutional Problems of the Political Affairs Committee to submit to it proposals for a clear division of powers'.

Pursuant to those instructions, the subcommittee on Institutional Problems unanimously adopted the present document at its meeting of 24 September 1981, on a proposal from its chairman, Mr A. DILIGENT.

This document will be submitted to the Political Affairs Committee and then forwarded to Mrs VEIL, President of the European Parliament.

Present: Lady ELLES, acting chairman, Mr ANTONIOZZI, Mr BLUMENFELD, Mr HANSCH, Mr PRAG (deputizing for Mr C. JACKSON) and Mr RADOUX (deputizing for Mr VAN MIERT).

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES
OF THE SITTING ON
9 JULY 1981

RESOLUTION

setting up a committee on institutional problems

The European Parliament,

- having had the opportunity since the election of its Members by direct universal suffrage to assess the way in which the institutions operate and the effectiveness of Community policies,
- considering its duty to submit, debate and vote on proposals for reform relating to the functions of the Community and, therefore, of its institutions,
- convinced that proposals for reform underpinned by a broad consensus of the political forces of all the Member States and adopted by Parliament should be sent directly for ratification to the appropriate constitutional authorities in each Member State,
- emphasizing the historical and political reasons underlying the Community integration process and the interdependent and peaceful conduct of relations between the peoples of the Community for over 30 years,
- noting with anxiety that the declarations of intent and the official resolutions adopted on several occasions on the establishment of a European Union in 1980 by the progressive reform of the existing institutions have not always been actively pursued,
- aware of its immense political responsibility if it is to adhere to the principles outlined by the founders of the Community, whose inspiration and resolve sprang from the appalling experiences of the Second World War,
- convinced that the fact that it has been elected by direct universal suffrage gives it both increased authority and additional duties in the performance of its democratic tasks,
- recalling the steps which it has taken, especially motion for a resolution Doc. 1-347/79 tabled by the Group of the European People's Party.

Resolves:

- (a) to take full initiative in giving fresh impetus to the establishment of the European Union;
- (b) to create a permanent committee on institutional problems as from the second half of the term of office of the European Parliament whose task it will be to draw up amendments to the existing Treaties;
- (c) to instruct the Subcommittee on Institutional Problems of the Political Affairs Committee to submit to it proposals for a clear division of powers.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
ON 16 DECEMBER 1981

The European Parliament,

- mindful of the need to function as effectively and as economically as possible;
- determined not to undertake in its own budget any expenditure which cannot be clearly justified in terms of increased effectiveness;
- conscious of the harmful effect on public opinion of any such expenditure;
- recognizing that, even with the present number of full committees, the existing parliamentary commitments of members sometimes makes it difficult for them to attend committee meetings in sufficient strength, thereby creating the risk of committee decisions being unrepresentative and of their being subsequently overthrown in plenary session;
- fully aware of the problems of staffing any new committees, particularly as regards the creation of new posts and the transfer of existing posts;
- conscious that subcommittees, working parties and ad hoc committees - such as the Fisheries Sub-Committee of the Agricultural Committee, the Human Rights Working Party of the Political Affairs Committee and the Ad hoc Committee on the Situation of Women - have carried out important tasks effectively and economically, and should be able to continue to do so in the future;
- having regard to the decision taken by Parliament to set up a Committee on Institutional Affairs;

Decides that it will not create any further new full committees before the end of 1982.

