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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr FLANAGAN

pursuant to Rule 25 of the
Rules of Procedure

on/turf peat

The European Parliament

- having regard to the serious uncertainties as regards supplies of energy resources, in particular hydrocarbons, from third countries,
 - having regard to the decreasing supplies of hydrocarbons at higher costs with no reduction in demand,
 - having regard to the need for the Community to secure adequate supplies of energy resources,
 - considering that the best means of doing this is to develop our own resources,
1. Draws attention to the substantial resources of turf peat in the Community, in particular in parts of Ireland and the United Kingdom;
 2. Deplores the failure of the European Community to give proper recognition to turf peat as a valuable, yet very cheap, source of energy within the Community;
 3. Considers it strange that the Community should provide substantial financial assistance for coal, hydrocarbons, nuclear power, uranium ore prospecting and processing, solar energy, geothermal energy, hydrogen production, thermonuclear fusion and high temperature materials while no interest has been taken in developing this simple, yet important source of energy within the Community;
 4. Points out the vast experience and technology developed in Ireland in the use of turf peat for home heating and electricity production;
 5. Calls on its competent committees to study all aspects of turf peat, particularly in relation to energy, with a view to its full development and exploitation and to make proposals on how the Community might best participate in such development and exploitation.