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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mrs CRESSON, Mrs ROUDY, Mr DELMOTTE,  
Mr SUTRA, Mrs VAYSSADE, Mrs FUILLET and Mr DIDO

on behalf of the Socialist Group

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on control of the use of oestrogens and anabolic  
steroids in feedingstuffs for calves

The European Parliament.

- pointing out that the lack of any common rules on the manufacture, distribution and use of substances with oestrogenic action is already causing and, unless something is done, will continue to cause serious problems,
  - pointing out that some countries of the Community have no rules on the matter and that others authorize only certain substances of this type,
  - pointing out that treatment with hormones and oestrogens (including chemical hormone and anabolic steroid implants) is widespread in practice,
  - pointing out that the manufacture of such products cannot be forbidden as some of them are effective in treating certain animal diseases,
  - pointing out that, particularly in France, some farmers who have no choice but to buy feedingstuffs from a particular industrial concern, are completely ignorant of the treatments in the form of 'white vitamins' they are given to administer,
  - pointing out that for French farmers artificially increased weight merely compensates for the reduction in producer prices for veal,
1. Condemns this policy which is to the advantage of neither the producer, whether he produces high-quality meat or veal from battery calves, nor the consumer, nor society as a whole, and provides an important source of revenue only for some industrialists who sell feedingstuffs and pocket the subsidies;
  2. Calls for high quality agricultural production, which is often practiced on small and medium-sized farms, to be encouraged;
  3. Recommends the early opening of the debate on improving the CAP by guaranteeing prices that take account of production costs and production quotas;
  4. Calls for the elaboration of a draft Community regulation harmonizing the manufacture and use of hormones and anabolic steroids and for the implementation of measures to ensure compliance with such a regulation;
  5. Proposes that the responsible committees should organize a hearing with scientific experts from the different Member States in order to establish more clearly what risks are involved in the use of such substances and provide the basis for the proposed regulation.