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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
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tabled by Mr PANNELLA

pursuant to Rule 112 of the Rules of Procedure

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Rule 111(4) to read as follows:

'Should a political group or at least ten members contest the committee's interpretation within 48 hours of its announcement in the Chamber, the matter

Justification: The current practice of publishing interpretations in the minutes means that the only way of contesting them is to speak when the relevant minutes are being approved. However, the time available between the distribution to Members of the minutes and their approval in the Chamber amounts to some 15 minutes.

A quarter of an hour to study, consult other Members and prepare to contest the interpretation in question is so short a time that it effectively prevents Members from exercising this right under the Rules of Procedure.