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REPORT

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on  
Agriculture

on the proposals from the Commission of the  
European Communities to the Council (Doc.  
1-58/81) for

- I. a regulation establishing a common  
measure for the development of beef  
cattle production in Ireland
- II. a regulation introducing temporary  
financial aid from the Community to  
Ireland for pre-movement tuberculin  
testing and brucellosis blood sampling  
of cattle
- III. a regulation on the granting of an  
additional premium for maintaining  
suckler cows in Ireland

Rapporteur: Sir Henry PLUMB,  
Chairman of the Committee  
on Agriculture

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By letter of 17 March 1981 the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty, to deliver an opinion on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation on I establishing a common measure for the development of beef cattle production in Ireland, II introducing temporary financial aid from the Community to Ireland for pre-movement tuberculosis in testing and brucellosis blood sampling of cattle, III on the granting of an additional premium for maintaining suckler cows in Ireland.

By letter of 1 April 1981 the Council requested application of urgent procedure according to Article 14 of the Rules of Procedure.

The President of the European Parliament referred these proposals to the Committee on Agriculture as the Committee responsible and to the Committee on Budgets for its opinion.

On 6 April 1981 the Committee on Agriculture appointed Sir Henry Plumb rapporteur.

It considered these proposals at its meeting of 6 April 1981.

At the same meeting the Committee adopted the motion for a resolution by 17 votes, 2 against and 3 abstentions.

Present: Sir Henry Plumb, Chairman and rapporteur; Mr Colleselli, Vice-chairman; Mr Delatte, Vice-chairman;

Mr Battersby, Mr Clinton, Mr Curry, Mr Dalsass, Mr Davern, Mr Diana, Mr Fanton, Mr Gautier, Mrs Herklotz, Mr Hord, Mr Kirk, Mr Maher, Mr Papaefstratiou, Miss Quin, Mr Skovmand, Mr Sutra, Mr David Taylor (deputizing for Mr Provan), Mr Vernimmen, Mr Wettig.

The opinion of the Committee on Budgets is attached.

The Committee on Agriculture hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for

- I. a regulation establishing a common measure for the development of beef cattle production in Ireland
- II. a regulation introducing temporary financial aid from the Community to Ireland for pre-movement tuberculin testing and brucellosis blood sampling of cattle
- III. a regulation on the granting of an additional premium for maintaining suckler cows in Ireland

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(81) 106 final),
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 1-58/81),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 1-108/81),
1. Recognises the exceptional importance of agriculture to the economy and future development of Ireland;
  2. Notes that agricultural incomes have fallen in Ireland by more than 20% over the past year and by more than 50% in Northern Ireland;
  3. Points out that incomes of livestock producers, and particularly of beef, constitute the hardest hit sectors;
  4. Emphasises that the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland form a single agricultural unit in terms of production patterns and structures, and face therefore the same problems and economic difficulties in the agricultural sector;
  5. Believes, therefore, that the proposals relating to special measures for the Republic of Ireland should be extended to cover Northern Ireland;

6. Approves the Commission's proposal for a two year programme for livestock development, by means of improved breeding programmes and aid to encourage silage production and the application of lime to improve pastures;
7. Approves furthermore the Commission's proposal to provide Community financing for the extra aid permitted under the suckling cow scheme;
8. Points out that there are no national barriers to the spread of diseases affecting agricultural livestock; and points out the heavy financial burden which disease eradication imposes on Ireland;
9. Approves the Commission's proposal for further assistance for the eradication of tuberculosis and brucellosis.

Expenditure by the EAGGF (mECU)(1) Breadkown of expenditure by budget year

	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984</u>
Development of beef production <sup>1</sup>		5.0	11.9	6.9
Tuberculosis and brucellosis <sup>1</sup>		1.5	3.0	1.5
Additional suckler premium <sup>2</sup>	8.2	8.2		
TOTAL	8.2	14.7	14.9	8.4

(2) Breakdown of expenditure on the development of beef production by marketing year

	<u>1982/3</u>	<u>1983/4</u>
Total expenditure on beef production	11.9	11.9
- performance and progeny testing	0.74	0.74
- artificial insemination	5.55	5.55
- silage making	1.665	1.665
- lime subsidy	3.95	3.95

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<sup>1</sup> Guidance Section

<sup>2</sup> Guarantee Section

OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGETS

Letter from the chairman to Sir Henry PLUMB, chairman of the  
Committee on Agriculture

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Strasbourg, 7 April 1981

Subject: Proposals for regulations

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beef cattle production in Ireland
2. introducing temporary financial aid from the Community to  
Ireland for pre-movement tuberculin testing and brucellosis  
blood sampling of cattle
3. on the granting of an additional premium for maintaining  
suckler cows in Ireland

(Doc. 1-58/81)

Dear Sir Henry,

At its meeting of 6 April 1981 the Committee on Budgets considered the  
Commission proposals listed above.

In the course of its deliberations the committee learnt that the  
Commission's proposals would cover not only the Republic of Ireland but  
also Ulster as a part of the United Kingdom. This increases the amounts  
quoted in the Commission's financial statements correspondingly.

The Committee on Budgets was able to endorse the Commission proposals  
provided it is made clear that the amounts quoted in the regulations  
are for guidance only.

Yours sincerely,

Erwin Lange

Present: Mr Lange, chairman; Mr Notenboom and Mr Spinelli, vice-  
chairmen; Mr Adonnino, Mr Ansquer, Mr Barbi, Mr Bonde, Mr Dankert,  
Mr Fich, Mr Forth, Mr Gouthier, Mrs Hoff, Mr Hord, Mr Jackson,  
Mr Newton Dunn, Mr Nord, Mr Schön, Mrs Scrivener and Mr Simonnet.

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