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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr L. FELLERMAIER
on behalf of the Socialist Group

with request for urgent debate
pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on strengthening parliamentary democracy at
European Community level

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to the opportunities for strengthening parliamentary democracy at European Community level provided by the direct elections to be held in June 1979,
 - aware that in its dealings with the Council and Commission, the directly elected European Parliament will also need the support of the parliaments of the Member States,
 - desirous of expanding the existing forms of cooperation between the Council and the European Parliament,
 - in accordance with the wish of the Council that the conciliation procedure should be accelerated and made more effective, and provided that this entails no infringement of Parliament's rights,
 - mindful of the important Community policies and projects in which the governments and authorities of the Member States and the Commission are involved, as are the parliaments of the Member States of the European Community, although to a much lesser extent,
 - on the basis of the joint efforts made over the years by the Conference of Presidents of European Parliamentary Assemblies to give greater political prominence to important aspects of Community policy in the work of the national parliaments,
1. Expects the Council to step up its efforts to achieve integration, in particular by accelerating its consultation and decision-making procedures and by transferring executive powers to the Commission;
 2. Calls on the Council finally to comply with the commitment it voluntarily assumed to extend civil rights in the Community;
 3. Calls on the European Council to instruct its President-in-Office to report to the European Parliament on its deliberations;
 4. Recognizes in the verbal statements made by the Council to the European Parliament in January and February 1979 concerning the conciliation procedure a starting point for improvements to that procedure;
 5. Calls on the Council, therefore, to begin negotiations with the European Parliament on the establishment of a joint, permanent and general Conciliation Committee consisting of an equal number of representatives of the European Parliament and of members of the Council and meeting in the presence of the Commission;

6. Requests the parliaments of the Member States which have not already done so to set up special committees or equivalent permanent parliamentary bodies to be responsible for matters relating to Community policy, in accordance with the proposal made by the Presidents of Parliamentary Assemblies on 25/26 September 1975 in Rome;
7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission and to the national parliaments.

JUSTIFICATION FOR URGENT PROCEDURE

The need to improve the conciliation procedure and give greater prominence to important aspects of Community policy in the work of the national parliaments must be emphasized by the European Parliament sufficiently in advance of the European elections. The European Parliament as at present constituted should give genuine emphasis to this resolve and further strengthen parliamentary democracy at Community level.

It should use the authority of the existing dual mandate system to ensure that all the parliaments concerned cooperate in this respect.