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Report

on behalf of the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions

on the amendment of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament

Rapporteur: Mr R. LUSTER

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At the plenary sitting of 9 May 1979 two motions for a resolution (Doc. 170/79 and Doc. 171/79) were referred to the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions.

At its meeting the same day the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions appointed Mr Luster rapporteur and adopted this draft report by 9 votes to 3 with one abstention.

At the plenary sitting of 10 May 1979 the report (Doc. 178/79) and the two amendments tabled thereto were referred back to the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions.

The Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions considered the report and the amendments at its meeting of 15 May 1979. Amendment No. 2 to Rule 7A, which called for the deletion of that Rule, was rejected by 5 votes with 2 abstentions. Amendment No. 1 to Rule 36(5), which called for the minimum number of members required to form a group to be increased to 21, was unanimously rejected.

Present: Mr Hamilton, acting chairman; Mr de Gaay Fortman, Lord Kennet, Mr Lemp, Mr W. Müller, Lord Reay and Sir Derek Walker-Smith.

At the plenary sitting of 20 July 1979 the report (Doc. 193/79) and the 100 amendments tabled thereto were referred back to the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions.

At its meeting of 3 September 1979 the committee decided to draw up separate reports on Rules 7A and 36. It also decided to hold over to a future meeting consideration of Rule 36 and the amendments tabled thereto. The amendments tabled to Rule 7A and to the motion for a resolution (193/40 to 193/100) were withdrawn. The committee approved the report and the motion for a resolution by 24 votes with one abstention.

Present: Mr Nyborg, chairman; Mrs Vayssade, Mr Fischbach and Mr Malangré, vice-chairmen; Mr Luster, rapporteur; Mr Adonnino, Mr Bangemann, Mrs Bonino, Mrs Cassanmagnago Cerretti (deputizing for Mr Antiniozzi), Mr Chambeiron, Mrs Cresson, Mr d'Angelosante, Lady Elles (deputizing for Mr Prout), Mr Flanagan, Mr B. Friedrich, Mr Galland, Mr Hänsch, Mr Nord, Mr Patterson, Mr Pfennig, Mr Rogers, Mr Sieglerschmidt, Mr Turner, Mr Tyrell and Mr Vondeling.

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The Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution together with explanatory statement:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

on the amendment of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 54 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the motion for a resolution tabled by the political groups (Doc. 170/79),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions (Doc. 1-282/79),

1. Decides to amend its Rules of Procedure as follows:
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution, for information, to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation, and instructs its Secretary-General to have published a new edition of the Rules of Procedure thus amended, making sure that there is perfect concordance between the texts in the six official languages.

EXISTING TEXT OF THE RULES

PROPOSED NEW TEXT

Rules 1 to 7 unchanged

Rule 7A

1. After the election of the Vice-Presidents, the Parliament shall elect at least three quaestors.

The quaestors shall be elected by the same procedure as Vice-Presidents and for the same term of office.

2. The quaestors shall be members of the Bureau in an advisory capacity.

3. The quaestors shall be responsible for administrative and financial matters directly concerning members, pursuant to the directives adopted by the Bureau.

Rules 8 to 54 unchanged

EXPLANATORY STATEMENTRule 7A

1. Parliament has had a college of quaestors consisting of the President and 3 quaestors since 1977.

Up to now, this body has worked very satisfactorily but the Rules of Procedure have not yet been adapted to take account of its existence. For this reason, it is proposed that a new rule be added to the Rules of Procedure.

2. Under the new rule, at least 3 quaestors would be appointed. This is a compromise between the political groups which affords the possibility of appointing a greater number of quaestors.

3. The quaestors are to be elected immediately after the Vice-Presidents by the same procedure and for the same term of office as the Vice-Presidents. Since the Bureau frequently has to deal with matters of an administrative or financial nature it would be useful for the quaestors to have a seat in the Bureau, albeit without the right to vote.

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION (Doc. 170/79)

tabled by Mr FELLERMAIER on behalf of the Socialist Group
Mr KLEPSCH on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group
(Group of the European People's Party)
Mr PINTAT on behalf of the Liberal and Democratic Group
Mr RIPPON on behalf of the European Conservative Group
Mr AMENDOLA on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group
Mr de la MALENE on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats

on the creation of a new Rule 7A of the Rules of Procedure of the
European Parliament

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 54 of its Rules of Procedure,

1. Decides to create a new Rule 7A of the Rules of Procedure to read
as follows:

Rule 7A

1. After the election of the Vice-Presidents, the
Assembly shall elect at least three quaestors.

The quaestors shall be elected by the same
procedure as Vice-Presidents and for the same term
of office.
2. The quaestors shall be members of the Bureau in an
advisory capacity.
3. The quaestors shall be responsible for administrative
and financial matters directly concerning Members, pursuant
to the directives adopted by the Bureau.