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Report

drawn up on behalf of the Political Affairs Committee

on the ~~internal~~ procedures of the European Parliament

Rapporteur: Lord REAY

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By letter dated 18 May 1973 Mr GIRAUDO, chairman of the Political Affairs Committee, requested Mr BERKHOUWER, President of the European Parliament, to authorize the Political Affairs Committee to draw up a report on the powers of the European Parliament.

On 25 May 1973 the Bureau authorized the Political Affairs Committee to draw up this report.

On 18 May 1973, Sir Peter KIRK was appointed rapporteur.

On 22 June 1976 the committee decided to consider this problem in the form of two motions for resolutions, one on the internal procedures of the European Parliament and the other on inter-institutional relations.

On 23 September 1977 Lord REAY was appointed rapporteur in place of Sir Peter KIRK.

The committee considered the present motion for a resolution on the internal procedures of the European Parliament at its meetings of 21 and 22 November 1977 and 2 and 3 February 1978.

At its meeting of 20 and 21 April 1978 the committee adopted the motion for a resolution by 13 votes to 2 with 1 abstention.

Present: Mr BERTRAND, chairman; Mr RADOUX, Mr JOHNSTON, and Mr BRUGHA, vice-chairmen; Lord REAY, rapporteur; Mr AMADEI, Mr BANGEMANN, Mr BETTIZA, Mr FLETCHER-COOKE, Mr GRANELLI, Mr KOFOED (deputizing for Mr DURIEUX), Mr PATIJN, Mr RYAN, Mr SANTER (deputizing for Mr SCELBA), Mr SIEGLERSCHMIDT and Mr SPINELLI

The explanatory statement will be presented orally in plenary sitting.

The Political Affairs Committee hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

on the internal procedures of the European Parliament

The European Parliament,

1. Considers that its committees should examine where action might be initiated by Parliament to seize the Court of Justice of the European Communities, under Article 175 of the EEC Treaty, concerning the Council's failure to act in implementing Treaty provisions;
2. Instructs its Legal Affairs Committee to examine all cases involving the Council and the Commission which come before the Court of Justice with a view to recommending Parliament to intervene in those cases in which it has a direct interest;
3. Considers that its committees should develop, where appropriate, the practice of holding public hearings of the views of outside bodies and individuals at which the evidence given should be recorded and published - the Commission being invited to give evidence at such hearings whenever appropriate;
4. Instructs its President to submit this resolution to the Bureau of the European Parliament in order that it may consider the measures required for its implementation.

