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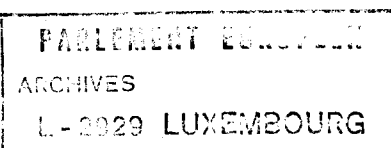
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REPORT

on the amendment of Rule 159 of the European Parliament's
Rules of Procedure concerning the appointment of the
Ombudsman

Committee on the Rules of Procedure, the Verification of
Credentials and Immunities

Rapporteur: Mr Ben Fayot



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- ... Consultation procedure
- ... simple majority
- *** Cooperation procedure (first reading)
- ... simple majority
- *** Cooperation procedure (second reading)
- ... simple majority to approve the common position
- ... absolute majority of Parliament's component Members to reject or amend the common position
- *** Assent procedure
- ... absolute majority of Parliament's component Members to give assent
- ... except for simple majority under Articles 141, 143 and 228 EC

- *** Cooperation procedure (first reading)
- ... simple majority
- *** Cooperation procedure (second reading)
- ... simple majority to approve the common position
- ... absolute majority of Parliament's component Members either to adopt a declaration of intent to reject the common position or to amend or confirm the rejection of the common position
- *** Cooperation procedure (third reading)
- ... simple majority to approve the joint text
- ... absolute majority of Parliament's component Members to reject the Council text

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By letter of 14 November 1994 to Mr Ben Fayot, Chairman of the Committee on the Rules of Procedure, the Verification of Credentials and Immunities, Mr Klaus Hänsch, President of Parliament, referred to the committee the possibility that the provisions of the Rules of Procedure concerning the appointment of the Ombudsman might be amended.

The Committee on the Rules of Procedure considered the matter at an extraordinary meeting on 15 and 16 November 1994 in Strasbourg.

At the end of the meeting, it decided to propose amendments to parts of Rule 159 and appointed its chairman, Mr Ben Fayot, rapporteur.

At its meetings of 21 and 22 November and 28 and 29 November 1994, it considered the draft report.

At the latter meeting it adopted the proposal for a decision by 12 votes to 8, with 1 abstention.

The following were present for the vote: Fayot, chairman and rapporteur; Mosiek-Urbahn, vice-chairman; Wijsenbeek, vice-chairman; André-Leonard (for Capucho), Aparicio Sanchez (for Lambraki), Colom i Naval (for Ford), Cot (for Balfe), Crowley, Dell'Alba, Brendan Patrick Donnelly, Ephremidis, Fabre-Aubrespy (for Jean-Pierre), Garcia Arias (for Marinho), Kellett-Bowman (for D'Andrea), Langer (for Aglietta), Lucas Pires (for Galeote Quecedo), Malangré, Manzella, Nassauer (for Janssen Van Raay), Rothley, Santini (for Florio) and Verde i Aldea.

The report was tabled on 29 November 1994.

The deadline for tabling amendments is 1 p.m. on 30 November 1994.

A
Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament

Present text

New text proposed

(Amendment No. 1)
Rule 159(4)

4. The committee responsible shall put its choice of candidate to Parliament's vote.

4. The committee responsible shall submit its candidates to Parliament for a vote in the order of votes obtained in committee.

(Amendment No. 2)
Rule 159(5)

5. Parliament shall place the vote on the agenda for the part-session following the forwarding of the proposal by the committee responsible.

5. deleted

(Amendment No. 3)
Rule 159(6)

6. The vote shall be held by secret ballot on the basis of a majority of the votes cast.

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(Amendment No. 4)
Rule 159(8)

8. Should the vote be negative, the President may ask the committee responsible to make a new proposal or issue a further call for nominations.

8. deleted

PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION

Decision on the amendment of Rule 159 of the European Parliament's Rules of Procedure concerning the appointment of the Ombudsman

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the letter from its President, dated 14 November 1994,
 - having regard to Rules 162 and 163 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on the Rules of Procedure, the Verification of Credentials and Immunities (A3-0085/94),
1. Decides to make the above amendments to its Rules of Procedure;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Council and Commission for information.