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AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

concerning the tabling of amendments to  
the budget

tabled by Mr LANGES

on behalf of the Group of the European Peoples'  
Party

(Christian-Democratic Group)

pursuant to Rule 112 of the Rules of Procedure

The European Parliament,

- A - whereas the vote on the Community budget takes up more and more time each year,
  - B - whereas any individual vote is pointless unless there is a chance that the absolute majority required by the Treaty will be obtained,
  - C - whereas in the past many amendments have only been supported by a single Member,
  - D - whereas each Member has more than a month in which to table amendments in the various committees or the Committee on Budgets,
  - E - whereas it is the duty of the committees to carry out preparatory work for the plenary sessions of the European Parliament,
1. Decides that for the budgetary procedure the Rules of Procedure must be amended as follows:
    - (a) Any Member, committee or political group may table amendments to the draft budget of the European Community in any of the specialist committees or the Committee on Budgets by a date which shall be established in advance.
    - (b) The specialist committees shall vote on these amendments.
    - (c) A vote will subsequently be taken on all amendments in the Committee on Budgets.  
Those amendments which are adopted will be headed 'Amendments tabled on behalf of the Committee on Budgets on the proposal of the author'.  
The name of the Member, committee or political group will be inserted here.
    - (d) Amendments which are rejected by 3/4 of the members of the Committee on Budgets may not be submitted to the plenary unless they are re-submitted by a committee.
    - (e) Amendments which are rejected by a simple majority in the Committee on Budgets may also be re-submitted if signed by 1/20 of the Members of Parliament.
  2. Instructs its appropriate committee to present this procedural proposal to Parliament before the first part-session in October 1982.