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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the granting of an automatic reduction in public
transport charges to certain categories of citizens
in the Member States

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 118 thereof, which seeks to promote closer cooperation among the Member States in the social field,
 - having regard to the fact that a social policy should include common welfare provisions and that one of its objectives should be to prevent the citizens of the Member States from becoming alienated from society,
 - whereas the introduction of Community social measures to help less fortunate social categories such as handicapped persons and senior citizens could greatly encourage the citizens of the Member States to become more involved in the process of European integration,
 - whereas the increasing mobility of workers in the Member States has often been accompanied by a profound feeling of cultural and social alienation on their part, and one of the European Communities' main humanitarian concerns should be to facilitate contacts with the area of origin, particularly in the case of pensioners, by means of a socially-oriented transport policy,
 - having regard to the fact that the common transport policy is an excellent means of bringing about a more socially oriented Community policy,
1. Requests the Council to issue a directive providing for a fifty per cent reduction on all forms of public transport by land, sea and air in the Member States for handicapped persons and people of sixty years of age and over.
 2. Instructs its appropriate committee to work out all the practical details and thus actively help the Commission and the Council to prepare the directive.
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and Council.