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REPORT

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communties to the Council (Doc. 1-1216/82 - COM(83) 30 final) for a regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No. 2744/80 establishing supplementary measures in favour of the United Kingdom

Rapporteur : Mr R. JACKSON

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By telex of 21 January 1983, the President of the Council of the European Communities consulted the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No. 2744/80 establishing supplementary measures in favour of the United Kingdom.

The President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on Budgets as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Regional Policy and Regional Planning for an opinion.

At its meeting of 20 January 1983, the Committee on Budgets appointed Mr Robert Jackson rapporteur.

At its meeting of 8 February 1983, it considered the proposal from the Commission and the draft report and decided to recommend that Parliament should approve the Commission's proposal.

The Committee then adopted the motion for a resolution in its entirety unanimously.

There were present: Mr LANGE, Chairman;
Mr R. JACKSON, rapporteur; Mr ADAM (deputizing for Mr BALFE), Mr BALFOUR, Mr HELMS (deputizing for Mr CROUX), Mr JOHNSON (deputizing for Mr KELLETT-BOWMAN),
Mr NEWTON DUNN, Mrs NIKOLAOU, Mr PFENNIG, Mr PRICE, Mr SABY, Mr Konrad SCHON and Mrs SCRIVENER.

The explanatory statement will be presented orally.

The opinion of the Committee on Regional Policy and Regional Planning is attached to this report.

C O N T E N T S

The Committee on Budgets hereby submits the following motion for a resolution to the European Parliament:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No. 2744/80 establishing supplementary measures in favour of the United Kingdom

The European Parliament,

A. having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(83) 30 final),

B. having been consulted by the Council on 21 January 1983 (Doc. 1-1216/82)

C. having regard to the Joint Declaration by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on various measures to improve the budgetary procedure,[1]

D. having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets and the opinions of the Committee on Regional Policy and Regional Planning (Doc. 1-1234/82)

E. having regard to the previous report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 1-1004/82),

1. Considers

(a) that in principle the expenditure resulting from this regulation should be classified as non-compulsory ,

(b) that projects financed on the basis of the new regulation must comply with the principles and objectives of the existing common policies as defined by the institutions,

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[1] OJ No. C 194, 28.7.82

(c) that the conditions of participation and control procedures must be harmonized with those normally applied to actions resulting from the application of the existing common policies;

(d) that the provision in the Joint Declaration that 'fixing of maximum amounts by regulation must be avoided' must be respected;

2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission, as Parliament's opinion.

Opinion of the Committee on Regional Policy and Regional Planning

Subject: Opinion on Preliminary Draft Supplementary and Amending Budget No. 1 for the 1983 financial year (COM(83) 23 fin.)

Dear Mr Chairman,

At its meeting of 27/28 January the Committee on Regional Policy and Regional Planning considered Preliminary Draft Supplementary and Amending Budget No. 1 for 1983.

In order to meet the deadlines and facilitate the work of the committee responsible the committee decided to deliver its opinion in the form of a letter.

The opinion of the committee is confined to the section of the proposal concerned with supplementary structural measures in favour of the United Kingdom since assessment of the proposals concerning energy policy does not fall within its terms of reference.

The appropriations proposed in November 1982 for structural measures in favour of the United Kingdom have been reduced by approximately one half and now amount to 692 million ECUs.

Apart from this reduction, the proposal is identical to the one rejected by Parliament in December 1982, i.e. the expenditure is still classified as compulsory and does not accord with current Community policies as advocated by the European Parliament.

In view of this unchanged situation, the Committee on Regional Policy and Regional Planning is still unable to approve the Commission's proposal.

It requests instead that the additional structural measures in favour of the United Kingdom be implemented under the existing Regional Development Fund Regulation.

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This would ensure classification of the expenditure as non-compulsory under existing Community policy, thereby rendering superfluous any new regulation for additional measures in favour of the United Kingdom.

We hope that the Committee on Budgets will take due account of this opinion in its report.

This opinion was adopted by the committee on 28 January 1983 by 11 votes to 3[1].

Yours sincerely,

(sgd.) Pancrazio De Pasquale
Chairman

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[1] The following voted in favour of the opinion: Mrs Boot, Mr Cecovini, Mr Chanterie (deputizing for Mr Constanzo), Mr Maher (deputizing for Mrs Martin), Mr Muntingh (deputizing for Mr Glinne), Mr Nikolaou, Mr Pöttering, Mr Travaglini, Mr von der Vring and Mr Vandewiele (deputizing for Mr Verroken).
The following voted against the opinion: Mr Griffiths, Mr Harris and Mrs Kellett-Bowman.