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Report

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

on the proposal from the Commission of the
European Communities to the Council
(Doc. 1-1217/82-COM(83) 31 final)

for a regulation establishing specific measures
of Community interest relating to energy strategy //

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 Council Regulation establishing specific measures of Community interest relating to energy strategy.

The President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on Budgets as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Energy 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 by 11 votes to 0 with 1 abstention.

The following took part in the vote: Mr LANGE, Chairman; Mrs BARBARELLA, Vice-Chairman; Mr R. JACKSON, rapporteur; Mr ADAM (deputizing for Mr BALFE), Mr BALFOUR, Mr JOHNSON (deputizing for Mr KELLETT-BOWMAN), Mr Konrad SCHON, Mr LANGES, Mr NEWTON DUNN, Mrs NIKOLAOU, Mr PFENNIG, Mr PRICE and Mrs SCRIVENER.

The explanatory statement will be presented orally.

The opinion of the Committee on Energy and Research is attached to this report.

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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 establishing specific measures of Community interest relating to energy strategy

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(83) 31 final)
 - B. having been consulted by the Council on 21 January 1983 (Doc. 1-1217/82),
 - 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 opinion of the Committee on Energy and Research (Doc. 1-1235/82),
 - E. having regard to the previous report of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 1-998/82),
1. Considers that it is able to accept the proposal for a regulation on the basis that it will:
 - (a) become the first step towards the implementation of a coherent Community policy;
 - (b) pay especial regard to the Community's 1990 energy objectives and to the priorities put forward by both Parliament and Council in achieving those objectives, priorities which emphasized energy saving and reduced oil imports;
 - (c) give particular consideration to the objectives set out in the three following Community programmes, which have been endorsed by Parliament:
 - the exploitation of alternative energy sources, energy savings and the substitution of hydrocarbons

¹OJ No. C 194, 28.7.82

- the Liquefaction and gasification of solid fuels;

- the rational use of energy;

2. Instructs its President to forward to the Commission and Council, as Parliament's opinion, the Commission's proposal as voted by Parliament and the corresponding resolution

Opinion of the Committee on Energy and Research

Subject: Document 1- /82 (COM(83) 31 final)
Proposal for a Council Decision establishing
in the Community's interest special measures
in the sector of Energy Strategy-----

Dear Mr. Chairman,

At its meeting of 27th January 1983 the Committee on Energy and Research considered the document mentioned above. The Committee regrets the short time permitted for its examination of the proposal, but nevertheless reached the following conclusions:

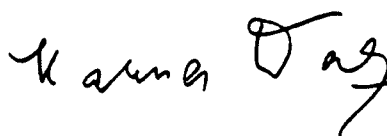
1. Welcomes the direction of resources towards Community energy policy although such resources are directed 95% to two particular member states.
2. Considers that this must be the base for a longer term development of a truly Community energy strategy and would demand a commitment from the Commission and Council in this regard.
3. Welcomes the non-compulsory nature of the appropriations.
4. Therefore feels obliged to consider the details of the proposed projects as these are enunciated and reserves its opinion on these until they are better defined.

5. However would set as a general guideline

- the conditions of Article 2.2. of the proposal for a Council regulation
- that they be new and innovative in the sense of
 - being new ventures, or substantial new developments of existing ventures, for the European Community budget and consistent with 2. above
 - hastening achievement of the energy objectives of the European Community in a way not being achieved by existing Community programmes
 - being more effective in terms of cost and achievement by being financed and controlled or co-ordinated at a European Community level.

6. The Committee described in Article 7 should be an advisory rather than a management body in that, as non-compulsory expenditure, the European Parliament should be consulted in the choice of projects and maintain responsibility for their financial control.

Yours faithfully,



(sgd.) Hanna WALZ

The following took part in the vote: Mrs Walz, chairman; Mr Gallagher, Mr Seligman and Mr Ippolito, vice-chairmen; Mr Adam, Mr Fuchs, Mr Galland, Mr Linkohr, Mr Markopoulos, Mr Moreland, Mr Pedini, Mr Petersen, Mr Petronio, Mrs Phlix, Mr Protopapadakis, Mr Purvis, Mr Rinsche, Mr Sälzer, Mr Sassano, Mr Schmid, Sir Peter Vanneck, Mr Veronesi.