

Wednesday 5 September 2001

(2002/C 72 E/03)

MINUTES**PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING**

IN THE CHAIR: Mr David W. MARTIN

*Vice-President***1. Opening of sitting**

The sitting opened at 09.00.

2. Approval of Minutes of previous sitting

Mr Harbour, referring to his remarks of the previous day (*after Item 5*) on the distribution of the document on Commission reform, which had been the subject of a debate on Monday (*Minutes of 3 September 2001, Item 18*), noted that to his knowledge the document in question, although available, had not yet been distributed to Members as Commissioner Kinnock had intended; he called on the President to take the appropriate measures; he also called for a similar report to be drawn up on reform of human resources within Parliament and asked that the House be informed of progress in this area; this request had already been made in his report on this issue adopted by Parliament the previous year (on the first point, the President replied that he would ask the relevant services to ensure that the document was distributed — as the President of Parliament had already promised — and, on the second point, that he would ask for the matter to be raised at the Bureau meeting due to be held that evening).

The Minutes of the previous sitting were approved.

3. 'Echelon' (debate)

Mr Gerhard Schmid introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Temporary Committee, on the existence of a global interception system for private and commercial communications (Echelon interception system) (2001/2098(INI)) (A5-0264/2001).

The following spoke: Neyts-Uyttebroeck, President-in-Office of the Council, von Boetticher, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Wiersma, on behalf of the PSE Group, Flesch, on behalf of the ELDR Group, McKenna, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Di Lello Finuoli, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Marchiani, on behalf of the UEN Group, Turco, TDI Group, Belder, on behalf of the EDD Group, Coelho, Lund, Plooijs-van Gorsel, Buitenweg, Krivine, Krarup, Hernández Mollar, Robert J.E. Evans, Dybkjær, Ilka Schröder, Frahm, Cederschiöld, Berger, Olle Schmidt, Papayannakis, Hugues Martin, Vattimo, Paasilinna, Karamanou, Borghezio, Liikanen, Member of the Commission, and the rapporteur.

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President

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Item 26

4. Combating terrorism (debate)

Mr Watson introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs, on the European Union's role in combating terrorism (2001/2016(INI)) (A5-0273/2001).

The following spoke: Galeote Quecedo, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Díez González, on behalf of the PSE Group, Esteve, on behalf of the ELDR Group, Ilka Schröder, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Angeilli, on behalf of the UEN Group, Bigliardo, TDI Group, Sichrovsky, Non-attached Member, Hernández Mollar and Marinho.

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Vice-President

The following spoke: Ortuondo Larrea, Gorostiaga Atxalandabaso, Pirker, Ceyhun, Paisley, Andrews, Karamanou, James Nicholson, Cerdeira Morterero, Pomés Ruiz, Santini, Coelho, Méndez de Vigo and Vitorino, Member of the Commission.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Item 6.

IN THE CHAIR: Mrs FONTAINE

President

5. Official welcome

On behalf of Parliament, the President welcomed members of the Transport Committee of the Swedish Parliament, led by its chairperson, Mrs Monica Öhman, who had taken their seats in the official gallery.

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Mr Nogueira Román referring to an issue he had raised on previous occasions, announced that 30 illegal immigrants of African origin had been found dead on Spanish beaches and that a further 2 800 had been arrested. He called on the European Parliament to finally look into this issue.

VOTING TIME

Mr Barón Crespo asked for the Watson report (A5-0273/2001) to be put to the vote immediately following the debate, i.e. at the start of voting time.

The President established that the House was in agreement with this request.

6. Combating terrorism (vote)

Report: Watson — A5-0273/2001
(*Simple majority*)

PROPOSAL FOR A RECOMMENDATION:

Amendments rejected: 2; 3; 1

Parts of text adopted by RCVs: recital O (Verts/ALE)

The following spoke:

- Mr Lannoye, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, requested an RCV on recital O, explaining that his group had made this request late (the President agreed to take his request into consideration);
- Mrs Maes asked for the Dutch version of the text to be brought into line with the other language versions (the President undertook to see to it).

Separate votes: recital BB (UEN)

Split votes:

Recital T (UEN)

1st part: up to 'or resorting to violence': adopted

2nd part: remainder: adopted