

Wednesday 12 December 2007

IN THE CHAIR: Hans-Gert PÖTTERING

President

4. Proclamation of the Charter of Fundamental Rights

The President made an address in which he emphasised the importance to citizens of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, approved by Parliament on 29.11.2007.

Several Members loudly expressed their opposition and unfurled banners. The President appealed for calm and asked that the banners be removed.

The following spoke: José Sócrates (President-in-Office of the Council) and José Manuel Barroso (President of the Commission), who also made addresses.

The Presidents of the three Institutions signed the Charter of Fundamental Rights.

5. Formal sitting — Jordan

From 12.50 to 13.10, a formal sitting of Parliament was held on the occasion of the visit of His Majesty King Abdullah II, King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

IN THE CHAIR: Diana WALLIS

Vice-President

The following spoke in condemnation of the incidents that had occurred in the Chamber during the proclamation of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union: Martin Schulz, on behalf of the PSE Group, Joseph Daul, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Francis Wurtz, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Graham Watson, on behalf of the ALDE Group, Daniel Cohn-Bendit, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, and Brian Crowley, on behalf of the UEN Group.

Jens-Peter Bonde and Dimitar Stoyanov then spoke, the latter on a personal matter, after which Joseph Daul spoke on a personal matter in response to the previous speaker's remarks.

The President recalled, with the support of the relevant statistics (534 in favour, 85 against, 21 abstentions), that Parliament had approved the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union by a very large majority on 29.11.2007 (*Minutes of 29.11.2007, Item 7.29*).

6. Voting time (continuation)

6.1. Commission legislative and work programme for 2008 (vote)

Motions for resolutions: B6-0500/2007, B6-0501/2007, B6-0502/2007, B6-0504/2007, B6-0506/2007 and B6-0508/2007

The debate had been held on 13.11.2007 (*Minutes of 13.11.2007, Item 4*).

The announcement of motions for resolutions had taken place on 11.12.2007 (*Minutes of 11.12.2007, Item 4*).

(Simple majority)

(Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 14)

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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION RC-B6-0500/2007
(replacing B6-0500/2007, B6-0502/2007, B6-0504/2007 and B6-0506/2007):

tabled by the following Members:

- Hartmut Nassauer and Joseph Daul, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group,
- Hannes Swoboda, on behalf of the PSE Group,
- Diana Wallis, Andrew Duff and Graham Watson, on behalf of the ALDE Group,
- Brian Crowley and Cristiana Muscardini, on behalf of the UEN Group

Adopted (P6_TA(2007)0613)

(Motions for resolutions B6-0501/2007 and B6-0508/2007 fell.)

6.2. Economic Partnership Agreements (vote)

Motions for resolutions: B6-0497/2007, B6-0498/2007, B6-0499/2007 and B6-0511/2007

The debate had been held on 28.11.2007 (*Minutes of 28.11.2007, Item 17*).

The announcement of motions for resolutions had taken place on 11.12.2007 (*Minutes of 11.12.2007, Item 5*).

(*Simple majority*)

(*Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 15*)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION RC-B6-0497/2007
(replacing B6-0497/2007, B6-0499/2007 and B6-0511/2007):

tabled by the following Members:

- Robert Sturdy and Maria Martens, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group,
- Thierry Cornillet, on behalf of the ALDE Group,
- Ryszard Czarnecki and Cristiana Muscardini, on behalf of the UEN Group,

Adopted (P6_TA(2007)0614)

(Motion for a resolution B6-0498/2007 fell.)

6.3. European contract law (vote)

Motion for a resolution: B6-0513/2007

(*Simple majority*)

(*Voting record: 'Results of votes', Item 16*)

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Adopted (P6_TA(2007)0615)

7. Explanations of vote

Written explanations of vote:

Explanations of vote submitted in writing under Rule 163(3) appear in the *Verbatim Report of Proceedings* for the sitting.