

Thursday 17 January 2002

IN THE CHAIR: Mrs CEDERSCHIÖLD

*Vice-President*

Mrs Stihler spoke on the closure of two Levi-Strauss factories in Scotland; she requested that the President of Parliament write to that firm about its decision, in particular to find out why staff had not been consulted.

## **22. Mutual recognition of financial penalties \* (debate)**

Mrs Cerdeira Morterero introduced her report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs, on the initiative of the United Kingdom, the French Republic and the Kingdom of Sweden with a view to adopting a Council Framework Decision on the application of the principle of mutual recognition of financial penalties (11178/2001 – C5-0443/2001 – 2001/0825(CNS)) (A5-0444/2001).

The following spoke: Buitenweg, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group, Blokland, on behalf of the EDD Group, Ludford and Vitorino, Member of the Commission.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Item 27.

## **23. Training and recruitment of seafarers (debate)**

Mrs Kauppi introduced her report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, on the communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on the training and recruitment of seafarers (COM(2001) 188 – C5-0468/2001 – 2001/2188(COS)) (A5-0450/2001).

The following spoke: Fatuzzo, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group, Damião, on behalf of the PSE Group, Villiers, deputising for Scallon, who was unable to attend, and Vitorino, Member of the Commission.

The President closed the debate.

Vote: Item 28.

## **24. Leonardo da Vinci programme (1995-1999) (debate)**

The next item was the report drawn up by Mrs Stauner, on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, on the Commission's final report on the implementation of the first phase of the Community action programme Leonardo da Vinci (1995-1999) (COM(2000) 863 – 2001/2069(INI)) (A5-0449/2001).

The rapporteur informed the House that she had learned that the Commission was in possession of a report mentioning irregularities in the implementation of the programme. She therefore requested her report to be referred back to committee on the basis of Rule 144. She also requested the Commission to make a statement to explain why Parliament had not been notified of this report.

The President put the rapporteur's request for referral back to committee to the vote.

Parliament approved the request.

The following spoke:

- Koukiadis who would have wanted a reply from the Commission to the rapporteur's question before Parliament decided on the referral back to committee (the President replied that she had acted in accordance with the Rules of Procedure);
- Pronk supported Mr Koukiadis' remarks and called on the Commission to speak.

The following spoke: Mr Vitorino, Member of the Commission, to explain the situation, and the rapporteur following those remarks.