


Procedure file

Basic information	
REG - Parliament's Rules of Procedure	1995/2247(REG)
EP Rules of procedure, rule 136.1: temporary committees of inquiry	Procedure completed
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	REGL Rules of Procedure, Verification of Credentials and Immunities	PSE FAYOT Ben	26/09/1995

Key events			
21/09/1995	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
16/10/1995	Vote in committee		Summary
16/10/1995	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0244/1995	
23/10/1995	Debate in Parliament		Summary
26/10/1995	Decision by Parliament	T4-0506/1995	Summary
26/10/1995	End of procedure in Parliament		
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Technical information	
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Committee dossier	REGL/4/07119

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The committee unanimously adopted the proposal for a decision to clarify paragraph 1 of Article 136 by adding "a public administrative body of a Member State" to the European institutions to which the inquiry procedure may be applied.?

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Presenting the report by Mr Ben FAYOT (PSE, L), Mrs Marlies MOSIEK-URBAHN (EPP, D) pointed out that during the vote on this report on 19 September part of the new text of Rule 136(1) of Parliament's Rules of Procedure had been rejected, thus preventing parliamentary committees of inquiry from investigating abuse or infringements by public administrative bodies of the Member States. However, the Interinstitutional Agreement of 19 April and the Treaty establishing the European Community authorised parliamentary committees of inquiry to carry out such investigations. The FAYOT report sought to amend Parliament's Rules of Procedure to bring them into line with the superior legislation of the Treaty establishing the European Community and the Interinstitutional Agreement by tabling an amendment that included in Rule 136(1) of the European Parliament's Rules of Procedure the text that had mistakenly been rejected. - On behalf of the PSE Group, Mr Robert EVANS (UK) stated that the European Parliament should be authorised to investigate abuse by Member State administrations. He wondered why any Members of the European Parliament would be opposed to this. What were the motives of the political groups that rejected this proposal? - On behalf of his group, Mr Florus WIJSENBEK (ELDR, NL) noted that since the public administrations acted as agents of the European Union in numerous areas (for example when collecting taxes at external borders), it should be possible to investigate their actions. - Mrs Ana PALACIO VALLELERSUNDI (EPP, E) expressed her group's full support for the points made by the previous speakers. - On behalf of his group, Mr Vassilis EPHREMIDIS (GUE/NGL, GR) stated that extension of the right of inquiry to areas that were the responsibility of the Member States would encroach upon their competences. - On behalf of the EDN Group, Mr Hervé FABRE-AUBRESPY (F) believed that when Mr FAYOT had written to President HÄNSCH he had told him about an incident. It was not up to the President to refer the matter to the Committee on the Rules of Procedure. This report would change a vote that was not the result of a practical error. It therefore infringed Rule 125(2) of the European Parliament's Rules of Procedure. In addition to bringing Parliament into disrepute, a new vote would show disregard for the Members who had voted in all honesty. Mr FABRE-AUBRESPY considered that the substance of this new provision contradicted the Treaty on European Union. The Member States alone were responsible for judging the functioning of their administrations. Finally, he did not believe that an interinstitutional agreement could amend the Treaty.

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Adopting the report by Mr Ben FAYOT (PSE, L), the European Parliament approved the amendment to its Rules of Procedure (Article 136 (1)) authorizing it to set up temporary committees of inquiry into abuse and infringements by public administrative bodies of the Member States.?