


Procedure file

Basic information		
REG - Parliament's Rules of Procedure	1997/2109(REG)	Procedure completed
EP Rules of procedure, rule 75: delegation to Conciliation Committee		
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
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		PSE FORD Glyn	

Key events			
20/05/1997	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
08/12/1997	Vote in committee		Summary
08/12/1997	Committee report tabled for plenary	A4-0400/1997	
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14/01/1998	End of procedure in Parliament		
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Technical information	
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Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T4-0009/1998 OJ C 034 02.02.1998, p. 0056-0064	14/01/1998	EP	Summary
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EP Rules of procedure, rule 75: delegation to Conciliation Committee

The committee unanimously adopted the draft report containing three amendments to Rule 75 of the Rules of Procedure entitled "Delegation to Conciliation Committee". The rapporteur, Mr Glyn FORD (PSE, UK), reiterated that the problems encountered in the composition of the delegation referred mainly to the role of substitutes, who may only attend committee meetings if the full members are absent. In accordance with one of the amendments in question, this requirement should no longer prevent substitutes from attending committee meetings at the same time as full members, as was the case with standing committees. Another amendment also seeks to increase the number of participants in the committee, while maintaining the confidentiality governing the committee's work; it is therefore planned to make provision for meetings which are closed to the public, rather than meetings held in camera, which have hitherto prevented the representatives of other institutions, especially the Commission, from attending votes under the conciliation procedure. Finally, the last amendment makes provision for the Conference of Presidents to be obliged to lay down further guidelines for the delegation; this could prove particularly useful given the enlarged composition of the committee authorized under the first two proposed amendments.?

EP Rules of procedure, rule 75: delegation to Conciliation Committee

In adopting the report by Mr Glyn FORD (PSE, UK), the European Parliament amended Rule 75 of its Rules of Procedure concerning the question of delegation to (attendance by substitutes at) the Conciliation Committee in connection with the codecision procedure. In future, substitutes will be able to participate in the deliberations of the committee at the same time as the full members, whereas hitherto they have been allowed to attend only if the full members were absent. Parliament also amended another part of the same rule such that in future the deliberations will no longer be held in camera. However, in order to maintain the confidentiality of the deliberations, they will not be public either. Thanks to this amendment, members of the Commission may be present during the vote of the committee. Parliament instituted a requirement for the Conference of Presidents to draw up procedural guidelines for the work of the delegation to the Conciliation Committee (particularly because of the enlarged composition of the Conciliation Committee due to the preceding amendments).?