


# Procedure file

Basic information		
INL - Legislative initiative procedure	<a href="#">2000/2126(INL)</a>	Procedure completed
Car insurance: third part liability, better legal protection of accident victims, 5th directive		
Subject 2.50.05 Insurance, pension funds		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>JURI</b> Legal Affairs and Internal Market	PSE <a href="#">ROTHLEY Willi</a>	17/10/2000

Key events			
18/01/2001	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
14/05/2001	Vote in committee		Summary
14/05/2001	Committee report tabled for plenary	<a href="#">A5-0174/2001</a>	
02/07/2001	Debate in Parliament		
03/07/2001	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T5-0371/2001</a>	Summary
03/07/2001	End of procedure in Parliament		
14/03/2002	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2000/2126(INL)
Procedure type	INL - Legislative initiative procedure
Procedure subtype	Request for legislative proposal
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 47
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	JURI/5/14005

Documentation gateway				
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		<a href="#">A5-0174/2001</a>	14/05/2001	EP

## Car insurance: third part liability, better legal protection of accident victims, 5th directive

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The committee adopted the own-initiative report by Willi ROTHLEY (PES, D) calling on the Commission to submit to Parliament a legislative proposal for a fifth directive on motor vehicle liability insurance with the aim of improving legal protection of accident victims. The report set out a series of detailed recommendations: - Member States should set up an improved compensation procedure for national road traffic accidents by obliging insurers to provide either an offer or a refusal of compensation within 3 months of receiving a claim (on the lines of existing EU rules governing accidents in which the victim is resident in a country other than the one where the accident took place); - to bring the minimum amounts insured up to date, there should be an EU-wide minimum of EUR 2 m, with future increases in line with inflation; - insurers should be able to provide insurance for a maximum period of 30 days for anyone who wishes to buy a vehicle registered in another Member State and drive it back to their state of permanent residence with the intention of re-registering it there; - there should be harmonisation of the widely differing periods for compulsory re-registration of a vehicle purchased in another Member State, with 3 months as the new standard; - insurance companies should be obliged to extend insurance cover for any policy holder who goes to reside temporarily in another Member State (e.g. for study purposes) for a maximum period of twelve months, after which owners would have to re-register their vehicles and take out local insurance cover. ?

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The European Parliament adopted the report by Mr Willy ROTHLEY (PES, D). (Please refer to the previous text). In addition, concerning the debate on fifth directive on motor vehicle liability insurance with the aim of improving legal protection of accident victims, Commissioner Fritz BOLKESTEIN said that even if he could not promise that the Commission will be able to submit a proposal within the deadline laid down in Parliament's resolution, it will, however submit 'as soon as possible' a proposal on an overall modernisation of the legislation on motor vehicle liability insurance.?