



Procedure file

Basic information		
IMM - Members' immunity	2006/2301(IMM)	Procedure completed
Request for consultation on the immunity and privileges of Alessandra Mussolini		
Subject 8.40.01.03 Members' immunity		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Legal Affairs	PPE-DE LEHNE Klaus-Heiner	18/12/2006

Key events			
16/11/2006	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
25/06/2007	Vote in committee		Summary
27/06/2007	Committee report tabled for plenary	A6-0251/2007	
10/07/2007	Results of vote in Parliament		
10/07/2007	Decision by Parliament	T6-0312/2007	Summary
10/07/2007	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
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Procedure type	IMM - Members' immunity
Procedure subtype	Waiver of immunity
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	JURI/6/43956

Documentation gateway					
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A6-0251/2007	27/06/2007	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T6-0312/2007	10/07/2007	EP	Summary
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Request for consultation on the immunity and privileges of Alessandra Mussolini

The committee adopted the report by Klaus-Heiner LEHNE (EPP-DE, DE) on the request for consultation on the immunity and privileges of

Alessandra MUSSOLINI (ITS, IT).

The committee recommended that Parliament should defend the immunity and privileges of Alessandra Mussolini in relation to the civil proceedings brought against her before the District Court of Rome following statements she made that were reported in the Italian national media.

The report noted that Ms. Mussolini was commenting on facts in the public domain and was carrying out her duty as a member of the European Parliament in expressing her opinion on a matter of public interest to her constituents. Article 9 of the Protocol of 8 April 1965 on the privileges and immunities of the European Communities, which provides that MEPs have absolute immunity from legal proceedings "in respect of opinions expressed.....in the performance of their duties", was therefore fully applicable. The report added that Article 68 of the Italian Constitution also "fully covers the statements made by Ms Alessandra Mussolini".

Request for consultation on the immunity and privileges of Alessandra Mussolini

The European Parliament adopted the report by Klaus-Heiner LEHNE (EPP-DE, DE) on the request for consultation on the immunity and privileges of Alessandra MUSSOLINI (ITS, IT). The Parliament considers that parliamentary immunity within the meaning of Articles 9 and 10 of the Protocol of 8 April 1965 on the Privileges and Immunities of the European Communities and, insofar as it is applicable, Article 68 of the Italian Constitution fully covers the statements made by Alessandra Mussolini about Giuseppe Pisanu, for which the latter brought civil proceedings against her before the District Court of Rome with a view to obtaining damages for defamation, and therefore decides to defend her immunity and privileges.