


Procedure file

Basic information	
IMM - Members' immunity	2011/2057(IMM)
Request for the waiver of parliamentary immunity of Georgios Toussas	
Subject 8.40.01.03 Members' immunity	
Procedure completed	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	JURI Legal Affairs	PPE ZWIEFKA Tadeusz	22/03/2011

Key events			
21/11/2011	Vote in committee		
25/11/2011	Committee report tabled for plenary	A7-0410/2011	Summary
01/12/2011	Results of vote in Parliament		
01/12/2011	Decision by Parliament	T7-0524/2011	Summary
01/12/2011	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
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Committee dossier	JURI/7/05640

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Request for the waiver of parliamentary immunity of Georgios Toussas

The Committee on Legal Affairs unanimously adopted the report by Tadeusz ZWIEFKA (EPP, PL) on the request for waiver of the immunity of Georgios Toussas (GUE/NGL, EL).

The request for waiver of the immunity of Georgios Toussas came from the Piraeus Court of First Instance in order to enable it to conduct the criminal proceedings started as a result of an alleged breach of trust resulting in damages exceeding EUR 147 000.

Mr Toussas, together with eight other persons, is charged of knowingly defrauding for the benefit of another party, by a sum in excess of EUR 147 000, the property of the Merchant Seamen's Fund (NAT), a legal entity under public law, the management of which he was entrusted with,. The alleged fraud was committed by Mr Toussas acting as a member of NAT's Board and having, as such, a status of employee in the meaning of Greek criminal law.

In the course of his hearing by the Committee on Legal Affairs on 10 October 2011, Georgios Toussas raised the point that the criminal proceedings against him possibly constitute a political persecution directed at him. However the Committee has not found grounds for *fumus persecutionis* in this case.

As a result, the committee recommends that the European Parliament waives the parliamentary immunity of Georgios Toussas.

Request for the waiver of parliamentary immunity of Georgios Toussas

The European Parliament adopted a decision to waive the immunity of Georgios TOUSSAS (GUE/NGL, EL).

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As a result, the European Parliament decided to waive the parliamentary immunity of Georgios Toussas.