

Amendment of the Rules of Procedure in light of the Statute for Members

European Parliament Decision of 13 November 2007 on the amendment of Parliament's Rules of Procedure in light of the Statute for Members (2006/2195(REG))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the letter from its President of 29 June 2006 and the announcement in plenary on 7 September 2006,
 - having regard to Rules 201 and 202 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and the opinion of the Committee on Legal Affairs (A6-0368/2007),
1. Decides to amend its Rules of Procedure as shown below;
 2. Decides that these amendments will enter into force on the first day of its parliamentary term beginning in 2009;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Council and Commission, for information.

Present text

Amendments

Amendment 1 Rule 8

Payment of expenses and allowances

The Bureau *shall lay down* rules governing *the payment of expenses and allowances to Members*.

Implementation of the Statute for Members

Unless otherwise stipulated, the rules governing *implementation of the Statute for Members of the European Parliament shall be laid down by* the Bureau.

Amendment 2 Rule 39, paragraph 1

1. Parliament may request the Commission to submit to it any appropriate proposal *pursuant to Article 192, second paragraph, of the EC Treaty* by adopting a resolution on the basis of an own-initiative report from the committee responsible. The resolution shall be adopted by a majority of the component Members of Parliament. Parliament may, at the same time, fix a deadline for the

1. Parliament may request the Commission, *pursuant to Article 192 of the EC Treaty*, to submit to it any appropriate proposal *for the adoption of a new act or the amendment of an existing act*, by adopting a resolution on the basis of an own-initiative report from the committee responsible *drawn up pursuant to Rule 45*. The resolution shall be adopted by a majority of the component Members of

submission of such a proposal.

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Amendment 3
Rule 39, paragraph 1 a (new)

1a. Any Member may table a proposal for a Community act on the basis of the right of initiative granted to Parliament pursuant to Article 192 of the EC Treaty.

Amendment 4
Rule 39, paragraph 1 b (new)

1b. The proposal shall be submitted to the President, who shall refer it to the committee responsible for consideration. Prior to such referral, the proposal shall be translated into those official languages which the chairman of that committee considers necessary in order to make summary consideration possible. The committee shall take a decision on further action within three months of the referral, and after having heard the author of the proposal.

Where the committee decides to submit the proposal to Parliament in accordance with the procedure set out in Rule 45, the author of the proposal shall be named in the title of the report.

Amendment 5
Rule 39, paragraph 2

2. Before initiating the procedure under Rule 45, the committee responsible shall establish, in the following cases, that no such proposal is under preparation: ***deleted***

(a) such a proposal is not included in the Annual Legislative Programme;

(b) the preparations of such a proposal have not started or are unduly delayed;

(c) the Commission has not responded positively to earlier requests either from the

committee responsible or contained in resolutions adopted by Parliament with a majority of the votes cast.

Amendment 6
Rule 45, paragraph 1

1. A committee intending to draw up a report and to submit a motion for a resolution to Parliament on a subject within its competence on which neither a consultation nor a request for an opinion has been referred to it pursuant to Rule 179(1) may do so only with the authorisation of the Conference of Presidents. Where such authorisation is withheld the reason must always be stated.

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Amendment 7
Rule 150, paragraph 6, subparagraph 1

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Amendment 8
Annex I, Article 2, paragraph 1, point (a a) (new)

(aa) any salary which the Member receives for the exercise of a mandate in another parliament,

Amendment 9
Annex I, Article 4

Pending the introduction of a Statute for

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Amendment 10
Annex VII, Section C a (new)

Ca. Personal conflicts of interest

With the approval of the Bureau, a Member may, on the basis of a reasoned decision, be denied the right to inspect a Parliament document if, after having heard the Member concerned, the Bureau comes to the conclusion that such inspection would cause unacceptable damage to Parliament's institutional interests or to the public interest, and that the Member concerned is seeking to inspect the document for private and personal reasons. The Member may lodge a written appeal, which must include reasons, against such a decision within one month of notification thereof. Parliament shall reach a decision on the appeal without debate during the part-session that follows its being lodged.