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OPINION

of the Committee on Budgets

for the Committee on Constitutional Affairs

on a General review of the Rules of Procedure
(2007/2124(REG))

Rapporteur: Catherine Guy-Quint

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AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Budgets calls on the Committee on Constitutional Affairs, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following amendments in its report:

Amendment 1

Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Rule 69 b (new) (*)

Present text

Amendment

Rule 69b (*)

1. The following documents shall be made available to Members:

(a) the draft budget presented by the Commission;

(b) a summary by the Council of its deliberations on the draft budget;

(c) the Council's position on the draft budget drawn up pursuant to Article 314(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union;

(d) any draft decision on the provisional twelfths pursuant to Article 315 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

2. Those documents shall be referred to the committee responsible. Any committee concerned may deliver an opinion.

3. If other committees wish to deliver opinions, the President shall set the time-limit within which these are to be communicated to the committee responsible.

Justification

This amendment proposes small modifications to the draft report: it deletes the references to the articles of the EAEC Treaty, as they will be repealed under Article 5 of Protocol 2 amending the EAEC Treaty. It also proposes to replace the current expression "printed and distributed" by "be made available to Members", which seems more appropriate in view of the nature and size of some of the documents.

Amendment 2

Parliament's Rules of Procedure Rule 69 e (new) (*)

Present text

Amendment

Rule 69e (*)

Budgetary conciliation

- 1. The President shall convene the Conciliation Committee in accordance with Article 314(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.***
- 2. The delegation representing Parliament at meetings of the Conciliation Committee in the budgetary procedure shall consist of a number of members equal to that of the Council delegation.***
- 3. The members of the delegation shall be appointed by the political groups each year prior to Parliament's vote on the Council's position, preferably from amongst the members of the committee responsible for budgetary issues and other committees concerned. The delegation shall be led by the President of Parliament. The President may delegate this office to a Vice-President having experience in budgetary matters or to the chair of the committee responsible for budgetary issues.***
- 4. Rule 64(2), (4), (5), (7) and (8) shall apply.***
- 5. Where agreement on a joint text is reached within the Conciliation Committee, the matter shall be placed on the agenda of a sitting of Parliament to be held within fourteen days from the date of that agreement. The joint text shall be made available to all Members. Rule 65(2) and (3) shall apply.***
- 6. The joint text as a whole shall be subject to a single vote. The vote shall be taken by a roll-call vote. The joint text is deemed to be approved unless it is rejected by the majority of the component***

Members of the Parliament.

7. If Parliament approves the joint text whilst the Council rejects it, the committee responsible may table all or some of Parliament's amendments to the Council's position for a confirmation in accordance with Article 314(7)(d) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

The vote on the confirmation shall be placed on the agenda of a sitting of Parliament to be held within fourteen days from the date of the communication by the Council of its rejection of the joint text.

The amendments are deemed to be confirmed if they are approved by the majority of the component Members of the Parliament and three-fifths of the votes cast.

Justification

The reference to a "motion for rejection" of the common text made in the draft report is unnecessary given the fact that there can only be a single vote on the text as a whole. Furthermore, owing to the special majority requested for the rejection of the common text, the consideration of a vote on the text as a whole in parallel with a vote on a possible motion of rejection would be confusing. It is also necessary to consider the need for the EP to react within 14 days to the possible rejection of the joint text by the Council alone and to recall the conditions for amendments to be deemed confirmed.

Amendment 3

**Parliament's Rules of Procedure
Rule 69 h (new) (*)**

Present text

Amendment

Rule 69h (*)

Financial dialogue

The President shall participate in regular meetings between the Presidents of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission convened, on the initiative of the Commission, under the budgetary procedures referred to in Title

II of Part Six of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. The President shall take all necessary steps to promote consultation and reconciliation of the positions of the institutions in order to facilitate the implementation of the procedures aforementioned.

The President of Parliament may delegate this task to a Vice-President having experience in budgetary matters or to the chair of the committee responsible for budgetary issues.

Justification

The new rule proposed in the draft report shall apply to all procedures on financial matters enumerated in Title II of Part Six of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (expression preferable to "the present Title") and not only to the annual budgetary procedure; as such, this rule should be placed in the final part of the Title and not in the middle of the rules concerning the annual budgetary procedure.

[Amend>](#)

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

Date adopted	30.3.2009
Result of final vote	+: 17 -: 0 0: 0
Members present for the final vote	Laima Liucija Andrikienė, Richard James Ashworth, Reimer Böge, Simon Busuttil, Paulo Casaca, Szabolcs Fazakas, Salvador Garriga Polledo, Ingeborg Gräßle, Catherine Guy-Quint, Janusz Lewandowski, Vladimír Maňka, Mario Mauro, Gérard Onesta, Nina Škottová, László Surján, Gary Titley
Substitute(s) present for the final vote	Călin Cătălin Chiriță
Substitute(s) under Rule 178(2) present for the final vote	