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Voting in the event that the seat of a full member of a committee falls vacant (interpretation of Rule 187(1))

European Parliament decision of 11 December 2012 concerning voting in the event that the seat of a full member of a committee falls vacant (interpretation of Rule 187(1)) (2012/2254(REG))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the letter of 27 November 2012 from the Chair of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs,
 - having regard to Rule 211 of its Rules of Procedure,
1. Decides to append the following interpretation to Rule 187(1):

"In the event that the seat of a full member of a committee falls vacant, a permanent substitute from the same political group shall be entitled to vote in place of the full member, on a temporary basis pending the provisional replacement of the full member in accordance with Rule 186(5), or, in the absence of such provisional replacement, pending the appointment of a new full member. Such entitlement is based on Parliament's decision concerning the numerical composition of the committee, and aims at ensuring that the number of members of the political group concerned who can take part in the vote is equal to the number entitled to do so before the seat fell vacant."

2. Instructs its President to forward this decision to the Council and the Commission, for information.