

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF THURSDAY, 8 APRIL 1976

IN THE CHAIR: Mr G. SPÉNALE

President

The sitting was opened at 10.10 a.m.

Approval of minutes

The minutes of proceedings of the previous day's sitting were approved.

Tabling of a motion for a resolution

The President announced that he had received from Mr Amendola and Mr Ansart, on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, a motion for a resolution, with request for debate by urgent procedure pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure on the situation in Spain (Doc. 48/76).

He announced that he would consult Parliament on the urgency of this motion for a resolution after the next item on the agenda.

Protection of the rights of the individual in connection with data processing

The first item on the agenda was the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Fellermaier, on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Alfred Bertrand, on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Durieux, on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, Mr de la Malène, on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, and Mr Amendola, on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, with request for debate by urgent procedure pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure, on the protection of the rights of the individual in the face of developing technical progress in the field of automatic data processing (Doc. 46/76).

Mr Broeksz introduced the motion for a resolution.

The following spoke: Sir Derek Walker-Smith, on behalf of the European Conservative Group and as chairman of the Legal Affairs Committee, and Mr Brunner, *Member of the Commission*.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

on the protection of the rights of the individual in the face of developing technical progress in the field of automatic data processing

The European Parliament,

- anxious to continue and step up its activities as regards the protection of the rights of the individual,
- aware of the legitimate concern of the public at the risks of misuse or abuse of information stored in regional, national or international data banks,
- having regard to the many draft laws already submitted in several Member States of the Community,
- aware of the need to guard against the adoption of conflicting national laws,
- recalling its debates on the Communication from the Commission to the Council on a Community data-processing policy ⁽¹⁾,
- recalling its resolution of 21 February 1975 ⁽²⁾,

1. Invites the Commission of the European Communities to take steps to ensure that the collection of data and information intended as a basis for the drafting of Community legislation in this field is brought to a conclusion under its authority;

2. Instructs the Legal Affairs Committee to report to it on Community activities to be undertaken or continued with a view to safeguarding the rights of the individual in the face of developing technical progress in the field of automatic data-processing.

⁽¹⁾ OJ report of proceedings No 179, July 1974, p. 55.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 60, 13. 3. 1975, p. 48.