

Post Plenary Briefing

MAIN EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Telecoms Package stalled due to Socialist and Liberal manipulation

"The European Parliament showed how it can be manipulated in an irresponsible way", said **Malcolm Harbour MEP**, Conservative Spokesman for consumer protection, after Liberal and Socialist MEPs abused the procedures of the Parliament to halt the progress of the EU's Telecoms Package.

MEPs rejected a key part of the European Telecoms Package by supporting an amendment that had no relevance to the crucial economic issues covered by the legislation. The amendment adopted that was supported by Socialist and Liberal MEPs goes against the compromise agreement that was reached between the Council and Parliament last week.

The key measures contained within the package are:

- Maximum contract length of 24 months to stop consumers being locked into long contracts.
- Operators required to offer 12 month contracts to consumers, particularly for the benefit of younger and more mobile users.
- Caller location information for consumers when using the EU emergency number 112, which will save more lives.
- When changing service provider, number porting will be limited to one day to stop lengthy disruption regarding their phone use.
- Disabled users to have equivalent access to communications services.
- Promotion of a pan-European missing child helpline.
- Consumers will be better informed of available tariffs, usage patterns and have the right to cost control notifications when monthly bills exceed their set threshold.
- Data breach notification requirement when consumers' data is lost via an electronic communications service provider.

Malcolm Harbour, who is the Parliament's Rapporteur on one of the three Reports within the package, said:

"Socialist and Liberal MEPs are putting French politics ahead of the interests of European consumers and the European economy."

"The amendments they supported have nothing to do with investment or competition, which is at the core of this reform package."

"They are trying to use the procedures of the European Parliament to change the legal systems of Member States. Governments are clearly not going to accept this. Effectively, we have delayed the benefits of this proposal for nothing."

"This is a bad day for the European Parliament, which has shown how it can be manipulated in an irresponsible way at the expense of consumers, citizens and economic growth."

Conservatives call for new energy labelling design

This week in Strasbourg, Conservative Spokesman for energy in the European Parliament, **Giles Chichester MEP**, called on the European Commission to come forward with a revised energy labelling scheme for white goods swiftly to ensure the highly successful energy efficiency labelling can continue.

MEPs have rejected proposals from the European Commission that would see the current energy labelling for televisions and refrigerators replaced because appliances have increased their energy efficiency to the point where most products now fall within the 'A' category.

The Commission had proposed adding new scales of 'A- XX%'. For example an appliance that had a label of "A-20%" would be 20 percent more efficient than a normal A product. However MEPs and some consumer groups have expressed concern that the new system will be confusing and will undermine what has otherwise been an extremely successful scheme.

Mr Chichester wrote to the European Commissioner for energy - Andris Piebalgs - calling on him to bring forward new plans by September. He has proposed inserting a star* rating above the existing A-G scale.

Mr Chichester said:

"The energy labelling scheme has been incredibly effective at using consumer power to drive up energy efficiency standards. That is why it would be a travesty to undermine it now with an ill-thought revision.

"Many consumers and white goods stores are familiar with the current system so redesigning it

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entirely would add to the confusion. However, we can find ways of building upon it whilst providing clarity. The Commission should come back with new proposals immediately so that we can adopt a new labelling scheme as soon as the parliament returns."

Animal testing laws to be beefed up

Conservative MEP drafts proposals to make animal testing obsolete

This week in Strasbourg, the European Parliament overwhelmingly backed tougher laws on animal testing that were drafted by Conservative Spokesman for Agriculture **Neil Parish MEP**.

The new legislation aims to create a framework in which animal testing for scientific ends can become obsolete by encouraging the development of better and cheaper methods. It will improve animal welfare without jeopardising indispensable medical experiments.

The new directive updates legislation from 1986. It promotes the '3Rs' principles of replacement, refinement and reduction. By encouraging the development of alternatives, Mr Parish believes the directive sets the framework to allow the EU to move towards the end goal of a total abolition of animal experimentation.

However, the report itself stops short of an outright ban on all animal experimentation for medical research, which Mr Parish says would be irresponsible and detrimental to human health at the current time. However, the Parliament did support Mr Parish's proposal for regular thematic reviews into primate tests to ensure that those tests which are not absolutely essential for medical research are phased out.

Mr Parish, who is also President of the European Parliament's animal welfare intergroup, said:

"It is essential that we balance the need to reduce and eliminate animal testing with the need to ensure that high quality research for new medicines for human health continues.

"This directive sets the framework to allow us create an environment where animal testing is made redundant yet it will not impede scientists' work in tackling debilitating and terminal medical conditions.

"This law will ensure that animal tests are carried out in the most humane way possible. The current law is over 20 years old and desperately needed updating.

"These proposals would mean that testing on animals - particularly primates - could only be conducted if there was a strong scientific case for doing so and a clear potential benefit to human health.

"We all look forward to the day when we no longer need any animal testing. This new law is intended to make that day come far sooner."

RESULTS OF THE VOTES:

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Spokesman: Sajjad Karim MEP

Adopted - [Conservatives in favour](#)

Böge - Mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund

Spokesman: Richard Ashworth MEP

Adopted - [Conservatives in favour](#)

Martínez Martínez - Special report from the European Ombudsman to the European Parliament following his draft Recommendation to the European Commission in Compliant 185/2005/ELB

Spokesman: Sir Robert Atkins MEP

Adopted - [Conservatives in favour](#)

Papadimoulis - Petrol vapour recovery during refuelling of passenger cars at service stations

Spokesman: John Bowis MEP

Adopted - [Conservatives in favour](#)

Panayotopoulos- Cassiotou - Organisation of the working time of persons performing mobile road transport activities

Spokesman: Philip Bushill-Matthews MEP

Adopted - [No Final Vote at Second Reading.](#)

Wallis - Trade in seal products

Spokesman: Malcolm Harbour MEP

Adopted - [Conservatives in favour](#)

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Adopted - [Conservatives in favour](#)

Haug - Amending budget no 5/2009: budgeting the surplus from the implementation of the budget year 2008

Spokesman: Richard Ashworth MEP

Adopted - [Conservatives in favour](#)

Resolution - on Energy consumption of television sets

Spokesman: Giles Chichester MEP

Not Adopted - [Conservatives against](#)

Resolution -on Energy consumption of refrigerating appliances

Spokesman: Giles Chichester MEP

Not Adopted - [Conservatives against](#)

Resolution - on Non-state actors and local authorities in development

Spokesman: Nirj Deva MEP

Adopted - [Conservatives in favour](#)

Corbett - General review of the Rules of Procedure

Spokesman: Timothy Kirkhope MEP

Adopted - [Conservatives abstained](#)

Harbour - Electronic communication networks, personal data and the protection of privacy

Spokesman: Malcolm Harbour MEP

Adopted - [No Final Vote at Second Reading.](#)

Trautmann - Electronic communications networks and services

Spokesman: Malcolm Harbour MEP

Returned to Conciliation

Del Castillo - European Electronic Communications Market Authority

Spokesman: Giles Chichester MEP

Adopted - [No Final Vote at Second Reading.](#)

Pleguezuelos - Frequency bands to be reserved for mobile communications

Spokesman: Giles Chichester MEP

Adopted - [Conservatives in favour](#)

Lulling - Equal treatment between men and women engaged in an activity in a self employed capacity

Spokesman: Philip Bushill-Matthews MEP

Adopted - [Conservatives abstained](#)

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Maldeikis - Programme to aid economic recovery by granting Community financial assistance to projects in the field of energy

Spokesman: Giles Chichester MEP

Adopted - [Conservatives in favour](#)

Kara - Capital Requirements Directive (2006/48/EC and 2006/49/EC)

Spokesman: Jonathan Evans MEP

Adopted - [Conservatives in favour](#)

Hoppenstedt - Community programme to support specific activities in the field of financial services, financial reporting and auditing

Spokesman: Jonathan Evans MEP

Adopted - [Conservatives in favour](#)

Wojciechowski - Protection of animals at the time of killing

Spokesman: Neil Parish MEP

Adopted - [Conservatives had a Free Vote.](#)

Silva Peneda - Renewed social agenda

Spokesman: Philip Bushill-Matthews MEP

Adopted - [Conservatives abstained](#)

Lambert - Active inclusion of people excluded from the labour market

Spokesman: Philip Bushill-Matthews MEP

Adopted - [Conservatives in favour](#)

Rouček - Gender mainstreaming in the EU external relations and peace-building/nation building

Spokesman: Charles Tannock MEP

Adopted - [Conservatives abstained](#)

Leinen - Parliament's new role and responsibilities implementing the Treaty of Lisbon

Spokesman: Timothy Kirkhope MEP

Adopted - [Conservatives against](#)

Guy-Quint - The financial aspects of the Lisbon Treaty

Spokesman: Richard Ashworth MEP

Adopted - [Conservatives against](#)

Dürkhop Dürkhop - European Refugee Fund for the period 2008-2013 (amendment of Decision No 573/2007/EC)

Spokesman: Philip Bradbourn MEP

Adopted - [Conservatives against](#)

Masip Hildalglo - Minimum standards for the reception of asylum seeker (recast version)

Spokesman: Philip Bradbourn MEP

Adopted - [Conservatives against](#)

Hennis-Plasschaert - Application for international protection lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national or a stateless person (recast version)

Spokesman: Philip Bradbourn MEP

Adopted - [Conservatives against](#)

Popa - Establishment of "Eurodac" for the comparison of fingerprints (recast version)

Spokesman: Philip Bradbourn MEP

Adopted - [Conservatives against](#)

Lambert - Establishment of a European Asylum Support Office

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Adopted - [Conservatives against](#)

Zwiefka - Bilateral agreements between Member States and third countries concerning sectoral matters and covering applicable law in contractual and non-contractual obligations

Spokesman: Sajjad Karim MEP

Adopted - [Conservatives in favour](#)

Hieronymi - MEDIA Mundus audiovisual cooperation programme with professionals from third countries

Spokesman: Sir Robert Atkins MEP

Adopted - [Conservatives abstained](#)

Costa - Common rules for the allocation of slots at Community airports

Spokesman: Timothy Kirkhope MEP

Adopted - [Conservatives in favour](#)

Deprez - Bilateral agreements between Member States and third countries on judgements and decisions in matrimonial matters, paternal responsibility and maintenance obligations

Spokesman: Philip Bradbourn MEP

Adopted - [Conservatives abstained](#)

Resolution - on Situation in Moldova

Spokesman: Charles Tannock MEP

Adopted - [Conservatives in favour](#)

Obiols i Germa - Annual Report on Human Rights in the World 2008 and the European Union's policy on the matter

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Adopted - [Conservatives abstained](#)

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Spokesman: Timothy Kirkhope MEP

Adopted - [Conservatives against](#)

Dehaene - Impact of the Lisbon Treaty on the development of the institutional balance of the European Union

Spokesman: Timothy Kirkhope MEP

Adopted - [Conservatives against](#)

Brok - Development of the relations between the European Parliament and national parliaments under the Treaty of Lisbon

Spokesman: Timothy Kirkhope MEP

Adopted - [Conservative against](#)

Kaufmann - Implementation of the citizens' initiative

Spokesman: Timothy Kirkhope MEP

Adopted - [Conservatives against](#)

Resolution - on REACH Annex XVII

Spokesman: John Bowis MEP

Adopted - [Conservatives in favour](#)

PARTY WATCH - where different from Conservatives in recorded final votes:

LABOUR

(o)**Parish** - Protection of animals used for scientific purposes (A6- 0240/2009)

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(+)**Wojciechowski** - Protection of animals at the time of killing (A6-0185/2009)

(+)**Silva Peneda** - Renewed social agenda (A6-0241/2009)

(+)**Lambert** - Active inclusion of people excluded from the labour market (A6-0263/2009)

(+)**Rouček** - Gender mainstreaming in the EU external relations and peace-building/nation building (A6-0225/2009)

(+)**Leinen** - Parliament's new role and responsibilities implementing the Treaty of Lisbon (A6-0145/2009)

(+)**Guy-Quint** - The financial aspects of the Lisbon Treaty (A6-0183/2009)

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(+)**Obiols i Germa** - Annual Report on Human Rights in the World 2008 and the European Union's policy on the matter (A6-0264/2009)

(+)**Pagano** - Development of an EU criminal justice area (A6-0262/2009)

(+)**Dehaene** - Impact of the Lisbon Treaty on the development of the institutional balance of the European Union (A6-0142/2009)

(+)**Brok** - Development of the relations between the European Parliament and national parliaments under the Treaty of Lisbon (A6-0133/2009)

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(o)**Resolution** - on Situation in Moldova (RC6-0262/2009)

(-)**Obiols i Germa** - Annual Report on Human Rights in the World 2008 and the European Union's policy on the matter (A6-0264/2009)

(-)**Resolution** - on REACH Annex XVII (B6-0258/2009)