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Der Präsident

Mr Jo Leinen
Chairman of the
Committee on Constitutional Affairs
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Dear Mr Leinen,

Wieder Herr Kollepe

In the course of the current part session Parliament was confronted on several occasions with procedural requests which were formally based on and fulfilled the requirements of a provision of the Rules of Procedure, but which according to the full conviction of myself and of other Members of the House were moved with the intention of obstructing the procedures of the House.

I take the view that my overall responsibility for the implementation of the Rules of Procedure and the powers conferred on me by Rule 19 include the power not to allow to such practices.

I should therefore be grateful if, pursuant to Rule 201(1), you could submit to the Committee on Constitutional Affairs the following question for urgent consideration:

"Can Rule 19(1) be interpreted as meaning that the powers conferred by this Rule include the power to call an end to excessive use of motions such as points of order, procedural motions, explanations of vote and excessive, indiscriminate requests for separate, split or roll call votes where these appear to the President to be aimed at deliberately disrupting the procedures of the House or the rights of other Members."

I would appreciate it if I could have your Committee's interpretation before the opening of the next part session.

Yours sincerely,

mit besten Wünschen
Hans-Gert Pöttering

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