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The rapporteur recalled the many differences among the Member States and among the regions within a country. That was why his report was so important for the regions and why the vote in plenary had to enhance the spirit of the compromise sought by the Committee on Agriculture. Commissioner FISCHLER agreed that they should refrain from adopting overly rigid mechanisms for quotas and should take account of all of the criteria that influenced production. As regards the regional programmes, he could not take over the amendments (such as Amendments Nos 24 and 35) that relaxed the requirement on the Member States to reduce production. Other amendments (Amendments Nos 25 to 29, 31, 143 to 145 and 160) could not be implemented within the framework of the restrictive budget line. As regards enrichment with sugar, the Commissioner could not take over certain amendments, such as the first part of Amendment No 42, which limited this practice to the regions in which it was currently authorised. The same applied for Amendments Nos 40 to 51, 109, 110, 113, 114, 115, 119, 122, 148, 167 and 171. Amendment No 48 contradicted the GATT rules. The Commissioner also had to reject Amendments Nos 38 (Spain’s gradual adaptation to Community legislation) and 39 (separate rules for Portugal). Finally, he urged that structural measures be implemented to resolve the problem of overproduction. The rapporteur thus called on the Commissioner to submit to Parliament the summary of its opinion on the amendments to be taken over; this was attached as an annex to COM(94)117 final.