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Although aware that neither the Commission nor the Committee on Budgets were in favour of a 1% linear increase in all prices, the rapporteur, Mr HAPPART, urged Parliament to give farmers a sign of hope and support the most disadvantaged areas in Europe. Changing the timetable for the intervention periods, and in particular bringing forward the date for cereals, would have a dynamic effect; however, the Commissioner felt that postponing intervention by two months would have a positive impact on the cereals market. The rapporteur also believed that the monthly price increases for cereals should be maintained at the level of the previous marketing year, in view of the fact that a fall in their prices had no connection with a parallel fall in storage costs; the Commissioner opposed this amendment however. He stated that he could accept the proposals on the ‘price package’ but could not take over the amendments that risked increasing spending excessively.