Fuels: tax for commercial diesel fuel, excise duties on petrol and diesel fuel

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Parliament rejected the Commission proposal on diesel taxes by a large majority. It therefore agreed with the committee responsible and its rapporteur, Piia-Noora KAUPPI (EPP-ED, FIN), that this harmonisation was not justified either environmentally or in terms of competition. The rapporteur invited the Commission to submit a new proposal that would deal more appropriately with this issue and be better coordinated with the directives recently adopted on energy taxation. For procedural reasons, the amendments had to be voted on in plenary and were all rejected. The report was referred to committee.