Television broadcasting activities. 'Television without frontiers'

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Significant amendments were made to the report by Mr Gerardo GALEOTE QUECEDO (PPE, E) et Mr Karsten HOPPENSTEDT (PPE, D) and during the vote the Committee on Culture adopted a limited amendment of the "Television without frontiers" Directive by 27 votes to 10 - including the two rapporteurs - with one abstention on the evening of Tuesday, 16 January 1996 in Strasbourg (PE 213.974 rev.- COM 95/0086). Following the votes on 225 amendments, Mr Gerardo GALEOTE stated that the PPE Group would table amendments in the House since the rapporteurs did not feel that their views were adequately represented in the texts adopted. Mr Karsten HOPPENSTEDT welcomed the compromises that had been reached. However, he added that there were still certain viewpoints that were irreconcilable and the PPE would concentrate on those issues. Mrs Luciana CASTELLINA, Chairman of the Committee on Culture, Youth, Education and the Media, welcomed the fact that a broad majority of the members had gone beyond the traditional political left/right divide that existed in the EP when voting. Members from all the political groups supported the need for a coherent clarification and improvement of the Commission's revised draft directive. This result was the fruit of a year and a half's work by the Committee on Culture which had on three occasions consulted the players involved in the sectors concerned. The Committee on Culture agreed with the broad ideas in the Commission's revised text of 1989 (89/552/CEE) although they needed to be clarified and strengthened.