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After voting 401 to 3 with 44 abstentions, heavily amending Commission proposal designed to improve public access to EU documents, the Parliament decided to refer the issue back to committee to enable further discussions to take place with Commission and Council with a view to securing a compromise on the amendments. Parliament want to limit the grounds for possible exceptions to just a small number of cases. (Refer to the previous document). Mr Michael CASHMAN (PES, Uk), the rapporteur, stressed the need for the proposal to be watertight and detailed as it would eventually constitute a legal text.