THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC SENATE



7th term

251st RESOLUTION

OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 9th session held on 22 July 2009

on Communication from the Commission: European financial supervision

(Senate Press no. K 049/07)

The Senate

I.

1. Welcomes

the Communication from the Commission on European financial supervision as a basis for future discussion on the reform of the financial supervision in the EU;

2. Recommends

to pay utmost attention to the quality of proposed measures which must be given preference over the rapidity of changes;

3. Is aware of

the potential future asset of the creation of a European Systemic Risk Council that will monitor the whole European financial system's functionality, provide early warning and give recommendations upon the first signs of systemic failures symptoms and cooperate with national supervisors on the one hand and with the international financial institutions on the other;

4. Considering growing globalisation of financial markets **c a l l s f o r** particular proposals on a regulatory framework of big financial groups operating across borders as they have financial commitments in several Member States;

II.

1. Stresses

the importance of uniform interpretation and application of the European legislation on financial markets and on supervision powers, the necessity of limitation of national exceptions, the important unifying and coordinating role of the Lamfalussy level 3 Committees and the indispensability of closer cooperation of institutions responsible for financial supervision in individual Member States;

2. Is rather cautious

towards the proposal for creation of a European System of Financial Supervision and transformation of the Lamfalussy level 3 Committees into three financial supervision bodies in the form of an agency because it might lead to a reduction of responsibility of national supervisors and to an increase in personal and financial costs which unfortunately had not been evaluated by an impact assessment;

3. Suggests

in the framework of the discussion on the creation of a European System of Financial Supervision to assess the adequacy of sectoral supervision which, considering high level of interconnection of financial products and services, is being abandoned by individual Member States:

4. Warns

that while considering any changes in the system of supervision it is necessary to precisely define the scope of each institution's powers as any interference into Member States' financial responsibilities must be precluded;

III.

1. Requests

the government to specify possible impacts on the Czech legislation according to possible variations of negotiation development in order to identify the most convenient variation for the Czech Republic; the financial impacts should be developed by the government similarly;

2. and reminds

that the impact assessments regarding the Czech legislation need to be elaborated also in cases of communication papers formulation of which is clear to such extent, as it is this case, that is possible to predict the content of ensuing European legislation;

3. Requests

the government to inform the Senate about the way this position was taken into account and to provide the Senate with information on ensuing legislation;

4. Authorises

the President of the Senate to forward this resolution to the European Commission.

Přemysl Sobotka sign manual President of the Senate

Rostislav Slavotínek sign manual Senate Verifier