



THE SENATE  
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC  
12<sup>TH</sup> TERM

**60<sup>th</sup>**

**RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE**

Delivered on the 4<sup>th</sup> session held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018

**on the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council discontinuing seasonal changes of time and repealing Directive 2000/84/EC (Senate Print no. N 177/11, COM(2018) 639)**

**The Senate**

**I.**

**1. Got acquainted**

with the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council discontinuing seasonal changes of time and repealing Directive 2000/84/EC and with the Position of the Government of the Czech Republic on the Proposal;

**2. Supports**

in general the discontinuation of seasonal changes of time due to its impact on health and individual comfort and the economy in the EU;

**II.**

**1. Stresses**

the need for coordination and consensus among Member States when making the choice of time, i. e. whether to opt for summer or standard (winter) time;

**2. Requests therefore the Government**

to seek agreement on the same permanent time regime at least with the neighbouring Member States;

**3. Deems**

the Proposal to be inherently contradictory for the reason that the Commission, on the one hand, stresses the need for harmonisation and, on the other hand, it leaves the choice of standard time to the Member States; in this regard, there is a risk of an even greater fragmentation of time regimes in the EU than to date;

**4. Considers**

the transposition period set for achieving compliance of laws, regulations and administrative provisions with the Proposal to be unfeasible; the Senate has

repeatedly requested the Commission not to do so in draft legal acts; at the same, the Senate is of the opinion that the suggested schedule for the debate about the Proposal generates pressure which is inappropriate regarding proposals with such a large-scale and long-term impact on the economy and quality of life in the EU;

### **III.**

#### **1. Requests**

the Government to inform the Senate about the way this Resolution was taken into account and about further development of negotiations once the political agreement of the required number of Member States on the main elements of the proposal is reached, or at an earlier time, should the results of negotiations in the Council begin to depart considerably from the position of the Czech Republic expressed in the General Position of the Government;

#### **2. Authorises**

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

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President of the Senate

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