

International Conference
Parliaments' Information Management in Africa:
Challenges and Opportunities of ICTs
to Strengthen Democracy and Parliamentary Governance

9-11 February 2005
Nairobi, Kenya

E- PARLIAMENT
PILLARS OF A PARLIAMENTARY KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM

Eng. Mario Panizza

Former Head of Office in the IT Department, Chamber of Deputies

Eng. Carlo Simonelli

Head of Unit in the IT Department, Chamber of Deputies

SLIDE 1

This presentation will focus on the experience of the Italian Chamber of deputies in applying Information and Communications Technologies to its works, in particular in the legislative and documentation departments.

The aim is to distil that experience – the product of the Chamber's 30 years of activity in the field – into a number of guidelines and directives, on both the technical and organisational levels, that we consider useful for the Institutions which are going to build or to strengthen their own information systems, in order to establish the best path to follow and the conditions necessary for it to succeed.

What I expressed in the conference held in Rome 28th January 2004 will be summarized and deepened. In particular, the pillars of Parliamentary technological knowledge will be described, that you must keep in mind when you are designing a modern and efficient Parliamentary information system, whose final goal is not only of improving the productivity and quality of the work performed by parliamentary offices, but also of forging stronger links between citizens and Parliamentary Institutions. You must give the citizens the possibility to know and to control the functioning and the work performed by the Institution in a total and complete manner and in full transparency. The Parliamentary Institutions must create a good Website to obtain that and they have to feed it directly by the information system.

SLIDE 2

The slide summarizes the points I will be addressing:

- First we talk about the need to establish an IT Department and the importance both of good and continuous training staff and of users' role in building an information system;
- A proposal follows of a few priority projects to accomplish as first steps: office automation, e-mail, Central Register, Library automation and Parliament website;
- Then the Chamber of deputies Website is presented. We will stress the technical guidelines that, in our opinion, must be followed to create a successful Website; a Website must be both an essential working tool for Parliamentary offices and the foremost means of communication and interaction with Internet users;
- Then we will see the four data bases representing the pillars of parliamentary knowledge. The data base presented are: Parliamentary Proceedings database, Debates data base, Bills data base and Central Register of MPs and Executive and for each data base contents and management aspects are outlined;
- Finally we present how the pillars contents are published in the Website;
- The last slide, with the heading GETTING ON, contains a recommendation: never close yourself off. We feel it is of vital importance the constant exchange of experience with others.

SLIDE 3

One important initial decision taken by the Chamber of Deputies was to establish an IT Department.

We strongly urge you to do the same.

The IT Department should report to your Parliament's top management and it should be headed by an official at the same grade as the others Departments heads.

Appropriate fundings should be allocated for equipment, development and training in the yearly budget.

One concern about doing so is the number of technical staff the Department would have to employ.

Do the same thing we did at the start. You can begin with a small number of experienced IT technicians.

The important thing is that there are enough people to carry out the following main tasks: strategic planning and general designing of IT applications and monitoring application development when such development is outsourced. This monitoring capacity is essential for ensuring that outside providers will develop the application you need.

You can strengthen the IT Department later, in step with the expansion of your information system.

We feel that the approach outlined here permits the appropriate development of an information system on both the technical and organisational levels.

On the technical level, the conception of the real programs is in your hands and this solution leaves your parliament with full internal control of the levers of command, i.e. complete understanding of what is being developed, how it is being developed and the time needed to develop it.

On the organisational level, the solution offers top management the best forum for developing guidelines and directives, that have in such way also the appropriate authoritativeness before the staff who is called to implement them.

SLIDE 4

Staff training is of crucial importance.

The question of human resources is central and essential. Without quality resources, you do not get anywhere or risk heading off in the wrong direction.

The Italian Chamber of Deputies has invested and continues to invest in training its employees at all levels, including management. Such training is one of the keys to successful applications development and to making optimal use of the information system. Everyone must contribute to that success, each in relation to their degree of involvement and level of responsibility within parliament.

Every effort must be made to instil an IT culture within the Institution.

The Chamber also promotes the dissemination of developments and changes to its information system.

The Chamber publishes an internal IT Newsletter that is also available on the website. The publication contains articles on projects and new developments in information technologies of interest to the Chamber. The authors of the articles include users as well as IT experts, and all of them write in a clear, accessible style.

The mentioned Newsletter is an important vehicle for information and training.

Inadequate training can reduce staff involvement or invalidate their participation in the construction of the information system, which can lead to the development of IT projects that do not meet the real needs of users, with a consequent risk of user rejection.

SLIDE 5

Users play a vital role in developing a good information system.

They must play an active role in describing their needs to ICT experts in terms of functions performed and data handled, as well as the improvements they expect ICT to deliver.

User collaboration in the creation of applications takes shape into the preparation of a User Requirement Analysis (URA).

The preparation of the URA is normally a group task, especially when the project cuts across various departments or sectors of an institution.

In addition, the preparation of a URA often prompts the introduction of organisational improvements that are entirely independent of IT applications.

One warning: do not make the mistake of thinking that organisational problems will be solved by introducing ICT.

ICT performs a subsidiary function: good organisation comes first.

Never buy technology alone. Buy IT services and ensure that they meet your real needs, as identified in the URA.

SLIDE 6

I would now draw your attention to the fact that the Chamber has benefited enormously from the spread of e-mail and office automation applications, such as word processing, spread sheets and small, local databases, some of which are shared by multiples users.

These applications generate benefits not only for the performance of office tasks, through the creation of electronic document collections and the reuse of such documents, the organised collection of data and timely communications, but also from the point of view of the more comprehensive spread of IT knowledge and greater confidence in the potential of the information system.

Such confidence prompts users to request additional IT services, triggering a virtuous circle of development.

However, the introduction and spread of e-mail and office automation services is subject to a number of prerequisites:

- the creation of an efficient local network;
- the distribution of personal computers to staff;
- staff training

The use of Internet is also very important

Internet is first and foremost a powerful working tool for finding information. For example, one need can be for information on how other parliaments have already legislated on issues for which one is now preparing a law. Internet comes to the rescue.

Internet also enables us to increase our personal know-how and IT skills.

Once again, however, a significant technological prerequisite must be met: to use Internet properly, the network connection must be fast enough.

Another priority application could be the Central Register, whose primary function is to provide a reliable record of inbound and outbound correspondence.

In developing the system, we recommend ensuring that is capable of logging internal correspondence between offices as well.

In addition, the technical specifications of the project should permit interoperability with other parliaments or, at least, with other public offices in your own country.

Library automation too can be a priority project or even a joint project.

There are numerous library automation packages on the market. All you have to do is try them and select the one that best fits the operations of your libraries and which can be customised as necessary.

The last recommendation is about Website.

No words are necessary to describe the importance of Website implementation.

Be sure that your website is built and developed with a dual objective in mind:

- to be a means of communication and interaction with Internet users;
- to be a working tool for parliamentary offices.

Another recommendation: design the site so that updating occurs as a natural by-product of ordinary operational processes, introducing automated mechanisms in working procedures. In this way, not only will you not have to carry out additional work to update the site, you will also achieve a surprising level of timeliness and a high degree of accuracy in the information published on the site.

A final word of advice: use your printing office to publish in the website the electronic copy of all printed parliamentary acts, such as the reports of the proceedings of the assembly and the committees, the texts of bills under consideration and reports.

Now I would like to express a technical note that we will see in detail when we will talk about the second pillar of parliamentary knowledge, that is the Debates data base:

- if you mark the electronic version of printed documents, e.g. by using XML technology, you will be able to extract a great deal of useful information for your information system from the documents. For example, you can easily generate a database with all the parliamentary debates or supplement the personal information pages of your members of parliament with all their remarks in those debates.

By taking the above steps, the Italian Chamber of Deputies was able to create a successful website, which has also been studied by other parliaments. The site is now an essential working tool for the Parliament and is visited by a large number of Internet users, as I will show you in a moment.

The Chamber actually has two websites:

- an internal site, called the Intranet, for the use of its offices, deputies, parliamentary groups and journalists accredited to Parliament;
- an external Internet site, which is fundamentally a copy of the internal site, for the public at large.

SLIDE 7

Now I would like to spend a few words about the Chamber of deputies Website.

The Chamber is not only a factory of laws.

In the course of time it has also become a venue for cultural and artistic events, as well as a stimulus for many initiatives aimed at bringing Italian citizens closer to Parliamentary institutions.

Chamber of Deputies Website **www.camera.it** has become the most important way to publish every aspect of parliamentary activity.

In it everything is publicized, immediately presented, stored for ever, together with documents, reports, photographs, video and sound recordings and so on....

SLIDE 8

The Chamber of deputies Website has been designed with two aims: to be the foremost communication and interaction medium toward the citizens and to be an essential working tool for the MPs, the *Chamber* Departments, the Parliamentary Groups, the Parliamentary press, the outside professionals. And in effect it has become the most important medium and a working tool for all of these.

The website has changed the way many people work. For example, paper use has fallen; in effect the number of copies of parliamentary acts has declined (the information is on the site and it is available to everyone).

Let me illustrate the level of use of the website with some figures:

- Internet users average about 500,000 per month;
- page hits average about 6 million per month;
- the Internet site receives an average of more than 500 e-mails per month, all of which receive a reply from the Chamber;
- in the last year we have increased the access speed to the Internet site eightfold; it is now equal to 16 million bits per second.

In the near future *Chamber* will be an autonomous system in order to have the connectivity supplied by two Internet System Providers, and a speed up to 32 Mbit/s.

SLIDE 9

The Website has been built up keeping in mind great speed, accuracy and completeness in making information available.

Swift updates are obtained by linking its contents to Management Information System.

Of course, it is always available (H24 x 365 days).

A great effort has been made in order to achieve great openness, objectivity and transparency.

For example, we publish:

- the *Chamber of Deputies* budget;
- and the MP allowances and staff wages.

As already said, the historical information is stored indefinitely.

SLIDE 10

Important information sources are in the Website:

- Video and audio from the Floor:
 - live and recorded files;
 - every sitting is stored for ever;
 - MediaPlayer format for the time being.
- Verbatim reports of *Chamber of Deputies* Plenary sittings
 - draft of speeches are published after 90 minutes in the Website
- Plenary and Committee sittings convening times are published.
- Press clippings are presented at 9 in the morning:
 - extensive set of newspapers and articles ;
 - agreement for no royalties to newspapers;
 - TIFF and PDF formats are both present;
 - text search facilities are offered in order to go through the articles;
 - collections on hot issues are prepared by the staff.
- *Chamber of Deputies* call for tenders are published in the Website, as well as notice of competitive examinations for new employees.

SLIDE 11

Among the most important data bases of every Parliament are: Parliamentary Proceedings, Parliamentary Debates, Bills, Register of Members of Parliament and Executive.

These four data bases are vital for *Chamber of Deputies* Legislative and Documentation Departments and they are updated in real-time.

The contents of these data bases are fed into *Chamber of Deputies* Website pages.

The users employ *Chamber of Deputies* Website for their daily work.

Of course they can use it only if it contains updated and accurate information.

Please note that these four data bases are interlinked and form an information system.

SLIDE 12

The website was created at the beginning of the 13th Parliament (May 1996) and it is updated daily since then.

Three million pages of Parliamentary reports are being scanned for previous Parliaments: from 1st (starting from 8th May 1948) to 12th (ending 8th May 1996) and search indexes are being built from paper catalogues.

First and Second Parliament were included in the Website at the end of 2004 and we are confident to publish the others Parliaments within next 12 months. .

The Four Pillars of the present Parliament are slightly different from the previous ones, because they support Departments' current work.

Previous Parliaments data are intended for information and documentation purposes only.

SLIDE 13

The first pillar, the Parliamentary Proceedings data base, contains all the most important documents printed by *Chamber of Deputies*.

It is divided into sections and each section deals with a specific report type:

- Hansard and Committees reports (these are the House sittings' verbatim reports and the Committees' summary reports);
- Bills submitted to the *Chamber of Deputies*;
- Reports about the bills prepared by the Committees;
- Reports submitted by the Executive and other Institutions under the law (DOC series);
- Dossiers prepared by Documentation Departments about bills under consideration;
- Other sections for other report types.

SLIDE 14

The Parliamentary Proceedings reports must be precisely identified.

For this reason in the data base each report has its unique bar code and identification data (i.e. sitting number and data, Main Floor or Committee number).

Referring to the contents, the main data recorded are the followings:

- for verbatim reports: list of the debates and their topics;
- for bills: publishing dates and Committee rapporteurs;
- for DOC series: report title and author and submission date;
- for dossiers: bills described, Department issuing the dossier, printing date and very short summary.

SLIDE 15

In the Parliamentary Proceedings data base documents are usually stored both in HTML (with markings) and PDF formats (with metadata).

The Printing Shop directly produces and loads them in the Website by 9 a.m. each day. At the same time House draft minutes are taken away from the Website.

The HTML format of every verbatim sitting report is segmented in many files: one file for the index and as many files as individual procedural stages for every debate (due to search and hypertext link reasons).

Usually each PDF report is published both in full (for printing on request) and in segmented files (to shorten download time). Very large documents are stored only as segmented PDF files.

Segmented HTML and PDF files are presented with headings, that are stored in the data base, in order to access quickly relevant information.

For scanned reports we store them in JBIG2 PDF format.

It is in progress a project to substitute the HTML format by XML.

SLIDE 16

The markings of HTML files (tags) are inserted directly by the Printing Shop using table-driven programs of the printing systems.

For each sitting report, the marking tags of the contents of the pages of debates are debate title, procedural stage title and name of the speaker.

For each bill the marking tags are the main sections of the report (for example report author, Committee report, Executive report, bill text) and bill text internal parts (section > paragraph > part > title > and so on).

We are currently testing a special parser to get the bill text marked in accordance to the marking rules approved by the National Centre in the ICT field for the Italian Public Administration (CNIPA) that Parliament and Executive are going to adopt for the bills in their workflow.

SLIDE 17

The Second Pillar is the DEBATES data base, that is managed by the Library of *Chamber of Deputies*.

As we have seen at 9 o'clock in the morning HTML files of the previous day sitting reports are published in the Website.

Starting from 9 o'clock an Intranet web service enables the Library to examine on-line, as a prompt, all automatically extracted data from sitting reports.

The Intranet web service uses the marking tags listed above. Moreover the semantics in the text is used in order to:

- identify the bill or the DOC number [i.e.: (A.C. 315) or (DOC 23rd n. 5)];
- to attribute a code to the type and topic of the debate and to the procedural stage (it uses word recognition);
- to recognize the speaker position, or if he or she is a rapporteur (of majority or of minority) and if he or she reports about a bill or part of a bill;
- to identify segments of the same debate in the same sitting, in order to rebuild the entire debate on the matter;
- to prompt that the debate may have started in a previous sitting, of course to rebuild the entire debate on the matter;
- to identify for each speaker's speech all the report pages and to build suitable URLs to these pages.

SLIDE 18

The Library task is to validate the Intranet web service prompt. In some cases the specialist has to modify or to complete it.

Usually at noon of the same day the Library activities are completed and the debates of the previous day are recorded in the DEBATES data base.

This data base can be used to extract all parliamentary consideration data for every document examined by *Chamber of Deputies*, building for each document the document fact sheet, setting out the preparatory procedures.

Moreover the extracted data can be added to the management data of these documents, that are stored in specific data bases.

We will see now one of the most important of these data bases, that is the data base of the BILLS.

SLIDE 19

The **BILLS** data base is inputted by all Departments involved in the life cycle of the bill.

It contains the characterising data about the **BILLS**:

- introduction in Lower House or transmission by the *Senate*;
- printing stage by the Printing Shop, including data about bill text updates by the sponsor, his or her final YES, and the gathering of other MPs signatures to the bill;
- data about the announcement in the House, including the announcement title of the Bill, and all the MPs that signed it;
- data about the initial referral to the Committees and the following new referrals;
- data about the report prepared by the Committees to the Floor of the House.

SLIDE 20

- data related to the consideration stage of Bills in Committee or in the House;
- data related to specific actions taken during consideration; for example to examine jointly more Bills because they are about the same matter;
- data related to the Act when it has been signed by the President of the Republic.

The **BILLS** data base is the central reference point for each bill. The other data bases make reference to it when data are stored in them.

A feasibility study is in progress to give the possibility to MPs to introduce their bills using smart cards with digital signature, and to gather digital signatures of other MPs as well.

SLIDE 21

The Fourth Pillar of Parliamentary knowledge is the “Register of MPs and Executive”.

The data base updating is distributed among all relevant Departments of *Chamber of Deputies*.

For each person listed, it contains these characterising data:

- biographical data, photograph, e-mail and URL to individual web pages;
- information concerning his or her election to Parliament;
- indication of Parliamentary Group and membership of parliamentary organs, including any positions held;
- indication of any Executive offices held.

This data base is very important, as it represents a standard for data such as the MP’s or Executive member’s name taking part in the debates or signing documents. It is also used for adding or controlling information (Party to which they belong, parliamentary or Executive offices held to a given date and so on).

SLIDE 22

The data from the **FOUR PILLARS** are the heart of *Chamber of Deputies* Website.

In short, the characterising data published are:

- historical and updated composition of the House, the Committees, the Parliamentary Groups, the Executive, with links to the personal fact sheets of every body member;
- personal fact sheets of MPs and members of Executive, containing biographical data, photograph, e-mail address, link to individual web pages, information concerning his or her

election to Parliament, indication of Parliamentary Group and membership of Parliamentary organs (including any positions held), indication of any Executive offices held, initiatives presented (both legislative and otherwise) and addresses (that is speeches) given in all Chamber bodies, with links to the documents referred to;

- document fact sheets setting out the preparatory procedures about each parliamentary document. The document fact sheet about bills contains all the documentation data about their life cycle, with links to the beginning both of each debate and of each speech of every deputy and with links to HTML and PDF files of the bills and of the Committees reports (included the relevant documentation dossiers and the Acts of Parliament, if applicable).

SLIDE 23

- listing of the sittings of the House and Committees with links to HTML and PDF files (entire and segmented files)
- search engine with many search criteria

A new procedure is just starting to extract texts from the document fact sheet about Bills, in order to help preparing documentation reports (directly in word processor format).

For example, you can extract:

- the entire bill or sections of the bill submitted to the *Chamber of Deputies*;
- the entire bill or sections of the bill modified by the Committee;
- the entire report of the Committee or portion of it;
- the entire report of the Executive or portion of it;
- the entire debates or portion of the debates in the House and/or in the Committee.

SLIDE 24

CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES WEBSITE www.camera.it has become the most important way to publicize every aspect of parliamentary activity:

- *Montecitorio Opens Its Doors* allows the public at large to easily visit the premises of *Chamber of Deputies*. The initiative started in 1994 and since then more than one hundred and thirty thousand visitors have participated;
- *Chamber of Deputies Exhibitions* each year attract large numbers of visitors. Since 1994 about 150,000 visitors attended almost 400 days of exhibition. Most of these consisted of art exhibitions, although there were photographic and philatelic exhibitions;
- *Concerts and cultural events* are used to establish a new channel of communication between parliamentary institutions and citizens. The *Chamber of Deputies* promotes military band concerts, organizes classical music concerts and theatre and literary recitals, meetings and conferences on cultural topics, book presentations and other initiatives;
- *Chamber of Deputies Bookshop* makes available to the general public parliamentary documents and publications produced by *Chamber of Deputies* Departments. A special webpage illustrates Chamber latest publications;
- *The Toll Free Number of Chamber of Deputies* may be called from Monday to Friday to obtain useful information;
- *Chamber of Deputies VIA SATELLITE* is the Montecitorio satellite TV channel in order to follow the *Chamber of Deputies* business;

- *Chamber of Deputies Library* contains about one million books. It is open to the general public, to researchers and students from schools and universities, as the *Archivio Storico* (Historical Archives).

In the Website everything is publicized, immediately presented, stored for ever, together with documents, reports, video and sound recordings, photographs,

SLIDE 25

Let me conclude with one final recommendation: never shut yourself up.

Continue what you are doing here today: dialogue regularly with other institutions, exchange experience, observe and study what other institutions have done or are in the process of doing in the sectors of interest to you, plan and implement joint projects with other institutions.

The benefits of such an approach are significant: reduced likelihood of failure, reduced costs and reduced time of implementation.

The Italian Chamber of deputies will be pleased to share its experience with you

I will show you now a few webpages of the personal fact sheet about Hon. Gustavo SELVA and of the document fact sheet about the bill number 5338.

(a few sections of the showed displays have been translated from Italian into English and they are highlighted in red).

Attachment 1: Sample of webpages of the *personal fact sheet* about Hon. Gustavo SELVA

PERSONAL DATA AND CURRENT OFFICES

Scheda del Deputato - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Indietro Avanti Termina Aggiorna Pagina iniziale Cerca Stampa Posta File Modifi

Indirizzo http://siserver.intra.camera.it:8888/scaricoccdrom/Inglese/SELVA_G/index.htm Vai Collegamenti

ACTIVITY CARRIED OUT IN THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES
(in the 14th Parliament)

Notice

PERSONAL DATA

- Biographical and electoral data, offices in the current Parliament

ACTIVITY AS DEPUTY ?

Initiatives

- Bills
- Motions, resolutions, interpellations and questions
- Agendas
- Written reports

Legislative activity

- On the floor of the house
- In committee

Non-legislative activity

- On the floor of the house
- In committee and other bodies

PERSONAL DATA AND CURRENT OFFICES

SELVA Gustavo ✉

Born in IMOLA (BOLOGNA) on 10 August 1926

Secondary school diploma; journalist

Elected under the majority system in the 8th electoral district (VENETO 2)
Constituency: *8 - Treviso*
Associated list: ABOLIZIONE SCORPORO

Election proclaimed on 22 May 2001
Election ratified on 9 May 2002

Served as deputy in the 12th and 13th Parliaments

Member of parliamentary group: ALLEANZA NAZIONALE since 4 June 2001


Parliamentary offices:

- CHAIRMAN of 3RD COMMITTEE (FOREIGN AFFAIRS) since 8 October 2003

Member of parliamentary bodies:

- 3rd COMMITTEE (FOREIGN AFFAIRS) since 20 June 2001
- COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY INTO THE TELEKOM-SERBIA AFFAIR since 12 July 2002
- PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO THE ASSEMBLY OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE since 19 September 2001
- PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO THE ASSEMBLY OF THE WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION since 19 September
- COMMITTEE FOR PARLIAMENTARY DIPLOMACY since 16 November 2001

[Visualizza incarichi nella legislatura](#)



Intranet locale

Bills initiated in Parliament as sponsor

Scheda del Deputato - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Indietro Avanti Termina Aggiorna Pagina iniziale Cerca Stampa Posta File Modifi

Indirizzo http://siserver.intra.camera.it:8888/scaricoccdrom/Inglese/SELVA_G/index.htm Vai Collegamenti

ACTIVITY CARRIED OUT IN THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES
(in the 14th Parliament)

Notice

PERSONAL DATA

- Biographical and electoral data, offices in the current Parliament

ACTIVITY AS DEPUTY ?

Initiatives

- Bills
- Motions, resolutions, interpellations and questions
- Agendas
- Written reports

Legislative activity

- On the floor of the house
- In committee


Non-legislative activity

- On the floor of the house
- In committee and other bodies

ACTIVITY CARRIED OUT IN THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES *(in the 14th Parliament)*

SELVA Gustavo ✉

Election proclaimed on 22 May 2001



ACTIVITY AS DEPUTY

[Bills initiated in Parliament as sponsor](#)
[Bills initiated in Parliament as cosponsor](#)

△ **Bills initiated in Parliament as sponsor**

- Establishment of a parliamentary committee of inquiry into the Telekom-Serbia affair and the responsibility of and non-disclosure of information by the D'Alema and Amato Governments during the 13th Parliament (**437**)
(tabled on 4 June 2001, announced on 6 June 2001)
Law 99 of 21 May 2002
- Introduzione dell'articolo 82-bis della Costituzione, concernente il divieto di approvazione di leggi elettorali negli ultimi novanta giorni della legislatura (**873**)
(presentata il 15 giugno 2001, annunciata il 18 giugno 2001)
- Modifica all'articolo 138 della Costituzione, concernente il divieto di modifica della Costituzione negli ultimi nove mesi della legislatura (**874**)
(presentata il 15 giugno 2001, annunciata il 18 giugno 2001)
(Assorbito dall'approvazione di pdl abbinato)

Intranet locale

Resolutions, interpellations and questions submitted as sponsor

Scheda del Deputato - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Indietro Avanti Termina Aggiorna Pagina iniziale Cerca Stampa Posta File Modifi

Indirizzo http://siserver.intra.camera.it:8888/scaricocdrom/Inglese/SELVA_G/index.htm Vai Collegamenti

ACTIVITY CARRIED OUT IN THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES
(in the 14th Parliament)

Notice

PERSONAL DATA

- Biographical and electoral data, offices in the current Parliament

ACTIVITY AS DEPUTY ?

Initiatives

- Bills
- Motions, resolutions, interpellations and questions
- Agendas
- Written reports


Legislative activity

- On the floor of the house
- In committee

Non-legislative activity

- On the floor of the house
- In committee and other bodies

ACTIVITY CARRIED OUT IN THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES
(in the 14th Parliament)

SELVA Gustavo 

Election proclaimed on 22 May 2001

ACTIVITY AS DEPUTY
Motions, resolutions, interpellations and questions submitted as sponsor
(extracted from the database of policy and control acts at 26/01/2005)

INTERPELLATIONS	1
QUESTIONS WITH ORAL REPLY	6
QUESTIONS ANSWERED IN COMMITTEE	3
RESOLUTIONS ON THE FLOOR	1
RESOLUTIONS IN COMMITTEE	4
CONCLUDING RESOLUTIONS	2
TOTAL ACTS SUBMITTED =	17

Intranet locale

Addresses on parliamentary bills on the Floor of the House (see bill 5388)

Scheda del Deputato - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Indietro Avanti Termina Aggiorna Pagina iniziale Cerca Stampa Posta File Modifi

Indirizzo http://sisserver.intra.camera.it:8888/scaricocodrom/Inglese/SELVA_G/index.htm Vai Collegamenti

ACTIVITY CARRIED OUT IN THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES
(in the 14th Parliament)

Notice

PERSONAL DATA

- Biographical and electoral data, offices in the current Parliament

ACTIVITY AS DEPUTY ?

Initiatives

- Bills
- Motions, resolutions, interpellations and questions
- Agendas
- Written reports

Legislative activity

- On the floor of the house**
- In committee

Non-legislative activity

- On the floor of the house
- In committee and other bodies

- Disegno di legge di ratifica: Accordo di stabilizzazione e di associazione tra le Comunità europee e la Repubblica di Croazia (Approvato dal Senato) (A.C. [4222](#)); (**6-7-2004** Dichiarazione di voto finale pag. [35](#))
- Disegno di legge di ratifica: Protocollo stabilito in base all'articolo 43, paragrafo 1, della Convenzione EUROPOL (Approvato dal Senato) (A.C. [4577](#)); (**7-7-2004** Dichiarazione di voto finale pag. [16](#))
- Proposta di legge: Proroga della partecipazione italiana a missioni internazionali (A.C. [5126](#)); (Relatore per la III Commissione: **12-7-2004** *Discussione sulle linee generali* pagg. [2](#), [6](#), [19](#))
- Disegno di legge di conversione del decreto-legge n. 160 del 2004: Proroga della partecipazione italiana a missioni internazionali (A.C. [5088](#)); (Relatore per la III Commissione: **12-7-2004** *Discussione sulle linee generali* pagg. [24](#), [49](#)) (**13-7-2004** Dichiarazione di voto finale pag. [100](#))
- Proposte di legge: Protezione umanitaria e diritto di asilo (A.C. [1238](#) - [1554](#) - [1738](#) - [3847](#) - [3857](#) - [3883](#)); (**12-7-2004** *Discussione sulle linee generali* pag. [80](#); *Dichiarazione integrale* pag. [93](#))
- Disegno di legge di conversione, con modificazioni, del decreto-legge n. 159 del 2004: Ristrutturazione dell'Alitalia (Approvato dal Senato) (A.C. [5152](#)); (**31-7-2004** Dichiarazione di voto finale pag. [75](#))
- Disegno di legge di ratifica: Ratifica ed esecuzione del Trattato che adotta una Costituzione per l'Europa e alcuni atti connessi, con atto finale, protocolli e dichiarazioni, fatto a Roma il 29 ottobre 2004 (5388) (Annuncio della presentazione e assegnazione alla III Commissione in sede referente); (**2-11-2004** pag. [11](#))
- Ratification bill: Treaty adopting the European Constitution** (A.C. [5388](#)); (**Rapporteur: 18-1-2005** *General discussion* pg. [76](#) - **25-1-2005** *General discussion* pg. [50](#); *Consideration of agendas* pagg. [70](#), [72](#), [78](#))

javascript:ChiamaPagina('../schedela/4222.htm','Scheda') Intranet locale

18 January 2005: Adresse on parliamentary bill 5388 on the Floor of the House (on page 76)

Sten. 570 s250 - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Indietro Avanti Termina Aggiorna Pagina iniziale Cerca Stampa Posta

Indirizzo http://siserver.intra.camera.it:8888/scaricocdrom/Inglese/stenografici/Sed570/s250.htm#Titolo34_75

Discussion of the Government bill: Ratification and execution of the Treaty adopting the European Constitution and certain connected instruments, with the final instrument, protocols and declarations, done in Rome on 29 October 2004 (5388) (7:50 p.m.).

CHAIRMAN. The agenda contains the discussion of the Government bill: Ratification and execution of the Treaty adopting the European Constitution and certain connected instruments, with the final instrument, protocols and declarations, done in Rome on 29 October 2004.

I note that in today's session the questions challenging on constitutional grounds submitted by Mascia et al. no. 1 and Fontanini et al. no. 2 were rejected.

I see that the time schedule time schedule is published at the bottom of the current order of house business (see *order of business*).

(General discussion - A.C. 5388)

CHAIRMAN. I declare open the discussion on the general lines of the bill.

Pag. 76

I see that the presidents of the parliamentary groups Democratici di sinistra-L'Ulivo and Margherita, and DL-L'Ulivo have requested an extension of the debate pursuant to Article 83, paragraph 2, of the Rules of Procedure.

Hon. Selva, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, may deliver the report.

GUSTAVO SELVA, *Rapporteur*. Mr. Chairman, colleagues, the project to unite all Europeans in order to put a definitive end to the conflicts that for centuries have bloodied our continent has distant roots. Voglio ricordare che a lanciare l'idea e a lavorare instancabilmente per la sua affermazione fu, nei tempi moderni, Richard de Coudenhove-Kalergi, che ne divenne, fra le due guerre, il primo apostolo. È di de Coudenhove-Kalergi il documento intitolato *PanEuropa, un progetto* pubblicato a Vienna e a Berlino nel 1922, nonché il successivo manifesto libro *PanEuropa* e nel 1924 la creazione del movimento Paneuropeo.

Addresses concerning parliamentary bills in Committee

Scheda del Deputato - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Indietro Avanti Termina Aggiorna Pagina iniziale Cerca Stampa Posta File Modific

Indirizzo http://siserver.intra.camera.it:8888/scaricocdrom/Inglese/SELVA_G/index.htm Vai Collegamenti

ACTIVITY CARRIED OUT IN THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES
(in the 14th Parliament)

Notice

PERSONAL DATA

- Biographical and electoral data, offices in the current Parliament

ACTIVITY AS DEPUTY ?

Initiatives

- Bills
- Motions, resolutions, interpellations and questions
- Agendas
- Written reports

Legislative activity

- On the floor of the house
- In committee

Non-legislative activity

- On the floor of the house
- In committee and other bodies

ACTIVITY CARRIED OUT IN THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES *(in the 14th Parliament)*

SELVA Gustavo

Election proclaimed on 22 May 2001

ACTIVITY AS DEPUTY

Addresses concerning parliamentary bills in committee

[1st CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS](#)

[2nd JUSTICE](#)

[3rd FOREIGN AFFAIRS](#)

[SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF RATIFICATION BILLS](#)

[2nd JUSTICE and 3rd FOREIGN AFFAIRS](#)

[3rd FOREIGN AFFAIRS and 4th DEFENCE](#)

[3rd FOREIGN AFFAIRS and 5th BUDGET](#)

[3rd FOREIGN AFFAIRS and 7th CULTURE](#)

△ **I AFFARI COSTITUZIONALI**
[In sede Referente](#)

△ **In sede Referente**

- Modificazione di articoli della Parte II della Costituzione. C. [4862](#) cost. Governo, approvato in prima deliberazione dal Senato e abb. **(19-7-2004 pag. 8)**

△ **II GIUSTIZIA**
[In sede Legislativa](#)

△ **In sede Legislativa**

- S. 1986-B. - PISAPIA ed altri; FANFANI ed altri: "Sospensione condizionata dell'esecuzione della pena detentiva nel limite massimo di

Intranet locale

Addresses concerning parliamentary bills in Committee: 3rd Foreign Affairs; Lead committee; bill 5388

Scheda del Deputato - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Indietro Avanti Termina Aggiorna Pagina iniziale Cerca Stampa Posta File Modific

Indirizzo http://siserver.intra.camera.it:8888/scaricocodrom/Inglese/SELVA_G/index.htm Vai Collegamenti

ACTIVITY CARRIED OUT IN THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES
(in the 14th Parliament)

Notice

PERSONAL DATA

- Biographical and electoral data, offices in the current Parliament

ACTIVITY AS DEPUTY ?

Initiatives

- Bills
- Motions, resolutions, interpellations and questions
- Agendas
- Written reports

Legislative activity

- On the floor of the house
- In committee**

Non-legislative activity

- On the floor of the house
- In committee and other bodies

- Ratifica Convenzione Italia-Uganda sulle doppie imposizioni in materia fiscale. C. [4910](#) Governo, approvato dal Senato. ([11-5-2004](#) pag. [39](#) - [16-6-2004](#) pag. [33](#))
- Ratifica Accordo Italia-Georgia nel settore della difesa. C. [4916](#) Governo, approvato dal Senato (Relatore : [11-5-2004](#) pagg. [40](#) , [41](#))
- Ratifica Accordo euromediterraneo istituente Associazione CE e Stati membri-Libano. C. [4875](#) Governo (Relatore : [13-5-2004](#) pag. [4](#))
- Ratifica del Protocollo aggiuntivo Italia-Russia all'Accordo di Mosca per l'assistenza italiana nella distruzione delle armi chimiche. C. [4917](#) Governo, approvato dal Senato (Relatore : [26-5-2004](#) pag. [82](#))
- Ratifica Accordo Italia-Libano di collaborazione culturale, scientifica e tecnologica. C. [4855](#) Governo (Relatore : [26-5-2004](#) pag. [82](#))
- Ratifica della Convenzione in materia di sicurezza dello smaltimento del combustibile esaurito e dei rifiuti radioattivi. C. [4673](#) Calzolaio ([21-7-2004](#) pag. [72](#) - [28-9-2004](#) pag. [24](#) - [7-10-2004](#) pag. [39](#) - [21-10-2004](#) pag. [27](#) - [27-10-2004](#) pag. [73](#))
- Adesione dell'Italia alla Convenzione sull'immatricolazione degli oggetti lanciati nello spazio extra-atmosferico (C. [5106](#) Governo) ([15-9-2004](#) pag. [29](#))
- Adesione dell'Italia all'Accordo sulla conservazione delle popolazioni di pipistrelli europei (EUROBATS) (C. [4913](#) Governo, approvato dal Senato) ([28-9-2004](#) pag. [22](#))
- Ratification of the Treaty adopting the European Constitution. C. [5388](#) Government** ([17-11-2004](#) pag. [37](#) - [13-12-2004](#) pag. [24](#)) (Rapporteur : [16-12-2004](#) pag. [58](#)) ([28-12-2004](#) pag. [5](#)) (Rapporteur : [17-1-2005](#) pagg. [3](#) , [5](#))

Intranet locale

17 January 2005: Adresse on parliamentary bill 5388 in the 3rd Foreign Affairs (on page 3)

http://sisserver.intra.camera.it:8888/scaricocdrom/Inglese/bollet/200501/0117/html/03/frame.htm - Microsof...

Indietro Avanti Termina Aggiorna Pagina iniziale Cerca Stampa Posta

Indirizzo http://sisserver.intra.camera.it:8888/scaricocdrom/Inglese/bollet/200501/0117/html/03/frame.htm Vai

III Commissione

SOMMARIO

Lunedì 17 gennaio 2005

SEDE REFERENTE:

Ratifica del Trattato che adotta una Costituzione per l'Europa. [C. 5388](#) Governo (Seguito esame e conclusione) ... [3](#)

CAMERA DEI DEPUTATI - XIV LEGISLATURA
Resoconto della III Commissione permanente
(Affari esteri e comunitari) Indice

Ratification of the Treaty adopting the European Constitution.
C. 5388 Government.
(Following consideration and conclusion).

The Committee continues with the consideration of the measure, adjourned at the session of 28 December 2004.

Gustavo SELVA, *Chairman and rapporteur*, notes that the 5th Committee has given its approval for the continued consideration of the bill.

Graziella MASCIA (RC), nel dichiarare che il suo gruppo non condivide il Trattato in esame a partire dal relativo impianto generale, rileva come la stessa sua denominazione di «Costituzione per l'Europa» sia sintomatica di una discussa e controversa asimmetria, atteso che il Trattato rappresenta un accordo concluso tra Stati, laddove la Costituzione è un atto fondativo di istituzioni politiche, nonché un patto tra cittadini teso al riconoscimento dei loro fondamentali diritti civili, sociali e politici.

Esprisse quindi riserve sugli antitetici concetti ivi rappresentati, stigmatizza il fatto che gli Stati, nella elaborazione di tale Trattato, si siano arrogati funzioni costituenti, spogliando i popoli delle irrinunciabili prerogative ad essi spettanti in materia, attesa la notevole portata storica del Trattato, che avrebbe dovuto essere espressione della volontà democraticamente espressa dai popoli stessi.

Nell'osservare come le competenze fondamentali rimangano in realtà in capo agli Stati, lamenta la mancata delineazione di un'unione politica sovrana che definisca autonomamente le proprie finalità ed individui conseguentemente i mezzi per raggiungerle, atteso che è prevista espressamente in seno al Trattato una clausola

Attachment 2: Sample of webpages of the document fact sheet about the bill 5388

document fact sheet (setting out the preparatory procedures) about the bill 5388

Part I: Documents

http://siserver.intra.camera.it:8888/scaricodrom/Inglese/schedela/5388.htm - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Indietro Avanti Termina Aggiorna Pagina iniziale Cerca Stampa Posta

Indirizzo http://siserver.intra.camera.it:8888/scaricodrom/Inglese/schedela/5388.htm Vai




14th PARLIAMENT - Preparatory proceedings
Parliamentary act: 5388
(Stage of Chamber proceedings: 1st reading)

"Ratification and execution of the Treaty adopting the European Constitution and certain connected instruments, with the final instrument, protocols and declaration, done in Rome on 29 October 2004" (5388)




Status of proceedings: **Approved 25 January 2005**

Notices

Part I: Documents

Printed materials	Notes	Preparatory proceedings
 C. 5388	Government bill, tabled on 29 October 2004	
 C. 5388 Errata corrige	submitted on 29 October 2004	
 C. 5388-A	Report of the Committee submitted on 17 January 2005	
S. 3269	transmitted to the Senate on 26 January 2005	bills cancelled from the order of business C. 5388

Part II: Committee proceedings

Role	Committee	Bulletin
Lead committee	3rd FOREIGN AFFAIRS	
	(consideration and transmission)	17/11/2004 
	(Follow-up to consideration and transmission)	13/12/2004 
	(Follow-up to consideration and transmission)	16/12/2004 


















document fact sheet (setting out the preparatory procedures) about the bill 5388
Part II: Committee proceedings

http://sisserver.intra.camera.it:8888/scaricodrom/Inglese/schedela/5388.htm - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Indietro Avanti Termina Aggiorna Pagina iniziale Cerca Stampa Posta

Indirizzo http://sisserver.intra.camera.it:8888/scaricodrom/Inglese/schedela/5388.htm Vai

Part II: Committee proceedings

Role	Committee	Bulletin
Lead committee	3rd FOREIGN AFFAIRS	
	(consideration and transmission)	17/11/2004 
	(Follow-up to consideration and transmission)	13/12/2004 
	(Follow-up to consideration and transmission)	16/12/2004 
	(Follow-up to consideration and transmission)	20/12/2004 
	(Follow-up to consideration and transmission)	28/12/2004 
	(Follow-up to consideration and conclusion)	17/01/2005 
	Amendment examination committee	25/01/2005 
 FACT-FINDING ACTIVITIES		
Advisory committee	1st CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS	
	(consideration and transmission)	17/11/2004 
	(Follow-up to consideration and transmission)	02/12/2004 
	(consideration and transmission)	15/12/2004 
	(Follow-up to consideration and conclusion - Approval)	16/12/2004 
	- ANNEX (Approved opinion)	16/12/2004
	Opinion committee (Examination of amendments and conclusion - Opinion)	25/01/2005 
	2nd JUSTICE	
	(consideration and transmission)	09/11/2004 
	(Follow-up to consideration and transmission)	25/11/2004 
(Transmission of follow-up to consideration)	13/12/2004 	
(Follow-up to consideration and conclusion - Approval with	22/12/2004 	

document fact sheet (setting out the preparatory procedures) about the bill 5388

Part III: Proceedings on the Floor of the House


http://sisserver.intra.camera.it:8888/scaricocdrom/Inglese/schedela/5388.htm - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Indirizzo http://sisserver.intra.camera.it:8888/scaricocdrom/Inglese/schedela/5388.htm

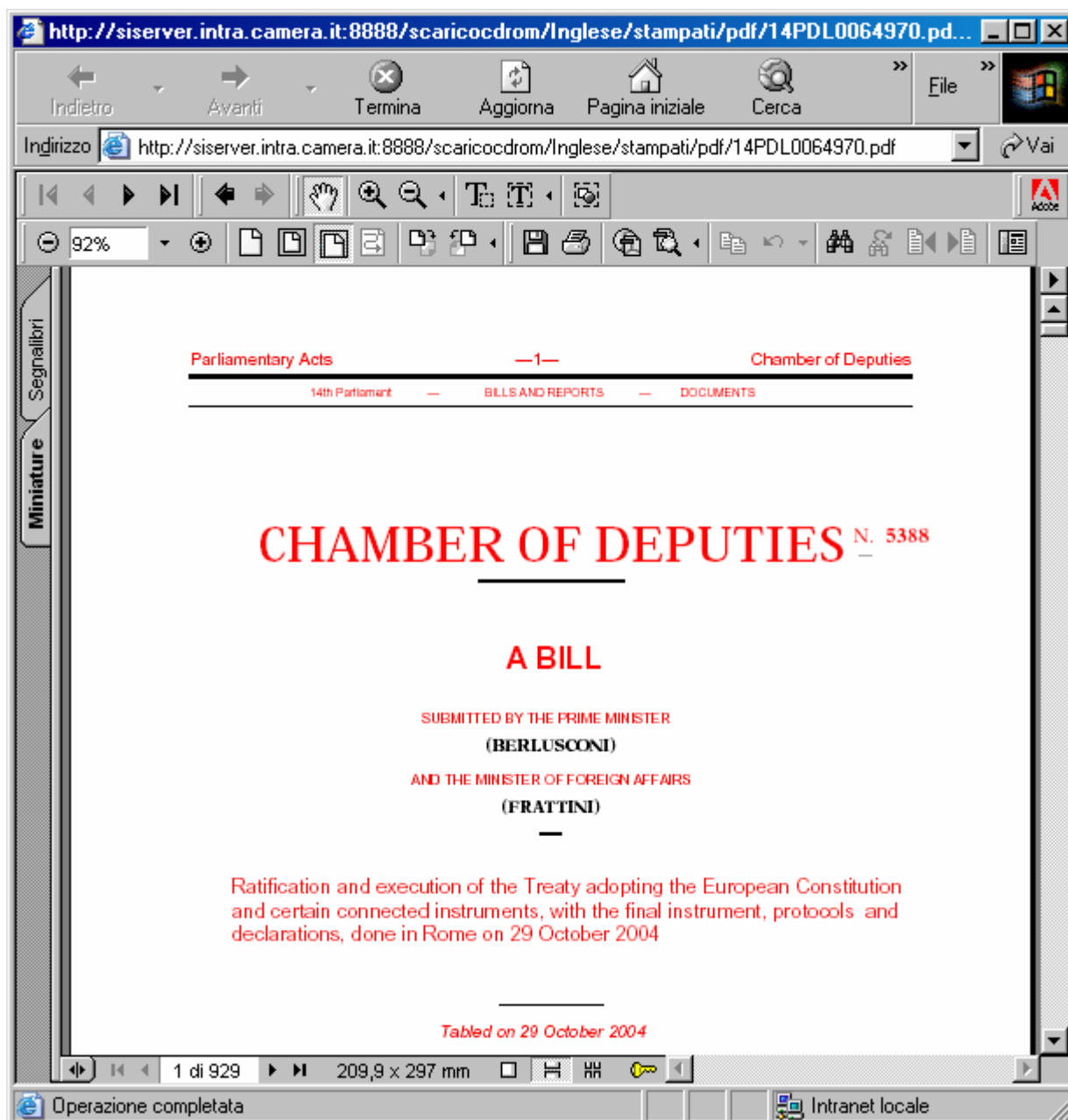
	(Follow-up to consideration and transmission)	01/12/2004
	(Follow-up to consideration and transmission)	14/12/2004
	(Follow-up to consideration and transmission)	15/12/2004
	- ANNEX (Proposed opinion by rapporteur)	15/12/2004
	(Follow-up to consideration and conclusion - Approval)	16/12/2004
	- ANNEX (Opinion approved by the Committee)	16/12/2004

Part III: Proceedings on the floor of the house

Session	Stage of proceedings
537 of 02/11/2004	- <i>Assignment as lead committee.</i>
570 of 18/01/2005 (Consideration and vote on prejudicial questions)	- <i>Consideration of prejudicial questions - A.C. 5388;</i> Resumption of debate - <i>General discussion - A.C. 5388;</i> - <i>Address by Hon. Gian Paolo Landi di Chiavenna during general discussion (A.C. 5388).</i>
574 of 25/01/2005 (Follow-up to discussion and approval)	- <i>Resumption of general discussion - A.C. 5388;</i> - <i>Replies of rapporteur and Government - A.C. 5388;</i> Resumption of discussion - <i>Consideration of articles - A.C. 5388;</i> - <i>Consideration of article 1 - A.C. 5388;</i> Resumption of discussion - <i>Resumption of consideration of article 1 - A.C. 5388;</i> - <i>Consideration of article 2 - A.C. 5388;</i> - <i>Consideration of article 3 - A.C. 5388;</i> - <i>Consideration of orders of business - A.C. 5388;</i> - <i>Declaration of final vote - A.C. 5388;</i> - <i>Final vote and approval - A.C. 5388;</i> - <i>Supplementary considerations of the address of Hon. Laura Cima during general discussion (A.C. 5388).</i>

 **OTHER RELATED DEBATES**

Text of the bill 5388 submitted to the Chamber of Deputies (in PDF format)



Text of the Committee Report about the bill 5388 (in PDF format)

