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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

to wind up the debate on the statement by the Commission

pursuant to Rule 123(2) of the Rules of Procedure

on summer-time arrangements (2018/xxxx(RSP))

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on behalf of the Committee on Transport and Tourism

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European Parliament resolution on summer-time arrangements (2018/xxxx(RSP))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 114 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to Directive 2000/84/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on summer-time arrangements,
- having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on better lawmaking,
- having regard to Rule 123(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, according to the Interinstitutional Agreement on better law-making, the evaluation of existing legislation should provide a basis for impact assessments as regards options for future action;
- B. whereas numerous scientific studies, including a study by the European Parliamentary Research Service on EU summer-time arrangements under Directive 2000/84/EC from October 2017, have failed to prove any positive effects of the bi-annual clock change, but indicate the existence of negative effects on human health, agriculture and road traffic safety;
- C. whereas a number of citizens' initiatives have shown citizens' concerns about the biannual clock change;
- D. whereas Parliament has raised this question before, including in an oral question of 25 September 2015 to the Commission;
- E. whereas it would be desirable to maintain a unified EU time regime even after the end of bi-annual time changes;
- 1. Calls upon the Commission to discontinue the current bi-annual clock change by proposing an amendment to the directive;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council, and to the governments and parliaments of the Member States.