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FOREWORD

Dear readers,

Here is the most important information about the activities of the Parliament of Montenegro in the previous month in the form of monthly newsletter, "Open Parliament," which is prepared by the Center for Democratic Transition (CDT) in collaboration with the Parliament.

The previous month was marked by intense legislative activity of the Parliament – the Parliament adopted 21 laws and parliamentary committees discussed 25 proposals for the law. In performing their oversight role in the previous month, among other things, the parliamentary committees discussed the Report on the Work of the State Prosecutor, Report on the Work of the Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms (Ombudsman), Report on the Development and Protection of Minorities and Other Minority National Communities and the Information on Actions of the Supreme State Prosecutor of Montenegro in the event "The Balkan Warrior," as well as on the Draft Law on Investment Funds with regard to the effects of application of the existing law.

The XII Cetinje Parliamentary Forum was held in May. It gathered parliamentarians from the region in order to discuss the parliamentary oversight of defense and security sectors. In Podgorica the second meeting of the EU-Montenegro Stabilization and Association Parliamentary Committee was held and conference "Dialogue Montenegro – EU" which dealt with the implementation of recommendations from the Opinion of the European Commission was organized in Budva. More information can be found in sections "News from Parliament" and "In Focus."

The bulletin "Open Parliament" is published monthly, as a part of the project "Open institutions" which is financed by the European Union through the Delegation of the European Union to Montenegro.

We wish you the best until the next edition, and in order to make this bulletin even better and more interesting, we remain open for your opinions, critiques and suggestions.

*Respectfully,
Dragan Koprivica,
CDT Executive Director*



LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

In May the Parliament adopted 21 laws. At the fifth sitting of the first regular session in 2011 the following laws were adopted:

The Law on Amendments to the Law on Budget of Montenegro for 2011, the Law on Protection Against Noise in the Environment, the Law on Amendments to the Law on Plant Health Protection, the Law on Amendments to the Law on Geological Research, the Law on Prevention of Drug Abuse, the Law on Ratification of Agreement on Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments between the Government of Montenegro and the Republic of Macedonia, the Law on Ratification of Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of Malta on the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection, the Law on Ratification of Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Government of Malta on the Fight against Illegal Trafficking in Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, the Law on Ratification of the Council of Europe on the Access to Official Documents, the Law on Ratification of the International Convention on the Control of Management of Ship Ballast Water and Sediments, the Law on Ratification of the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems of Ships in 2001, the Law on Ratification of the Protocol from 2003, the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Damages Caused by Oil Pollution in 1992 (clt 92), the Law of Ratification of the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage from 1992, the Law on



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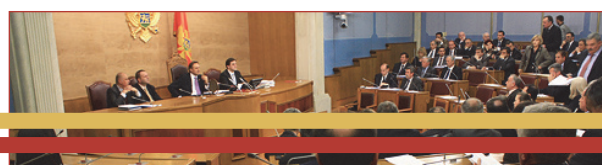
Ratification of the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Damages Caused by Oil Pollution from 1992, the Law on Ratification of the International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage Caused during Transport of Hazardous and Harmful Substances by Sea, 1996 (hns 96), the Law on Ratification of the Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents in Civil and Commercial Matters, the Law on Ratification of the Convention on Taking of Evidence Abroad in Civil and Commercial Matters, the Law on Ratification of Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Republic of Turkey on the Exchange of Land for Diplomatic Missions.

At the eighth sitting of the first regular session in 2011 the following laws were adopted:

The Law on Amendments to the Law on Montenegrin Citizenship and the Law on Amendments to the Law on Identity Card.

At the eighth sitting of the first regular session in 2011 held on 31 May the Proposal for the Law on Amendments to the Law on Election of Councillors and MPs which did not receive the necessary two-thirds majority was discussed, after which by the adoption of the Proposal for a Constitutional Law on Amendments to the Constitutional Law for the Implementation of the Constitution of Montenegro the deadline for harmonization was extended to 31 July 2011.

NEWS FROM PARLIAMENT



XII Cetinje Parliamentary Forum

The XII Cetinje Parliamentary Forum “Parliamentary Oversight of Defense and Security Sector” was held on 6 May in Cetinje. The forum is organized by the Parliament of Montenegro in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Centre for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons in South Eastern Europe (SEESAC).

The Cetinje Parliamentary Forum has brought together parliamentarians from the region - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Croatia, Macedonia, Serbia and Slovenia. The Forum participants agreed in the form of Conclusions about the need for strengthening proactive role of parliaments and their working bodies in the oversight of defense and security sector and for the improvement of the legal framework for the competent per-

formance of parliamentary oversight. The Forum participants concluded that it was necessary to make work of agencies and institutions in security and defense sector more quality through an interactive access and good cooperation with these bodies. They also emphasized the need for strengthening professional services staff of parliaments in order to improve quality of parliamentary oversight, as well as supporting and strengthening regional cooperation in the field of bilateral and multilateral levels.

The Cetinje Parliamentary Forum brought together since 2004 and through eleven meetings over 650 parliamentarians from the region and partner countries of the European Union, which discussed foreign policy issues, education, culture, economy and security.



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President of Montenegrin Parliament Ranko Krivokapić in Bratislava, Slovakia, for the XIII meeting of Presidents of Parliaments of the regional partnership of 10 countries

President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Ranko Krivokapić, took part at the XIII meeting of Presidents of Parliaments of the Regional Partnership of 10 countries in Bratislava, Slovakia, (Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia, Poland, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Romania, Croatia and Montenegro) of Central and Eastern Europe.

President Krivokapić delivered a speech in Bratislava within the topic "Development of infrastructure and tourism in the region". Speaking about the development of infrastructure in the region President Krivokapić em-

phasized that for Montenegro and its economy the development of internal infrastructure was of great importance, but also infrastructural links with the countries in the region, and thus the European Union.

President of Montenegrin Parliament Ranko Krivokapić had a series of bilateral meetings with the Speaker of the Slovak Parliament Richard Sulik, President of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic Miroslava Némecová and President of the Senate of Poland Bogdan Borusewicz.

Conference "Dialogue Montenegro - EU"

Conference "Dialogue Montenegro - EU," which dealt with the implementation of recommendations from the Opinion of the European Commission was held from 26 to 27 May in Pržno and it was organized by the National Council for European Integration.

The conference was opened by the President of the National Council for European Integration Nebojša Medojević, and speakers at the conference were, among others, Prime Minister of Montenegro Igor Lukšić, European Commissioner for Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy, Stefan Füle and Secretary General of the Parliament Damir Davidović. Besides them, the conference was also attended by members of the Committee on International Relations and European Integration of the Parliament of Montenegro, as well as representatives of the Government of Montenegro.

The conference was divided into five working sessions devoted to the following topics: "Strengthening the legislative and oversight role of the Parliament of Montenegro," "Public administration reform," "Strengt-

hening the rule of law with special reference to the fight against corruption and organized crime," "Media and civil society" and "Human rights and the problem of internally displaced persons."

Secretary-General of the Parliament Damir Davidović had a speech within the first session on "Strengthening legislative and oversight role of the Parliament of Montenegro," and reminded the present of the concept of the Action Plan for strengthening legislative and oversight role of the Parliament. While presenting the activities carried out so far, Secretary General stressed out that key priority was harmonization of national legislation with the EU law on which a significant part of the activities and measures foreseen by the Action Plan is focused and he pointed out the fact that all activities and measures had been implemented within the planned deadlines, with the exception of the Law on Election of Councillors and MPs.

The European Commissioner for Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy, Stefan Füle in his addressing said that he was positively surprised by strong efforts undertaken by the Government and Parliament of Montenegro in meeting the recommendations from the Opinion of the European Commission about membership, specifically in terms of seven criteria, and also mentioned that the European Commission, as a friend and partner of Montenegro, is actively monitoring all aspects of the integration process. In his addressing, Stefan Füle particularly stressed out the fact that the Parliament of Montenegro had a key role in the process of European integration and that very significant and impressive progress had been noticed through the activities realized so far.



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NEWS FROM PARLIAMENT



Montenegrin delegation in the spring session of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly

Spring session of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly was held in Varna, Bulgaria from 27 to 30 May. The session was attended by the delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro represented by Dragan Đurović and Vasilije Lalošević.

During a four-day session, various important topics were discussed such as the expansion of China and possible impact of that expansion on NATO; informa-

tion and national security; ways of countering the unfavorable fiscal environment - economic and security implications of fiscal consolidation; the process of transition in Afghanistan and the assessment efforts in the field of security.

During the work of the Science and Technology Committee countering the threats of biological and chemical nature was discussed.

Joint Meeting of the chairpersons for education, science, research and employment and labor organized within the parliamentary dimension of the Hungarian EU presidency

At the joint meeting of chairpersons for education, science, research and employment and labor, held in Budapest on 19 and 20 May, Amir Hollaj, Vice President of the Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sport of the Parliament of Montenegro took part.

In two working sessions of the joint meeting, the parliamentarians discussed the issues of accessibility to higher education and mobility, the systems of crediting and financing students and employment as an important aspect of Europe 2020 Strategy.

It was also agreed at the meeting that human resources are a key factor of social development and growth in all business and economic sectors, whose abilities depend on the degree of education and train-

ing, and that it should be strived to create services that are able to meet the demands of interested parties. In this sense, consent was reached regarding the need for broad access to higher education for those who want to participate in educational process regardless of differences, and the need for “lifelong learning” and continuous improvement and adoption of new knowledge and skills was specifically emphasized.

Recognizing the fact that is reflected in the European Union defined the policies that treat the issue of education, student mobility and research, the parliamentarians stressed that funds intended for these areas must be increased significantly and thus reach the goal – “knowledge-based society”.

The following proposals for the law were discussed at the Committees' sessions

- **Proposal for the Law on Ratification of the Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs** discussed and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for the Law on Ratification of Agreement between the Government of Montenegro and the Republic of Serbia on Cooperation in the Protection against Natural and Other Disasters** discussed and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for the Law on Ratification of Amendment 6 to the European Agreement on the Work of Crews on Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR)** discussed and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee.



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- **Proposal for the Law on Amendments to the Law on Business Companies referring to improving business environment and implementation of arrangements envisaged by the EU directives**, discussed and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the leading Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget as well as by the Committee on International Relations and European Integration.
- **Proposal for the Law on Amendments to the Criminal Code with amendments** discussed and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the leading Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration as well as by the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for the Law on Amendments to the Law on Waters** discussed and proposed for adoption to the Parliament by the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for the Declaration on the Protection of Morača** discussed and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for the Law on Amendments to the Law on Employment and Work of Foreign Citizens** discussed and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on International Relations and European Integration as well as by the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for the Law on Amendments to the Law on Restriction of the Use of Tobacco Products** discussed and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on International Relations and European Integration.
- **Proposal for the Law on Copyright and Related Rights**, discussed and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on International Relations and European Integration.
- **Proposal for the Law on Amendments to the Law on Foreigners** discussed and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for the Law on Amendments to the Law on Protection and Rescue** discussed and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for the Law on Amendments to the Law on Electronic Communications** discussed and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee.

- **Proposal for the Law on Amendments to the Law on the Army of Montenegro** discussed and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for the Resolution on urgent measures for mitigation of economic crisis on the standard of the population** discussed and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for the Law on Amendments to the Law on Accounting and Auditing** discussed and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the leading Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget.



- **Proposal for the Law on Amendments to the Law on State Survey and Cadastre** discussed and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget as well as by the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for the Law on Amendments to the Law on General Administrative Procedure** discussed and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for the Law Amending the Law on Pension and Disability Insurance** discussed and proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the leading Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare and by the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for the Law on Ratification of Agreement between Montenegro and the Swiss Confederation on Social Security with Administrative Agreement for the Implementation of the Agreement between Montenegro and the Swiss Confederation on Social Security** proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee.



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- **Proposal for the Law on Ratification of Agreement between Montenegro and the Republic of Macedonia on Social Security with Administrative Agreement for the Implementation of the Agreement between Montenegro and the Republic of Macedonia on Social Security** proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for the Law on Ratification of Agreement between Montenegro and Ireland on the Avoidance of Double Taxation and Prevention of Income Tax Payment Evasion** proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for the Law on Amendments to the Law on Election of Councillors and MPs** proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the leading Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration as well as by the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee.
- **Proposal for the Law on Amending the Law on Montenegrin Citizenship** proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the leading Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration, by the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee and by the Committee on International Relations and European Integration.
- **Proposal for the Law on Amendments to the Law on Identity Cards** proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the leading Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration, by the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee and by the Committee on International Relations and European Integration.
- **Proposal for a Constitutional Law on Amending Constitutional Law for the Enforcement of the Constitution of Montenegro** proposed to the Parliament for adoption by the leading Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration and by the Constitutional Issues and Legislative Committee.

PARLIAMENTARY GLOSSARY

INTERPELLATION¹ (in English: to interpellate or to interpolate – means to question formally, but also to protest by questioning) An interpellation is a qualified question submitted to a member of government or an entire government through which MPs ask for responses about certain facts and clarifications of certain government's positions and acts and the like. They are similar to MPs questions. However, while the purpose of brief questions is to encourage interaction in order to highlight the differences between the ruling majority and opposition, interpellations are designed with the intent to cause an overall discussion on an issue or a case of ministerial neglect.

In Montenegro, the Constitution provides that the interpellation for debate on certain issues connected with the work of Government may be submitted by at least 27 MPs. Interpellation shall be submitted in writing and must be explained. The government submits response within 30 days as of the day of the receipt of interpellation. The Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Montenegro state that the interpellation is submitted to the Speaker in written form and the issue to be discussed must be clearly formulated and explained. The Speaker delivers the interpellation to MPs and Government immediately and Government may consider the interpellation and submit to the Parliament a written report with its opinion and views on interpellation, no later than 30 days from the day of delivery of the interpellation. Then the Speaker delivers Government's report on the interpellation to MPs.

The interpellation is placed on the agenda of the first sitting of Parliament held after Government has submitted the report. If Government does not submit a report, the interpellation is placed on the agenda of the first sitting of Parliament after the expiration of the deadline for submission of Government's report. One of the MPs submitting the interpellation is entitled to explain it at the parliamentary sitting. In the sitting of Parliament, the Prime Minister or an authorized representative of Government may explain the Government's report on the interpellation, or, if a report has not been submitted, may orally answer the interpellation.

The debate on an interpellation may be closed by making a decision on issues in the interpellation, but may also be closed without making a decision. At the end of the debate on an interpellation, a proposal for voting no-confidence in the Government may be submitted in accordance with the Rules of Procedure. MPs who have submitted the interpellation may withdraw it before the end of debate. If some MPs decide to give up on an interpellation so that the number of submitters falls below one quarter of MPs, the interpellation is considered withdrawn.

¹ Source: Constitution of Montenegro, Rules of Procedure of Parliament of Montenegro, www.ndicrnagora.org



OVERSIGHT ACTIVITY



- Committee on Security and Defense of the Parliament of Montenegro held a session at which the Information on acting of the Supreme State Prosecutor of Montenegro in the case "The Balkan Warrior" was discussed. In this regard, the Committee noted the improved cooperation and coordination between state authorities after 16th and 28th session of the Committee on Security and Defense. Also, the Committee has been encouraged by the activities of state authorities which contributed to the elimination of deficiencies and they expect that this will result in the initiation of proceedings as soon as possible. In the future the Committee will monitor the activities and results of state authorities on these issues.
- Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration of the Parliament of Montenegro discussed the Report of the Supreme State Prosecutor of Montenegro on the work of the Public Prosecution Office in 2010. In the presence of the Supreme State Prosecutor Ranka Čarapić and majority members the Committee discussed and supported the Report with majority vote. Declaring on the Report of the Committee, with its conclusions, was adjourned to the next session.
- Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms in the 38th session discussed the 2010 Report on Work of the Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms in Montenegro. The Committee members agreed that the Report was done well in accordance with the established methodology and that it properly showed that the Institution of the Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms was becoming more and more recognizable in Montenegrin society thanks to his work in the field of human rights and freedoms. The Report contains statistical data on the work of the Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms for 2010, work and activities of Ombudsman in specific areas, observations, conclusions and recommendations, a general evaluation of the situation of human rights and freedoms and specific appendices, and thus the Committee members were unanimous in their evaluation that Ombudsman had shown work of that Institution in a quality way and the respect for constitutional and legal rights of citizens in that reporting period. Readiness of state bodies to cooperate with Ombudsman was evaluated positive which suggests that the importance of the institution for protection of human rights and freedoms in Montenegro is recognized in the right way. It was also estimated that the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms had good cooperation with the Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms in Montenegro and that such cooperation should continue. After the discussion, the Committee unanimously supported the 2010 Report on Work of the Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms

in Montenegro and proposed to the Parliament to accept it with the conclusions proposed by the Committee.

- Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms of the Parliament of Montenegro discussed the 2010 Report on the Development and Protection of Minorities and Other Minority National Communities. It was pointed out that the main objective of the Report was to provide a view of policy of protection of minorities and other minority national communities, both in the normative part, and in the fields of social life important for the protection of minorities and other minority national communities. The Committee decided by majority vote to propose to the Parliament to accept the Report on the Development and Protection of Minorities and Other Minority National Communities.



- Committee on Economy, Finance and Budget held a consultative hearing (debate) on "Draft Law on Investment Funds with regard to the effects of application of the existing law". The session was attended by representatives of the Ministry of Finance, the Association of Private Investors; Commission for Securities and fund management associations: EURFOND, ATLAS MONT, MIG, TREND and HLT. After discussion, the Committee noted that it was necessary to include the Proposal for a new Law on Investment Funds as soon as possible in parliamentary procedure and no later than July. The Committee also noted that in one of the following sessions it will establish evaluations and stands regarding consultative debate that was held.
- Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare in the session held on 30 May, in cooperation with the National Commission for Control of Smoking of the Ministry of Health and the Institute of Public Health of Montenegro, celebrated at the premises of the Institute in Podgorica the International Day for Tobacco Control.
- On May 31 the Administrative Committee held a public hearing on "How to select representative from the NGO sector in the procedure of selection and appointment," in which representatives of seven NGOs took part.



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IN FOCUS



The EU-Montenegro Stabilization and Association Parliamentary Committee

The EU - Montenegro Stabilization and Association Parliamentary Committee was formed the last year on the basis of the Stabilization and Association Agreement between Montenegro and the European Union. A parliamentary committee is one of the forms of cooperation in monitoring the implementation of the Stabilization and Association Agreement. This body meets twice a year - in Podgorica and Brussels.

The Committee is composed of 14 members of the Parliament of Montenegro and the European Parliament. In addition, in the Parliament of Montenegro the Secretariat was formed whose role is to provide to the members of Montenegrin part of the Committee the best possible expertise and technical support as well as to provide communication with the European Parliament.

Two meetings of the Parliamentary Committee on Stabilization and Association of the Parliament of Montenegro and the European Parliament were held.

First meeting of the Parliamentary Committee was held on 27 and 28 September 2010 in Brussels. Among other things the process of strengthening the capacity of the Parliament of Montenegro was discussed and particularly strengthening of its oversight roles as well as the improvement of the functioning of the rule of law, including the judicial reform and fight against corruption and organized crime. At the end of the first meeting of the

EU-Montenegro Stabilization and Association Parliamentary Committee (SAPC) the Declaration and recommendations were adopted.

Second meeting of the EU-Montenegro Stabilization and Association Parliamentary Committee was held on 17 and 18 May 2011 in Podgorica. During the discussion MPs of Montenegrin and the European Parliament paid most attention to the rule of law, emphasizing that this concept presupposes the existence of legal state and legal security of all citizens, based on cooperation of Montenegrin judiciary, prosecutors and police. Montenegrin MPs have agreed that organized crime and corruption should be combated by the rule of law and coordination of all state services. Talking about regional cooperation, Montenegrin parliamentarians recalled of the recent presidency of Montenegro of regional initiatives, which was the opportunity to show that there are adequate logistical and administrative capacities and to confirm the ability of chairing important processes of political coordination of regional cooperation.

Second meeting of the EU-Montenegro Stabilization and Association Parliamentary Committee (SAPC), after a two-day work in the Parliament of Montenegro ended with the adoption of the joint Declaration and the closing press conference.



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FROM THE ARCHIVES: HISTORY OF MONTENEGRIN PARLIAMENTARISM



Law on amendments to the law on pensions as of 6 december 1902

3/16 September 1904.

WE
Nicholas I
by the grace of God
AS PRINCE AND LORD OF MONTENEGRO
On the proposal of our State Council,
Have decided to order and hereby we order this
LAW
ON AMENDMENTS TO THE LAW ON PENSIONS AS OF 6 DE-
CEMBER 1902

Article 1

Prince the Lord places clerks in pension on the proposal of the authorized Minister.

Article 2

Clerk's request for retirement, unless he is under investigation for being suspected guilty, shall not be refused if:

- 1) He has 35 years of service or 60 years of age,
- 2) Because of physical weakness he has become unfit for service,
- 3) If due to illness he was not able to perform his official duties for more than a year. Also, the competent Ministry may candidate such clerk for retirement.

Article 3

State Council on the proposal of the Minister, may, apart from the cases specified in the previous article, propose to Prince the Lord to place clerk in pension every time when the State Council finds that it is in the interest of public service.

...

Article 5

For calculation of years of service, an act of Prince the Lord shall be applied based on which clerk has been hired in civil service.

No clerk's years of service shall be counted for pension until he is twenty years old.

...

Article 10

Pension shall be terminated:

- 1) In the event of death after one month from the date of death, as annual salary of active clerks,
- 2) If pensioner enters civil service, domestic or foreign,
- 3) If convicted of criminal offence or to imprisonment exceeding one year, or if his behaving is such that it causes public scandal and embarrasses profession; in latter case the pensioner will be sent to disciplinary court for trial.

...

Cetinje, 3 September 1904
Nicholas (signature)
Minister of Finance
L. Mijušković (signature)

The Law on Amendments to the Law on Pensions as of 6 December 1902, Cetinje 1905

FROM THE PARLIAMENT'S GALLERIES

Milan Božović, "Hay Loading", 1953 *Oil on canvas*



Artistic development of Milan Božović, from the School of Arts in Belgrade, from which he graduated in 1930, through his eight-year stay and study at Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Paris, to the fertile and active artistic and social engagement, went smoothly even without fluctuations in quality. He was close to poetic realism, the spirit of impressionism and he ended with a more liberal approach by accepting expressionism. Through a logical evolution, a conflict between traditional and modern was generated over time which can be clearly seen on his anthological canvas from 1953 "Hay Loading" which may be his contribution to social realism, but also his sign of respect to the Impressionism, his old love, to a historically very important, revolutionary art movement.

Milan Božović was the first President of the Association of Fine Artists of Montenegro ("Rock", "Flowers").



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CALENDAR



4 May

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Ranko Krivokapić, received the delegation of the Parliament of the Federal Republic of Germany - Committee on Internal Affairs, headed by Frank Hoffman. During the meeting they exchanged the views on the process of harmonization of legislation with European legislation, as well as on further challenges on the path towards the EU and important issues - fighting crime and corruption, rule of law, human rights and other current issues.

5 May

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Ranko Krivokapić, received Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Elmar Mammadyarov. Both parties estimated that specific models of cooperation in areas such as energy, tourism and culture should be defined. It was jointly stated that, through the intensification of overall bilateral cooperation, cooperation between the two parliaments should be established as well. Mutual invitations for official visits were delivered.



6 May

- Completed Constitutive meeting of the Working Group of the Parliamentary dimension of the Cooperation Process in Southeastern Europe, SEECP 5 - 7 May 2011, organized by the Parliament of Montenegro presiding the Parliamentary dimension of the SEECP.
- Completed the XII Cetinje Parliamentary Forum.
- Chairman of the Committee on International Relations and European Integration of the Parliament of



Montenegro, doc.dr. Miodrag Vuković and Deputy Chairman of the Board, Vasilije Lalošević, participated in the "COFAC" meeting in Budapest.

11 May

- Round table "Situation in agriculture, electricity production and purchase of agricultural products in the area of Zeta and Malesia" was organized by the Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Environment and Spatial Planning.
- President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Ranko Krivokapić, received the President of the Association of Montenegrins of Australia Mihailo Mandić. President of the Association of Montenegrins of Australia, Mihailo Mandić, gave to President Krivokapić the "Montenegrin diaspora's initiative for the adoption of the Declaration on the annulment of the so-called "Podgorica Assembly."

13 May

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Ranko Krivokapić, received the Delegation of ambassadors of NATO member countries. The ambassadors expressed their interest in the results of the overall process of reforms, promotion of Montenegro's membership in NATO with emphasis on public support, competences of the Security and Defense Council, as well as in the issue of adoption of the electoral legislation.
- Members of the Committee on Security and Defense of the Parliament of Montenegro met with the Delegation of ambassadors of NATO member states. During the meeting support to Montenegro on its European and Euro-Atlantic integration was expressed.



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CALENDAR



- Students of the Faculty of Administrative and European Studies visited the Parliament of Montenegro. During the visit they talked to the President of the Committee on International Relations and European Integration and Deputy Secretary General of the Parliament.



17 May

- President and members of the National Council for European Integration met with the European Parliament MPs, members of the EU-Montenegro Stabilization and Association Parliamentary Committee. Talks were particularly devoted to the activities aimed at the implementation of seven criteria of the European Union.

18 May

- Members of the Parliament of Montenegro participated in the Fifth National Conference dedicated to combating corruption and organized crime, organized by the MANS. MPs presentations were about the "Role of Parliament in the fight against corruption and organized crime."
- Representatives of caucuses in the Parliament of Montenegro received the President of the Global Organization of Parliamentarians against Corruption (GOPAC), dr. Naser Al-Sane and representatives of the NGO MANS, with whom they discussed the role of parliament in combating corruption and organized crime.
- President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Ranko Krivokapić, met in Podgorica with the President of the Global Organization of Parliamentarians against Corruption (GOPAC) Nasser Al-Sane.

- Completed second meeting of the EU-Montenegro Stabilization and Association Parliamentary Committee (SAPC) in which joint Declaration was adopted.

19 May

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Ranko Krivokapić, received the newly appointed U.S. Ambassador Sue K. Brown.



20 May

- Completed a joint Meeting of chairpersons for education, science, research and employment and labor, organized within the parliamentary dimension of the Hungarian presidency of the European Union. The meeting was held in Budapest.
- Completed a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of the Parliamentary dimension of the CEI in which MPs of the Montenegrin Parliament took part who are engaged in the work of this Initiative, doc. dr. Miodrag Vuković and Vasilije Lalošević. The meeting was held in Belgrade.
- President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Ranko Krivokapić, participated in Bratislava at the XIII Meeting of Presidents of Parliaments of Regional Partnership of 10 countries of Central and Eastern Europe.

26 May

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Ranko Krivokapić, received the Ambassador of Canada to Montenegro, Mr. John Morrison.



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27 May

- Completed the conference “Dialogue Montenegro – EU,” organized by the National Council for European Integration.



- President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Ranko Krivokapić, met in Budva with the European Commissioner for Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy, Stefan Fule. The two officials pointed out that it was high time to adopt the text of the electoral law, as a priority in the work of the Parliament, especially considering the fact that its adoption and compliance with Constitution is one of the key European recommendations.
- Gender Equality Committee of the Parliament of Montenegro, OSCE Mission to Montenegro and UNDP organized in the Parliament of Montenegro presentation of the results of the “Survey on knowledge and application of the Law on Gender Equality.”

30 May

- Secretary General of the Parliament of Montenegro, Damir Davidović, received representatives of ERSTE Foundation and agency “Müllers Freunde.” At the meeting they discussed the possibility of implementing the project “Democratic workshop.”
- Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare of the Parliament of Montenegro in cooperation with the Institute of Public Health of Montenegro and the National Commission for the Control of Smoking of the Ministry of Health celebrated the International Day of Tobacco Control under the slogan “There are three ways to save lives.”

- President of the Parliament of Montenegro, Ranko Krivokapić, received a delegation of ERSTE Foundation. At the meeting they exchanged views on the implementation of the “Democratic Workshop” in the Parliament.
- Completed spring session of NATO Parliamentary Assembly. Spring session of NATO Parliamentary Assembly was attended by the delegation of the Parliament of Montenegro consisted of Dragan Đurović and Vasilije Lalošević.

31 May

- Administrative Committee session held with public hearing on “How to select representative from the NGO sector in the procedure of selection and appointment.”

At the session of the Administrative Committee, apart from the Committee members, Danka Latković, head of the government’s Office for Cooperation with NGOs took part as well as representatives of NGOs, including: Tijana Marković, a member of NSEI; Boris Raonić, a member of NSEI; Marija Vuksanović, Center for Democracy and Human Rights (CEDEM), Dragan Koprivica, Center for Democratic Transition (CDT), Velida Hodžić, NGO Ikre; Stevo Muk, NGO Alternativa Institute, Vuk Maraš, the Network for Promotion of NGO Sector (MANS), and Ana Novaković, Centre for Development of NGOs (CRNVO).

After a constructive discussion, chairman of the Committee stated that the discussion had confirmed the importance of the topic and proposed this to be the first step in future cooperation with NGOs, and also pointed out that in the future more specific proposals would be expected from NGOs. NGOs, Government and MPs were agreed to elaborate this issue.



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