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FSD2117 PLENARY VOTES IN THE FINNISH PARLIAMENT DURING 1983-2014

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Appendix A

Additional information on the data

A.1 Additional information on the coding of variables

BV1 Result of vote (the 2/3 majority rule not taken into account)

The majority is calculated from the votes casted (not necessarily from all 199). The data do not indicate whether (in some rare cases) a 2/3 majority was required.

BV2 Number of vote in the plenary session

The vote numbering adheres to the customs of Finnish Parliament. It follows a 24-hour (00:00–24:00) period, i.e. a calendar day. Thus, the numbering can continue from one session to another, provided that the sessions take place during the same calendar day. However, during a nightly session, it is possible that the numbering starts again from one, if a vote is taken on the next calendar day (i.e. after midnight). Every following vote in further sessions during the same calendar day follow the numbering started during the night.

BV3 Time of vote

This variable is provided for 1996 onwards. For the earlier years this information is not available.

BV4 Number of plenary session in Parliament

Starts from one and ends to the last session, which in some cases takes place in the next calendar year.

BV12 Subject of vote

In most cases, this variable also indicates the MP who proposed the vote.

BV13 Title of proposal/motion

In some cases the title is preceded by a number, which indicates the item number of the proposal/motion in the session agenda (e.g. if the number is '1', it is the first item on the agenda).

BV15 Status/reading of proposal/motion

Afer 1st March 2000 as the new Finnish constitution came into force, the final reading of a law became the second reading, as the former first and second readings were merged. Thus, before 1st March 2000, the final reading is the third reading.

BV16 Background information for proposal/motion

Includes abbreviations/codes, which are explained below. The first abbreviation indicates the type of vote. The four subsequent character abbreviation (if any) XxVM indicates the parliamentary committee which processed the cabinet proposal, and the following number is the number of the report (e.g. StVM 2 = Social and Health Committee report number 2). This report is the basic document that the plenary session processes on its agenda. Explanations to all the abbreviations can also be found on the web pages of Finnish parliament <URL:<http://web.eduskunta.fi/Resource.phx/p>

A.2 Abbreviations for political parties and one-person parliamentary groups

Political parties

kesk	Centre Party of Finland
kok	National Coalition Party
nuors	Progressive Finnish Party
ps	True Finns
r	Swedish People's Party of Finland
sd	Social Democratic Party of Finland
skl-kd	Christian Democrats of Finland (former Christian League of Finland)
smp	Finnish Rural Party
va-r	Left-Wing Group
vas	Left Alliance
vihr	Green League

One-person parliamentary groups

alk	Aittoniemi, Sulo
epu	Puhjo, Veijo
erl-r	Erlund, Rainer
evir	Virtanen, Pertti
sr	Riihijärvi, Heikki
hs	Suhonen, Hannu
lkp	Ukkola, Tuulikki
rem	Kuisma, Risto
ps	Vistbacka, Raimo (before 2003)
ves	Laukkanen, Vesa

A.3 Abbreviations for Finnish constituencies

Constituencies from 2004 to 2010

kymi	Kymi
lappi	Lapland
vaasa	Vaasa
helsinki	Helsinki
satakunta	Satakunta
e-savo	South Savo
v-s	Varsinais-Suomi
keski-s	Central Finland
p-karjala	North Karelia
hame	Häme
pirkanmaa	Pirkanmaa
uusimaa	Uusimaa
p-savo	North Savo
oulu	Oulu
aland	Åland

Constituencies from 1991 to 1998

lappi	Lapland
helsinki	Helsinki
turku-p	North Turku
turku-e	South Turku
uusimaa	Uusimaa
vaasa	Vaasa
hame-e	South Häme
hame-p	North Häme
kuopio	Kuopio
mikkeli	Mikkeli
kymi	Kymi
oulu	Oulu
keski-s	Central Finland
p-karjala	North Karelia
aland	Åland

A.4 Abbreviations used in variable BV16

Vote types (includes the most important ones)

HE	Government bill
LA	MP legislative initiative
VNS	Government report
VNT	Government announcement (white paper)
VK	Parliamentary interpellation
K	MP written question
M	Memo

A. Additional information on the data

VJL	Unconfirmed bill
TAA	MP budget initiative
PNE	Speaker council's proposal
TA	MP proposal
LJL	Bill suspended for the next term parliament to be confirmed
LTA	Supplementary budget initiative

Committees of Parliament in 2010

SuVM	The Grand Committee (GrC)
PeVM	The Constitutional Law Committee (ConC)
UaVM	The Foreign Affairs Committee (FAC)
VaVM	The Finance Committee (FinC)
TrVM	The Audit Committee (AudC)
HaVM	The Administration Committee (AdmC)
LaVM	The Legal Affairs Committee (LegC)
LiVM	The Transport and Communications Committee (TCC)
MmVM	The Agriculture and Forestry Committee (AgFC)
PuVM	The Defence Committee (DefC)
SiVM	The Education and Culture Committee (EduC)
StVM	The Social Affairs and Health Committee (SHC)
TaVM	The Commerce Committee (ComC)
TuVM	The Committee for the Future (FutC)
TyVM	The Employment and Equality Committee (EmpC)
YmVM	The Environment Committee (EnvC)