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DEBATE ON THE POLITICAL ORIENTATION OF THE GOVERNMENT

Refusal of the majority to create the Transparency Law

The opposition criticizes Democrats and Espot intervenes in the chamber

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As part of the third day of the Debate on Political Orientation, the proposed Law promoted by the Concòrdia parliamentary group, which aimed to promote transparency, accountability and the effectiveness of the Government action.

In this sense, the Law urged the Government to send to the General Council on a six-monthly basis a list of the regulations required by law that have not yet been deployed, as well as to present a list of the actions carried out in application of the resolutions approved in the previous debate and those that have not yet been executed. In order to justify this action, the president of the Democratic parliamentary group, Jordi Jordana, stated that «the majority groups thi-



Jordi Jordana and Maria Martisella in the Political Orientation Debate.

nk that these mechanisms are not suitable and there is no need to impose these duties».

On the other hand, the president of the social democratic bench, Pere Baró, was in favor of the proposal and criticized the Government, stating that «we talk a lot about transparency, but when the Government has to present the work done they don't want to be accountable to whom they are accountable», also accusing them of

doing «political marketing».

In the same vein, the head of Andorra Endavant, Carine Montaner, 'celebrated' the proposal explaining that «everything that is approved here must be done and if not the minister must be dismissed». Even so, the politician called for «political responsibility», stating that «we cannot have laws without regulations because this causes legal insecurity».

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te when the head of government, Xavier Espot, intervened to defend the position of the party he leads. Espot considered that «an image is being conveyed as if the Government is imperfect, there has been talk of breach of mandate and I cannot accept that». The head of government justified the non-compliance with the deadlines due to the «workload» and wanted to claim that «in the vast majority of cases the established terms are met and in the best possible way».

Finally, the proposal had 12 votes in favor, 16 against and no absences, results that concluded with the refusal of the General Council of the proposal. ●

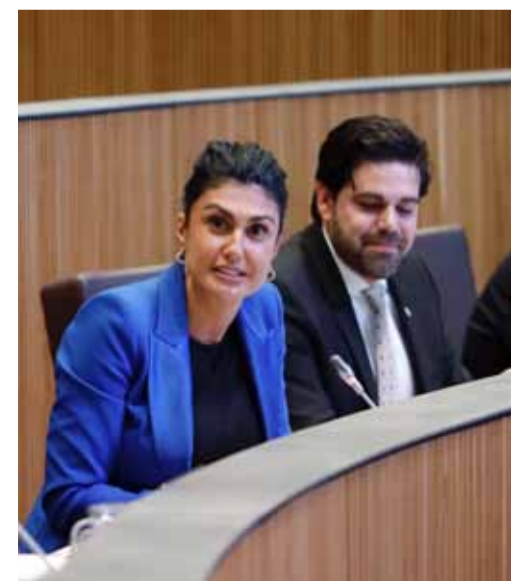
The government will have to study the possibility of offering a tax exemption to the owners

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The proposal on the possibility of the Government offering a tax exemption and a bonus to the owners of the flats was approved in the third session of the Debate on the Political Orientation of the Government. The proposal

presented by the councilor of Andorra Endavant, Marcos Montegudo, received the support of the parliamentary groups, except that of the social democratic formation and Concòrdia. Judith Casal emphasized that «we want there to be price regulation, but not a bonus for the owners». For his part, Cerni Escalé

clarified that from the political formation they consider a «comparative grievance» between the owners and the families looking for housing. Finally, the demand to study the possibility of offering the owners a tax exemption or a bonus during the mandatory three-year extension of the rental contracts was approved. ●



The councilors of Andorra Endavant.

The cannabis industry could be regulated for therapeutic and medicinal use

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The regulation of the cannabis industry in Andorra seems to be getting closer. And it is that, as it was approved almost by a parliamentary majority during the third day of the Orientation Debate, the Government will be obliged to regulate the aforementioned after the proposal launched by the president of Ciutadans Compromesos parliamentary group, Carles Naudi, which specified at the last moment that its use must be intended for this purpose and not others of a different nature.

A proposal that, of course, had the support of the entire democratic majority, but also of the Andorra Endavant and Concòrdia benches. «We see a change in the will of the majority and we celebrate it», detailed the president of



The president of Ciutadans Compromesos parliamentary group, Carles Naudi.

Andorra Endavant, Carine Montaner, stressing that they will ask the Minister of Agriculture and Livestock, Guillem Casal, to start this law. On the other hand, the social democratic parliamentary group preferred to refrain from this issue, since despite agreeing

with the content, they cannot say the same with the sovereign fund: «That the law entrusts a body that has not yet been created as the sovereign fund is not too stipulated», pointed out the president of the social democrats, Judith Casal. ●

New date for parish load studies

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From the Concòrdia bench, they were very critical of the Government due to the affair of the parish maximum load capacity studies, the term of which ended on September 28th, 2023, but which is still valid today. «We entrust the Government with the completion of the parish burden studies before July 31st», pointed out the general councilor Núria Segués, while also indicating the preparation of a report to collect the conclusions of the aforementioned studies with a view to the economic development of the parishes. The proposed resolution was finally approved by all parliamentary groups in the chamber, including the parliamentary majority. ●

Bet for the creation of the Single Tax Agency

General Counsel Berna Coma initiated a resolution proposal regarding the creation of the Single Tax Agency. The proposal was approved by all parliamentary groups, after urging the Government to coordinate its creation with the aim of making it easier for citizens and businesses to apply the tax system by the Administrations.

The figure of the third payer is not approved

The implementation of the third generalized payer for all citizens requested by Andorra Endavant was not approved by the parliamentary majority. Democratic councilor Manuel Linares justified the votes against the majority by considering that «we already have a social security co-payment system».

Eight months for the Comprehensive Mental Health Plan

The General Counselor of Concòrdia, Núria Segués, urged the Government to implement all the actions of the Comprehensive Mental Health Plan within eight months from the approval of the proposal. In addition, she instructed the Executive to take immediate measures to attend to all the people who require it.

The SAAS survey, overthrown by the majority

With 17 votes against and 11 in favor, the proposal to start an anonymous survey of all SAAS workers by the Ministry of Health to detect points to improve in the working environment within a maximum period of three months was not approved by the parliamentary majority, as well as by the non-affiliated councilor, Víctor Pintos.