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## June Strasbourg Update from Stuart Agnew MEP

MEPs each received many thousands of emails and a barrage of telephone calls on the subject of TTIP (Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership). We were due to debate and vote on this matter last week. In the event everything was postponed, but the proposal to delay the vote was only marginally carried by two votes. The UKIP delegation in the EFDD group oppose TTIP because UK trade policy is in the hands of the Commission, whilst the Left of the political spectrum appear to have their objections rooted in anti-Americanism. Ironically, it is these individuals who are usually very pro EU power.

The Parliament passed another vote calling for the EU to force companies to 'gender balance' their Boards of Directors, irrespective of shareholder opinion.

Another Bill was passed urging the Commission to make life more difficult for coal and nuclear power stations, whilst calling for more spending on wind and solar.



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