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## **BILL ON ARMENIA'S BID FOR EU MEMBERSHIP BACK ON PARLIAMENT AGENDA**

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After a three-week delay, a standing committee of the Armenian parliament on Monday paved the way for the final passage of a government-backed bill calling for Armenias eventual membership in the European Union.

Ignoring stern warnings from Russia, the National Assembly approved the bill in the first reading on February 12. Its committee on European integration was due to give the mandatory green light for its adoption in the second and final reading on March 3. However, the committee chairman, Arman Yeghoyan, postponed the vote.

The unexpected delay stoked speculation that Prime Minister Pashinyan now wants to mend fences with Russia because of the unfolding thaw in U.S.-Russian relations which could strengthen Moscow in the international arena. Yeghoyan attributed it to a minor amendment to the one-article bill proposed by Pashinyans government.

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