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The case for dual finance ministers

The jurisdictional battle over the appointment of a state secretary for EU affairs subsided after Petr Nečas and Karel Schwarzenberg each named someone to the post. Nečas's man, Vojtěch Belling, will coordinate EU matters on the domestic level, while Jiří Schneider will stand in for Schwarzenberg abroad. We're not entirely serious, but perhaps the same model could be used for finance minister. Miroslav Kalousek could handle such domestic issues as raising taxes, overstating economic growth, pushing untransparent tenders and insulting MEPs and female ministers, while a second finance minister could deal with such matters as the EU debt crisis, the financial-transactions tax and the euro opt-out. There's no shortage of qualified people who speak English and would be delighted to attend Ecofin meetings, something that "emerging Europe's best finance minister" hasn't found much time for.

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