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Legislative Council
Bills Committee on Karaoke Establishments Bill

Minutes of the 21st meeting
held on Monday, 15 April 2002 at 8:30 am
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building

Members Present : Hon James TO Kun-sun (Chairman)
Hon David CHU Yu-lin, JP
Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP
Hon Andrew WONG Wang-fat, JP
Hon Howard YOUNG, JP
Hon LAU Kong-wah
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP
Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung
Hon LAU Ping-cheung
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP

Public Officers Attending : Security Bureau

Mrs Jennie CHOK
Deputy Secretary for Security

Mr S W HUI
Principal Assistant Secretary for Security

Miss Peggy LAU
Chief Assistant Secretary for Security

Department of Justice

Ms Monica LAW
Acting Senior Assistant Law Draftsman

Ms Francoise LAM
Government Counsel

Fire Services Department

Mr C C LEE
Chief Fire Officer/Fire Safety

Mr CHUNG Cheuk-hung
Senior Divisional Officer/Commercial Buildings and
Premises

Buildings Department

Mr LAM Siu-tong
Acting Assistant Director/New Buildings (1)

Mr J R Dobbing
Chief Building Surveyor/Legal

Home Affairs Department

Mr TANG Hung-ki
Chief Officer (Licensing Authority)

Mr MAK Nai-cheong
Building Surveyor (Licensing Authority) Support

Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Mr HUNG Chi-pai
Assistant Director (Operations)1

Mr WONG Siu-wing
Senior Superintendent (Licensing)

Hong Kong Police Force

Mr WONG Che-kwong, Roger
Superintendent (Licensing)

By invitation :

Karaoke Requirements Concern Group

Dr KWAN Lim-ho
Solicitor

Mr Anthony LOCK Kwok-on
California Red Ltd.

Mr MA Wai-wah
Neway Karaoke Box

Mr Davis CHOI
Big Echo Club Karaoke Box

Mr KAN Shu-hing
Energy Karaoke Box

Mr CHO CHEUK-lun
Energy Karaoke Box

Clerk in Attendance : Mrs Percy MA
Chief Assistant Secretary (2)3

Staff in Attendance : Miss Connie FUNG
Assistant Legal Adviser 3

Mr Paul WOO
Senior Assistant Secretary (2)3

I. Confirmation of minutes of meetings
(LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1580 & 1581/01-02)

The minutes of the meetings held on 7 and 20 March 2002 respectively were confirmed.

II. Meeting with the Administration and Karoke Requirements Concern Group
(LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1547/01-02(01) and 1585/01-02(01))

2. The Committee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex A**).

3. The Karaoke Requirements Concern Group (the Concern Group) introduced its written submission (LC Paper No. CB(2)1547/01-02(01)). While the Concern Group was in support of the fire safety and building safety

requirements, it proposed that the proposed licensing regime for karaoke establishments (KE) should be replaced by a procedure under which the granting of a licence or permit for the operation of a KE would take the form of an endorsement attached to a food licence or a certified clubhouse licence, as the case might be.

4. The Committee considered the views of the Concern Group and the Administration (LC Paper No. CB(2)1585/01-02(01)) on the proposal.

5. To facilitate further discussion of the Committee, the Concern Group was requested to provide -

- (a) information on the statutory regulatory scheme for KEs in Japan and Taiwan; and
- (b) an estimated breakdown of the monthly income of a KE, e.g. charges for the use of karaoke boxes and charges for food and drinks (including alcoholic drinks).

III. Dates of next meetings

6. The next two meetings would be held on 16 April 2002 at 10:45 am and 2 May 2002 at 4:30 pm respectively.

7. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:35 am.

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**Proceedings of the 21st meeting of the Bills Committee on
Karaoke Establishments Bill
on Monday, 15 April 2002 at 8:30 am
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building**

Time	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
000001-000051	Chairman	Invitation for the Concern Group to brief the Committee on its submission (LC Paper No. CB(2)1547/01-02(01))	
000052-000437	Dr KWAN Lim-ho	Presentation on the proposal put forward in the Concern Group's submission	
000438-001645	Mr Anthony LOCK	-ditto-	
001646-001931	Mr MA Wai-wah	-ditto-	
001932-001940	Dr KWAN Lim-ho	-ditto-	
001941-002019	Mr Davis CHOI	-ditto-	
002020-002036	Mr KAN Shu-hing	-ditto-	
002137-002218	Dr KWAN Lim-ho	-ditto-	
002219-002302	Chairman	Adm's response to the Concern Group's submission LC Paper No. CB(2)1585/01-02(01))	
002303-002512	Mr Howard YOUNG	The viability of the Concern Group's proposal to replace the licensing regime for KE by a procedure under which the granting of licence/permit for the operation of a KE would take the form of an endorsement attached to a food licence or certified clubhouse licence, with the relevant conditions and requirements stated therein	
002513-002718	Mr Anthony LOCK	-ditto-	
002719-002807	Mr Howard YOUNG	-ditto-	
002808-002833	Mr Anthony LOCK	-ditto-	
002834-002914	Mr Howard YOUNG	-ditto-	
002915-003140	Mr Anthony LOCK	-ditto-	
003141-003213	Chairman	-ditto-	
003214-003236	Mr Anthony LOCK	-ditto-	
003237-003245	Chairman	-ditto-	
003246-003249	Mr Howard YOUNG	Forfeiture of apparatus and equipment used for karaoke (clause 19)	

003250-003306	Mr Anthony LOCK	-ditto-	
003307-003508	Mr Howard YOUNG	Investment in karaoke business by overseas investors from Japan and Taiwan	
003509-003807	Mr Anthony LOCK	-ditto-	
003808-003833	Mr Howard YOUNG	-ditto-	
003834-004052	Mr Anthony LOCK	-ditto-	
004053-004306	Mr Tommy CHEUNG	Information on statutory regulatory scheme for KE in Japan and Taiwan	Concern Group (para. 5(a))
004307-004327	Mr Davis CHOI	-ditto-	
004328-004337	Mr Tommy CHEUNG	-ditto-	
004338-004359	Mr Davis CHOI	-ditto-	
004400-004647	Mr Tommy CHEUNG	Effect of the Concern Group's proposal on KE operating under a business registration certificate which provided no food or drink in the premises. Such KE operators might be reluctant to apply for a certified clubhouse licence	
004648-004817	Mr Anthony LOCK	-ditto-	
004818-004838	Dr KWAN Lim-ho	-ditto-	
004839-004840	Chairman	-ditto-	
004841-004927	Dr KWAN Lim-ho	-ditto-	
004928-005056	Mr Tommy CHEUNG	-ditto-	
005057-005029	Mr Anthony LOCK	-ditto-	
005130-005217	Dr KWAN Lim-ho	-ditto-	
005218-005222	Mr Tommy CHEUNG	-ditto-	
005223-005244	Chairman	-ditto-	
005245-005526	Mr Tommy CHEUNG	Views in support of the Concern Group's proposal	
005527-005613	Chairman	Rationale for the Concern Group's proposal for a KE licence/permit to be attached to a food licence or certified club licence but not to a liquor licence	
005614-005656	Dr KWAN Lim-ho	-ditto-	
005657-005705	Chairman	-ditto-	
005706-005714	Dr KWAN Lim-ho	-ditto-	
005715-005716	Chairman	-ditto-	
005717-005719	Dr KWAN Lim-ho	-ditto-	
005720-005809	Chairman	-ditto-	
005810-005829	Dr KWAN Lim-ho	-ditto-	
005830-005843	Chairman	-ditto-	
005844-005852	Dr KWAN Lim-ho	-ditto-	

005853-005901	Chairman	-ditto-	
005902-010024	Mr Tommy CHEUNG	-ditto-	
010025-010105	Chairman	-ditto-	
010106-010117	Mr Andrew WONG	-ditto-	
010118-010301	Mr Anthony LOCK	-ditto-	
010302-010305	Chairman	-ditto-	
010306-010357	Mr Andrew WONG	Paragraph (i) on page 2 of Concern Group's submission on legislative intent of the Bill	
010358-010403	Chairman	-ditto-	
010404-010552	Mr Tommy CHEUNG	Impact of seizure of apparatus and equipment on operation of a KE before conviction by the court	
010553-010639	Mr Anthony LOCK	-ditto-	
010640-010931	Mr David CHU	Raising objections to the Bill	
010932-011204	Mr Fred LI	Problems associated with the Concern Group's proposal; Concern Group's views as to which part of the Bill provided too much power for the enforcement agencies and might possibly lead to abuse of powers	
011205-011402	Dr KWAN Lim-ho	-ditto-	
011403-011603	Mr Anthony LOCK	-ditto-	
011604-011632	Chairman Mr Anthony LOCK	-ditto-	
011633-011813	Mr Fred LI	-ditto-	
011814-011927	Mr Anthony LOCK	-ditto-	
011928-011934	Chairman	-ditto-	
011935-011942	Mr Anthony LOCK	Further elaboration on the grounds for the Concern Group's proposal	
011943-012009	Chairman	-ditto-	
012010-012127	Mr Anthony LOCK	-ditto-	
012128-012242	Mr LAU Kong-wah	-ditto-	
012243-012422	Dr KWAN Lim-ho	-ditto-	
012423-012600	Mr Anthony LOCK	-ditto-	
012601-012644	Mr LAU kong-wah	-ditto-	
012645-012729	Mr Anthony LOCK	-ditto-	
012730-012759	Chairman	-ditto-	

012800-013152	Adm	Adm's response to the Concern Group's submission / problems and difficulties with the Concern Group's proposal LC Paper No. CB(2)1585/01-02(01)	
013153-013206	Chairman	-ditto-	
013207-013659	Adm	-ditto-	
013700-013709	Chairman	-ditto-	
013710-013720	Adm	-ditto-	
013721-013759	Chairman	-ditto-	
013800-014243	Adm	-ditto-	
014244-014248	Chairman	-ditto-	
014249-014309	Adm	-ditto-	
014310-014319	Chairman	-ditto-	
014320-014436	Adm	Response to the Concern Group's comment that requests of KE operators for police assistance to deal with public nuisance complaints had adversely affected KE's applications for renewal of liquor licence	
014437-014459	Chairman	-ditto-	
014500-014534	Adm	-ditto-	
014535-014544	Chairman	-ditto-	
014545-014709	Mr David CHU	The proposed regulatory regime for KE should not pose unnecessary difficulties for karaoke business in Hong Kong	
014710-014831	Adm	Explanation of the legislative intent of the Bill	
014832-014934	Chairman	"Fit and proper person" in clause 5(3) of the Bill	
014935-014953	Adm	-ditto-	
014954-015008	Chairman	-ditto-	
015009-015056	Adm	-ditto-	
015057-015447	Mr Tommy CHEUNG	KE operating with a restaurant/clubhouse licence/business registration certificate; Estimated breakdown of the monthly income of a KE	Concern Group (para. 5(b))
015448-015500	Chairman	-ditto-	
015501-015526	Adm	-ditto-	
015527-015533	Chairman	-ditto-	
015534-015547	Mr Tommy CHEUNG	-ditto-	
015548-015616	Chairman	-ditto-	
015617-015829	Adm	-ditto-	
015830-0158456	Chairman	Follow up discussion at the next meeting	

015847-015853	Mr Tommy CHEUNG	-ditto-	
015854-015907	Chairman	-ditto-	
015908-015921	Mr LAU Kong-wah	-ditto-	
015922-015956	Mr Andrew WONG	-ditto-	
015957-020017	Chairman	-ditto-	

Note : The audio records of the above proceedings are kept at the LegCo Library

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