

## Committee on Rules of Procedure

### List of issues studied during the 2000-2001 Legislative Council Session

| Item | Issue  | Reference                                   | Progress/Remarks   |
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| 1    | To review the current arrangements for the debate on the Policy Address of the Chief Executive.  | Rule 13 of Rules of Procedure               | The House Committee considered the subject on 15 June 2001 and 29 June 2001. It accepted the Committee's recommendations that a four-day debate model on the Policy Address be implemented on a trial basis when the next session commences in October 2001.   |
| 2    | To consider the need to bring the wording of the saving provision in Rule 50(8) (i.e. saving the rights of the Government) in line with the Council's decisions on the saving provisions in a number of ordinances.      | Rules 50(8) and 51(6) of Rules of Procedure | The House Committee endorsed the proposed amendments to Rule 50(8) on 25 May 2001.<br><br>A motion to amend the Rules of Procedure will be moved at the Council meeting on 11 July 2001.   |
| 3    | To consider the need for putting in place a procedure to enable Members to bid for the untaken slot(s) after the deadline for applications for motion debate slots but before the deadline for giving notice of motions. | House Rules 13, 14 and 17                   | The House Committee endorsed the proposed amendments to House Rules 13, 14 and 17 on 12 January 2001.  |
| 4    | To review the working mechanism of Panels and Bills Committees for the scrutiny of legislative and financial proposals.  | House Rules 21 and 22                       | Following consultation with the House Committee on 12 January 2001 on the subject, the Committee put forward a series of improvement measures to the Administration. Having reviewed the effectiveness of the measures in May 2001, the Committee presented a report to the House Committee on 15 June 2001. |

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| 5    | <p>To streamline the procedural arrangements in relation to the following:</p> <p>(a) procedure for the House Committee to recommend speaking time limits for debates on motions with no legislative effect (<i>House Rule 17</i>);</p> <p>(b) standing arrangements for signification of Panel membership (<i>House Rule 22</i>);</p> <p>(c) distribution of agenda and papers to the press/public observing committee meetings (<i>House Rule 24</i>); and</p> <p>(d) procedure for election of the chairman and deputy chairman of a committee (<i>Appendix IV of House Rules</i>).</p> <p>(The opportunity is taken to refine the wording of the Chinese text of the House Rules.)</p> | House Rules 17(b), 22, 24 and Appendix IV | The House Committee endorsed the proposed amendments to House Rules 17(b), 22, 24, Appendix IV and the Chinese text of House Rules on 16 March 2001. |