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Bills Committee on Companies (Amendment) Bill 2002

**Minutes of the twenty-fourth meeting
held on Tuesday, 10 June 2003, at 8:30 am
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building**

- Members present** : Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP (Chairman)
Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin, JP
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, JP
Hon NG Leung-sing, JP
Hon SIN Chung-kai
Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, JP
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon Henry WU King-cheong, BBS, JP
- Members absent** : Hon CHAN Kwok-keung
Hon CHAN Kam-lam, JP
- Public officers attending** : Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau

Mr Esmond LEE
Principal Assistant Secretary for Financial Services and
the Treasury (Financial Services)⁴

Mr Arthur AU
Assistant Secretary for Financial Services and the
Treasury (Financial Services) (4)¹
- Companies Registry
- Mr Edward LAU
Secretary
Standing Committee on Company Law Reform

Ms D SILKSTONE
Registry Solicitor

Department of Justice

Mr J E GUNTER
Senior Assistant Law Draftsman

Mr Vidy CHEUNG
Senior Government Counsel

Clerk in attendance : Miss Becky YU
Chief Assistant Secretary (1)1

Staff in attendance : Miss Monna LAI
Assistant Legal Adviser 7

Mrs Mary TANG
Senior Assistant Secretary (1)2

I. Meeting with the Administration

(LC Paper No. CB(1) 1875/02-03(03) -- Consolidated draft Committee Stage amendments provided by the Administration

LC Paper No. CB(1) 1912/02-03(01) -- List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion on 9 June 2003)

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

2. The Administration was requested to provide the latest Committee Stage amendments to new sections 58(3) and 161B, definition on “conditional sale agreement” and provisions in Table A of the First schedule regarding electronic meetings and record.

3. As members agreed to the resumption of Second Reading debate on the Bill on 2 July 2003, the Administration could issue the consultation letter to the Chairman of House Committee on 10 June 2003.

4. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:30 am.

**Proceedings of the meeting of the
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Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
000000 - 000216	Chairman	Amendments to section 58(3) proposed by Mr Winston POON	
000217 - 002017	Administration Chairman Ms Emily LAU Mr Eric LI	Section 161B to be redrafted to incorporate provisions in sections 161BA(1) and (7) to (12). This would enable a company to have the option to disclose the aggregate sum of quasi-loans and credit transactions to each director in a statement which would be made available for inspection by its members	
002018 - 002604	Chairman Administration Mr Eric LI	Amendments to section 58(3) proposed by Mr Winston POON to ensure that court confirmation on re-designation of nominal values of shares of a company could not be dispensed with if the amount of the net assets of the company is less than its paid-up share capital	The Administration to introduce Committee Stage amendments (CSAs) to section 58(3)
002605 - 002710	Chairman Ms Miriam LAU	Shadow director	
002711 - 002753	Administration Chairman	Agreement on the definition of conditional sale agreement	The Administration to introduce CSAs to define conditional sale agreement

Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
002754 - 013739	Administration Ms Miriam LAU Ms Emily LAU Mr Albert HO Mr Henry WU Mr Eric LI Chairman ALA7 Mr SIN Chung-kai	Clause 108 on amendments to First Schedule regarding provisions for meetings being held by electronic means; whether the electronic means should be specified; whether meeting should be electronically linked by visual and audio means; whether provisions relating to electronic meetings should be dealt with under the Electronic Transactions Ordinance (Cap. 553) instead of under the Companies Ordinance (Cap.32); and the effect of the proposed amendments on the holding of meetings under common law	The Administration to include an enabling provision in Table A of First Schedule to allow for holding of meetings by electronic means in a manner as may be agreed by the company in a general meeting
013740 - 014814	Chairman Administration Mr Eric LI Chairman	Amendments to section 161B on particulars in accounts of loans to officers; and new section 161BB on further provisions relating to quasi-loans and credit transactions	The Administration to provide CSAs to section 161B and to introduce new section 161BB
014815 - 015038	Chairman Administration Ms Emily LAU	Agreement on the resumption of Second Reading debate on the Bill on 2 July 2003 and the issuance of consultation letter to the Chairman of House Committee on 10 June 2003	