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Bills Committee on Companies (Amendment) Bill 2002

**Minutes of 1st meeting
held on Wednesday, 24 July 2002, at 2:00 pm
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building**

Members present : Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP (Chairman)
Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, JP
Hon NG Leung-sing, JP
Hon SIN Chung-kai
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon Henry WU King-cheong, BBS, JP

Members absent : Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin, JP
Hon CHAN Kwok-keung
Hon CHAN Kam-lam, JP
Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yeet, JP

Clerk in attendance : Ms Anita SIT
Chief Assistant Secretary (1)6

Staff in attendance : Miss Monna LAI
Assistant Legal Adviser 7

Mr Matthew LOO
Senior Assistant Secretary (1)3

I Election of Chairman

Mr Eric LI, the Member who had the highest precedence in the Council among members of the Bills Committee present, presided at the election of Chairman.

2. Mr SIN Chung-kai nominated Ms Audrey EU for the chairmanship. Ms Emily LAU seconded the nomination. There being no other nomination, Ms EU was elected Chairman of the Bills Committee. She then took over the chair.

3. The Chairman invited members to consider Mr Albert HO's late application for membership to the Bills Committee. Members agreed to accept Mr HO's application. Members also noted that Mr Ambrose LAU had given notice to withdraw from the Bills Committee.

II Way forward

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

5. The Bills Committee agreed that these organizations with which the Administration, Standing Committee on Company Law Reform and/or the Law Reform Commission had consulted on the proposals contained in the Bill, business schools of the eight local universities, associations of small and medium enterprises and Mr David M WEBB should be invited to give views on the Bill for consideration of the Bills Committee. A notice to invite views from the public should also be posted on the website of the Legislative Council.

(Post-meeting note: Letters to invite submission were issued on 7 August 2002. Notice to invite public views had been posted on the website of the Legislative Council since 30 July 2002.)

6. The Bills Committee also agreed that the Secretariat should ask the Administration to provide copies of "The Report of the Standing Committee on Company Law Reform on the Recommendations of a Consultancy Report of the Review of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance" for members' reference.

(Post-meeting note: The Report was issued to members on 2 August 2002.)

7. The Bills Committee agreed to hold the next meeting on 10 October 2002 at 2:30 pm to meet the Administration and to meet deputations on 15 October 2002 at 2:30 pm.

(Post-meeting note: The meeting on 10 October 2002 was rescheduled to 4 October 2002 at 8:30 am.)

8. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:20 pm.

**Proceedings of the first meeting of Bills Committee on
Companies (Amendment) Bill 2002 on
on Wednesday, 24 July 2002 at 2:00 pm.
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Time	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
000000 - 000224	Mr Eric LI, Ms Emily LAU, Mr SIN Chung-kai, Ms Audrey EU	Election of Chairman	-
000224 - 000252	Chairman, Ms Emily LAU, Mr SIN Chung-kai	Application for late membership from Hon Albert HO	-
000252 - 000922	Chairman, Mr Eric LI, Mr NG Leung-sing, Ms Emily LAU, Mr SIN Chung-kai	Invitation for submissions on the Bill and information to be provided by the Administration	-
000922 - 001419	Chairman, Mr Eric LI, Ms Emily LAU, Mr SIN Chung-kai	Dates of next meetings	-

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

Legislative Council Secretariat
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