

Committee on Rules of Procedure

List of issues studied during the 2003-2004 Legislative Council Session

(as at 30 June 2004)

Item	Issue	Reference	Progress/Remarks
1	Procedure for debate on the Policy Address	Rule 13 of Rules of Procedure (RoP)	Arrangements for the debate, which were proposed by the Committee on Rules of Procedure (CRoP) and endorsed by the House Committee (HC), were used for the debate on the 2004 Policy Address held from 4 to 6 February 2004.
2	Calling of emergency meetings and operation of the Legislative Council and its committees during the prorogation of the Council	Article 72(5) of Basic Law Sections 6, 9(4) and 11 of Legislative Council Ordinance Rules 11(4) and 15 of RoP	At its meeting on 23 April 2004, HC noted CRoP's views on the issue and endorsed its recommendation that the constitutional issues pertaining to prorogation be referred to the Panel on Constitutional Affairs for consideration.
3	Presentation of platforms and answering of questions by Members nominated for the office of President of the Legislative Council	Rule 1A of HR	Proposed amendments to HR to provide for the forum for the presentation of platforms and answering of questions were endorsed by HC at its meeting on 4 June 2004.
4	Review of Rule 64 of RoP regarding withdrawal of bills	Rules 53, 54(1) to (4), 54(5) to (8) and 55 to 64 of RoP	Proposed amendments to RoP and the House Rules (HR) regarding the issue will be considered by CRoP in the next term of the Council.

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5	Cancellation of committee meetings due to absence of a quorum within 15 minutes of the appointed meeting time	Rule 24(g) of HR	CRoP's views on the matter including, inter alia, that it is not necessary to amend Rule 24(g) of HR were supported by HC at its meeting on 16 January 2004.
6	Timing for consideration of applications for late membership of committees	Rule 23 of HR	At its meeting on 19 March 2004, HC endorsed CRoP's proposed amendments to Rule 23 of HR and noted CRoP's view that it is not necessary to make provisions in HR relating to the delivery of applications for late membership of committees.
7	Extension of Rules of Order to committees	Part I (Rules of Order) of RoP	CRoP's view that it is not necessary to extend Part I (Rules of Order) of RoP to apply to all committees of the Council was noted by HC at its meeting on 23 April 2004.
8	Motions proposed under "Any other business" on the agenda of Panel meetings	Rules 22(p), 24(e) and (l) of HR	CRoP's views relating to the issue were noted by HC at its meeting on 21 May 2004.
9	Voting of chairman of a subcommittee	Rules 75, 76, 77 of RoP and Rule 26 of HR	CRoP's view and recommendation on the issue will be presented to HC in the next term of the Council.

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