

**Extract from the Official Record of Proceedings of the  
Legislative Council Meeting held on 6 April 2005**

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**PRESIDENT (in Cantonese):** Mr Albert HO, please be seated first, you need not hurry. Mr Albert HO has requested to move under Rule 16(2) of the Rules of Procedure a motion for adjournment so that a debate can be conducted on the following issue: " The Chief Executive's Office will submit to the State Council later today a Report, proposing that the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress interpret, at their meeting to be held at the end of April, Article 53 of the Basic Law concerning the term of office of the new Chief Executive."

In view of the fact that the Chief Secretary for Administration already made a Statement in this Council earlier, the wording of Mr Albert HO's adjournment motion has been revised.

As the President, I have to consider whether or not this issue has urgent importance. The Chief Executive's Office will submit this report to the State Council later today — later today — therefore if Members are not allowed to express their opinions here, it will be meaningless for them to do so in future. For this reason, I have given Mr Albert HO permission to move this motion for adjournment as his request is fully consistent with the requirement of urgent importance. I have taken the time of this Council to explain briefly here the reason for my permission because I do not intend to issue a written ruling.

Since this is a motion for adjournment, according to Rule 16(2) of the Rules of Procedure which provides for motion for adjournment, the mover of the motion and other Members will each have up to 15 minutes to speak.

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