

**Extract from the Official Record of Proceedings of the
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PRESIDENT (in Cantonese): Honourable Members, there are past precedents of Members, when speaking in the Chamber of this Council, employing the aid of various kinds of articles, such as news cuttings relevant to the theme of their speeches or other articles, to enhance the effect of their delivery. However, what Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung did just now, that is, tearing apart a copy of a law that is valid and applicable in Hong Kong, has never occurred before. It was the first of its kind. I now wish to tell Honourable Members that I personally consider it an improper act to tear apart a copy of a law that is valid and applicable in Hong Kong in the Chamber of the Legislative Council. Since I have not previously stated this view, and neither have I anticipated that such a situation may arise, I have decided not to take action on this occasion. However, should anyone in the Chamber of this Council, or at a meeting of the Council, engage in a similar act in future, that is, tearing apart a copy of a law that is valid and applicable in Hong Kong, I will regard such act as disorderly conduct and will reprimand the offender.

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