Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2014 Debate and voting arrangements

First debate: Clauses with no amendment - Clauses 1, 2, 4 and 6 to 28

Voting: To vote on clauses 1, 2, 4 and 10 to 28 standing part of the Bill

To vote on clauses 6 to 9 standing part of the Bill, which seek to repeal section 22(1)(a) of the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal Ordinance (Cap. 484) to abolish civil appeals to the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal as of right and make certain consequential amendments to that Ordinance.

(Irrespective of whether the above clauses stand part of the Bill, the Chief Secretary for Administration ("CS") may move the amendments and the addition of the new clause below.)

Second debate: Clauses with amendments proposed by CS – Clauses 3 and 5

Joint debate on the original clauses and the amendments thereto.

Clause 3

to amend the definition of "live television link" under section 79A of the Criminal Procedure Ordinance (Cap. 221) ("the Ordinance"); and

Clause 5

to amend section 80 of the District Court Ordinance (Cap. 336) to provide that a copy of the reasons for the verdict delivered directly in writing should be made available to the public through the Internet, and the reasons for the verdict reduced to writing will be disseminated in similar ways as those directly delivered in writing.

Voting: To vote on the above amendments to clauses 3 and 5

Third debate: New clause proposed by CS – Clause 3A

New Clause 3A

to add new clause 3A to amend section 79B of the Ordinance to provide that any facilities to be used in live television links for evidence-taking in criminal proceedings will be subject to the approval of the Chief Justice.

Voting: To vote on the above new clause

CS's amendments

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