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Moving of Committee Stage Amendments by Members

At our meeting on 11 January 2000, I relayed to you the view held by some Members that, because of Administration's position on Article 74 of the Basic Law, there was now a tendency for the Administration to take over amendments initiated by individual Members or a Bills Committee, if the amendments would stand a good chance of being carried. These Members considered the situation unsatisfactory and unfair as it did not reflect accurately the contribution and efforts made by Members in the scrutiny of bills.

I also conveyed to you that there were other Members who did not have any problem with the Administration moving amendments initiated and supported by a Bills Committee. They pointed out that if the Administration did not support the amendments proposed by a Bills Committee, the Chairman of the Bills Committee could then move the amendments on behalf of the Bills Committee.

I briefed Members on your response to the matter at the last House Committee meeting on 14 January 2000. Some Members remain of the view that, similar to the practice in the former Legislative Council, the Administration should let the Chairman of the Bills Committee move those amendments initiated by the Bills Committee and supported by the Administration. They do not think that acknowledging the Bills Committee's work by the Administration in moving the amendments is any substitute.

These Members have asked me to again convey to you their view that the Administration should let Members move amendments initiated by Bills Committee or individual Members and supported by the Administration.

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