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Proposed Priority in the Scrutiny of Bills by Members

I refer to my earlier letters of 2 and 22 March 2000 which suggested that priority be given for the scrutiny of nine bills on the waiting list for Bills Committees (of which two are now being scrutinized by Bills Committees formed).

In addition, I would like to further suggest the following two items be given priority, in seriatim, in vetting by LegCo –

- (i) **Intellectual Property (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2000.**
The Bill aims to enhance our intellectual property regime against bootlegging and corporate infringing activities. Early enactment of the Bill is desirable in strengthening the protection of intellectual property rights in Hong Kong; and
- (ii) **Employees' Compensation (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2000.**
The primary objective of the Bill is to address the long lead-time it currently takes in determining claims for fatal compensation even in straightforward and undisputed cases. Early enactment of the Bill would provide a speedier settlement machinery for the Commissioner for Labour to determine the claims such that fatal compensation could be paid out in a shorter period of time.

I should be grateful if you would put forward the above suggestions for Members' consideration at the coming House Committee meeting.

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