

Role-play on the passage of a mock bill

Liquor Advertisements Bill

First Reading

Role	Script
PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	: Government Bill. First Reading.
CLERK TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	: <i>(Stands up)</i> Liquor Advertisements Bill. <i>(Sits down)</i>

Second Reading

Role	Script
PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	: Second Reading. Secretary for Health.
SECRETARY FOR HEALTH	: <i>(Stands up)</i> President, I move the Second Reading of the Liquor Advertisements Bill. The Bill seeks to strengthen restrictions on the publication of advertisements of alcoholic beverages. An international organization has pointed out that enforcing bans on liquor advertisements is an effective way to reduce the harmful effects of alcohol. Hong Kong has already put in place a set of guidelines to restrict television and radio broadcasts of liquor advertisements during the family viewing hours from 4:00 pm to 8:30 pm. However, with the rapid development of new media and the Internet, and in order to promote healthy living, we must impose further restrictions on marketing channels for promoting liquors ... <i>(Student may come up with more points of his/her own)</i> Therefore, I urge Members to support the Bill. <i>(Sits down)</i>

Role	Script
PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	<p>: I now propose the question to you: That the aforesaid Bill be read the second time.</p> <p><i>(Second Reading debate to continue without adjournment)</i>¹</p> <p>Does any Member wish to speak?</p> <p><i>(The student acting as LegCo Member 1 – Geographical Constituency raises his/her hand)</i></p> <p><u>Hon _____</u> (Name of the student acting as LegCo Member 1 – Geographical Constituency)</p>
HON (LegCo Member 1 – Geographical Constituency)	<p>: <i>(Stands up)</i></p> <p>Thank you, President. Alcohol consumption can cause a range of illnesses, including liver disease and heart disease. Alcohol poisoning caused by excessive drinking could also be life-threatening. Imposing restrictions on the channels for the publication of liquor advertisements can reduce the chances of marketing and advertising liquor products, thereby promoting the development of an alcohol-free and healthy lifestyle, reducing the risk of people suffering from alcohol-related diseases, and making people’s lives healthier ... <i>(Student may express more views freely)</i> Therefore, I support the Liquor Advertisements Bill.</p> <p><i>(Sits down)</i></p> <p><i>(The student acting as LegCo Member 2 – Election Committee raises his/her hand)</i></p>
PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	<p>: <u>Hon _____</u> (Name of the student acting as LegCo Member 2 – Election Committee)</p>

¹ The proceedings have been simplified for the purposes of the role-play. For real Council meetings, after the motion for the Second Reading of a bill has been moved, the debate on the bill is adjourned, with the bill being referred to the House Committee for scrutiny.

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HON (LegCo Member 2 – Election Committee)	<p>: <i>(Stands up)</i></p> <p>Thank you, President. As the business of small local shops is already under threat from chain stores, the decrease in consumption expenditure on liquor will unavoidably deal a further blow to their income. Furthermore, drinking behaviour is often influenced by peers and family members. For adolescents, having parents who drink at home or actively attempt to train their children to develop alcohol tolerance will likely spark their curiosity about alcohol. Enforcing restrictions on alcohol advertising will serve little real purpose ... <i>(Student may express more views freely)</i> Therefore, I oppose the Liquor Advertisements Bill.</p> <p><i>(Sits down)</i></p> <p><i>(The student acting as LegCo Member 3 – Medical and Health Services Functional Constituency raises his/her hand)</i></p>
PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	<p>: <u>Hon _____</u> (Name of the student acting as LegCo Member 3 – Medical and Health Services Functional Constituency)</p>
HON (LegCo Member 3 – Medical and Health Services Functional Constituency)	<p>: <i>(Stands up)</i></p> <p>Thank you, President. Exposure to alcohol in adolescence affects brain development, which may impair memory and self-control. In addition, nutritional analysis reveals that drinking alcohol can lead to weight gain, and alcohol contains empty calories with no nutrition value which can interfere with the absorption of various vitamins. Many countries have enacted legislation to impose restrictions on alcohol advertising. Among them, Finland has seen a downward trend in spending on alcohol thanks to such restrictions. This is a remarkable result ... <i>(Student may express more views freely)</i> Therefore, I support the Liquor Advertisements Bill.</p> <p><i>(Sits down)</i></p> <p><i>(The student acting as LegCo Member 4 – Catering Functional Constituency raises his/her hand)</i></p>

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PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	: <u>Hon _____</u> (Name of the student acting as LegCo Member 4 – Catering Functional Constituency)
HON (LegCo Member 4 – Catering Functional Constituency)	<p>: <i>(Stands up)</i></p> <p>Thank you, President. Hong Kong is the first free wine port among major economies. The Government is committed to promoting wine-related businesses. The promotion events held every year are teeming with people as the wine culture takes root in Hong Kong. Now the Government’s turn to legislation to impose restrictions on alcohol advertising is contradictory to its previous stance, depriving the industry of its rights and interests, and confusing for all parties concerned ... <i>(Student may express more views freely)</i> Therefore, I oppose the Liquor Advertisements Bill.</p> <p><i>(Sits down)</i></p> <p><i>(The student acting as LegCo Member 5 – Election Committee raises his/her hand)</i></p>
PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	: <u>Hon _____</u> (Name of the student acting as LegCo Member 5 – Election Committee)
HON (LegCo Member 5 – Election Committee)	<p>: <i>(Stands up)</i></p> <p>Thank you, President. With the progress of the times, young people can obtain all kinds of information on the Internet, and it is easy for them to be negatively influenced with wrong values and misled into thinking that drinking alcohol can help broaden their social circles and is a prerequisite for successful people. They may overlook the harmful effects of drinking and the social problems, such as family violence, created by alcoholism. The current guidelines which only impose restrictions on the broadcast of liquor advertisements on television and radio have become outdated ... <i>(Student may express more views freely)</i> Therefore, I support the Liquor Advertisements Bill.</p> <p><i>(Sits down)</i></p>

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PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	<p>: Does any other Member wish to speak?</p> <p><i>(The rest of the students acting as LegCo Members may raise their hands to indicate their wish to speak. Students should wait until the President calls their names to stand up and speak)</i></p> <p><u>Hon _____</u> (Name of the student acting as LegCo Member)</p> <p><i>(One by one, the President calls upon the students who have raised their hands to indicate their wish to speak to stand up and speak)</i></p>
HON (LegCo Member)	<p>: <i>(Stands up)</i></p> <p>(Student to express his/her views)</p> <p><i>(Sits down)</i></p>
PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	<p>: <i>(All students who have raised their hands to indicate their wish to speak have finished delivering their speeches)</i></p> <p>Does any other Member wish to speak? (If no Member indicates a wish to speak)</p> <p>If not, I now call upon the Secretary for Health to reply. Then, the debate will come to a close. Secretary.</p>
SECRETARY FOR HEALTH	<p>: <i>(Stands up)</i></p> <p>President. I understand that Members are concerned about the challenging conditions that some industries may face. However, the purpose of the restrictions on alcohol advertising is to more effectively reduce the desire to drink alcohol, especially among young people, so as to encourage people to lead a healthy lifestyle. I urge all Members to support the Bill.</p> <p><i>(Sits down)</i></p>
PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	<p>: I now put the question to you: That the Liquor Advertisements Bill be read the second time.</p> <p>Will those in favour please raise their hands?</p> <p><i>(The Clerk counts the votes)</i></p>

Role	Script
	Those against please raise their hands. (The Clerk counts the votes)
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PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	: I think the question is agreed by a majority of the Members present. I declare the motion passed.
CLERK TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	: (Stands up) Liquor Advertisements Bill. (Sits down)
PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	: I think the question is not agreed by a majority of the Members present. I declare the motion negated. (If the motion is negated, no further proceedings shall be taken on the Bill)

Consideration of bill by committee of the whole Council

Role	Script
CHAIRMAN	: Council now becomes committee of the whole Council to consider the Liquor Advertisements Bill. I now propose the question to you: That the following clauses stand part of the Bill.
CLERK	: (Stands up) Clauses 1 to 3. (Sits down)
CHAIRMAN	: The committee will conduct a joint debate on the clauses and amendments. Hon _____ (Name of the student acting as LegCo Member) will move an amendment which seeks to amend clause 3.

Role	Script
CHAIRMAN	: <u>Hon</u>
HON (LegCo Member)	: <i>(Stands up)</i> Chairman, I propose my amendment to clause 3 of the Bill to the effect that <u>*printed matter/radio/visual images/film/Internet</u> should be deleted from the original provision to relax the scope of prohibition against the publication of liquor advertisements. The rationale behind my proposed amendment is that ... <i>(Student may express more views freely)</i> I hope Members will support my proposed amendment. <i>(Sits down)</i>
CHAIRMAN	: Does any Member wish to speak? <i>(The rest of the students acting as LegCo Members may raise their hands to indicate their wish to speak. They may speak for or against the amendment)</i> <u>Hon</u> (Name of the student acting as LegCo Member) <i>(One by one, the President calls upon the students who have raised their hands to indicate their wish to speak to stand up and speak)</i>
HON (LegCo Member)	: <i>(Stands up)</i> (Student to express his/her views) <i>(Sits down)</i>
CHAIRMAN	: <i>(All students who have raised their hands to indicate their wish to speak have finished delivering their speeches)</i> Does any Member wish to speak? (If no Member indicates a wish to speak) If not, I now call upon the Secretary for Health to speak. Then, the debate will come to a close. Secretary.

Role	Script
SECRETARY FOR HEALTH	: <i>(Stands up)</i> (Student who acts as the Secretary for Health expresses his/her opinion, and responds to the views raised during the discussion of amendment to the Bill) <i>(Sits down)</i> <i>(The proceedings for dealing with clauses with no amendment are omitted)²</i>
CHAIRMAN	: <u>Hon</u> , you may move your amendment.
HON (LegCo Member)	Chairman, I move the amendment.
CHAIRMAN	: I propose the question to you: That the amendment moved by <u>Hon</u> (Name of the student acting as LegCo Member) be passed. I now put the question to you as stated. Will those in favour please raise their hands? ³ <i>(The Clerk counts the votes)</i> Those against please raise their hands. <i>(The Clerk counts the votes)</i>

² The proceedings have been simplified for the purposes of the role-play. For real Council meetings, committee of the whole Council will first vote on the clauses with no amendment standing part of the Bill.

³ To simplify the proceedings of the role-play, the passage of bills or amendments shall require a majority vote of the Members present. The voting procedure for real Council meetings is as follows:
(a) the passage of bills or amendments introduced by the Government requires a majority vote of the Members present;
(b) the passage of bills or amendments introduced by individual Members requires a majority vote of each of the two groups of Members present, i.e. Members returned by the Election Committee, and those returned by functional constituencies and by geographical constituencies through direct elections.

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	(If <u>over half</u> of the Members present vote <u>in favour</u> of the amendment)	(If <u>half or less than half</u> of the Members present vote <u>in favour</u> of the amendment)
CHAIRMAN	: I think the question is agreed by a majority of the Members present. I declare the amendment passed.	CHAIRMAN : I think the question is not agreed by a majority of the Members present. I declare the amendment negatived.
CLERK	: <i>(Stands up)</i> Clause 3 as amended. <i>(Sits down)</i>	
CHAIRMAN	: I now put the question to you: That clause 3 as amended just read out by the Clerk stands part of the Bill. Will those in favour please raise their hands? <i>(The Clerk counts the votes)</i> Those against please raise their hands. <i>(The Clerk counts the votes)</i>	CHAIRMAN : I now put the question to you: That clause 3 stands part of the Bill. Will those in favour please raise their hands? <i>(The Clerk counts the votes)</i> Those against please raise their hands. <i>(The Clerk counts the votes)</i>

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<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>(If <u>over half</u> of the Members present vote <u>in favour</u> of the motion)</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>(If <u>half or less than half</u> of the Members present vote <u>in favour</u> of the motion)</p> </div> </div>	
CHAIRMAN	<p>: I think the question is agreed by a majority of the Members present. I declare the motion passed.</p>
CHAIRMAN	<p>: I think the question is not agreed by a majority of the Members present. I declare the motion negatived.</p>

Reporting of bill from committee of the whole Council

Role	Script
PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	<p>: All the proceedings on the Liquor Advertisements Bill have been concluded in committee of the whole Council. Council now resumes. Secretary for Health.</p>
SECRETARY FOR HEALTH	<p>: <i>(Stands up)</i> President, I now report to the Council: That the Liquor Advertisements Bill has been passed by committee of the whole Council <u>*with/without amendment (*subject to the passage of the proposed amendment)</u>. I move the motion that “This Council adopts the report”. <i>(Sits down)</i></p>
PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	<p>: I now propose the question to you: That the Secretary’s motion be passed.</p> <p>I now put the question to you as stated.</p> <p>Will those in favour please raise their hands? <i>(The Clerk counts the votes)</i></p> <p>Those against please raise their hands. <i>(The Clerk counts the votes)</i></p>

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PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>: I think the question is agreed by a majority of the Members present. I declare the motion passed.</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>PRESIDENT : I think the question is OF THE not agreed by a LEGISLATIVE majority of the COUNCIL Members present. I declare the motion negated.</p> <p><i>(If the motion is negated, no further proceedings shall be taken on the Bill)</i></p> </div> </div>

Third Reading

Role	Script
PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	: Third Reading — Liquor Advertisements Bill. Secretary for Health.
SECRETARY FOR HEALTH	: <i>(Stands up)</i> President, I move that the Liquor Advertisements Bill be read the third time and do pass. <i>(Sits down)</i> <i>(Debate to be omitted)</i> ⁴
PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	: I now put the question to you: That the Liquor Advertisements Bill be read the third time and do pass. Will those in favour please raise their hands? <i>(The Clerk counts the votes)</i>

⁴ The proceedings have been simplified for the purposes of the role-play. For real Council meetings, Members may debate the motion for the Third Reading of a bill. Members may only make a short speech on whether the bill should be supported.

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	Those against please raise their hands. (<i>The Clerk counts the votes</i>)
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PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	: I think the question is agreed by a majority of the Members present. I declare the motion passed.
PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	: I think the question is not agreed by a majority of the Members present. I declare the motion negatived.
CLERK TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	: (<i>Stands up</i>) Liquor Advertisements Bill. (<i>Sits down</i>)

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