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#### **House Committee of the Legislative Council**

Minutes of the 1st meeting held in the Legislative Council Chamber at 2:30 pm on Wednesday, 8 October 2008

#### **Members present:**

Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, GBS, JP (Chairman)

Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP (Deputy Chairman)

Hon Albert HO Chun-yan

Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, SBS, S.B.St.J., JP

Hon LEE Cheuk-yan

Dr Hon David LI Kwok-po, GBM, GBS, JP

Dr Hon Margaret NG

Hon James TO Kun-sun

Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong

Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP

Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, GBS, JP

Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung

Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS

Hon WONG Yung-kan, SBS, JP

Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP

Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBM, GBS, JP

Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP

Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo

Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, JP

Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP

Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, SBS, JP

Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP

Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, SBS, JP

Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip

Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, SBS, JP

Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP

Hon Vincent FANG Kang, SBS, JP

Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH

Hon LEE Wing-tat

Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, JP

Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, SBS, JP

Hon Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, SBS, JP

Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC

Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung

Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, SBS, JP

Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS

Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC

Hon CHIM Pui-chung

Prof Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP

Hon KAM Nai-wai, MH

Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

Hon Starry LEE Wai-king

Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai, BBS, JP

Hon CHAN Hak-kan

Hon Paul CHAN Mo-po, MH, JP

Hon CHAN Kin-por, JP

Hon CHAN Tanya

Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun

Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau

Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che

Hon WONG Sing-chi

Hon WONG Kwok-kin, BBS

Hon WONG Yuk-man

Hon IP Wai-ming, MH

Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP

Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee, GBS, JP

Dr Hon PAN Pey-chyou

Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun

Dr Hon Samson TAM Wai-ho, JP

#### **Clerk in attendance:**

Mrs Vivian KAM Clerk to the House Committee

#### **Staff in attendance:**

Ms Pauline NG Secretary General Mr Jimmy MA, JP Legal Adviser

Mrs Constance LI Assistant Secretary General 1
Mrs Justina LAM Assistant Secretary General 3

Mrs Percy MA Assistant Secretary General (Special Duty)

Miss Odelia LEUNG Chief Council Secretary (2)6
Ms Amy YU Senior Council Secretary (2)3

Ms Alice LEUNG Mr Ringo LEE Mr Arthur KAN Senior Council Secretary (2)6 Senior Legislative Assistant (2)1 Legislative Assistant (2)7

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# I. Election of the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the House Committee for the 2008-2009 session

#### **Election of Chairman**

Mr Albert HO, the Member present who had the highest precedence, presided over the election of the Chairman of the House Committee. Mr HO called for nominations for the chairmanship of the House Committee. Mr Fred LI was nominated by Ms Emily LAU. Mr Fred LI declined the nomination. Mr HO invited other nominations for the chairmanship.

- 2. Ms Miriam LAU was nominated by Mr Abraham SHEK and the nomination was seconded by Mr CHAN Kam-lam. Ms Miriam LAU accepted the nomination.
- 3. At this juncture, <u>Ms Emily LAU</u> asked if questions could be put to the nominee, albeit there being only one nominee up to this point.
- 4. With no objection from Members, <u>Mr Albert HO</u> said that he would allow questions to be put to the nominee. He suggested that the question and answer session should last for not more than 15 minutes.
- 5. <u>Ms Emily LAU</u> did not consider it necessary to set a limit on the duration of the question time. <u>Members</u> agreed.
- 6. <u>Mr Albert HO</u> then invited questions from Members. <u>Ms Miriam LAU</u> responded to questions put forward by <u>Ms Emily LAU</u> and <u>Dr Priscilla LEUNG</u>. (Verbatim transcript of the proceedings of the question time is in the **Appendix**).
- 7. After ascertaining that there was no other nomination, <u>Mr Albert HO</u> declared Ms Miriam LAU elected as the Chairman of the House Committee for the 2008-2009 session. Ms Miriam LAU then took the chair.

#### Election of Deputy Chairman

8. <u>The Chairman</u> called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the House Committee. Mr Fred LI was nominated by <u>Mr Albert HO</u> and the nomination was seconded by <u>Mr LEE Wing-tat</u>. <u>Mr Fred LI</u> accepted the nomination.

9. As there was no other nomination, the Chairman declared Mr Fred LI elected as the Deputy Chairman of the House Committee for the 2008-2009 session.

### Date of next meeting

- 10. <u>The Chairman</u> informed Members that the next meeting of the House Committee would be held on 10 October 2008 at 2:30 pm.
- 11. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:42 pm.

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**劉慧卿議員**:多謝主席。主席,我想問劉健儀議員,因為她在上一屆也做了4年,總之已做了很多年,其實劉議員擔任主席是很好的,她很公正,這是我自己也覺得沒有問題的。她亦很有效率,但有時候,我們發現她的效率非凡,有時候我們遲了兩分鐘進入會議廳便已散會,散會"扑搥"後,同事便會拍掌,但我們有時候希望能在內會討論立法會的事情。當然,劉議員一定會說如果議員不作討論,是與主席無關的,主席不能把議員的口撬開。但是,我希望劉議員說說,她自己是否認為內務委員會會議也是一個讓議員討論事情的場合呢?她會否方便討論、促進討論,而不是整天看着錶說:"對了,財委會即將舉行,我們便要'扑搥'。"她的態度是怎樣的呢,主席?

何俊仁議員:好的,劉健儀。

**劉健儀議員**:多謝劉慧卿議員的問題。首先,我想會議的效率是很重要的,但同時我亦深深明白,亦會支持同事應就事項有充分討論。當然,我亦記得在某些會議,沒有項目是大家認為需要討論的。在這情況下,我亦很難說即使大家沒有意見,也坐下來看看要討論些甚麼,我相信大家也不想這樣做。非常不好意思,有時候,我會給大家一種錯覺,例如到了 2 時 58 分,可能仍有小量事項尚待討論,在這時候我便會趕緊一點,希望大家能同意。如果大家說不行,不能在兩分鐘內討論完畢,我便會先讓財委會舉行,然後在 5 時回來再作討論。但是,我向大家承諾,我必然會給機會大家作充分的討論,但同時亦希望同事明白我們希望議會是有效率地運作。

何俊仁議員:OK。

**劉慧卿議員**:主席,我很高興聽到劉議員這樣說,因為我覺得內務委員會是一個很重要的場合,讓議員就各項事情作出討論。當然,劉議員說得對,如果不納入議程內,當然是不會討論,但作為主席,有時候如果覺得有些東西是值得討論,你可以自行納入議程內,讓議員有機會作出討論。主席,這涉及第二項我更為緊張的問題,就是我們的開會時間。主席,其實從前是非常好的,財委會在 2 時 30 分召開,但後來有些人急不及待,不想留在會議廳內那麼久,財委會被迫在 2 小時內完成,否則便要召開內務委員會,後來仍然不行,把內務委員會調前,在半個小時內完成,然後開兩小時的財委會。有時又要再開內務委員會,然後再開財委會。主席,我覺得這樣的開會時間,

令立法會成為笑柄,有些人更覺得立法會原來是想方便議員,別人說方便營商,我們卻方便那些很忙的議員,即那些不用在此投票的人,報名後離開。 我想問劉議員,甚至問自由黨,他們的看法是否也覺得這種如此可笑的開會時間,應在本屆繼續呢?

何俊仁議員:你只可以問劉健儀,不可以問自由黨,請劉健儀回答。

**劉健儀議員**:主席,其實開會時間並非由我這位內會主席決定的。其實,我是最民主的,最尊重大家議員的意見,議員認為哪個時間開會、如何開會,我會交由議員決定。如果大家認為應採用哪種模式,我會竭盡所能,盡量迎合大家的意見。

**劉慧卿議員**:主席,我是問劉議員自己是否覺得,我們對上數年使用的方法 非常荒謬和非常可笑?

何俊仁議員:劉健儀。

**劉健儀議員**:或許我補充一點。其實,我也明白有些同事為何建議我們更改過去運作了一段時期的開會時間、開會模式。根據過去經驗,其實絕大部分會議也能夠在半小時內完成,換言之,沒有需要在5時回來。所以,我剛才其實也有提及,如果有些項目可能較長,如果是這樣,便在3時暫停會議,先召開財委會,然後5時回來。但根據過去經驗,這種情況 — 如果不正確,秘書處可以更正我 — 絕大部分情況均沒有需要在5時回來,絕大部分情況能夠在2時半至3時這個時段內完成。

如果大家認為這個開會模式應該變更,我絕對尊重大家的意見。可能由今個立法年度開始,我們或許再一次傳閱文件諮詢大家,讓各人對應該怎麼召開會議表達一下意見。關於模式方面,我相信不適合以我個人的主觀意願決定該怎麼召開會議,而應該迎合絕大多數議員的意願,我只是遵從大家的意願辦事。

何俊仁議員:梁美芬。

梁美芬議員: Miriam, 我那天曾經提出一個問題, 他說應該問內會, 所以我便重複再問那個問題, 因為我們是新丁, 所以不知道。關於內會, 剛才也聽到會有效率, 但在過去數年, 我們在外面看到的是, 立法會的確有很多政見和意見, 兩大陣營好像已經分裂般。在這種情況下, 如何避免我們既有不同、分歧的意見, 但也不會造成很多重大的決議以分裂的投票方式作決定。如果是這樣的話, 在內會裏便是做這些事情, 而你可否告訴我, 內會可以怎樣做, 令新一屆立法會可能在某些重大議案上能夠有些突破呢?

何俊仁議員:劉健儀。

**劉健儀議員**:其實內會的職能主要是處理我們立法會內的事項和程序、究竟哪些文件可以提交或如何進行辯論等。當然,經過內會的討論,大家可以有概念應該如何進行,避免在大會上才發生爭拗;至於內會是否不同政見磨合的地方,我相信不是的,我想你的看法或向你提供資料的人不太正確,內會不是不同政見磨合的地點。我們處理的是立法會內程序上需要處理的事項,我們如何處理,令它更有效率,而避免在大會上就程序可能出現的爭拗;究竟如何提交、如何進行、多少分鐘等事宜,全部也在內會裏處理。希望這樣可回答到你的問題。