# 立法會 Legislative Council

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## Bills Committee on Companies (Amendment) Bill 2010 and Business Registration (Amendment) Bill 2010

## Third meeting on Tuesday, 20 April 2010, at 4:30 pm in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building

Members present	:	Hon Paul CHAN Mo-po, MH, JP (Chairman) Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, GBS, JP Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS, JP Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC Hon CHIM Pui-chung Hon Starry LEE Wai-king
Members absent	:	Hon Albert HO Chun-yan Dr Hon Margaret NG Hon CHAN Kam-lam, SBS, JP Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP Hon CHAN Kin-por, JP
Public officers attending	:	Financial Services and the Treasury BureauMr John LEUNG, JP Deputy Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Financial Services)Miss Grace KWOK Principal Assistant Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Financial Services)

#### Companies Registry

Mrs Karen HO Deputy Principal Solicitor (Company Law Reform)

Ms Elizabeth MO Deputy Principal Solicitor (Company Law Reform)

Miss Wendy MA Assistant Registry Manager

### Inland Revenue Department

Mrs Brenda LEE Assistant Commissioner

#### **Department of Justice**

Mr Edward TYLER Senior Assistant Law Officer (Civil Law)

Ms Francoise LAM Senior Government Counsel

Miss Amy CHAN Senior Government Counsel

Clerk in attendance :	Ms Anita SIT		
	Chief Council Secretary (1)5		

Staff in attendance : Mr Timothy TSO Assistant Legal Adviser 2

> Mr Noel SUNG Senior Council Secretary (1)4

Mr Fred PANG Council Secretary (1)5

## **Procedural matter**

The Committee deliberated (Index of proceedings attached at the Appendix).

2. In view of the unavailability of some members to attend the meeting due to the clash with the meetings of other committees and other reasons, <u>members</u> agreed that the meeting should be curtailed and the scheduled business on the agenda for this meeting should be carried over to the next meeting scheduled for 3 May 2010.

(*Post-meeting note*: Members were notified of the next meeting on 3 May 2010 and the schedule of further meetings vide LC Paper CB(1)1680/09-10 on 21 April 2010.)

3. The meeting ended at 4:43 pm.

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## Proceedings of the Bills Committee on Companies (Amendment) Bill 2010 and Business Registration (Amendment) Bill 2010 Third meeting on Tuesday, 20 April 2010, at 4:30 pm in the Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building

Time Marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action Required
	Chairman Mr Ronny TONG Mr WONG Ting-kwong Dr Philip WONG Ms Miriam LAU	Introductory remarks Mr Ronny TONG said that there was a clash of meetings, as three meetings, namely the Bills Committee meeting, the meeting of the Panel on Commerce and Industry (CI Panel) and the meeting of the Select Committee to inquire into Matters Relating to the Post-service Work of Mr LEUNG Chin-man (the Select Committee) were held concurrently. Mr TONG enquired whether members would agree to postpone the Bills Committee meeting. Mr WONG Ting-kwong said that as a large number of deputations had been invited to give views at the CI Panel meeting, he and some other members of the Bills Committee would wish to attend the Panel meeting to hear the views of the deputations. Dr Philip WONG said that as the Select Committee was preparing its report, members also belonging to the Select Committee would like to attend the Select Committee meeting to participate in preparation of the report. The Chairman said that at the time when the meeting was arranged, the meeting of the CI Panel was scheduled to end at 4:30 pm. The CI Panel meeting was subsequently extended to 6:30 pm leading to a clash of meetings for some members of the Bills Committee. Some other members of the Bills Committee. Some other members of the Bills Committee including those with the legal profession background had also indicated that they could not attend the meeting. The proposal on "multiple statutory derivative action" was a major issue scheduled for discussion at this meeting. In the absence of those members, a comprehensive discussion of the issue might not be possible. Given the circumstances, the Chairman suggested and members agreed to curtail the meeting and that the scheduled business be carried over to the next meeting on 3 May 2010.	

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		The Chairman said that he would schedule further meetings and members would be informed accordingly.	

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