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On Tuesday 1st December 2020, at 09.50 hrs., at press room, 1st Floor Parliament Building, Hon. Mr. Natthaphong Ruengpanyawut, MP of Move Forward Party and his team received a letter from Mr. Pitsanuwat Singchai, a representative of the Group of Overseas Thai Students requesting an amendment to draft the Referendum Act, B.E. ..., to ensure the right to a referendum of Thai people residing outside the Kingdom. Since the draft Act has not been identified to exercise for the rights to vote for those who have a residence outside the Kingdom as previously stated in section 26 of the Organic Act on the Referendum B.E. 2552, this may bring the loss of the rights to a referendum over a million Thai people abroad, which the government should facilitate to allow people to exercise their democratic rights that all Thai people deserve.

Hon. Mr. Natthaphong said after receiving the letter that he would push such case in the amendment of the Committee by proposing the development of technology to support the referendum from whom live outside the Kingdom or were inconvenient to travel, for example, a patient stuck in bed in order to protect the rights of people.

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