

The 4th Session of the 3rd Year of the 25th House of Representatives
(Second Annual Ordinary Session)

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at the House of Representatives Chamber, Parliament Building



Mr. Chuan Leekpai, Speaker of the House of Representatives, presided over the 4th Session of the 25th House of Representatives (Second Annual Ordinary Session) with Mr. Suchart Tancharoen, First Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Mr. Supachai Phosu, Second Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, served as the chair of the sitting in rotation. The important matters to be considered are as follows:

Matters that the committees have considered

1. Draft Bill on Witness Protection in Criminal Cases (No.), B.E. ..., which the Ad-hoc Committee has completed considering. This has been continued from the previous meeting on 3 November 2021, the second reading. The sitting resolved to approve in the third reading of the Draft Bill on Witness Protection in Criminal Cases (No.), B.E. ... with 276 votes.

2. Draft Bill on Criminal Code Amendment (No.), B.E. ... which the Ad-hoc Committee had completed considering with the following observations:

1. The age limit of a child who will not be punished even if he/she has committed an offense as provided by the law should be set at 12 years of age to be consistent with the child's development and taken into account the best interests of the child.

2. The most important aspect of child's criminal justice system is the mental rehabilitation of the child offender and the prevention of recidivism. Relevant agencies should have a process to accelerate the development of employees and staff for both increasing the number and developing knowledge of the methods for children, criminal code and the urgent mental rehabilitation of children who commit crimes. Civil society, communities and families should also be included in the process. The sitting resolved to approve in the third reading of the Draft Bill on Criminal Code Amendment (No....), B.E. ... with 315 votes and agreed with the committee's observations with 311 votes.

Urgent Matters

1. Draft Bill on Judicial Service of the Courts of Justice (No..), B.E. ... (proposed by the Council of Ministers) Mr. Wissanu Krea-ngam, Deputy Prime Minister, stated the principles and rationales for the Draft Bill that it is an amendment to the Judicial Service of the Courts of Justice Act, B.E. 2553 (2010) in accordance with Section 190 of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand. In the case of the vacancy of the judge office in relation to the presentation to His Majesty the King for acknowledgement and royal order for the removal from office including abolishing the grounds for removal from office in the event that the Senate resolves to remove from office. The sitting resolved to approve in the first reading of the Draft Bill on the Judicial Service of the Courts of Justice (No...), B.E. ... with 295 votes and set up the Ad-hoc Committee on Considering the Draft Bill on Judicial Service of the Courts of Justice, composes of 25 members, and the time limit for the consideration was set for 7 days.

2. Draft Bill on Juvenile and Family Court and Juvenile and Family Trial Procedure (No..), B.E. Mr. Wissanu Krea-ngam, Deputy Prime Minister, stated the principles and rationales for this Draft Bill as well as the Draft Bill on Judicial Service of the Courts of Justice (No. ..), B.E. to amend the provisions relating to the criteria for the vacancy of office of associate judges in the Juvenile and Family Court in accordance with Section 190 of the Constitution of

the Kingdom of Thailand, B.E. 2560 (2017). The sitting resolved to approve in the first reading of the Draft Bill on Juvenile and Family Court and Juvenile and Family Trial Procedure (No....), B.E. Judicial Officials of the Court of Justice (No. ...), B.E... with 300 votes and resolved to have the same Ad-hoc Committee as the Draft Bill on Judicial Service of the Courts of Justice and the time limit for the consideration was set for 7 days.

3. Draft Bill on Establishment of the Labour Court and Labour Case Procedure (No..), B.E... (Proposed by the Council of Ministers) Mr. Wissanu Krea-ngam, Deputy Prime Minister, stated the principles and rationales for the Draft Bill that to amend the provisions relating to the criteria for the vacancy of the associate judge office in the labor court in the Establishment of the Labour Court and Labour Case Procedure, B.E. 2522 (1979) in accordance with Section 190 of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand, B.E. 2560 (2017). The sitting resolved to approve in the first reading of the Draft Bill on Establishment of the Labour Court and Labour Case Procedure (No..), B.E.... with 290 votes and resolved to have the same Ad-hoc Committee as the Draft Bill on Judicial Service of the Courts of Justice and the time limit for the consideration was set for 7 days.

4. Draft Bill on Establishment of the Intellectual Property and International Trade Court and the Intellectual Property and International Trade Judicial Procedure (No..), B.E. ... (Proposed by the Council of Ministers) Mr. Wissanu Krea-ngam, Deputy Prime Minister, stated the principles and rationales for the Draft Bill to amend the provisions relating to the criteria for the vacancy of associate judge office in the Court of Intellectual Property and International Trade; in the Establishment of the Intellectual Property and International Trade Court and the Intellectual Property and International Trade Judicial Procedure, B.E. 2539 (1996), in accordance with Section 190 of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand, B.E. 2560 (2017). The meeting resolved to approve in the first reading of the Draft Bill on Establishment of the Intellectual Property and International Trade Court and the Intellectual Property and International Trade Judicial Procedure (No..), B.E. ... with 292 votes and agreed to have the same Ad-hoc Committee as the Draft Bill on Judicial Service of the Courts of Justice and the time limit for the consideration was set for 7 days.

5. Draft Bill on Repealing Laws that are No Longer Necessary or Duplicate with Other Laws, B.E. .. (proposed by the Council of Ministers) Mr. Wissanu Krea-ngam, Deputy Prime Minister, stated the principles and rationales for this Draft Bill that to repeal some laws that are unnecessary or duplicate with other laws. In addition to the Repealing Laws that are No Longer Necessary or Duplicate with Other Laws Act B.E. 2558 (2015) and the Repealing Laws that are No Longer Necessary or Duplicate with Other Laws Act (No. 2), B.E. 2560 (2017) for 7 Acts in total. The sitting resolved to approve in the first reading of the Draft Bill on Repealing Laws that are No Longer Necessary or Duplicate with Other Laws, B.E. ..with 305 votes and agreed to set up an Ad-hoc committee which is composed of 25 members to consider this draft bill with the time limit of 7 days.

6. Consider the case of the Senate amending the Draft Bill on Land Traffic (No..), B.E. ...In considering the Draft Bill on Land Traffic (No..), B.E... which the House of Representatives has approved and the Senate has deliberated and passed a resolution to amend this bill and returned it to the House of Representatives for further proceeding in accordance with Section 137(3) of the Constitution. The sitting resolved to disapprove the amendment made to the Draft Bill on Land Traffic by the Senate with 291 votes and agreed to set up a Joint Committee which is composed of 20 members from both Houses to consider this Bill.

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