

Summary of the meeting

The Committee on Considering the Draft Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand Amendment
(No. ..) Buddhist Era

8th meeting

Wednesday 28th March 2012

At the Budget meeting room, 3rd floor, Parliament Building 3

The Committee considered the Draft Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand Amendment (No. ..) Buddhist Era Started from article 291/1 summarized as follow.

Article 291/1

pending

Issue of consideration

Source of the Constitution Drafting Assembly Members (CDA): how should it constitute.

The Chairman of the Committee has asked the committee who have opinion on the issue of constituting the CDA different from the Cabinet Draft (which being main consideration). The Committee commented as follow.

1. Mr. Wirat Kalayasiri commented that the source of the CDA should be as follows
 - The CDA should be only one type from direct election by the people for 200 members.
 - A province is a constituency. Taking the proportion of the population to figure out. The proportion of the total population about 300,000 people per 1 CDA, each province must have at least one CDA.
 2. Mr. Alongkorn Ponlaboot commented that the source of the CDA should consist of:
 - Direct election by the people
 - There should be 2 types of CDA. Both are from direct election from the people divide into constituency for 200 members and party list of expertise for 20 members, total 220 members
 - It must be able to have advance election.
 - It must be able to have extraterritorial election.
 3. Mr. Theptai Seannapong commented that the source of the CDA should be as follows.
 - The CDA should be elected directly by the people for 300 members.
 - The proportion of the people per a CDA is 500,000:1. The province which has population less than 500,000 people could have 1 CDA member.
 - Eligible Voter can vote for only one candidate.
 - Candidate who get highest score respectively being elected as CDA members.
- The number of the elected CDAs depends on of the provincial proportion.
- The CDA in expert type consists of 20 members being proposed by the academic institution prepared by a name list of qualified persons with the country as constituency. Candidates who won 1 -20 highest scores are elected as the CDAs. And eligible voters can vote for 1 member only.

4. Mr. Nipit Intarasombut commented that source of the CDA should be as follows.
 - The CDA should be elected directly by the people for 130 members.
 - The CDA in expert type consists of 20 members. Experts in each field would elect one another. The criteria of selection stipulated by the President of the Parliament.
5. Mr. Warong Dechgitvigrom commented that source of the CDA should be as follows.
 - The CDA should be only one type from direct election by the people for 150 members.
 - Eligible Voter can vote for only one candidate.
6. Mr. Thana Cheeravinij commented that source of the CDA should be as follows.
 - The -The CDA should be elected directly by the people, 1 province per 2 members.
 - Eligible Voter can vote for only one candidate.
7. Mr. Sathit Pitutecha commented that source of the CDA should be as follows.
 - The CDA should be elected directly by the people for 150 members.
 - The CDA in expert type consists of 50 members, total 200 members. 50 Expert CDAs are from different fields as follows.
 - (1) Public Law Experts for 10 members.
 - (2) Laws Experts for 10 members.
 - (3) Politics/ Public Administration Experts for 10 members.
 - (4) Experienced persons in Political Science/ Public Governance/ Economics/ Social Science/ Legislation/ or Constituency for 10 members.
 - (5) Local leaders: Village Headman/ District Chief/ and Civic Sector for 10 members.
8. Mr. Jatn Sirathanont commented that source of the CDA should be as follows.
 - Source of the CDA is just like that Mr. Wirat Kalayasiri has told.
9. Mr. Weng Tojirakan commented that, source of the CDA should be as follows.
 - The CDA should be only one type, from direct election by the people.

After that, the Committee Chairman requested the meeting to vote on whether to agree with the Cabinet Draft or agree with other drafts differ from the Cabinet's.

Resolution of the meeting

The Committee members voted agreed with the Cabinet Draft for 10 votes.

The Committee members voted agree with the other Drafts differ from the Cabinet's for 12 votes.

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