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**Speech by the Hon Mrs Selina Chow Liang Shuk-Yee, GBS, JP
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Rights and Interests of Employees, 24 April 2002**

Selina Chow:

Madam President, thank you for giving a chance to speak. I shall be very brief, for it is getting very late already.

On the comments raised by Mr LEUNG Fu-wah, it seems that he was not quite clear about the position of the Liberal Party. So, let me just offer a simple but clear explanation here.

Basically, as we have said already, we have no objection to ensuring the reasonable protection of labour rights under the law. I am sure that our consensus is very strong here indeed. But we nonetheless do have very great reservations about the idea of taking "positive measures". If Members have listened carefully to their colleagues' speeches, especially that of Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung, they will realize that the "positive measures" as interpreted by Members from the labour sector actually also cover the making of legislation. It is absolutely impossible for us to support any such legislative attempts, but we have no objection to the spirit of protecting labour rights and interests. And, we also think that such protection must be legal and reasonable, which is why we have proposed our amendment. If our amendment is not passed, then in view of our strong objection to the allusion to "positive measures", we will abstain from voting. Thank you, Madam President.