## 24. Expenditure of Legislative Council Funds.

- (a)(1) **Special Expenses.** Any expenditure of Legislative Council funds for special expenses by a committee or task force of the General Assembly shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the committee or task force wishing to expend the funds prior to expenditure of the funds.
- (2)(A) For purposes of this rule, "special expenses" means any expenses incurred other than payment of mileage and per diem to members of the General Assembly for attendance at the meeting of the committee or task force, and includes without limitation witness fees, interpreter fees, and court reporter expenses.
- (B) "Special expenses" does not include expenditure of funds in relation to the hiring of a consultant.
- (3) Any committee or task force voting to incur special expenses shall provide monthly reports to the Policy Making Subcommittee of the Legislative Council regarding authorization and payment of the special expenses.

In accordance with this rule, committees and task forces may either vote to grant authority to approve special expenses to the chair or chairs of the task force or committee, OR the full committee may vote each time a special expense arises. As you know, the logistics of voting each time do not work out. Once a special expense is incurred, the committee shall send a report to the Policy Making Subcommittee of ALC regarding the purpose and amount of the special expense.

Special expense does not include the hiring of a consultant.

**Motion:** I move that the Senate Children and Youth Committee and the House Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs Committee grant the authority for approval of special expenses to the chair(s) of the above named committees.