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LY's Committee Chairs Elections Result Announced

■ What is a “Chair of the Committee”? How are chairs selected?

The Legislative Yuan has set up 8 standing committees (Internal Administration, Foreign Affairs and National Defense, Economics, Finance, Transportation, Education and Culture, Social Welfare and Health Environment, Judiciary, and Legal Affairs) responsible for reviewing bills and inviting relevant departments for questioning after the first reading of a bill.

Each committee has about 13 to 15 members, and each member can only join one committee. The seats in each committee are allocated according to the proportion of political parties.

Currently, each of the eight committees must elect 2 chairs. The election is conducted by secret ballot, with each person having only one vote. The ones with the highest votes become the chairs of the committee. If all members agree, a nomination system can also be adopted. In the event of a tie, the winners are decided by drawing lots. The two chairs take turns hosting the meeting. In the past, when the KMT and the DPP held the

majority in the legislature, the two chairs of each committee were usually from these two parties.

■ What does a Chair of the Committee do? Do they have significant power?

Chairs can decide the agenda of their respective committees and have the power to prioritize the bills for review.

Additionally, committee meetings outside of the plenary sessions are convened by the chairs or upon the written request of more than one-third of the committee members. Plenary and committee meetings are held publicly, with secret meetings convened as necessary by law.

■ The Election Result of Chairs & the List of the LY's 8 Standing Committees

The election result was that both the KMT* and the DPP each won 8 seats in the LY's chairs elections. The KMT did not yield to the TPP, and both the KMT and the DPP secured one convener seat in each standing committee. Huang Kuo-chang (黃國昌), the leader of the TPP legislative group, stated that the TPP group would support the chair candidates proposed by the KMT group.

* The elected chair of the Internal Affairs Committee, Kao Chin Su-mei (高金素梅), though officially non-partisan, is aligned with the pan-blue coalition. Therefore, what appears to be a concession is, in reality, a position held by KMT.

Election Results and Notes: (Green-DPP; Blue-KMT; Grey-Independent)

- Judiciary and Organic Laws and Statutes Committee: Chung Chia-Pin (鍾佳濱), Wu Tsung-hsien (吳宗憲)
- Education and Culture Committee: Lin I-chin (林宜瑾), Ko Chih-en (柯志恩)
- Foreign and National Defense Committee: Wang Ting-yu (王定宇), Ma Wen-chun (馬文君)
 - TPP legislator Lin Yi-chun voted for Ma Wen-chun
- Internal Administration Committee: Kao Chin Su-mei (高金素梅), Wu Chi-Ming (吳琪銘)
 - Both KMT and TPP fully supported the non-partisan legislator Kao Chin Su-mei
- Finance Committee: Lo Ming-tsai (羅明才), Kuo Kuo-wen (郭國文)

- Social Welfare and Environmental Hygiene Committee: Wang Yu-min (王育敏), Huang Hsiou-fang (黃秀芳)
- Economics Committee: Yang Chiung-ying (楊瓊瓔), Chiu Yi-ying (邱議瑩)
- Transportation Committee: Chen Hsueh-shen (陳雪生), Lee Kun-tse (李昆澤)

■ Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee Legislators' Detailed Background

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