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ADPL chief stands firm on opposing changes

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Grassroots Preparatory Committee member Frederick Fung Kin-kee said last night he would vote against the sub-group proposals on human rights legislation even if the legislation was only to be partially repealed.

Mr Fung, chairman of the Association for Democracy and People's Livelihood, said a revised proposal for partial repeal made little difference.

Carrying more than 3,000 signatures opposing the proposal, Mr Fung said he agreed to some of the legal sub-group's recommendations such as repealing laws related to colonial rule.

But he said he would urge the chairmen's meeting to allow members to vote ordinance by ordinance rather than repealing the laws as a package.

Committee member Dr Raymond Wu Wai-yung said the NPC Standing Committee possessed the power to repeal all significant legislative changes that had taken place since 1984, but the current proposals had been made with the discretion of the committee.

Dr Wu said the old version of the Societies Ordinance should be rein-

► Heung Yee Kuk chairman Lau Wong-fat has pledged not to vote on the legal sub-group's proposal tomorrow in protest at the retention of the New Territories Land (Exemption) Ordinance.

It is understood he intends to speak at the opening of today's plenary session to express opposition to the sub-group proposal because it does not include the ordinance. The legislation grants equal rights of inheritance to women.

Mr Lau will leave for Hong Kong after the speech and plans to miss the voting at the end of the plenum.

stated as least for the first few months of the transition.

He said: "It will be a vulnerable period for Hong Kong. The source of threat comes from other countries."

Dr Wu said he had no strong view towards reinstating the Public Order Ordinance, adding: "It doesn't matter whether they have to apply for a licence if the group exceeds 30 or 50 people."

Allen Lee Peng-fei, a Preparatory Committee member opposed to the abolition of the two ordinances, declined to say if he would vote against the sub-group's suggestion tomorrow.