

\$50,000-a-vote bribe charge

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LEGISLATIVE Councillor, Gilbert Leung Kam-ho, was last night charged with offering a Regional Councillor \$50,000 for his vote in the September elections.

Leung, a 39-year-old chartered surveyor, and five others were arrested late on Thursday night by the ICAC.

A statement issued last night said Leung had been charged under Section 4 of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance for offering the cash to Mr Fung Pak-tai.

Leung was granted bail of \$50,000 in cash, \$500,000 in his own recognisance and a surety of \$500,000 and ordered to appear at Eastern Court at 9.30 am today.

The other five, none of whom was named, were also freed on bail of between \$10,000 and \$20,000 pending further inquiries.

The Clerk to the Legislative Council, Mr Law Kam-sang, said there were no reg-



Gilbert Leung . . . and his vacant seat in yesterday's Legco in-house meeting.

ulations and rules requiring a member to be suspended from duties while under any investigation.

Leung was the first known civil servant to resign and stand for District Board elections in Hongkong.

He resigned his government job as an estate surveyor with the Sha Tin Lands

District Office to successfully contest in Sai Kung's Pak Sha Wan constituency in March 1985.

Leung, chairman of Dominion Surveyors Limited, was one of 21 functional constituency members elected to Legco during September's elections.

Leung, who became a Regional Councillor in a di-

rect election in May, won the Regco seat after a close vote among all 36 councillors. He beat three opponents by a margin of five on the third ballot.

In October he was voted in as one of the nine male winners of the Hongkong Junior Chamber of Commerce 10 Outstanding Young Persons Award.