

PR Politicizing PSC On Electoral Reform
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By insisting on a "Minority Report", Pakatan Rakyat (PR) was trying to create trouble when the Parliamentary Select Committee (PSC) was doing their job of tabling proposals on electoral reform in the Dewan Rakyat. If PR had questioned the PSC's report, they would be questioning the qualities of PR federal lawmakers in the panel. This type of PR tactic should be blasted.

PR had 3 members who sat in the 9-men Committee. Why did they not want to raise their views during the meetings and resorted to making noise when the PSC proposals were tabled in Parliament to be adopted?

A possible reason could be that the trio's position was not recognized by Pakatan; or that infightings and contradictions within PR had caused them to deliberately make use of the Parliament as a platform to protest against BN.

PR should accept and adhere to the proposals as tabled by the PSC, as their representatives members of the PSC too. What is most important is that the PSC was established to recommend changes and reforms to the Election Act which were most desired by both DAP and PKR.

The Parliament had recently adopted the report as submitted by the PSC which consists of 22 recommendations.

Pakatan legislators sat in PSC meetings too

If the PR Members of Parliament are not under-qualified, then they should all be cognisant that setting up of the PSC is in compliance with the Standing Order of Parliament and it is in fact, not an ordinary committee.

I would like to emphasize that Malaysians are really perplexed as to why the opposition is not agreeable to the said PSC proposals given that their own members were also PSC panelists.

Although the recommendations were tabled by the PSC Chairman, they are in fact a combination of all views and opinions from both sides of the political divide.

Several proposals contained in the PSC report

It is obvious that the report covers a wide coverage of views and opinions including those by opposition parties and Bersih which include Constitutional amendments allowing 20-year old citizens to be pre-registered as voters.

It should be stressed that what is most important is that people must know who really has the sincerity to change.

In a move to revamp the election process and in relation with the Election Commission, PSC's proposals have empowered allowing independent bodies to organize elections, manage the electoral roll and review delineation of constituencies.

The PSC report has also proposed that the Election Commission should follow the system as adopted by Germany on "Proportional Representation" or a combination system so as to improve the current "First Past The Post" system.

The PSC was formed on 2nd October 2011 comprising 9 members who include 5 from BN, 3 from PR and 1 Independent MP.

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