Tactics to block passage of flawed laws are legitimate

Albert Cheng says legislators' efforts to scrap proposed rules on by-elections

The tactics deployed to stop the passage of legislation are legitimate, but that does not mean that all political parties, including the pro-establishment camp, can just sit back and do nothing. On the contrary, the pro-democracy camp cannot let the proposed rules for the by-elections pass without a fight, because if the rules are in place, the pro-democracy camp will not be able to submit candidates in many constituencies.

The pro-democracy camp does not want to see a repeat of the 2004 by-elections, when Chief Executive Donald Tsang’s pro-establishment camp was able to win all the by-elections. In 2004, the pro-democracy camp did not have the resources to mount a serious challenge in many constituencies, so it was easy for the pro-establishment camp to win.

The pro-democracy camp is planning to mount a serious challenge in as many constituencies as possible, and the pro-establishment camp will have to fight hard to win the by-elections. The pro-democracy camp is also planning to use the by-elections to highlight the failures of the pro-establishment camp in handling the economy and the urgent social problems.

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