



笔者认为，现在是时候重新审视目前的反跳槽法令了。 (档案照：透视大马)



苏海利日前表态支持首相安华。 (图：截取脸书)

虽然这些国会议员不是高阶领袖，即使下一届大选不再以土团党旗帜上阵，或许他们也不在乎了。坦白说，即使不公开支持安华，下一届大选，他们也未必会有机会上阵竞选，所以，他们的行为并没有为他们带来太大的损失。

我的理由是，直到今天，仍然有更多的人投票给政党而不是个人。所有学术研究都可以很容易地证明这一点，因此，将权力赋予政党是合理的。如果议员因政党内部矛盾而受害，导致议员被开除，则应重新竞选，以证明他本人确实获得了选民的支持，而不是他的前政党。如果他输了，他就必须接受这样一个事实，即从道义上讲，这个席位确实应该属于政党而不是个人。

令人感到遗憾的是，类似的情况不断重演。

笔者认为，如果安华担心反对党议员会滥用拨款，那就列出条件并公布于众。（档案照：透视大马）

第二件要做的事是加速促成罢免选举。即使没有上述宪法修正案，通过罢免选举，如果选民认为这些议员的行为不当，可以罢免他们。这从另一个角度来说，可以作为阻止议员跳槽的一种保障措施。

责任在谁？

安华也需要对整个事件负责。当希盟在野时，他们认为政府应该给予国会议员平等拨款分配。为什么到了现在，他却言行不一呢？以谈判作为挡箭牌并不可行。事实上，没有必要进行谈判，拨款就对了。

如果安华担心反对党议员会滥用拨款，那就列出条件并公布于众，由选民来决定这些条款和条件，是否对反对党合理，还是对他们明显不公平。

既然所有这些“跳槽”的议员基本上都是以选区拨款为借口，如果安华给予所有国会议员平等的选区拨款，这些国会议员就不会再有任何借口。



结论

切勿过度激动，这是意料之中的事。我记得在修正案通过前几天的一次访谈中，一位希望领袖告诉我，由于时间限制，即使法令不完美，必须先通过再找机会修正，至少不是什么都不做。从理想的角度来说，我无法接受这种说法，但从现实的角度来说，这是我们不得不接受现实。

既然这样的担忧和忧虑已经发生，而且情况恶化了，现在是时候重新审视目前的反跳槽法令了。

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[Liu Zhewei Column] A lesson learned: The new anti-job-hopping law is not as good as the old one



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The author believes that it is time to re-examine the current anti-hopping laws. (File photo: Malaysian Insight)

Don't say I am a hindsight. I mentioned this a year ago in an article titled "The New Anti-Defection Law Is Worse Than Before" (<https://www.themalaysianinsight.com/chinese/s/392258>) . When two MPs from Bersatu expressed their support for the Anwar government, I predicted this in a radio interview last Friday, and it has come true.

Jeli MP (<https://www.themalaysianinsight.com/chinese/s/470868>) Zaharie Gee has just announced his support for Anwar's leadership, showing that the fourth MP from the Perikatan Nasional (PPBM) party has publicly supported a unity government.

The previous three were Gua Musang MP Aziz Abu Nain, Labuan MP Suhail Abdul Rahman and Kuala Kangsar MP Iskandar Zulkarnain.



Suhaili recently expressed his support for Prime Minister Anwar. (Photo: Screenshot from Facebook)

Although these MPs are not high-ranking leaders, they may not care even if they no longer contest under the Bersatu banner in the next general election. Frankly speaking, even if they do not publicly support Anwar, they may not have the opportunity to contest in the next general election, so their actions have not caused them much loss.

My prediction is accurate, not because I can tell fortunes, but because anyone with a neutral mind would expect this to happen. As I mentioned in my previous article, my biggest concern is that under the new anti-defection law, even if your legislators are in Cao Ying but their hearts are in Han, you cannot control them.

Now, it is time to do two things. The first is to revise the constitution to prevent such incidents from happening again. But do all MPs or political parties have the same political will? I like to quote Syed Saddiq, no matter what you do today, once you become the opposition in the future, you will be hit back. In addition, I hope that Malaysian politics can learn from the UK and move towards gentleman politics, doing the right thing instead of doing what is good for oneself.

On constitutional amendment, I suggest we go back to the old version of the anti-hopping law, which gives more power to political parties rather than individuals.

My reasoning is that, to this day, more people vote for political parties than for individuals. This can be easily proven by all academic studies, so it is reasonable to give power to political parties. If a member of parliament is expelled because he is a victim of internal party contradictions, he should re-run to prove that he himself really has the support of the voters, not his former party. If he loses, he must accept the fact that morally speaking, the seat should really belong to the party and not the individual.

Regrettably, similar situations keep repeating themselves.



I think if Anwar is worried that opposition MPs will misuse the funds, he should list the conditions and make them public. (File photo: Malaysian Insight)

The second thing to do is to speed up recall elections. Even without the above constitutional amendment, through recall elections, if voters believe that these members of parliament have behaved inappropriately, they can be recalled. From another perspective, this can serve as a safeguard to prevent members from jumping ship.

Who is responsible?

Anwar also needs to take responsibility for the whole incident. When Pakatan Harapan was in the opposition, they believed that the government should give equal allocation to MPs. Why is he now inconsistent with his words and deeds? Using negotiations as a shield is not feasible. In fact, there is no need for negotiations, just allocate funds.

If Anwar is worried that opposition MPs will abuse the funds, then he should list the conditions and make them public. Let the voters decide whether these terms and conditions are reasonable to the opposition or clearly unfair to them.

Since all these "ship-hopping" MPs are basically using constituency allocations as an excuse, if Anwar gives equal constituency allocations to all MPs, these MPs will no longer have any excuse.

Conclusion

Don't get too excited, this is to be expected. I remember in an interview a few days before the amendment was passed, a PH leader told me that due to time constraints, even if the law is not perfect, it must be passed first and then amended, at least it is not doing nothing. From an ideal point of view, I cannot accept this statement, but from a practical point of view, this is a reality we have to accept.

Now that such concerns and worries have arisen and the situation has worsened, it is time to re-examine the current anti-hopping laws.

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