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ABSTRACT

The Parliament has authorities to investigate and examine the matters of fact within a scope of Legislative's power according to the Principle of Separation of Powers. They may establish the Standing Committee system to perform this duty productively. Thus, such Committee can have authorities to issue an Order summoning documents or persons to give informations in any vital details. In accordance with such basis principle, this thesis discussed deeply into Thai Parliamentary Committee's authorities to issue an Order under the Request Order of the Committee of the House of Representatives and Senate Act 2011 in order to study whether Thai parliamentary Committee exercise such authorities corresponding to the Parliamentary Committees of England, The United states and France or not. Since, it has been acknowledged that those Committees have the effective investigating principles in compliance with the international standard.

From this study, Thai Parliamentary Committee has the process of determining offences which is not according to the international standard. This affects the rights of the person receiving the Order. In addition, the scope of the committee's authority to issue the Orders is vague in term of content and overlapping power with other organizations. Additionally, to what extent do persons receiving the Order have right to reveal secrets to the Committee? These

problems mentioned above lead to the question whether the power of Committees is contradict to the investigation power of the Parliament or not.

There should be more study to amend the law about the process of determining offences relating to disobeying the Order of the Committee. There should be the provision regarding to scopes of authority of the Committees and individual's right to disclosure. Most of all, authority to investigate of each Committee must be up to international standard.

