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In this issue...

of the *Van Zorge Report on Indonesia*, we look at the legislative process inside Indonesia's House of Representatives (DPR) and offer some insights into why such a few number of bills become law. The article also kicks off a new section, Parliament Watch, which will appear once a month in the *Report* as a way to track bills that have seemingly disappeared from public view.

We feature excerpts from an **Interview** the *Report* conducted with Dr. Zulkieflimansyah, the deputy-chairman of the PKS faction at the DPR. He spoke to the *Report* about the party's platform and its stance on sharia and the controversial pornography bill.

In the **From the Editor** section, we again comment on the country's tragic transport sector and the need for immediate bureaucratic reform.

Our **In Brief** section presents an explanation of the politics that could be behind a recent decision to re-open a series of human rights cases from the late 1990s. The section also looks at the ongoing dispute between State Secretary Yusril Mahendra and Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK) chairman Taufiqurrahman Ruki. Finally, the *Report* examines the potential construction of a nuclear power plant on Java.

Intelligence discusses the government's decision to disband the Consultative Group on Indonesia, a potential reshuffling of the army's upper ranks and the establishment of a new moderate Muslim group with aims to diffuse growing pockets of Islamic radicalism.

We hope that you find this issue useful and of interest to yourself and your colleagues. Please feel free to contact us here at the *Report* if you have any comments or suggestions; we are genuinely grateful for your feedback.

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