

**FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE
(FIRST SESSION)**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
TUESDAY, 5 MAY 2026**

No. 29

11.00 am

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PRESENT:

Mr SPEAKER [Mr Seah Kian Peng (Marine Parade-Braddell Heights)]
Mr ABDUL MUHAJIB ABDUL MALIK (Sengkang)
Mr ANG WEI NENG (West Coast-Jurong West)
Mr AZHAR OTHMAN (Nominated Member)
Mr BAEY YAM KENG (Tampines), Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Transport
Mr CAI YINZHOU (Bishan-Toa Payoh)
Mr CHAN CHUN SING (Tanjong Pagar), Coordinating Minister for Public Services and Minister for Defence
Mr CHEE HONG TAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister for National Development
Dr CHARLENE CHEN (Tampines)
Ms ELYSA CHEN (Bishan-Toa Payoh)
Mr EDWARD CHIA BING HUI (Holland-Bukit Timah)
Ms EILEEN CHONG PEI SHAN (Non-Constituency Member)
Mr DESMOND CHOO (Tampines Changkat), Minister of State, Ministry of Defence
Dr CHOO PEI LING (Chua Chu Kang)
Mr CHUA KHENG WEE LOUIS (Sengkang)
Mr DARRYL DAVID (Ang Mo Kio)
Mr CHRISTOPHER DE SOUZA (Holland-Bukit Timah), Deputy Speaker
Mr DINESH VASU DASH (East Coast), Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Manpower
Mr FADLI FAWZI (Aljunied)
Mr FOO CEXIANG (Tanjong Pagar)
Ms GRACE FU HAI YIEN (Jurong East-Bukit Batok), Minister for Sustainability and the Environment and Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations
Mr GAN KIM YONG (Punggol), Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry
Ms GAN SIOW HUANG (Marymount), Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Trade and Industry
Ms GHOSIA SZE KEE (Mountbatten)
Mr GERALD GIAM YEAN SONG (Aljunied)
Ms GOH HANYAN (Nee Soon), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment
Mr GOH PEI MING (Marine Parade-Braddell Heights), Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Social and Family Development
Dr HAMID RAZAK (West Coast-Jurong West)
Dr HARESH SINGARAJU (Nominated Member)
Ms HAZLINA ABDUL HALIM (East Coast)
Ms HE TING RU (Sengkang)
Assoc Prof TERENCE HO (Nominated Member)
Mr DAVID HOE (Jurong East-Bukit Batok)

Mr SHAWN HUANG WEI ZHONG (West Coast-Jurong West), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Manpower
Ms INDRANEE RAJAH (Pasir Ris-Changi), Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Finance, Second Minister for National Development and Leader of the House
Dr JANIL PUTHUCHEARY (Punggol), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment and Government Whip
Dr KOH POH KOON (Tampines), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Manpower
Ms KUAH BOON THENG (Nominated Member)
Mr KWEK HIAN CHUAN HENRY (Kebun Baru)
Mr GABRIEL LAM (Sembawang)
Mr JACKSON LAM (Nee Soon)
Ms JASMIN LAU (Ang Mo Kio), Minister of State, Ministry of Digital Development and Information and Ministry of Education
Ms CASSANDRA LEE (West Coast-Jurong West)
Mr DESMOND LEE (West Coast-Jurong West), Minister for Education and Minister-in-charge of Social Services Integration
Mr MARK LEE (Nominated Member)
Mr LEE HONG CHUANG (Jurong East-Bukit Batok)
Ms LEE HUI YING (Nee Soon)
Ms VALERIE LEE (Pasir Ris-Changi)
Mr LIANG ENG HWA (Bukit Panjang)
Assoc Prof JAMUS JEROME LIM (Sengkang)
Ms SYLVIA LIM (Aljunied)
Mr SHAWN LOH (Jalan Besar)
Ms LOW YEN LING (Bukit Gombak), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Trade and Industry
Mr LOW WU YANG ANDRE (Non-Constituency Member)
Mr VICTOR LYE (Ang Mo Kio)
Ms MARIAM JAAFAR (Sembawang)
Assoc Prof Dr MUHAMMAD FAISHAL IBRAHIM (Marine Parade-Braddell Heights), Acting Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs and Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs
Mr MURALI PILLAI (Jurong East-Bukit Batok), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Law and Ministry of Transport
Ms NADIA AHMAD SAMDIN (Ang Mo Kio)
Dr NEO KOK BENG (Nominated Member)
Mr NG CHEE MENG (Jalan Kayu)
Mr NG SHI XUAN (Sembawang)
Miss RACHEL ONG (Tanjong Pagar)
Mr ONG YE KUNG (Sembawang), Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health
Ms DIANA PANG LI YEN (Marine Parade-Braddell Heights)
Ms DENISE PHUA LAY PENG (Jalan Besar)
Ms POH LI SAN (Sembawang West)
Prof KENNETH POON (Nominated Member)
Mr PRITAM SINGH (Aljunied)
Ms RAHAYU MAHZAM (Jurong East-Bukit Batok), Minister of State, Ministry of Digital Development and Information and Ministry of Health
Mr SAKTIANDI SUPAAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh)

Mr SANJEEV KUMAR TIWARI (Nominated Member)
Mr K SHANMUGAM (Nee Soon), Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs
Mr SHARAEL TAHA (Pasir Ris-Changi)
Ms SIM ANN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Home Affairs and Deputy Government Whip
Mr JEFFREY SIOU (Chua Chu Kang), Acting Minister for Transport and Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Finance
Ms HANY SOH (Marsiling-Yew Tee)
Ms SUN XUELING (Punggol), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of National Development and Ministry of Transport
Dr SYED HARUN ALHABSYI (Nee Soon), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education and Ministry of National Development
Mr ALVIN TAN (Tanjong Pagar), Minister of State, Ministry of National Development and Ministry of Trade and Industry
Mr DENNIS TAN LIP FONG (Hougang)
Mr DESMOND TAN (Pasir Ris-Changi), Senior Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office
Mr TAN KIAT HOW (East Coast), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Digital Development and Information and Ministry of Health
Dr TAN SEE LENG (Chua Chu Kang), Minister for Manpower
Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast)
Mr PATRICK TAY TECK GUAN (Pioneer)
Ms TIN PEI LING (Marine Parade-Braddell Heights)
Mr KENNETH TIONG BOON KIAT (Aljunied)
Mr EDWIN TONG CHUN FAI (East Coast), Minister for Law and Second Minister for Home Affairs
Mr VIKRAM NAIR (Sembawang)
Dr WAN RIZAL (Jalan Besar)
Mr LAWRENCE WONG (Marsiling-Yew Tee), Prime Minister and Minister for Finance
Mr XIE YAO QUAN (Jurong Central), Deputy Speaker
Mr ALEX YEO (Potong Pasir)
Ms YEO WAN LING (Punggol)
Mr YIP HON WENG (Yio Chu Kang)
Mr MELVIN YONG YIK CHYE (Radin Mas)
Mr ZAQY MOHAMAD (Marsiling-Yew Tee), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment and Deputy Leader of the House

ABSENT:

Mr ERIC CHUA (Queenstown), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Law and Ministry of Social and Family Development
Assoc Prof KENNETH GOH (Nominated Member)
Mr LEE HSIEN LOONG (Ang Mo Kio), Senior Minister
Mr MASAGOS ZULKIFLI B M M (Tampines), Minister for Social and Family Development
Mr DAVID NEO (Tampines), Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Education
Ms JOAN PEREIRA (Tanjong Pagar)
Mrs JOSEPHINE TEO (Jalan Besar), Minister for Digital Development and Information.
Dr VIVIAN BALAKRISHNAN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr ALEX YAM ZIMING (Marsiling-Yew Tee)

Mr ZHULKARNAIN ABDUL RAHIM (Chua Chu Kang), Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Social and Family Development

- 1 Papers presented to Parliament and received by the Clerk of Parliament pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Presentation of Papers) and ordered to lie upon the Table:
 - 1.1 Central Provident Fund (Amendment) Regulations 2026 – Presented on 9 April 2026 (S. L. 311 of 2026)
 - 1.2 Central Provident Fund (Approved HDB-HUDC Housing Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 – Presented on 9 April 2026 (S. L. 312 of 2026)
 - 1.3 Central Provident Fund (Approved Housing Schemes) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 – Presented on 9 April 2026 (S. L. 313 of 2026)
 - 1.4 Central Provident Fund (Approved Middle-Income Housing Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 – Presented on 9 April 2026 (S. L. 314 of 2026)
 - 1.5 Central Provident Fund (Non-Residential Properties Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 – Presented on 9 April 2026 (S. L. 315 of 2026)
 - 1.6 Central Provident Fund (Residential Properties Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 – Presented on 9 April 2026 (S. L. 316 of 2026)
 - 1.7 Central Provident Fund (New Retirement Sum Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 – Presented on 9 April 2026 (S. L. 317 of 2026)
 - 1.8 Central Provident Fund (Revised Retirement Sum Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 – Presented on 9 April 2026 (S. L. 318 of 2026)
 - 1.9 Central Provident Fund (Retirement Sum Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 – Presented on 9 April 2026 (S. L. 319 of 2026)
 - 1.10 Central Provident Fund (Retirement Sum Topping-Up Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 – Presented on 9 April 2026 (S. L. 320 of 2026)
 - 1.11 Central Provident Fund (Division of Fund-Related Assets in Matrimonial Proceedings) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 – Presented on 9 April 2026 (S. L. 321 of 2026)
 - 1.12 Central Provident Fund (Education Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 – Presented on 9 April 2026 (S. L. 322 of 2026)
 - 1.13 Central Provident Fund (Medisave Account Transfers) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 – Presented on 9 April 2026 (S. L. 323 of 2026)

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- 1.14 Central Provident Fund (Public Sector Employees) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 – Presented on 9 April 2026 (S. L. 324 of 2026)
 - 1.15 Central Provident Fund (Topping-Up of Special Account) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 – Presented on 9 April 2026 (S. L. 325 of 2026)
 - 1.16 Goods and Services Tax (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 – Presented on 9 April 2026 (S. L. 326 of 2026)
 - 1.17 Goods and Services Tax (Non-taxable Public Agency Supplies) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2026 – Presented on 9 April 2026 (S. L. 327 of 2026)
 - 1.18 Road Traffic (International Circulation) (Amendment) Rules 2026 – Presented on 9 April 2026 (S. L. 328 of 2026)
 - 1.19 Environmental Public Health (Public Cleansing) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 – Presented on 10 April 2026 (S. L. 329 of 2026)
 - 1.20 Central Provident Fund (Investment Schemes) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 – Presented on 13 April 2026 (S. L. 330 of 2026)
 - 1.21 Central Provident Fund (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2026 – Presented on 13 April 2026 (S. L. 331 of 2026)
 - 1.22 Central Provident Fund (Prescribed Circumstances under Section 13C) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 – Presented on 13 April 2026 (S. L. 332 of 2026)
 - 1.23 Corrigendum to Singapore Food Agency Annual Report 2024/2025 – Presented on 13 April 2026 (S. 119 of 2026)
 - 1.24 Active Mobility (Dealing in Personal Mobility Devices and Mobility Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 – Presented on 14 April 2026 (S. L. 333 of 2026)
 - 1.25 Active Mobility (Composition of Offences) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 – Presented on 14 April 2026 (S. L. 334 of 2026)
 - 1.26 Foreign Employee Dormitories (Amendment) Regulations 2026 – Presented on 21 April 2026 (S. L. 335 of 2026)
 - 1.27 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Energy Conservation (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 6/2026] – Presented on 23 April 2026 (Pres. Co. 17 of 2026)
 - 1.28 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Veterinary Practice Bill [Bill No. 7/2026] – Presented on 23 April 2026 (Pres. Co. 18 of 2026)
 - 1.29 Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau (CPIB) Annual Report 2025 – Presented on 27 April 2026 (Misc. 3 of 2026)

- 1.30 Tobacco (Control of Advertisements and Sale) (Appearance, Packaging and Labelling) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 – Presented on 29 April 2026 (S. L. 336 of 2026)
 - 1.31 Tobacco and Vaporisers Control (Prescribed Substances in Tobacco Products) Regulations 2026 – Presented on 29 April 2026 (S. L. 337 of 2026)
 - 1.32 Tobacco and Vaporisers Control (Section 15 Tobacco Products) Regulations 2026 – Presented on 29 April 2026 (S. L. 338 of 2026)
 - 1.33 Tobacco and Vaporisers Control (Specified Premises) Regulations 2026 – Presented on 29 April 2026 (S. L. 339 of 2026)
 - 1.34 Tobacco and Vaporisers Control (Specified Psychoactive Substances) (Authorisation) Regulations 2026 – Presented on 29 April 2026 (S. L. 340 of 2026)
 - 1.35 Tobacco and Vaporisers Control (Urine Specimens and Urine Tests) Regulations 2026 – Presented on 29 April 2026 (S. L. 341 of 2026)
 - 1.36 Tobacco and Vaporisers Control (Hair Specimens and Hair Tests) Regulations 2026 – Presented on 29 April 2026 (S. L. 342 of 2026)
 - 1.37 Tobacco and Vaporisers Control (Application of Misuse of Drugs Act Provisions) Regulations 2026 – Presented on 29 April 2026 (S. L. 343 of 2026)
 - 1.38 Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2026 – Presented on 30 April 2026 (S. L. 344 of 2026)
 - 1.39 Building Control (Amendment No.2) Regulations 2026 – Presented on 30 April 2026 (S. L. 345 of 2026)
- 2 29 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
 - 3 Extension of Question Time – (Deputy Leader of the House) – (with the consent of Mr Deputy Speaker and the general assent of Members present) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That, notwithstanding Standing Order 22(1), Question Time at this day's Sitting continue until the completion of Question Nos 7 to 29, including supplementary questions until 12.45 pm."
 - 4 Rearrangement of Business – (Deputy Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That, notwithstanding Standing Order No. 26, the Private Member's Motion on 'An Artificial Intelligence (AI) Transition with No Jobless Growth' be taken immediately after the proceedings on the Skills and Workforce Development Agency Bill have been concluded."
 - 5 Cross-Border Railways (Border Control Co-Location) Bill – read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill – (Second Minister for Home Affairs.

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 75 inclusive agreed to.

First and Second Schedules agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 6 Skills and Workforce Development Agency Bill (Minister for Manpower) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time."; Debate arising.
- 7 Exempted Business – (Deputy Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the proceedings on the business set down on the Order Paper for today be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Order No. 2.".
- 8 Skills and Workforce Development Agency Bill – (Minister for Manpower) – Debate resumed on Question, "That the Bill be now read a second time.".
- 9 Time Limit for Speeches – (Deputy Leader of the House) – (with the consent of Speaker and the general assent of Members present) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the proceedings on the item under discussion be exempted from the provisions of Standing Order 48(8) to remove the time limit in respect of Minister Tan See Leng's speech.".
- 10 Skills and Workforce Development Agency Bill – (Minister for Manpower) – Debate resumed on Question, "That the Bill be now read a second time.".

Question put and agreed to. Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill – (Minister for Manpower).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 83 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 11 An Artificial Intelligence (AI) Transition with No Jobless Growth – (Mr Ng Chee Meng) – Motion made, and Question proposed –

"That this House –

1. Recognises the transformative power of new technologies, especially Artificial Intelligence (AI), to drive Singapore's next phase of economic development;
2. Emphasises that Singapore's approach to AI-enabled growth must be anchored in fairness, resilience, and opportunity for all;
3. Resolves to equip and support workers and enterprises to seize new opportunities and advance together; and
4. Affirms that economic progress must remain inclusive, and that Singapore must not have jobless growth, because every worker matters."; Debate arising.

- 12 Adjournment of Debate – (Mr Ng Chee Meng) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the debate be now adjourned."

Debate to be resumed Tomorrow.

- 13 Adjournment – (Deputy Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That Parliament do now adjourn."; Debate arising.

On Question put – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn."

Adjourned at 9.30 pm

SEAH KIAN PENG,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Pursuant to Standing Order 2(3)(a), Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 11.00 am on Wednesday, 6 May 2026.
