

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

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
WEDNESDAY, 5 AUGUST 2026**

No. 34

10.30 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 ERIC CHUA (Queenstown), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Law and Ministry of Social and Family Development
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 (Trade)
Ms GAN SIOW HUANG (Marymount), Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Trade and Industry
Ms GHO 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), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Social and Family Development
Assoc Prof KENNETH GOH (Nominated Member)
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)
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), Acting Minister for Manpower and Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Digital Development and Information
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 LEE HONG CHUANG (Jurong East-Bukit Batok)
Mr LEE HSIEN LOONG (Ang Mo Kio), Senior Minister
Ms LEE HUI YING (Nee Soon)
Mr MARK LEE (Nominated Member)
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)
Mr LOW WU YANG ANDRE (Non-Constituency Member)
Ms LOW YEN LING (Bukit Gombak), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Trade and Industry
Mr VICTOR LYE (Ang Mo Kio)
Ms MARIAM JAAFAR (Sembawang)
Mr MASAGOS ZULKIFLI B M M (Tampines), Minister for Social and Family Development.

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)
Mr DAVID NEO (Tampines), Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Second Minister for Education
Dr NEO KOK BENG (Nominated Member)
Mr NG CHEE MENG (Jalan Kayu), Minister, Prime Minister's Office
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 JOAN PEREIRA (Tanjong Pagar)
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), Senior Minister, Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs
Mr SHARAEL TAHA (Pasir Ris-Changi)
Ms SIM ANN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Second Minister for Foreign Affairs, Second Minister for Home Affairs and Deputy Government Whip
Mr JEFFREY SIOH (Chua Chu Kang), Minister for Transport and Second Minister for 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 Foreign Affairs and Ministry of National Development
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 Trade and Industry (Energy and Industry)
Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast)
Mr PATRICK TAY TECK GUAN (Pioneer)

Mrs JOSEPHINE TEO (Jalan Besar), Minister for Digital Development and Information
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 VIVIAN BALAKRISHNAN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Minister for Foreign Affairs
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 YAM ZIMING (Marsiling-Yew Tee)
Mr ALEX YEO (Potong Pasir)
Mr YIP HON WENG (Yio Chu Kang)
Mr MELVIN YONG YIK CHYE (Radin Mas)
Mr ZAQY MOHAMAD (Marsiling-Yew Tee), Acting Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence and Deputy Leader of the House
Mr ZHULKARNAIN ABDUL RAHIM (Chua Chu Kang), Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Home Affairs

ABSENT:

Ms YEO WAN LING (Punggol)

- 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 MAS Annual Report 2025/2026 – Presented on 5 August 2026 (S. 135 of 2026)
 - 1.2 MAS Financial Statements 2025/2026 – Presented on 5 August 2026 (S. 136 of 2026)
 - 1.3 Financial Sector Development Fund Annual Report 2025/2026 – Presented on 5 August 2026 (S. 137 of 2026)
 - 1.4 Financial Sector Development Fund Financial Statements 2025/2026 – Presented on 5 August 2026 (S. 138 of 2026)
 - 1.5 Public Order (Prohibited Areas) (Amendment) Order 2026 – Presented on 5 August 2026 (S. L. 398 of 2026)
 - 1.6 Housing and Development (Appeals Against Financial Penalties) (Amendment) Rules 2026 – Presented on 5 August 2026 (S. L. 399 of 2026)
- 2 21 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.

- 3 An Economy of the Future that Works for All – (Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat) – Motion made, and Question proposed –

"That this House, notwithstanding the suggestions in the Economic Strategy Review on the future Singapore economy, believes:

(a) in a more equal and inclusive economy, with opportunities for entrepreneurs to experiment, households and businesses to succeed, workers to thrive, and ideas and innovation to flourish; and

(b) in an economic engine driven by dynamic local companies, healthy domestic demand, and Singaporeans and Singaporean capital venturing abroad."; Debate arising.

- 4 Exempted Business – (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."

- 5 An Economy of the Future that Works for All – (Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat) – Debate resumed on Question,

"That this House, notwithstanding the suggestions in the Economic Strategy Review on the future Singapore economy, believes:

(a) in a more equal and inclusive economy, with opportunities for entrepreneurs to experiment, households and businesses to succeed, workers to thrive, and ideas and innovation to flourish; and

(b) in an economic engine driven by dynamic local companies, healthy domestic demand, and Singaporeans and Singaporean capital venturing abroad."

Amendments proposed:

(1) "In line 1, to delete 'notwithstanding' and insert 'in line with';

(2) "In line 5, to delete 'economic engine driven' and insert 'economy powered';

(3) "In line 5, after the words 'local companies', to insert 'global enterprises,'; and

(4) "In line 5, after the words 'healthy domestic', to insert 'and external'. – (Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui);

Question proposed, "The Question is the amendments as moved by Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui."; Debate arising.

Question, "That amendment number (1) be made.", put, and agreed to, with the following Members dissenting:-

Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik (Sengkang)

Ms Eileen Chong Pei Shan (Non-Constituency Member)

Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis (Sengkang)

Mr Fadli Fawzi (Aljunied)

Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song (Aljunied)

Ms He Ting Ru (Sengkang)
Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim (Sengkang)
Ms Sylvia Lim (Aljunied)
Mr Low Wu Yang Andre (Non-Constituency Member)
Mr Pritam Singh (Aljunied)
Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong (Hougang)
Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat (Aljunied)

Question, "That amendment number (2) be made.", put, and agreed to.

Question, "That amendment number (3) be made.", put, and agreed to.

Question, "That amendment number (4) be made.", put, and agreed to.

Original Motion, as amended, agreed to, with the following Members dissenting:-

Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik (Sengkang)
Ms Eileen Chong Pei Shan (Non-Constituency Member)
Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis (Sengkang)
Mr Fadli Fawzi (Aljunied)
Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song (Aljunied)
Ms He Ting Ru (Sengkang)
Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim (Sengkang)
Ms Sylvia Lim (Aljunied)
Mr Low Wu Yang Andre (Non-Constituency Member)
Mr Pritam Singh (Aljunied)
Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong (Hougang)
Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat (Aljunied)

Resolved, "That this House, in line with the suggestions in the Economic Strategy Review on the future Singapore economy, believes:

- (a) in a more equal and inclusive economy, with opportunities for entrepreneurs to experiment, households and businesses to succeed, workers to thrive, and ideas and innovation to flourish; and
- (b) in an economy powered by dynamic local companies, global enterprises, healthy domestic and external demand, and Singaporeans and Singaporean capital venturing abroad."

6 Adjournment – (Deputy Leader of the House) – Motion made and Question put – Resolved, "That at its rising today, Parliament do stand adjourned to a date to be fixed."

7 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

Parliament stands adjourned to a date to be fixed.
