

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

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
THURSDAY, 7 MAY 2026**

No. 31

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
Ms GAN SIOH HUANG (Marymount), Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Trade and Industry
Ms GHOSIA SZE KEE (Mountbatten)
Mr GERALD GIAN 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)
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)
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 VIKRAM NAIR (Sembawang)
Dr WAN RIZAL (Jalan Besar)
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
Mr GAN KIM YONG (Punggol), Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry
Assoc Prof KENNETH GOH (Nominated Member)
Mr LEE HSIEN LOONG (Ang Mo Kio), Senior Minister
Ms MARIAM JAAFAR (Sembawang)
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)
Ms POH LI SAN (Sembawang West)
Mrs JOSEPHINE TEO (Jalan Besar), Minister for Digital Development and Information

Mr EDWIN TONG CHUN FAI (East Coast), Minister for Law and Second Minister for Home Affairs

Dr VIVIAN BALAKRISHNAN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr LAWRENCE WONG (Marsiling-Yew Tee), Prime Minister and Minister for Finance

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

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- 1 Paper 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 Public Defenders Act 2022 (Amendment of Schedule) Order 2026 – Presented on 7 May 2026 (S. L. 346 of 2026)

- 2 19 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.

- 3 Info-communications Media Development Authority (Amendment) Bill – (Senior Minister of State (Mr Tan Kiat How), on behalf of the Minister for Digital Development and Information) – Question again proposed on the resumption of debate, "That the Bill be now read a second time."

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 – (Senior Minister of State (Mr Tan Kiat How), on behalf of the Minister for Digital Development and Information).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 19 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time

- 4 Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill – read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Question 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)

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)

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill – (Senior Parliamentary Secretary (Dr Syed Harun Alhabsyi), on behalf of the Minister for National Development).

(In the Committee)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2:

Amendment made, in page 4, line 13, by leaving out “Sewerage and Drainage Act 1999” and inserting “Sewerage, Drainage and Coastal Protection Act 1999”.

Clause 2, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 19 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 20:

Amendment made, in page 24, line 10, by leaving out “Sewerage and Drainage Act 1999” and inserting “Sewerage, Drainage and Coastal Protection Act 1999”.

Clause 20, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 21 agreed to.

Question 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)
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)

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, with amendments; read a third time.

- 5 Securities and Futures (Amendment) 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 National Development, on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 9 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 6 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."

- 7 Central Provident Fund (Amendment) 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 of State (Mr Dinesh Vasu Dash), on behalf of the Minister for Manpower).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 14 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 8 Adjournment – (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."

- 9 Adjournment – (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 8.24 pm

SEAH KIAN PENG,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Parliament stands adjourned to a date to be fixed.
