

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

First Session

MONDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2012

No. 29

1.30 pm

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PRESENT:

Mr SPEAKER (MR MICHAEL PALMER (Punggol East)).

Mr ANG HIN KEE (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr ANG WEI NENG (Jurong).

Mr BAEY YAM KENG (Tampines).

Mr CHAN CHUN SING (Tanjong Pagar), Acting Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports and Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence.

Mr CHEN SHOW MAO (Aljunied).

Dr CHIA SHI-LU (Tanjong Pagar).

Mrs LINA CHIAM (Non-Constituency Member).

Mr CHARLES CHONG (Joo Chiat), Deputy Speaker.

Mr CHRISTOPHER DE SOUZA (Holland-Bukit Timah).

Ms FAIZAH JAMAL (Nominated Member).

Mr NICHOLAS FANG (Nominated Member).

Assoc Prof FATIMAH LATEEF (Marine Parade).

Mr ARTHUR FONG (West Coast).

Mr CEDRIC FOO CHEE KENG (Pioneer).

Ms FOO MEE HAR (West Coast).

Ms GRACE FU HAI YIEN (Yuhua), Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for the Environment and Water Resources and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Mr GAN KIM YONG (Chua Chu Kang), Minister for Health and Government Whip.

Mr GAN THIAM POH (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Mr GERALD GIAM YEAN SONG (Non-Constituency Member).

Mdm HALIMAH YACOB (Jurong), Minister of State, Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports.

Mr HENG CHEE HOW (Whampoa), Senior Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office and Deputy Leader of the House.

Mr HENG SWEE KEAT (Tampines), Minister for Education.

Mr HRI KUMAR NAIR (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr INDERJIT SINGH (Ang Mo Kio).

Dr INTAN AZURA MOKHTAR (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr S ISWARAN (West Coast), Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Home Affairs and Second Minister for Trade and Industry.

Dr JANIL PUTHUCHEARY (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Mr KHAW BOON WAN (Sembawang), Minister for National Development.

Dr AMY KHOR LEAN SUAN (Hong Kah North), Minister of State, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Manpower and Deputy Government Whip.

Ms JANICE KOH (Nominated Member).

Er Dr LEE BEE WAH (Nee Soon).

Ms ELLEN LEE (Sembawang).

Mr LEE HSIEN LOONG (Ang Mo Kio), Prime Minister.

Mr LEE KUAN YEW (Tanjong Pagar).

Mr DESMOND LEE TI-SENG (Jurong).

Mr LEE YI SHYAN (East Coast), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry and Ministry of National Development.

Mr LIANG ENG HWA (Holland-Bukit Timah).

Ms MARY LIEW (Nominated Member).

Mr LIM BIEW CHUAN (Mountbatten).

Mr RAYMOND LIM SIANG KEAT (East Coast),

Mr LIM SWEE SAY (East Coast), Minister, Prime Minister's Office.

Ms SYLVIA LIM (Aljunied).

Dr LIM WEE KIAK (Nee Soon).

Mr LOW THIA KHIANG (Aljunied).

Ms LOW YEN LING (Chua Chu Kang).

Mr LUI TUCK YEW (Moulmein-Kallang), Minister for Transport.

Mr MAH BOW TAN (Tampines).

Mr MASAGOS ZULKIFLI B M M (Tampines), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Dr MOHAMAD MALIKI BIN OSMAN (East Coast), Senior Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence and Minister for National Development.

Mr MUHAMAD FAISAL ABDUL MANAP (Aljunied).

Assoc Prof Dr MUHAMMAD FAISHAL IBRAHIM (Nee Soon), Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Minister for Transport.

Dr LILY NEO (Tanjong Pagar).

Mr DAVID ONG KIM HUAT (Jurong).

Mr ONG TENG KOON (Sembawang).

Ms DENISE PHUA LAY PENG (Moulmein-Kallang).

Mr PNG ENG HUAT (Hougang).

Mr PRITAM SINGH (Aljunied).

Mr R DHINAKARAN (Nominated Member).

Mr SEAH KIAN PENG (Marine Parade), Deputy Speaker.

Mr SENG HAN THONG (Ang Mo Kio).

Ms SIM ANN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Senior Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education and Minister for Law.

Mr SITOY YIH PIN (Potong Pasir).

Mr TAN CHUAN-JIN (Marine Parade), Acting Minister for Manpower and Senior Minister of State, Ministry of National Development.

Asst Prof TAN KHENG BOON EUGENE (Nominated Member).

Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast).

Ms TAN SU SHAN (Nominated Member).

Mr PATRICK TAY TECK GUAN (Nee Soon).

Mr TEO CHEE HEAN (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs.

Dr TEO HO PIN (Bukit Panjang), Deputy Government Whip.

Mrs JOSEPHINE TEO (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister of State, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Transport.

Mr TEO SER LUCK (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Mr TEO SIONG SENG (Nominated Member).

Mr THARMAN SHANMUGARATNAM (Jurong), Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance.

Ms TIN PEI LING (Marine Parade).

Mr EDWIN TONG CHUN FAI (Moulmein-Kallang).

Mr VIKRAM NAIR (Sembawang).

Dr VIVIAN BALAKRISHNAN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.

Mr WONG KAN SENG (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr LAWRENCE WONG (West Coast), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts.

Assoc Prof Dr YAACOB IBRAHIM (Moulmein-Kallang), Minister for Information, Communications and the Arts and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs.

Mr ALEX YAM ZIMING (Chua Chu Kang).

Mr YEE JENN JONG (Non-Constituency Member).

Mr ALVIN YEO (Chua Chu Kang).

Mr ZAINAL SAPARI (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Mr ZAINUDIN NORDIN (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr ZAQY MOHAMAD (Chua Chu Kang).

ABSENT:

Mr GOH CHOK TONG (Marine Parade).

Mr HAWAZI DAIPI (Sembawang), Senior Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education and Acting Minister for Manpower.

Ms INDRANEE RAJAH (Tanjong Pagar).

Dr LAM PIN MIN (Sengkang West).

Mr LAURENCE LIEN (Nominated Member).

Mr LIM HNG KIANG (West Coast), Minister for Trade and Industry.

Ms PENNY LOW (Pasir Ris- Punggol).

Dr NG ENG HEN (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister for Defence and Leader of the House.

Ms IRENE NG PHEK HOONG (Tampines).

Mr K SHANMUGAM (Nee Soon), Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Law.

Mr SAM TAN CHIN SIONG (Radin Mas), Senior Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Acting Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports.

Mr YEO GUAT KWANG (Ang Mo Kio).

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- 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 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Re-Appointment of a Member of Public Service Commission – Presented on 14 August 2012 (S. 48 of 2012).
 - 1.2 Employment of Foreign Manpower (Work Passes) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 14 August 2012 (S. L. 104 of 2012).
 - 1.3 Building Control (Environmental Sustainability) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 21 August 2012 (S. L. 105 of 2012).
 - 1.4 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Immigration (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 16/2012] – Presented on 22 August 2012 (Pres. Co. 15 of 2012).
 - 1.5 National Council of Social Service Annual Report FY2011 – Presented on 23 August 2012 (S. 49 of 2012).
 - 1.6 Road Traffic (Maximum Number of Public Service Vehicle Licences for Taxis) Rules 2012 – Presented on 23 August 2012 (S. L. 106 of 2012).
 - 1.7 Road Traffic (Electronic Road Pricing System) (Amendment No. 5) Rules 2012 – Presented on 23 August 2012 (S. L. 107 of 2012).
 - 1.8 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment No. 5) Rules 2012 – Presented on 23 August 2012 (S. L. 108 of 2012).
 - 1.9 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Quota System) (Amendment) Rules 2012 – Presented on 23 August 2012 (S. L. 109 of 2012).
 - 1.10 Road Traffic (Electronic Service) (Amendment) Rules 2012 – Presented on 23 August 2012 (S. L. 110 of 2012).
 - 1.11 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Quota System) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2012 – Presented on 23 August 2012 (S. L. 111 of 2012).
 - 1.12 Economic Development Board Act (Chapter 85, Revised Edition 2012) – Presented on 24 August 2012 (S. 50 of 2012).
 - 1.13 Home Affairs Uniformed Services Superannuation Act (Chapter 126B, Revised Edition 2012) – Presented on 24 August 2012 (S. 51 of 2012).
 - 1.14 Human Organ Transplant Act (Chapter 131A, Revised Edition 2012) – Presented on 24 August 2012 (S. 52 of 2012).
 - 1.15 National Parks Board Act (Chapter 198A, Revised Edition 2012) – Presented on 24 August 2012 (S. 53 of 2012).
 - 1.16 Nurses and Midwives Act (Chapter 209, Revised Edition 2012) – Presented on 24 August 2012 (S. 54 of 2012).
 - 1.17 Singapore Totalisator Board Act (Chapter 305A, Revised Edition 2012) – Presented on 24 August 2012 (S. 55 of 2012).
 - 1.18 Statistics Act (Chapter 317, Revised Edition 2012) – Presented on 24 August 2012 (S. 56 of 2012).

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- 1.19 Annual Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights for the period from 1 August 2011 to 31 July 2012 – Presented on 28 August 2012 (Cmd. 8 of 2012).
 - 1.20 Customs (Motor Vehicles Special Tax) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 28 August 2012 (S.L. 112 of 2012).
 - 1.21 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Appointment of Chief Justice – Presented on 29 August 2012 (S. 57 of 2012).
 - 1.22 Singapore Polytechnic Annual Report 2011/2012 – Presented on 29 August 2012 (S. 58 of 2012).
 - 1.23 Ngee Ann Polytechnic Annual Report 2011/2012 – Presented on 29 August 2012 (S. 59 of 2012).
 - 1.24 Republic Polytechnic Annual Report 2011/2012 – Presented on 29 August 2012 (S. 60 of 2012).
 - 1.25 Annual Report of the Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore 2011/2012 – Presented on 30 August 2012 (S. 61 of 2012).
 - 1.26 Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board Annual Report 2011/2012 – Presented on 30 August 2012 (S. 62 of 2012).
 - 1.27 Temasek Polytechnic Annual Report 2011/2012 – Presented on 30 August 2012 (S. 63 of 2012).
 - 1.28 Institute of Southeast Asian Studies Annual Report 2011/2012 – Presented on 30 August 2012 (S. 64 of 2012).
 - 1.29 Nanyang Polytechnic Annual Report 2011/2012 – Presented on 3 September 2012 (S. 65 of 2012).
 - 1.30 Institute of Technical Education Annual Report 2012 – Presented on 3 September 2012 (S. 66 of 2012).
 - 1.31 Elderly Care Endowment Scheme Annual Report 2011/2012 – Presented on 4 September 2012 (S. 67 of 2012).
 - 1.32 Council for Private Education Annual Report 2011/2012 – Presented on 4 September 2012 (S. 68 of 2012).
 - 1.33 Science Centre Singapore Annual Report 2011/2012 – Presented on 4 September 2012 (S. 69 of 2012).
 - 1.34 Savings and Employee Retirement and Premium Fund (SAVER-Premium Fund) Annual Report 2011 – Presented on 4 September 2012 (S. 70 of 2012).
 - 1.35 Health Products (Medical Devices) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 6 September 2012 (S.L. 113 of 2012).
 - 1.36 JTC Corporation Annual Report 2011 – Presented on 7 September 2012 (S. 71 of 2012).

- 2 Announcement by Mr Speaker – Mr Speaker made the following communication to the House:-
- "I wish to inform honourable Members that under the provisions of Standing Order No 102, I have on 27 August 2012 nominated Dr Janil Puthucheary and Mr Png Eng Huat to be Members of the Estimates Committee, in place of Assoc Prof Dr Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim and the former Member Mr Yaw Shin Leong respectively. The nominations took effect from 27 August 2012."
- 3 21 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 4 Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Bill – "to amend certain statutes of the Republic of Singapore in connection with the re-distribution of the portfolios of certain Ministries" – presented by the Minister for Information, Communications and the Arts; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 23/2012].
- 5 Personal Data Protection Bill – "to govern the collection, use and disclosure of personal data by organisations, and to establish the Personal Data Protection Commission and Do Not Call Register and to provide for their administration, and for matters connected therewith, and to make related and consequential amendments to various other Acts" – presented by the Minister for Information, Communications and the Arts; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 24/2012].
- 6 Civil Law (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Civil Law Act (Chapter 43 of the 1999 Revised Edition) and to make related amendments to the Public Trustee Act (Chapter 260 of the 1985 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Law; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 25/2012].
- 7 Voluntary Sterilization (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Voluntary Sterilization Act (Chapter 347 of the 1985 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Minister for Health; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 26/2012].
- 8 Parliamentary Pensions (Abolition) 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 – (Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 8 inclusive agreed to.

The Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 9 Civil List and Pension (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 – (Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 9 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 10 Goods and Services Tax (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, Ministry of Finance).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 16 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 11 Building Control (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 – (Senior Minister of State, Ministry of National Development).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 25 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 12 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 – (Acting Minister for Manpower).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 42 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

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

And the Question having been proposed at 6.00 pm and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr Deputy Speaker adjourned Parliament without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Adjourned at 6.30 pm

MICHAEL PALMER
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 1.30 pm on Tuesday, 11 September 2012.
