

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE
THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE**

First Session

MONDAY, 11 JULY 2016

No. 21

1.30 pm

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PRESENT:

Mdm SPEAKER (Mdm HALIMAH YACOB (Marsiling-YewTee)).

Mr AMRIN AMIN (Sembawang), Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs.

Mr ANG HIN KEE (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr ANG WEI NENG (Jurong).

Mr BAEY YAM KENG (Tampines), Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth.

Miss CHERYL CHAN WEI LING (Fengshan).

Mr CHAN CHUN SING (Tanjong Pagar), Minister, Prime Minister's Office and Government Whip.

Mr CHEE HONG TAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information and Ministry of Health.

Mr CHEN SHOW MAO (Aljunied).

Miss CHENG LI HUI (Tampines).

Dr CHIA SHI-LU (Tanjong Pagar).

Mr CHARLES CHONG (Punggol East), Deputy Speaker.

Mr CHONG KEE HIONG (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr DESMOND CHOO (Tampines).

Mr THOMAS CHUA KEE SENG (Nominated Member).

Mr CHRISTOPHER DE SOUZA (Holland-Bukit Timah).

Assoc Prof FATIMAH LATEEF (Marine Parade).

Mr CEDRIC FOO CHEE KENG (Pioneer).

Ms FOO MEE HAR (West Coast).

Ms GRACE FU HAI YIEN (Yuhua), Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Leader of the House.

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

Mr GAN THIAM POH (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr GANESH RAJARAM (Nominated Member).

Mr GOH CHOK TONG (Marine Parade).

Assoc Prof DANIEL GOH PEI SIONG (Non-Constituency Member).

Mr HENG CHEE HOW (Jalan Besar), Senior Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office.

Ms INDRANEE RAJAH (Tanjong Pagar), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Law.

Dr INTAN AZURA MOKHTAR (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr S ISWARAN (West Coast), Minister for Trade and Industry (Industry).

Dr JANIL PUTHUCHEARY (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information and Ministry of Education.

Mr KHAW BOON WAN (Sembawang), Coordinating Minister for Infrastructure and Minister for Transport.

Dr KOH POH KOON (Ang Mo Kio), Minister of State, Ministry of National Development and Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Mr KOK HENG LEUN (Nominated Member).

Ms KUIK SHIAO-YIN (Nominated Member).

Mr KWEK HIAN CHUAN HENRY (Nee Soon).

Dr LAM PIN MIN (Sengkang West), Minister of State, Ministry of Health.

Er Dr LEE BEE WAH (Nee Soon).

Mr DESMOND LEE (Jurong), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of National Development and Deputy Leader of the House.

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

Mr LEE YI SHYAN (East Coast).

Mr LIANG ENG HWA (Holland-Bukit Timah).

Mr LIM BIOW CHUAN (Mountbatten), Deputy Speaker.

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

Mr LIM SWEE SAY (East Coast), Minister for Manpower.

Ms SYLVIA LIM (Aljunied).

Dr LIM WEE KIAK (Sembawang).

Mr LOW THIA KHIANG (Aljunied).

Ms LOW YEN LING (Chua Chu Kang), Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Asst Prof MAHDEV MOHAN (Nominated Member).

Dr MOHAMAD MALIKI BIN OSMAN (East Coast), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Mr MUHAMAD FAISAL ABDUL MANAP (Aljunied).

Assoc Prof Dr MUHAMMAD FAISHAL IBRAHIM (Nee Soon), Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Social and Family Development.

Mr MURALI PILLAI (Bukit Batok).

Dr LILY NEO (Jalan Besar).

Mr NG CHEE MENG (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Acting Minister for Education (Schools) and Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Transport.

Dr NG ENG HEN (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister for Defence.

Mr LOUIS NG KOK KWANG (Nee Soon).

Mr ONG TENG KOON (Marsiling-Yew Tee).

Mr ONG YE KUNG (Sembawang), Acting Minister for Education (Higher Education and Skills) and Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence.

Ms JOAN PEREIRA (Tanjong Pagar).

Mr LEON PERERA (Non-Constituency Member).

Ms DENISE PHUA LAY PENG (Jalan Besar).

Mr PNG ENG HUAT (Hougang).

Mr PRITAM SINGH (Aljunied).

Ms RAHAYU MAHZAM (Jurong).

Mr SAKTIANDI SUPAAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr SEAH KIAN PENG (Marine Parade).

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

Ms SIM ANN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Finance and Deputy Government Whip.

Mr SITO H YIH PIN (Potong Pasir).

Ms SUN XUE LING (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Mr TAN CHUAN-JIN (Marine Parade), Minister for Social and Family Development.

Mr DENNIS TAN LIP FONG (Non-Constituency Member).

Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast).

Mr SAM TAN CHIN SIONG (Radin Mas), Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of Manpower and Deputy Government Whip.

Dr TAN WU MENG (Jurong).

Assoc Prof RANDOLPH TAN (Nominated Member).

Mr PATRICK TAY TECK GUAN (West Coast).

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

Dr TEO HO PIN (Bukit Panjang).

Mrs JOSEPHINE TEO (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Senior Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Transport.

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

Ms K THANALETCHIMI (Nominated Member).

Mr THARMAN SHANMUGARATNAM (Jurong), Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for Economic and Social Policies and Minister for Finance (Covering) (with effect from 12 May 2016).

Ms TIN PEI LING (MacPherson).

Mr EDWIN TONG CHUN FAI (Marine Parade).

Mr VIKRAM NAIR (Sembawang).

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

Mr LAWRENCE WONG (Marsiling-Yew Tee), Minister for National Development.

Assoc Prof Dr YAACOB IBRAHIM (Jalan Besar), Minister for Communications and Information and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs.

Mr ALEX YAM ZIMING (Marsiling-Yew Tee).

Mr YEE CHIA HSING (Chua Chu Kang).

Mr MELVIN YONG YIK CHYE (Tanjong Pagar).

Mr ZAINAL SAPARI (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Mr ZAQY MOHAMAD (Chua Chu Kang).

ABSENT:

Mr AZMOON AHMAD (Nominated Member).

Ms CHIA YONG YONG (Nominated Member).

Mr DARRYL DAVID (Ang Mo Kio).

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

Dr AMY KHOR LEAN SUAN (Hong Kah North), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources and Ministry of Health.

Mr MASAGOS ZULKIFLI B M M (Tampines), Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.

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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 Annual Report of the President Industrial Arbitration Court 2015 – Presented on 11 May 2016 (S. 84 of 2016).
 - 1.2 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Child Development Co-Savings (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 17/2016] – Presented on 13 May 2016 (Pres. Co. 10 of 2016).
 - 1.3 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill [Bill No 15/2016] – Presented on 13 May 2016 (Pres. Co. 11 of 2016).
 - 1.4 Income Tax (Qualifying Mediation and Qualifying Mediator) Rules 2016 – Presented on 13 May 2016 (S. L. 105 of 2016).
 - 1.5 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Quota System) (Amendment) Rules 2016 – Presented on 16 May 2016 (S. L. 106 of 2016).
 - 1.6 Road Traffic (Electronic Road Pricing System) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2016 – Presented on 16 May 2016 (S. L. 107 of 2016).
 - 1.7 Road Traffic (Taxi Service Operator Licence) (Amendment) Rules 2016 – Presented on 16 May 2016 (S. L. 108 of 2016).
 - 1.8 Revised Edition of the Laws (Evidence Act) (Rectification) Order 2016 – Presented on 18 May 2016 (S. L. 109 of 2016).
 - 1.9 Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors, Trishaw Riders and Passengers) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2016 – Presented on 19 May 2016 (S. L. 110 of 2016).
 - 1.10 Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors, Trishaw Riders and Passengers) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2016 – Presented on 19 May 2016 (S. L. 111 of 2016).
 - 1.11 Central Provident Fund (Minimum Sum Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 20 May 2016 (S. L. 112 of 2016).
 - 1.12 Central Provident Fund (New Minimum Sum Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 20 May 2016 (S. L. 113 of 2016).
 - 1.13 Central Provident Fund (Revised Minimum Sum Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 20 May 2016 (S. L. 114 of 2016).
 - 1.14 Central Provident Fund (Dependants' Protection Insurance Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 20 May 2016 (S. L. 115 of 2016).

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- 1.15 Central Provident Fund (Home Protection Insurance Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 20 May 2016 (S. L. 116 of 2016).
 - 1.16 Central Provident Fund (Voluntary Contributions) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 20 May 2016 (S. L. 117 of 2016).
 - 1.17 Central Provident Fund (Self–Employed Persons) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 20 May 2016 (S. L. 118 of 2016).
 - 1.18 Central Provident Fund (Lifelong Income Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 20 May 2016 (S. L. 119 of 2016).
 - 1.19 Central Provident Fund (Amendment) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 20 May 2016 (S. L. 120 of 2016).
 - 1.20 Central Provident Fund (Notice to Attend Court) Rules 2016 – Presented on 20 May 2016 (S. L. 121 of 2016).
 - 1.21 Public Order (Unrestricted Area) (Revocation) Order 2016 – Presented on 26 May 2016 (S. L. 122 of 2016).
 - 1.22 Public Order (Unrestricted Area) Order 2016 – Presented on 26 May 2016 (S. L. 123 of 2016).
 - 1.23 Elderly Care Endowment Scheme 2015/2016 Annual Report – Presented on 27 May 2016 (S. 85 of 2016).
 - 1.24 Bus Services Industry (Bus Service Licence) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 30 May 2016 (S. L. 124 of 2016).
 - 1.25 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Re-Appointments to the Board of the Monetary Authority of Singapore – Presented on 31 May 2016 (S. 86 of 2016).
 - 1.26 Public Order (Composition of Offences) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 6 June 2016 (S. L. 125 of 2016).
 - 1.27 The Connect Fund Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2016 – Presented on 9 June 2016 (S. 87 of 2016).
 - 1.28 Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors, Trishaw Riders and Passengers) (Amendment No. 4) Rules 2016 – Presented on 9 June 2016 (S. L. 126 of 2016).
 - 1.29 Goods and Services Tax (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 9 June 2016 (S. L. 127 of 2016).
 - 1.30 Goods and Services Tax (International Services) (Amendment) Order 2016 – Presented on 9 June 2016 (S. L. 128 of 2016).

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- 1.31 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Driving Licences) (Amendment) Rules 2016 – Presented on 10 June 2016 (S. L. 129 of 2016).
 - 1.32 Organised Crime Regulations 2016 – Presented on 10 June 2016 (S. L. 130 of 2016).
 - 1.33 Environmental Protection and Management (Composition of Offences) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 14 June 2016 (S. L. 131 of 2016).
 - 1.34 Central Provident Fund (Prescribed Amount for Medisave Account) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 14 June 2016 (S. L. 132 of 2016).
 - 1.35 Legal Aid and Advice (Amendment) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 14 June 2016 (S. L. 133 of 2016).
 - 1.36 Central Provident Fund Board Annual Report 2015 – Presented on 23 June 2016 (S. 88 of 2016).
 - 1.37 Annual Report of Singapore Corporation of Rehabilitative Enterprises 2015 – Presented on 23 June 2016 (S. 89 of 2016).
 - 1.38 Employment (Recommendations for Annual Wage Adjustment) Notification 2016 – Presented on 24 June 2016 (Misc. 3 of 2016).
 - 1.39 Pioneer Generation Fund Audited Financial Statements for the Financial Period from 9 March 2015 to 31 March 2016 – Presented on 24 June 2016 (S. 90 of 2016).
 - 1.40 Goods and Services Tax Voucher Fund Audited Financial Statements for the Financial Period ended 31 March 2016 – Presented on 24 June 2016 (S. 91 of 2016).
 - 1.41 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Rules 2016 – Presented on 24 June 2016 (S. L. 134 of 2016).
 - 1.42 Annual Report of Majlis Ugama Islam Singapura 2015 – Presented on 27 June 2016 (S. 92 of 2016).
 - 1.43 Annual Report of Home Affairs Uniformed Services (INVEST Fund) for Financial Year 2015/2016 – Presented on 27 June 2016 (S. 93 of 2016).
 - 1.44 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Quota System) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2016 – Presented on 27 June 2016 (S. L. 135 of 2016).
 - 1.45 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Appointment of Judges of Appeal and Judicial Commissioners of the Supreme Court – Presented on 29 June 2016 (S. 94 of 2016).

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- 1.46 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Central Provident Fund Board (CPF Board) Re-Appointments and Appointment of Board Members – Presented on 30 June 2016 (S. 95 of 2016).
 - 1.47 Women's Charter (Registration of Marriages) (Amendment) Rules 2016 – Presented on 30 June 2016 (S. L. 136 of 2016).
 - 1.48 Gas (Supply) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 4 July 2016 (S. L. 137 of 2016).
 - 1.49 Summary Report of Actuarial Valuation of the Pension Fund – Presented on 7 July 2016 (S. 96 of 2016).
 - 1.50 Building Control (Environmental Sustainability Measures for Existing Buildings) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 8 July 2016 (S. L. 138 of 2016).
 - 1.51 Building and Construction Authority (Importers' Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 8 July 2016 (S. L. 139 of 2016).
 - 1.52 Report on Registration of Births and Deaths 2015 – Presented on 11 July 2016 (S. 97 of 2016).
- 2 Rearrangement of Business – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That, under Standing Order 10(2), the business motion standing under my name as listed on the Order Paper for today be taken now."
 - 3 Extension of Question Time – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That, notwithstanding Standing Order 22(1), Question Time at this day's sitting shall continue for up to two and a half hours from the commencement of the sitting."
 - 4 27 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
 - 5 Singapore Workforce Development Agency (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Singapore Workforce Development Agency Act (Chapter 305D of the 2004 Revised Edition) and to make consequential amendments to certain other Acts" – presented by the Minister of State, Ministry of Manpower; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 19/2016].
 - 6 Employment Claims Bill – "to facilitate the expeditious resolution of employment disputes by providing for the mediation of such disputes, for the constitution, jurisdiction and powers of and administration of justice in the Employment Claims Tribunals, and for related matters, and to make consequential and related amendments to certain other Acts" – presented by the Minister of State, Ministry of Manpower; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 20/2016].

- 7 Info-communications Media Development Authority Bill – "to establish the Info-communications Media Development Authority, to make provision for competition and consumer protection in the media industry, to repeal the Info-communications Development Authority of Singapore Act (Chapter 137A of the 2000 Revised Edition) and the Media Development Authority of Singapore Act (Chapter 172 of the 2003 Revised Edition), and to make consequential and related amendments to certain other Acts" – presented by the Minister for Communications and Information; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 21/2016].
- 8 Government Technology Agency Bill – "to establish the Government Technology Agency and to make consequential amendments to certain other Acts" – presented by the Minister for Communications and Information; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 22/2016].
- 9 Administration of Justice (Protection) Bill – "to state and consolidate the law of contempt of court for the protection of the administration of justice, to define the powers of certain courts in punishing contempt of court and to regulate their procedure in relation thereto; and to make consequential amendments to certain other Acts" – presented by the Senior Minister of State, 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. 23/2016].
- 10 SkillsFuture Singapore Agency Bill – "to establish the SkillsFuture Singapore Agency and to make consequential and related amendments to certain other Acts" – presented by the Acting Minister for Education (Higher Education and Skills); read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 24/2016].
- 11 Bretton Woods Agreements (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).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 4 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

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- 12 Adjournment to a Later Date – (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."
- 13 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 5.34 pm

HALIMAH YACOB,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Parliament stands adjourned to a date to be fixed.
