

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

First Session

MONDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2013

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1.30 pm

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PRESENT:

Mdm SPEAKER (Mdm HALIMAH YACOB (Jurong)).

Mr ANG HIN KEE (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr ANG WEI NENG (Jurong).

Mr BAEY YAM KENG (Tampines).

Mr CHAN CHUN SING (Tanjong Pagar), Minister for Social and Family Development and Second Minister for 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).

Mr ARTHUR FONG (West Coast).

Mr CEDRIC FOO CHEE KENG (Pioneer).

Ms FOO MEE HAR (West Coast).

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).

Mr GOH CHOK TONG (Marine Parade).

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

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).

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

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), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Manpower and Deputy Government Whip.

Ms JANICE KOH (Nominated Member).

Dr LAM PIN MIN (Sengkang West).

Ms ELLEN LEE (Sembawang).

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

Ms LEE LI LIAN (Punggol East).

Mr DESMOND LEE TI-SENG (Jurong), Minister of State, Ministry of National Development.

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).

Mr LAURENCE LIEN (Nominated Member).

Ms MARY LIEW (Nominated Member).

Mr LIM BIOW CHUAN (Mountbatten).

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

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

Ms SYLVIA LIM (Aljunied).

Dr LIM WEE KIAK (Nee Soon).

Ms PENNY LOW (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Mr LOW THIA KHIANG (Aljunied).

Ms LOW YEN LING (Chua Chu Kang), Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social and Family Development.

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), Minister of State, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of 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).

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

Ms IRENE NG PHEK HOONG (Tampines).

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).

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

Ms SIM ANN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Minister of State, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Communications and Information.

Mr SITO H YIH PIN (Potong Pasir).

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

Mr TAN CHUAN-JIN (Marine Parade), Acting Minister for Manpower.

Assoc 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), Senior 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.

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), Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information.

Assoc Prof Dr YAACOB IBRAHIM (Moulmein-Kallang), Minister for Communications and Information 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 YEO GUAT KWANG (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr ZAINAL SAPARI (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Mr ZAINUDIN NORDIN (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr ZAQY MOHAMAD (Chua Chu Kang).

ABSENT:

Assoc Prof FATIMAH LATEEF (Marine Parade).

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 INDERJIT SINGH (Ang Mo Kio).

Er Dr LEE BEE WAH (Nee Soon).

Mr LEE KUAN YEW (Tanjong Pagar).

Mr RAYMOND LIM SIANG KEAT (East Coast).

Ms TIN PEI LING (Marine Parade).

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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 Customs (Container) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 – Presented on 23 October 2013 (S. L. 133 of 2013).
 - 1.2 Customs (Miscellaneous Fees and Rates) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 – Presented on 23 October 2013 (S. L. 134 of 2013).
 - 1.3 Rules of Court (Amendment No. 4) Rules 2013 – Presented on 29 October 2013 (S. L. 135 of 2013).
 - 1.4 Legal Profession (Pro Bono Legal Services) Rules 2013 – Presented on 29 October 2013 (S. L. 136 of 2013).
 - 1.5 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Jurong Town Corporation (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 15/2013] – Presented on 30 October 2013 (Pres. Co. 14 of 2013).
 - 1.6 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Appointment and Re-Appointment of Members of Legal Service Commission – Presented on 30 October 2013 (S. L. 136 of 2013).
 - 1.7 Central Provident Fund (Private Medical Insurance Scheme) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2013 – Presented on 30 October 2013 (S. L. 137 of 2013).
 - 1.8 Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors, Trishaw Riders and Passengers) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2013 – Presented on 30 October 2013 (S. L. 138 of 2013).
 - 1.9 Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2013 – Presented on 30 October 2013 (S. L. 139 of 2013).
 - 1.10 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Extension of Appointment of Chief Executive Officer and Re-Appointment as Board Member of the Central Provident Fund Board (CPF Board) – Presented on 7 November 2013 (S. L. 137 of 2013).
- 2 13 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.

- 3 Prisons (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Prisons Act (Chapter 247 of the 2000 Revised Edition) to make provision for the remission of sentences of imprisonment and for the better administration of prisons, and to make related amendments to certain other written laws" – presented by the Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 22/2013].
- 4 Government Procurement (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Government Procurement Act (Chapter 120 of the 1998 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Finance; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 23/2013].
- 5 Regulation of Imports and Exports (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Regulation of Imports and Exports Act (Chapter 272A of the 1996 Revised Edition) and to make consequential amendments to the Customs Act (Chapter 70 of the 2004 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Second Minister for Trade and Industry; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 24/2013].
- 6 Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill – "to amend certain statutes of the Republic of Singapore" – 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. 25/2013].
- 7 Subordinate Courts (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Subordinate Courts Act (Chapter 321 of the 2007 Revised Edition) and to make consequential or related amendments to certain other written laws" – 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. 26/2013].
- 8 Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) Bill – "to give effect to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, to make provisions generally for matters connected therewith, and to make related amendments to certain other written laws" – presented by the Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Transport; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 27/2013].
- 9 Criminal Law (Temporary Provisions) (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 – (Second Minister for Home Affairs).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 and 2 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 – (Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Finance).

(In the Committee)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2:

Amendment made in page 2, line 28, by leaving out from "this" and inserting –

"Act,

and the specified person and persons under his command shall not further disclose such information except for the purpose of any investigation or prosecution referred to in paragraph (a), and any person who makes a further disclosure in contravention of this provision shall be guilty of an offence." – (Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Finance).

Clause 2, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 9 inclusive agreed to.

The Schedule:

Amendment made in page 8, by leaving out from "this" in paragraph (b) in the Second column against item 1(a), and inserting –

First column

Second column

"Act,

and the specified person and persons under his command shall not further disclose such information except for the purpose of any investigation or prosecution referred to in paragraph (a)." – (Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Finance).

The Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, with amendments; read a third time.

- 11 Motor Vehicles (Third-Party Risks and Compensation) (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 Law).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 12 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 12 Road Traffic (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 Transport).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 10 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 13 Central Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill – (Acting Minister for Manpower) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time"; Debate arising.

- 14 Adjournment of Debate – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the debate be now adjourned."

Debate to be resumed Tomorrow.

15 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 7.16 pm

HALIMAH YACOB
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Mdm Speaker will take the Chair again at 1.30 pm on Tuesday, 12 November 2013.
