

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

First Session

MONDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2012

No. 33

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 Social and Family Development and Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence.

Mr CHEN SHOW MAO (Aljunied).

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 CEDRIC FOO CHEE KENG (Pioneer).

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).

Mr GOH CHOK TONG (Marine Parade).

Mdm HALIMAH YACOB (Jurong), Minister of State, Ministry of Social and Family Development.

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 INDERJIT SINGH (Ang Mo Kio).

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), 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).

Er Dr LEE BEE WAH (Nee Soon).

Ms ELLEN LEE (Sembawang).

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

Mr LEE KUAN YEOW (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).

Mr LAURENCE LIEN (Nominated Member).

Ms MARY LIEW (Nominated Member).

Mr LIM BIOW CHUAN (Mountbatten).

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

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 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 National Development and Minister for Defence.

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.

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), Senior Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications and Information and Minister for Education.

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 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 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), 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:

Dr CHIA SHI-LU (Tanjong Pagar).

Assoc Prof FATIMAH LATEEF (Marine Parade).

Mr ARTHUR FONG (West Coast).

Ms FOO MEE HAR (West Coast).

Mr HRI KUMAR NAIR (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Ms PENNY LOW (Pasir Ris- Punggol).

Mr MAH BOW TAN (Tampines).

Ms IRENE NG PHEK HOONG (Tampines).

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

- 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 Goods and Services Tax Act (Amendment of Fourth Schedule) Order 2012 – Presented on 18 October 2012 (S. L. 129 of 2012).
 - 1.2 Goods and Services Tax (General) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 18 October 2012 (S. L. 130 of 2012).
 - 1.3 Amusement Rides Safety Act (Chapter 6A, Revised Edition 2012) – Presented on 18 October 2012 (S. 130 of 2012).
 - 1.4 Employment Agencies Act (Chapter 92, Revised Edition 2012) – Presented on 18 October 2012 (S. 131 of 2012).
 - 1.5 Goods and Services Tax (Buildings, Flats and Tenements for Residential Purposes) (Amendment) Order 2012 – Presented on 18 October 2012 (S. L. 131 of 2012).
 - 1.6 Goods and Services Tax (Application of Legislation Relating to Customs and Excise Duties) (Amendment) Order 2012 – Presented on 18 October 2012 (S. L. 132 of 2012).
 - 1.7 Land Surveyors Act (Chapter 156, Revised Edition 2012) – Presented on 18 October 2012 (S. 132 of 2012).
 - 1.8 Retirement and Re-Employment Act (Chapter 274A, Revised Edition 2012) – Presented on 18 October 2012 (S. 133 of 2012).
 - 1.9 Goods and Services Tax (Imports Relief) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2012 – Presented on 18 October 2012 (S. L. 133 of 2012).
 - 1.10 Customs (Authorised Piers and Places) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 18 October 2012 (S. L. 134 of 2012).
 - 1.11 Goods and Services Tax (International Services) (Amendment) Order 2012 – Presented on 18 October 2012 (S. L. 135 of 2012).
 - 1.12 Goods and Services Tax Act (Amendment of Second Schedule) Order 2012 – Presented on 18 October 2012 (S. L. 136 of 2012).
 - 1.13 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Appointment of Temporary Chairman for Housing and Development Board (HDB) – Presented on 30 October 2012 (S. 134 of 2012).
 - 1.14 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Bill [Bill No 23/2012] – Presented on 31 October 2012 (Pres. Co. 19 of 2012).

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- 1.15 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Personal Data Protection Bill [Bill No 24/2012 (Amended)] — Presented on 31 October 2012 (Pres. Co. 20 of 2012).
 - 1.16 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Civil Law (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 25/2012] — Presented on 31 October 2012 (Pres. Co. 21 of 2012).
 - 1.17 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Voluntary Sterilization (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 26/2012] — Presented on 31 October 2012 (Pres. Co. 22 of 2012).
 - 1.18 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Appointment and Re-Appointment of Directors to the Board of Government of Singapore Investment Corporation Pte Ltd (GIC Board) — Presented on 31 October 2012 (S. 135 of 2012).
 - 1.19 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Appointment to the Board of Jurong Town Corporation (JTC) — Presented on 31 October 2012 (S. 136 of 2012).
 - 1.20 Central Provident Fund (Approved Housing Schemes) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 — Presented on 1 November 2012 (S. L. 137 of 2012).
 - 1.21 Fees (Ministry of Social and Family Development) Order 2012 — Presented on 2 November 2012 (S. L. 138 of 2012).
 - 1.22 Charities (Fund-Raising Appeals for Local and Foreign Charitable Purposes) Regulations 2012 — Presented on 5 November 2012 (S. L. 139 of 2012).
 - 1.23 Charities (Accounts and Annual Report) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 — Presented on 5 November 2012 (S. L. 140 of 2012).
 - 1.24 Charities (Composition of Offences) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 — Presented on 5 November 2012 (S. L. 141 of 2012).
 - 1.25 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Appointment of Chairman of Presidential Council for Minority Rights (PCMR) — Presented on 6 November 2012 (S. 137 of 2012).
 - 1.26 Goods and Services Tax (Non-Taxable Government Supplies) (Amendment) Order 2012 — Presented on 12 November 2012 (S. L. 142 of 2012).
- 2 17 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
 - 3 Ministerial Statement — Tribute to former Chief Justice Chan Sek Keong — (Minister for Law).

- 4 Computer Misuse (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Computer Misuse Act (Chapter 50A of the 2007 Revised Edition) and to make consequential amendments to certain other written laws" – presented by the Second Minister for Home Affairs; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 36/2012].
- 5 Payment Systems (Oversight) (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Payment Systems (Oversight) Act (Chapter 222A of the 2007 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 37/2012].
- 6 Stamp Duties (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Stamp Duties Act (Chapter 312 of the 2006 Revised Edition)" – President's recommendation signified and Bill presented by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 38/2012].
- 7 Economic Expansion Incentives (Relief from Income Tax) (Amendment No. 2) Bill – "to amend the Economic Expansion Incentives (Relief from Income Tax) Act (Chapter 86 of the 2005 Revised Edition) and to make related and consequential amendments to the Income Tax Act (Chapter 134 of the 2008 Revised Edition)" – President's recommendation signified and Bill presented by the Senior Minister of State, Ministry of 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. 39/2012].
- 8 Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Bill – (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time"; Debate arising.
- 9 Adjournment of Debate – (Government Whip) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the debate be now adjourned."

Debate to be resumed on Wednesday, 14 November 2012.
- 10 Adjournment to Wednesday, 14 November 2012 – (Government Whip) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That at its rising today, Parliament do stand adjourned to Wednesday, 14 November 2012 at 12 noon."
- 11 Adjournment – (Government Whip) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That Parliament do now adjourn."; Debate arising.

On Question put – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn."

Adjourned at 7.03 pm

MICHAEL PALMER,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 12 noon on Wednesday, 14 November 2012.
