

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

First Session

MONDAY, 13 MAY 2013

No. 54

1.30 pm

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PRESENT:

Mdm SPEAKER (Mdm HALIMAH YACOB (Jurong)).

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).

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).

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).

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 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), 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 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.

Ms LEE LI LIAN (Punggol East).

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).

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

Mr MAH BOW TAN (Tampines).

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).

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).

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 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 Education and Minister for Communications and Information.

Mr SITO H 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 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), 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 YEE JENN JONG (Non-Constituency Member).

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:

Mr ANG HIN KEE (Ang Mo Kio).

Assoc Prof FATIMAH LATEEF (Marine Parade).

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

Mr INDERJIT SINGH (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr RAYMOND LIM SIANG KEAT (East Coast).

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

Mr ONG TENG KOON (Sembawang).

Mr SENG HAN THONG (Ang Mo Kio).

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

Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast).

Mr ALEX YAM ZIMING (Chua Chu Kang).

Mr ALVIN YEO (Chua Chu Kang).

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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 Second Report of the Public Accounts Committee – Presented on 11 April 2013 (Parl. 2 of 2013).
 - 1.2 Central Provident Fund (Amendment) Regulations 2013 – Presented on 12 April 2013 (S. L. 72 of 2013).
 - 1.3 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2013 – Presented on 12 April 2013 (S. L. 73 of 2013).
 - 1.4 Customs (Offices and Stations) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 – Presented on 16 April 2013 (S. L. 74 of 2013).
 - 1.5 Customs (Amendment) Regulations 2013 – Presented on 16 April 2013 (S. L. 75 of 2013).
 - 1.6 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Re-Appointment of Member of Presidential Council for Minority Rights – Presented on 19 April 2013 (S. 20 of 2013).
 - 1.7 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Appointments of Chief Executive and Board Member of Jurong Town Corporation – Presented on 22 April 2013 (S. 21 of 2013).
 - 1.8 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Fire Safety (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 1/2013] – Presented on 24 April 2013 (Pres. Co. 8 of 2013).
 - 1.9 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Financial Holding Companies Bill [Bill No 6/2013] – Presented on 24 April 2013 (Pres. Co. 9 of 2013).
 - 1.10 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Housing Developers (Control and Licensing) (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 7/2013] – Presented on 24 April 2013 (Pres. Co. 10 of 2013).
 - 1.11 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Child Development Co-Savings (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 10/2013 (Amended)] – Presented on 24 April 2013 (Pres. Co. 11 of 2013).
 - 1.12 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Re-Appointment of Director to the Board of Temasek Holdings Private Limited (Temasek) – Presented on 29 April 2013 (S. 22 of 2013).
 - 1.13 Workplace Safety and Health (Construction) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 – Presented on 29 April 2013 (S. L. 76 of 2013).

- 1.14 Workplace Safety and Health (Work at Heights) Regulations 2013 – Presented on 29 April 2013 (S. L. 77 of 2013).
 - 1.15 MND Town Council Review Report – Presented on 8 May 2013 (Misc. 3 of 2013).
 - 1.16 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment No. 4) Rules 2013 – Presented on 13 May 2013 (S. L. 78 of 2013).
 - 1.17 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Quota System) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2013 – Presented on 13 May 2013 (S. L. 79 of 2013).
- 2 19 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
 - 3 Ministerial Statement – Town Councils – (Minister for National Development) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Ministerial Statement on Town Councils be considered by Parliament."; Debate arising.
 - 4 Time Limit for Speeches – (Leader of the House) – (with the consent of Mdm Speaker and the general assent of Members present) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the proceedings on the item under discussion be exempted from the provisions of Standing Order No. 48(8) in respect of the speech of the Minister for National Development."
 - 5 Extension of Sitting – Pursuant to Standing Order 2(5)(d), Mdm Speaker extended the sitting beyond the moment of interruption for a period of up to 30 minutes.
 - 6 Ministerial Statement – Town Councils – (Minister for National Development) – Debate resumed on Question, "That the Ministerial Statement on Town Councils be considered by Parliament."
- Upon conclusion of the Debate, the Motion lapsed pursuant to Standing Order No. 44(2).
- 7 Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn to a date to be fixed."

Adjourned at 7.19 pm

HALIMAH YACOB
Speaker.

MEMORANDUM

Parliament stands adjourned to a date to be fixed.
