

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

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**First Session**

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MONDAY, 14 JANUARY 2013

No. 37

**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), 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).

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).

Mr GOH CHOK TONG (Marine Parade).

Mr HAWAZI DAIPI (Semba wang), 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 SISWARAN (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 (Semba wang), 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 (Semba wang).

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 LIANGENG 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).

Ms PENNY LOW (Pasir Ris- Punggol).

Mr LOW THIA KHIANG (Aljunied).

Ms LOW YEN LING (Chua Chu Kang).

Mr LUITUCK 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).

Mr ONG TENG KOON (Sembaawang).

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 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 VIKRAM NAIR (Sembawang).

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:

Mr INDERJIT SINGH (Ang Mo Kio).

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

Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast).

Mr EDWIN TONG CHUN FAI (Moulmein-Kallang).

Dr VIVIAN BALAKRISHNAN (Holland-Bukit Timah), 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 Betting and Sweepstake Duties Act (Chapter 22, Revised Edition 2012) – Presented on 19 November 2012 (S. 139 of 2012).
  - 1.2 Coroners Act (Chapter 63A, Revised Edition 2012) – Presented on 19 November 2012 (S. 140 of 2012).
  - 1.3 Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore Act (Chapter 138A, Revised Edition 2012) – Presented on 19 November 2012 (S. 141 of 2012).
  - 1.4 Road Traffic (Electronic Road Pricing System) (Amendment No. 6) Rules 2012 – Presented on 19 November 2012 (S. L. 150 of 2012).
  - 1.5 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 27/2012] – Presented on 21 November 2012 (Pres. Co. 23 of 2012).
  - 1.6 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Penal Code (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 33/2012] – Presented on 21 November 2012 (Pres. Co. 24 of 2012).
  - 1.7 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 34/2012] – Presented on 21 November 2012 (Pres. Co. 25 of 2012).
  - 1.8 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Goods and Services Tax Voucher Fund Bill [Bill No 30/2012] – Presented on 21 November 2012 (Pres. Co. 26 of 2012).
  - 1.9 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Securities and Futures (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 31/2012] – Presented on 21 November 2012 (Pres. Co. 27 of 2012).
  - 1.10 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Financial Advisers (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 32/2012] – Presented on 21 November 2012 (Pres. Co. 28 of 2012).
  - 1.11 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Casino Control (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 28/2012] – Presented on 21 November 2012 (Pres. Co. 29 of 2012).
  - 1.12 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 35/2012] – Presented on 21 November 2012 (Pres. Co. 30 of 2012).
  - 1.13 Fees (Singapore Civil Defence Force) (Amendment) Order 2012 – Presented on 21 November 2012 (S. L. 151 of 2012).

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- 1.14 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Covering Duties of the Director of Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau (CPIB) – Presented on 23 November 2012 (S. 142 of 2012).
  - 1.15 Employment of Foreign Manpower (Bail and Personal Bond) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 30 November 2012 (S. L. 152 of 2012).
  - 1.16 Employment of Foreign Manpower (Work Passes) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 30 November 2012 (S. L. 153 of 2012).
  - 1.17 Building and Construction Authority Act (Chapter 30A, Revised Edition 2012) – Presented on 19 December 2012 (S. 143 of 2012).
  - 1.18 Official Secrets Act (Chapter 213, Revised Edition 2012) – Presented on 19 December 2012 (S. 144 of 2012).
  - 1.19 People's Association Act (Chapter 227, Revised Edition 2012) – Presented on 19 December 2012 (S. 145 of 2012).
  - 1.20 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Re-Appointment of Board Members of the Jurong Town Corporation (JTC) – Presented on 24 December 2012 (S. 146 of 2012).
  - 1.21 Rules of Court (Amendment No. 4) Rules 2012 – Presented on 2 January 2013 (S. L. 1 of 2013).
  - 1.22 Rules of Court (Amendment No. 5) Rules 2012 – Presented on 2 January 2013 (S. L. 2 of 2013).
  - 1.23 Architects (Amendment) Rules 2012 – Presented on 3 January 2013 (S. L. 3 of 2013).
  - 1.24 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Appointment of Auditor-General – Presented on 7 January 2013 (S. 1 of 2013).
  - 1.25 Fees (Ministry of Health) (Amendment) Order 2012 – Presented on 10 January 2013 (S. L. 4 of 2013).
  - 1.26 Fees (Citizenship Certificates, etc.) (Amendment) Order 2012 – Presented on 10 January 2013 (S. L. 5 of 2013).
  - 1.27 Customs (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 11 January 2013 (S. L. 6 of 2013).
  - 1.28 Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority Act (Chapter 5, Revised Edition 2012) – Presented on 11 January 2013 (S. 2 of 2013).
  - 1.29 Deposit Insurance and Policy Owners' Protection Schemes Act (Chapter 77B, Revised Edition 2012) – Presented on 11 January 2013 (S. 3 of 2013).

- 1.30 Mental Health (Care and Treatment) Act (Chapter 178A, Revised Edition 2012) – Presented on 11 January 2013 (S. 4 of 2013).
- 1.31 Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational, Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors, Trishaw Riders and Passengers) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2012 – Presented on 11 January 2013 (S. L. 7 of 2013).

*At 1.30 pm the Serjeant at Arms laid the Mace below the Table.*

- 2 Election of Speaker – The House being met, the Clerk of Parliament informed the House that she had notified Honourable Members of Mr Michael Palmer resigning from his seat in Parliament for the electoral division of Punggol East on 12 December 2012 and in accordance with Articles 46(2) and 40(4)(b) of the Constitution, his seat as Member and the office of the Speaker became vacant on the same day respectively.

Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng, addressing herself to the Clerk of Parliament, proposed that Mdm Halimah Yacob do take the Chair of this Parliament as Speaker, which proposal was supported by Mr Christopher de Souza.

There being only one proposal, the Clerk of Parliament declared Mdm Halimah Yacob to have been duly elected as Speaker of this Parliament.

*The Mace, which before lay below the Table, was placed upon the Table.*

- 3 Addresses and Acknowledgement – The Leader of the House, Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng, Dr Mohamad Maliki Bin Osman, Mr Christopher de Souza, Ms Mary Liew and Mrs Josephine Teo made congratulatory addresses to Mdm Speaker and Mdm Speaker thanked the House for the great honour which the House had bestowed upon her.
- 4 15 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 5 Fire Safety (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Fire Safety Act (Chapter 109A of the 2000 Revised Edition) and to make a related amendment to the Civil Defence Act (Chapter 42 of the 2001 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Second Minister for Home Affairs; read the first time; to be read a second time at a sitting on or after 1 April 2013 and to be printed. [Bill No. 1/2013].
- 6 Legal Aid and Advice (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Legal Aid and Advice Act (Chapter 160 of the 1996 Revised Edition)" – 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. 2/2013].



- 7 Computer Misuse (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)*

Clause 1:

Alteration made, in page 2, line 3, by leaving out "2012" and inserting "2013".

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 5 inclusive agreed to.

The Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 8 Payment Systems (Oversight) (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 Culture, Community and Youth, on behalf of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance).

*(In the Committee)*

Clause 1:

Alteration made, in page 2, line 3, by leaving out "2012" and inserting "2013".

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 4 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 9 Stamp Duties (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)*

Clause 1:

Alteration made, in page 2, line 3, by leaving out "2012" and inserting "2013".

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 14 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 10 Singapore Accountancy Commission 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)*

Clause 1:

Alteration made, in page 6, line 5, by leaving out "2012" and inserting "2013".

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 44 inclusive agreed to.

First to Third Schedules inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 11 Economic Expansion Incentives (Relief from Income Tax) (Amendment No. 2) 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 Trade and Industry).

*(In the Committee)*

Clause 1:

Alterations made:

- (i) in page 2, line 3, by leaving out "No. 2"; and
- (ii) in page 2, line 3, by leaving out "2012" and inserting "2013".

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 7 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 12 Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn to a date to be fixed."

Adjourned at 6.13 pm

HALIMAH YACOB,  
*Speaker*

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**MEMORANDUM**

Parliament stands adjourned to a date to be fixed.

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