

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

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## First Session

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MONDAY, 14 MAY 2012

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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 Community Development, Youth and Sports and Minister of State, Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts.

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), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts and Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources.

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).

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Mdm HALIMAH YACOB (Jurong), Minister of State, Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports.

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

Dr INTAN AZURA MOKHTAR (Ang Mo Kio).

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 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 LEE YI SHYAN (East Coast), 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).

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 and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs.

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

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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).

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 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 Education and Minister for Law.

Mr SITOY YIH PIN (Potong Pasir).

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

BG (NS) TAN CHUAN-JIN (Marine Parade), Minister of State, Ministry of National Development and Ministry of Manpower.

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, 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, Minister for Finance and Minister for Manpower.

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.

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Mr WONG KAN SENG (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr LAWRENCE WONG (West Coast), Minister of State, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Education.

Assoc. Prof. Dr YAACOB IBRAHIM (Moulmein-Kallang), Minister for Information, Communications and the Arts 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 HRI KUMAR NAIR (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr S ISWARAN (West Coast), Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Home Affairs and Second Minister for Trade and Industry.

Mr DESMOND LEE TI-SENG (Jurong).

Mr MAH BOW TAN (Tampines).

Mr PRITAM SINGH (Aljunied).

Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast).

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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 Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore Annual Report 2011 – Presented on 10 April 2012 (S. 17 of 2012).
  - 1.2 Report of the Public Accounts Committee – Presented on 11 April 2012 (Parl. 2 of 2012).
  - 1.3 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Re-Appointment of a Judge of Appeal – Presented on 11 April 2012 (S. 18 of 2012).
  - 1.4 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Re-Appointment of Chairman of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights (PCMR) – Presented on 11 April 2012 (S. 19 of 2012).
  - 1.5 Adoption of Children Act (Chapter 4, Revised Edition 2012) – Presented on 16 April 2012 (S. 20 of 2012).
  - 1.6 Arbitration (International Investment Disputes) Act (Chapter 11, Revised Edition 2012) – Presented on 16 April 2012 (S. 21 of 2012).
  - 1.7 Bretton Woods Agreement Act (Chapter 27, Revised Edition 2012) – Presented on 16 April 2012 (S. 22 of 2012).
  - 1.8 Child Care Centres Act (Chapter 37A, Revised Edition 2012) – Presented on 16 April 2012 (S. 23 of 2012).
  - 1.9 Financial Procedures Act (Chapter 109, Revised Edition 2012) – Presented on 16 April 2012 (S. 24 of 2012).
  - 1.10 International Interests in Aircraft Equipment Act (Chapter 144B, Revised Edition 2012) – Presented on 16 April 2012 (S. 25 of 2012).
  - 1.11 Private Lotteries Act (Chapter 250, Revised Edition 2012) – Presented on 16 April 2012 (S. 26 of 2012).
  - 1.12 Public Transport Council Act (Chapter 259B, Revised Edition 2012) – Presented on 16 April 2012 (S. 27 of 2012).
  - 1.13 Societies (Amendment) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 16 April 2012 (S.L. 60 of 2012).
  - 1.14 Health Products (Medical Devices) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 17 April 2012 (S.L. 61 of 2012).
  - 1.15 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Public Utilities (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 7/2012] – Presented on 18 April 2012 (Pres. Co. 6 of 2012).
  - 1.16 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Sewerage and Drainage (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 9/2012] – Presented on 18 April 2012 (Pres. Co. 7 of 2012).
  - 1.17 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Energy Conservation Bill [Bill No 8/2012] – Presented on 18 April 2012 (Pres. Co. 8 of 2012).
  - 1.18 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the International Arbitration (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 10/2012] – Presented on 18 April 2012 (Pres. Co. 9 of 2012).

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- 1.19 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Foreign Limitation Periods Bill [Bill No 11/2012] – Presented on 18 April 2012 (Pres. Co. 10 of 2012).
- 1.20 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2012 – Presented on 20 April 2012 (S.L. 62 of 2012).
- 1.21 Legal Profession (Modified Application of Act for International Services) (Amendment) Rules 2012 – Presented on 9 May 2012 (S.L. 63 of 2012).
- 2 Suspension of Standing Orders – (Leader of the House) – (with the consent of Mr Speaker and the general assent of Members present) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That, notwithstanding Standing Order No 22(1), Questions for Oral Answer set down on the Order Paper for today may be taken till 5 pm at this day's sitting."
- 3 29 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 4 HUDC Housing Estates (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the HUDC Housing Estates Act (Chapter 131 of the 1985 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Minister of State, Ministry of National Development; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 12/2012].
- 5 Patents (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Patents Act (Chapter 221 of the 2005 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Senior Parliamentary Secretary, 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. 13/2012].
- 6 Intellectual Property (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill – "to amend the Plant Varieties Protection Act (Chapter 232A of the 2006 Revised Edition), the Registered Designs Act (Chapter 266 of the 2005 Revised Edition) and the Trade Marks Act (Chapter 332 of the 2005 Revised Edition) mainly to streamline certain registry procedures and processes under those Acts" – presented by the Senior Parliamentary Secretary, 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. 14/2012].
- 7 Land Transport Authority of Singapore (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Land Transport Authority of Singapore Act (Chapter 158A of the 1996 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Minister for Transport; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 15/2012].
- 8 Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn to a date to be fixed."

Adjourned at 5.02 pm

MICHAEL PALMER  
*Speaker*

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**MEMORANDUM**

Parliament stands adjourned to a date to be fixed.

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