

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

First Session

MONDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2014

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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).

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 (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).

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), 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).

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).

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).

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), Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social and Family Development.

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), 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 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.

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:

Ms MARY LIEW (Nominated Member).

Mr MAH BOW TAN (Tampines).

Mr SEAH KIAN PENG (Marine Parade), Deputy Speaker.

- 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 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Prisons (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 22/2013(Amended)] – Presented on 5 February 2014 (Pres. Co. 1 of 2014).
 - 1.2 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Government Procurement (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 23/2013(Amended)] – Presented on 5 February 2014 (Pres. Co. 2 of 2014).
 - 1.3 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Regulation of Imports and Exports (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 24/2013(Amended)] – Presented on 5 February 2014 (Pres. Co. 3 of 2014).
 - 1.4 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill [Bill No 25/2013(Amended)] – Presented on 5 February 2014 (Pres. Co. 4 of 2014).
 - 1.5 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Subordinate Courts (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 26/2013(Amended)] – Presented on 5 February 2014 (Pres. Co. 5 of 2014).
 - 1.6 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) Bill [Bill No 27/2013(Amended)] – Presented on 5 February 2014 (Pres. Co. 6 of 2014).
 - 1.7 Planning (Use Classes) (Amendment) Rules 2014 – Presented on 5 February 2014 (S. L. 45 of 2014).
 - 1.8 Aljunied-Hougang-Punggol East Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report FY2012/2013 – Presented on 13 February 2014 (S. 9 of 2014).
 - 1.9 Public Order (Preservation) (Little India) (No. 3) Proclamation 2014 – Presented on 13 February 2014 (S. L. 46 of 2014).
 - 1.10 Public Order (Preservation) (Little India) (No. 4) Proclamation 2014 – Presented on 13 February 2014 (S. L. 47 of 2014).
 - 1.11 Public Order (Preservation) (Little India) (No. 5) Proclamation 2014 – Presented on 13 February 2014 (S. L. 48 of 2014).
 - 1.12 Road Traffic (Electronic Road Pricing System) (Amendment) Rules 2014 – Presented on 14 February 2014 (S. L. 49 of 2014).
 - 1.13 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Quota System) (Amendment) Rules 2014 – Presented on 14 February 2014 (S. L. 50 of 2014).

- 2 15 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 3 Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority Act (Chapter 2A of the 2005 Revised Edition) and to make consequential and related amendments to certain other written laws" – presented by the Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Finance; read the first time; to be read a second time at a sitting on or after 1 April 2014 and to be printed. [Bill No. 8/2014].
- 4 Plant Varieties Protection (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Plant Varieties Protection Act (Chapter 232A of the 2006 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Law; read the first time; to be read a second time after the conclusion of proceedings on the Estimates of Expenditure for FY2014/15 and to be printed. [Bill No. 9/2014].
- 5 Rearrangement of Business – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the proceedings on item 2 on the Order Paper for today be taken after item 7."
- 6 Land Titles (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 80 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 7 Singapore Tourism Board (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 Trade and Industry).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 11 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 8 Environmental Public Health (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 the Environment and Water Resources).
- (In the Committee)*
- Clauses 1 to 25 inclusive agreed to.
- Bill to be reported.
- Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.
- 9 Rapid Transit Systems (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.
- 10 Air Navigation (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 Transport).
- (In the Committee)*
- Clauses 1 to 21 inclusive agreed to.
- Bill to be reported.
- Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.
- 11 Singapore Institute of Technology Bill – (Minister for Education) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time"; Debate arising.
- 12 Extension of Sitting – Pursuant to Standing Order 2(5)(d), Mr Deputy Speaker extended the sitting beyond the moment of interruption for a period of up to 30 minutes.

- 13 Singapore Institute of Technology Bill – Debate resumed on Question, "That the Bill be now read a second time." – (Minister for Education).
- 14 Exempted Business – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the proceedings on the business set down on the Order Paper for today be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Order No. 2."
- 15 Singapore Institute of Technology Bill – Debate resumed on Question, "That the Bill be now read a second time." – (Minister for Education).

Question put, and agreed to. 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 Education).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 12 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 16 Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn."

Adjourned at 7.40 pm

HALIMAH YACOB,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Mdm Speaker will take the Chair again at 1.30 pm on Tuesday, 18 February 2014.
