

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

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## First Session

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MONDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2011

No. 2

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).

MG (NS) 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).

Assoc. Prof. FATIMAH LATEEF (Marine Parade).

Mr CEDRIC FOO CHEE KENG (Pioneer).

Mdm FOO MEE HAR (West Coast).

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 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.

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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).

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 Deputy Government Whip.

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 DESMOND LEE TI-SENG (Jurong).

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 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 MAH BOW TAN (Tampines).

Mr MASAGOS ZULKIFLI B M M (Tampines), 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 Defence and Minister for National Development.

Mr MUHAMAD FAISAL ABDUL MANAP (Aljunied).

Dr NG ENG HEN (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister for Defence and Leader of the House.

Mr DAVID ONG KIM HUAT (Jurong).

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Mr ONG TENG KOON (Sembawang).  
Ms DENISE PHUA LAY PENG (Moulmein-Kallang).  
Mr PRITAM SINGH (Aljunied).  
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 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 Community Development, Youth and Sports.  
BG (NS) TAN CHUAN-JIN (Marine Parade), Minister of State, Ministry of National Development and Ministry of Manpower.  
Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast).  
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 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.  
Mr WONG KAN SENG (Bishan-Toa Payoh).  
Mr LAWRENCE WONG (West Coast), Minister of State, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Education.  
Mr ALEX YAM ZIMING (Chua Chu Kang).  
Mr YAW SHIN LEONG (Hougang).  
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 ARTHUR FONG (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 LEE KUAN YEW (Tanjong Pagar).

Assoc. Prof. Dr MUHAMMAD FAISHAL IBRAHIM (Nee Soon).

Dr LILY NEO (Tanjong Pagar).

Ms IRENE NG PHEK HOONG (Tampines).

Assoc. Prof. Dr YAACOB IBRAHIM (Moulmein-Kallang), Minister for Information,  
Communications and the Arts and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs.

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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 Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2010/11 – Presented on 11 October 2011 (Cmd. 7 of 2011).
- 1.2 Financial Statements for the Financial Year 2010/11 – Presented on 11 October 2011 (Cmd. 8 of 2011).
- 2 Election of Deputy Speakers – Mr Charles Chong and Mr Seah Kian Peng were proposed and elected Deputy Speakers.
- 3 Income Tax (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Income Tax Act (Chapter 134 of the 2008 Revised Edition) and to make a consequential amendment to the Economic Expansion Incentives (Relief from Income Tax) Act (Chapter 86 of the 2005 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. 14/2011].
- 4 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. 15/2011].
- 5 Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Goods and Services Tax Act (Chapter 117A of the 2005 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. 16/2011].
- 6 Central Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Central Provident Fund Act (Chapter 36 of the 2001 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Manpower; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 17/2011].
- 7 Work Injury Compensation (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Work Injury Compensation Act (Chapter 354 of the 2009 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Manpower; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 18/2011].
- 8 President's Speech (Address of Thanks) – (Dr Lam Pin Min) (1<sup>st</sup> Allotted Day) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the following Address in reply to the Speech of the President be agreed to:

'We, the Parliament of the Republic of Singapore, express our thanks to the President for the Speech which he delivered on behalf of the Government at the Opening of the First Session of this Parliament.'; – Debate arising.

- 9 Adjournment of Debate – (Leader of the House) – (with the consent of Mr Speaker) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the debate be now adjourned."

Debate to be resumed Tomorrow.

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

Adjourned at 6.46 pm

MICHAEL PALMER  
*Speaker*

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**MEMORANDUM**

Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 1.30 pm on Tuesday, 18 October 2011.

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