

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

Second Session

MONDAY, 19 JANUARY 2015

No. 19

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).

Ms CHIA YONG YONG (Nominated Member).

Mrs LINA CHIAM (Non-Constituency Member).

Mr THOMAS CHUA KEE SENG (Nominated Member).

Mr CHRISTOPHER DE SOUZA (Holland-Bukit Timah).

Assoc Prof FATIMAH LATEEF (Marine Parade).

Mr ARTHUR FONG (West Coast).

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 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.

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 K KARTHIKEYAN (Nominated Member).

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 KUIK SHIAO-YIN (Nominated Member).

Dr LAM PIN MIN (Sengkang West), Minister of State, Ministry of Health.

Er Dr LEE BEE WAH (Nee Soon).

Ms ELLEN LEE (Sembawang).

Mr LEE HSIEN LOONG (Ang Mo Kio), Prime Minister.

Ms LEE LI LIAN (Punggol East).

Mr DESMOND LEE (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 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 and Minister for Culture, Community and Youth.

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

Mr MAH BOW TAN (Tampines).

Mr MOHD ISMAIL HUSSEIN (Nominated Member).

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).

Ms DENISE PHUA LAY PENG (Moulmein-Kallang).

Mr PNG ENG HUAT (Hougang).

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.

Mr SITO H YIH PIN (Potong Pasir).

Ms RITA SOH SIOW LAN (Nominated Member).

Dr BENEDICT TAN (Nominated Member).

Mr TAN CHUAN-JIN (Marine Parade), Minister for Manpower.

Assoc Prof RANDOLPH TAN (Nominated Member).

Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast).

Prof TAN TAI YONG (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 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), Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Second Minister for 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 CHARLES CHONG (Joo Chiat), Deputy Speaker.

Mr CEDRIC FOO CHEE KENG (Pioneer).

Dr INTAN AZURA MOKHTAR (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr LEE KUAN YEW (Tanjong Pagar).

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 DAVID ONG KIM HUAT (Jurong).

Mr ONG TENG KOON (Sembawang).

Ms SIM ANN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Minister of State, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Communications and Information.

Mr SAM TAN CHIN SIONG (Radin Mas), Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth.

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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 Hydrogen Cyanide (Fumigation) Act (Chapter 132, Revised Edition 2014) – Presented on 7 November 2014 (S. 161 of 2014).
 - 1.2 National Library Board Act (Chapter 197, Revised Edition 2014) – Presented on 7 November 2014 (S. 162 of 2014).
 - 1.3 National Police Cadet Corps Act (Chapter 199, Revised Edition 2014) – Presented on 7 November 2014 (S. 163 of 2014).
 - 1.4 Pension Fund Act (Chapter 224A, Revised Edition 2014) – Presented on 7 November 2014 (S. 164 of 2014).
 - 1.5 Trade Disputes Act (Chapter 331, Revised Edition 2014) – Presented on 7 November 2014 (S. 165 of 2014).
 - 1.6 Vandalism Act (Chapter 341, Revised Edition 2014) – Presented on 7 November 2014 (S. 166 of 2014).
 - 1.7 Road Traffic (Electronic Road Pricing System) (Amendment No. 6) Rules 2014 – Presented on 12 November 2014 (S. L. 169 of 2014).
 - 1.8 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Pioneer Generation Fund Bill [Bill No 32/2014] – Presented on 19 November 2014 (Pres. Co. 33 of 2014).
 - 1.9 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Public Trustee (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 34/2014] – Presented on 19 November 2014 (Pres. Co. 34 of 2014).
 - 1.10 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 35/2014] – Presented on 19 November 2014 (Pres. Co. 35 of 2014).
 - 1.11 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 38/2014] – Presented on 19 November 2014 (Pres. Co. 36 of 2014).
 - 1.12 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Legal Profession (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 36/2014] – Presented on 19 November 2014 (Pres. Co. 37 of 2014).
 - 1.13 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Judges' Remuneration (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 31/2014] – Presented on 19 November 2014 (Pres. Co. 38 of 2014).

- 1.14 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments – Deputy Attorney-General) Bill [Bill No 37/2014] – Presented on 19 November 2014 (Pres. Co. 39 of 2014).
- 1.15 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Prevention of Human Trafficking Bill [Bill No 39/2014] – Presented on 19 November 2014 (Pres. Co. 40 of 2014).
- 1.16 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Animals and Birds (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 40/2014] – Presented on 19 November 2014 (Pres. Co. 41 of 2014).
- 1.17 Advice of the Council of the Presidential Advisers on the Re-Appointment of a Member of Public Service Commission – Presented on 24 November 2014 (S. 167 of 2014).
- 1.18 Rules of Court (Amendment No. 4) Rules 2014 – Presented on 5 December 2014 (S. L. 170 of 2014).
- 1.19 Legal Profession (Continuing Professional Development) (Amendment) Rules 2014 – Presented on 9 December 2014 (S. L. 171 of 2014).
- 1.20 Singapore Sports Council Act (Chapter 305, Revised Edition 2014) – Presented on 11 December 2014 (S. 168 of 2014).
- 1.21 Statutory Boards (Taxable Services) Act (Chapter 318, Revised Edition 2014) – Presented on 11 December 2014 (S. 169 of 2014).
- 1.22 Visiting Forces Act (Chapter 344, Revised Edition 2014) – Presented on 11 December 2014 (S. 170 of 2014).
- 1.23 Cattle (Licence Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 – Presented on 11 December 2014 (S. L. 172 of 2014).
- 1.24 Environmental Protection and Management (Fees for Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 – Presented on 11 December 2014 (S. L. 173 of 2014).
- 1.25 Environmental Protection and Management (Hazardous Substances) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2014 – Presented on 11 December 2014 (S. L. 174 of 2014).
- 1.26 Environmental Public Health (Cemeteries) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 – Presented on 11 December 2014 (S. L. 175 of 2014).
- 1.27 Environmental Public Health (General Waste Collection) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 – Presented on 11 December 2014 (S. L. 176 of 2014).
- 1.28 Environmental Public Health (Licence Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 – Presented on 11 December 2014 (S. L. 177 of 2014).

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- 1.29 Environmental Public Health (Public Cleansing) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2014 – Presented on 11 December 2014 (S. L. 178 of 2014).
 - 1.30 Environmental Public Health (Swimming Pools) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 – Presented on 11 December 2014 (S. L. 179 of 2014).
 - 1.31 Environmental Public Health (Toxic Industrial Waste) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 – Presented on 11 December 2014 (S. L. 180 of 2014).
 - 1.32 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Re-Appointment of Member of Presidential Council for Minority Rights – Presented on 12 December 2014 (S. 171 of 2014).
 - 1.33 Tobacco (Control of Advertisements and Sale) (Prohibited Tobacco Products) (Exemption) Regulations 2014 – Presented on 15 December 2014 (S. L. 181 of 2014).
 - 1.34 Women's Charter (Garnishee Proceedings) (Revocation) Rules 2014 – Presented on 16 December 2014 (S. L. 182 of 2014).
 - 1.35 Environmental Public Health (Public Cleansing) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2014 – Presented on 22 December 2014 (S. L. 183 of 2014).
 - 1.36 Public Utilities (Composition of Offences) Regulations 2014 – Presented on 22 December 2014 (S. L. 184 of 2014).
 - 1.37 Public Utilities (Water Supply) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2014 – Presented on 22 December 2014 (S. L. 185 of 2014).
 - 1.38 Customs (Offices and Stations) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 – Presented on 23 December 2014 (S. L. 186 of 2014).
 - 1.39 Customs (Duties) (Amendment No. 4) Order 2014 – Presented on 2 January 2015 (S. L. 1 of 2015).
 - 1.40 Advice of the Council of the Presidential Advisers on the Re-Appointment of Members of Public Service Commission – Presented on 2 January 2015 (S. 1 of 2015).
 - 1.41 Goods and Services Tax (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 – Presented on 2 January 2015 (S. L. 2 of 2015).
 - 1.42 Legal Profession (Admission) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2014 – Presented on 2 January 2015 (S. L. 3 of 2015).
 - 1.43 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2014 – Presented on 2 January 2015 (S. L. 4 of 2015).
 - 1.44 Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors, Trishaw Riders and Passengers) (Amendment) Rules 2014 – Presented on 2 January 2015 (S. L. 5 of 2015).

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- 1.45 Advice of the Council of the Presidential Advisers on the Appointment of Judicial Commissioners of the Supreme Court – Presented on 5 January 2015 (S. 2 of 2015).
 - 1.46 Advice of the Council of the Presidential Advisers on the Appointment of Senior Judges of the Supreme Court – Presented on 5 January 2015 (S. 3 of 2015).
 - 1.47 Advice of the Council of the Presidential Advisers on the Appointment of International Judges of the Supreme Court – Presented on 5 January 2015 (S. 4 of 2015).
 - 1.48 Rules of Court (Amendment No. 6) Rules 2014 – Presented on 5 January 2015 (S. L. 6 of 2015).
 - 1.49 Legal Profession (Foreign Representation in Singapore International Commercial Court) Rules 2014 – Presented on 5 January 2015 (S. L. 7 of 2015).
 - 1.50 Fees (Family Justice Courts) (Revocation) Order 2015 – Presented on 8 January 2015 (S. L. 8 of 2015).
 - 1.51 Protection from Harassment (Public Service Worker) Order 2014 – Presented on 8 January 2015 (S. L. 9 of 2015).
 - 1.52 Protection from Harassment (Exempt Class of Persons) Order 2014 – Presented on 8 January 2015 (S. L. 10 of 2015).
 - 1.53 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Appointment of a Member of Public Commission – Presented on 9 January 2015 (S. 5 of 2015).
 - 1.54 Road Traffic (Prescribed Offences and Prescribed Notices) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2014 – Presented on 12 January 2015 (S. L. 11 of 2015).
 - 1.55 Central Provident Fund (Self-Employed Persons) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 – Presented on 12 January 2015 (S. L. 12 of 2015).
 - 1.56 Central Provident Fund (Public Sector Employees) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 – Presented on 12 January 2015 (S. L. 13 of 2015).
 - 1.57 Central Provident Fund (Voluntary Contributions) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 – Presented on 12 January 2015 (S. L. 14 of 2015).
 - 1.58 Central Provident Fund (Contributions to Community Fund [CDAC]) (Amendment) Rules 2014 – Presented on 12 January 2015 (S. L. 15 of 2015).
 - 1.59 Central Provident Fund (Contributions to Community Fund [Eurasian Association]) (Amendment) Rules 2014 – Presented on 12 January 2015 (S. L. 16 of 2015).
 - 1.60 Central Provident Fund (Contributions to Community Fund [SINDA]) (Amendment) Rules 2014 – Presented on 12 January 2015 (S. L. 17 of 2015).

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- 1.61 Central Provident Fund (Investment Schemes) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 – Presented on 12 January 2015 (S. L. 18 of 2015).
 - 1.62 Central Provident Fund (Medisave Account Withdrawals) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2014 – Presented on 12 January 2015 (S. L. 19 of 2015).
 - 1.63 Medical Registration Act (Chapter 174, Revised Edition 2014) – Presented on 13 January 2015 (S. 6 of 2015).
 - 1.64 Military Manoeuvres Act (Chapter 182, Revised Edition 2014) – Presented on 13 January 2015 (S. 7 of 2015).
 - 1.65 National Arts Council Act (Chapter 193A, Revised Edition 2014) – Presented on 13 January 2015 (S. 8 of 2015).
 - 1.66 National Heritage Board Act (Chapter 196A, Revised Edition 2014) – Presented on 13 January 2015 (S. 9 of 2015).
 - 1.67 State Immunity Act (Chapter 313, Revised Edition 2014) – Presented on 13 January 2015 (S. 10 of 2015).
 - 1.68 Vigilante Corps Act (Chapter 343, Revised Edition 2014) – Presented on 13 January 2015 (S. 11 of 2015).
 - 1.69 Legal Profession (Admission) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2014 – Presented on 13 January 2015 (S. L. 20 of 2015).
 - 1.70 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Test) (Amendment) Rules 2014 – Presented on 14 January 2015 (S. L. 21 of 2015).
 - 1.71 Planning (Use Classes) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2014 – Presented on 15 January 2015 (S. L. 22 of 2015).
- 2 24 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
 - 3 Liquor Control (Supply and Consumption) Bill – "to regulate the supply and consumption of liquor at public places, and to make consequential and related amendments to certain other written laws" – presented by the Second Minister for Home Affairs; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 1/2015].
 - 4 Deep Seabed Mining Bill – "to make provision for deep seabed mining, and for connected purposes" – presented by the Minister for Trade and Industry; read the first time; to be read a second time at an available sitting on or after 2 February 2015 and to be printed. [Bill No. 2/2015].

- 5 MediShield Life Scheme Bill – "to provide for the MediShield Life Scheme and matters related thereto, and to make consequential and related amendments to certain other written laws" – presented by the Minister for Health; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 3/2015].
- 6 Community Disputes Resolution Bill – "to facilitate the resolution of community disputes by providing for a statutory tort for community disputes and for the establishment of Community Disputes Resolution Tribunals to deal with such disputes, and for matters connected therewith, and to make consequential and related amendments to certain other written laws" – presented by the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth; read the first time; to be read a second time at an available sitting on or after 2 February 2015 and to be printed. [Bill No. 4/2015].
- 7 Pawnbrokers 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, Minister for Law).

(In the Committee)

Clause 1:

Alteration made, in page 8, line 4, by leaving out "2014" and inserting "2015".

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 86 inclusive agreed to.

First to Third Schedules inclusive agreed to.

Fourth Schedule:

Alteration made, in page 68, by leaving out "2014" in the Second column of items 1 to 4 and inserting "2015".

Fourth Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 8 Industrial Relations (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 Manpower).

(In the Committee)

Clause 1:

Alteration made, in page 2, line 3, by leaving out "2014" and inserting "2015".

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 14 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 15:

Alteration made, in page 6, lines 14 and 17, by leaving out "2014" and inserting "2015".

Clause 15 agreed to.

Clause 16:

Alterations made:

- (i) in page 6, line 34, by leaving out "2014" and inserting "2015"; and
- (ii) in page 7, line 3, by leaving out "2014" and inserting "2015".

Clause 16 agreed to.

Clause 17 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 9 Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That Parliament do now adjourn"; Debate arising.

On Question put – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn."

Adjourned at 6.25 pm

HALIMAH YACOB,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Mdm Speaker will take the Chair again at 1.30 pm on Tuesday, 20 January 2015.
