VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

First Session

MONDAY, 20 JANUARY 2014

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PRESENT:

Mdm SPEAKER (Mdm HALIMAH YACOB (Jurong)).

Mr ANG HIN KEE (Ang Mo Kio).

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).

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), 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 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), Minister of State, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Communications and Information.

Mr SITOH 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.

Mr ALEX YAM ZIMING (Chua Chu Kang).

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).

ABSENT:

Mr ANG WEI NENG (Jurong).

Mr MAH BOW TAN (Tampines).

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

Mr YEE JENN JONG (Non-Constituency Member).

Mr ZAQY MOHAMAD (Chua Chu Kang).

- 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:
 - Medical Endowment Scheme Annual Report 2012/2013 Presented on 13 November 2013 (S. 138 of 2013).
 - Census Act (Chapter 35, Revised Edition 2013) Presented on 13 November 2013 (S. 139 of 2013).
 - Chit Funds Act (Chapter 39, Revised Edition 2013) Presented on 13 November 2013 (S. 140 of 2013).
 - 1.4 Consumer Protection (Trade Descriptions and Safety Requirements) Act (Chapter 53, Revised Edition 2013) Presented on 13 November 2013 (S. 141 of 2013).
 - Decorations and Uniforms Act (Chapter 74, Revised Edition 2013) Presented on 13 November 2013 (S. 142 of 2013).
 - 1.6 International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) Act (Chapter 145, Revised Edition 2013) Presented on 13 November 2013 (S. 143 of 2013).
 - Massage Establishments Act (Chapter 173, Revised Edition 2013) Presented on 13 November 2013 (S. 144 of 2013).
 - 1.8 Sand and Granite Quarries Act (Chapter 284, Revised Edition 2013) Presented on 13 November 2013 (S. 145 of 2013).
 - Science Centre Act (Chapter 286, Revised Edition 2013) Presented on 13 November 2013 (S. 146 of 2013).
 - 1.10 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Criminal Law (Temporary Provisions) (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 16/2013] – Presented on 20 November 2013 (Pres. Co. 15 of 2013).
 - 1.11 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Motor Vehicles (Third-Party Risks and Compensation) (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 18/2013] Presented on 20 November 2013 (Pres. Co. 16 of 2013).
 - 1.12 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 19/2013] Presented on 20 November 2013 (Pres. Co. 17 of 2013).
 - 1.13 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Central Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 20/2013] – Presented on 20 November 2013 (Pres. Co. 18 of 2013).
 - 1.14 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Employment, Parental Leave and Other Measures Bill [Bill No 21/2013] – Presented on 20 November 2013 (Pres. Co. 19 of 2013).

- 1.15 Road Traffic (Electronic Road Pricing System) (Amendment No. 4) Rules 2013
 Presented on 25 November 2013 (S. L. 140 of 2013).
- Charities (Exemption from Section 39A) (Amendment) Regulations 2013
 Presented on 29 November 2013 (S. L. 141 of 2013).
- 1.17 Central Provident Fund (MediShield Scheme) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2013
 Presented on 18 December 2013 (S. L. 142 of 2013).
- 1.18 Allied Health Professions Act (Chapter 6B, Revised Edition 2013) Presented on 20 December 2013 (S. 147 of 2013).
- 1.19 Diplomatic and Consular Officers (Oaths and Fees) Act (Chapter 82, Revised Edition 2013) Presented on 20 December 2013 (S. 148 of 2013).
- Distress Act (Chapter 84, Revised Edition 2013) Presented on 20 December 2013 (S. 149 of 2013).
- 1.21 Institute of Southeast Asian Studies Act (Chapter 141, Revised Edition 2013)
 Presented on 20 December 2013 (S. 150 of 2013).
- 1.22 Judicial Proceedings (Regulation of Reports) Act (Chapter 149, Revised Edition 2013) Presented on 20 December 2013 (S. 151 of 2013).
- 1.23 Voluntary Sterilization Act (Chapter 347, Revised Edition 2013) Presented on 20 December 2013 (S. 152 of 2013).
- 1.24 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Re-Appointment of Members of Public Service Commission Presented on 20 December 2013 (S. 153 of 2013).
- 1.25 Planning (Fees) (Amendment) Rules 2013 Presented on 23 December 2013 (S. L.143 of 2013).
- 1.26 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Appointment of Board Member of Central Provident Fund (CPF Board) – Presented on 23 December 2013 (S. 154 of 2013).
- 1.27 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Re–Appointment to the Board of the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS Board) Presented on 31 December 2013 (S. 155 of 2013).
- 1.28 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment No. 8) Rules 2013 – Presented on 6 January 2014 (S. L. 1 of 2014).
- 1.29 Professional Engineers (Amendment) Rules 2013 Presented on 7 January 2014 (S. L. 2 of 2014).
- 1.30 Road Traffic (Expressway Traffic) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2013 Presented on 9 January 2014 (S. L. 3 of 2014).

- 1.31 Road Traffic (Amendment) Rules 2013 Presented on 9 January 2014 (S. L. 4 of 2014).
- 1.32 Fees (Income Tax) (Amendment) Order 2013 Presented on 13 January 2014 (S. L. 5 of 2014).
- 1.33 Fees (Property Tax) (Amendment) Order 2013 Presented on 13 January 2014 (S. L. 6 of 2014).
- Stamp Duties Act (Amendment of Fourth and Fifth Schedules) Notification 2013
 Presented on 13 January 2014 (S. L. 7 of 2014).
- 1.35 Income Tax Act (Amendment of Seventh Schedule) Order 2013 Presented on 13 January 2014 (S. L. 8 of 2014).
- 1.36 Central Provident Fund (Dependants' Protection Insurance Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 – Presented on 14 January 2014 (S. L. 9 of 2014).
- 1.37 Central Provident Fund (Approved Housing Schemes) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2013 Presented on 14 January 2014 (S. L. 10 of 2014).
- 1.38 Central Provident Fund (Approved Middle-Income Housing Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 Presented on 14 January 2014 (S. L. 11 of 2014).
- 1.39 Central Provident Fund (Ministry of Defence Housing Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 – Presented on 14 January 2014 (S. L. 12 of 2014).
- 1.40 Central Provident Fund (Non-Residential Properties Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 Presented on 14 January 2014 (S. L. 13 of 2014).
- 1.41 Central Provident Fund (Residential Properties Scheme) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2013 – Presented on 14 January 2014 (S. L. 14 of 2014).
- 1.42 Central Provident Fund (Approved HDB-HUDC Housing Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 Presented on 14 January 2014 (S. L. 15 of 2014).
- 1.43 Central Provident Fund (New Minimum Sum Scheme) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2013 Presented on 14 January 2014 (S. L. 16 of 2014).
- 1.44 Central Provident Fund (Revised Minimum Sum Scheme) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2013 Presented on 14 January 2014 (S. L. 17 of 2014).
- 1.45 Central Provident Fund (Minimum Sum Scheme) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2013 – Presented on 14 January 2014 (S. L. 18 of 2014).
- 1.46 Central Provident Fund (Topping-Up of Special Account) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 – Presented on 14 January 2014 (S. L. 19 of 2014).

- 1.47 Central Provident Fund (Minimum Sum Topping-Up Scheme) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2013 – Presented on 14 January 2014 (S. L. 20 of 2014).
- 1.48 Central Provident Fund (Minimum Sum Plus Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 Presented on 14 January 2014 (S. L. 21 of 2014).
- 1.49 Central Provident Fund (MediShield Scheme) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2013
 Presented on 14 January 2014 (S. L. 22 of 2014).
- 1.50 Central Provident Fund (Private Medical Insurance Scheme) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2013 – Presented on 14 January 2014 (S. L. 23 of 2014).
- 1.51 Central Provident Fund (Workfare Income Supplement Scheme) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2013 – Presented on 14 January 2014 (S. L. 24 of 2014).
- 1.52 Central Provident Fund (Public Sector Employees) (Amendment) Regulations 2013
 Presented on 14 January 2014 (S. L. 25 of 2014).
- 1.53 Central Provident Fund (Self-Employed Persons) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 Presented on 14 January 2014 (S. L. 26 of 2014).
- 1.54 Central Provident Fund (Topping Up of Medisave Account) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 Presented on 14 January 2014 (S. L. 27 of 2014).
- 1.55 Road Traffic (Electronic Road Pricing System) (Amendment No. 5) Rules 2013
 Presented on 14 January 2014 (S. L. 28 of 2014).
- 1.56 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment No. 9) Rules 2013 – Presented on 14 January 2014 (S. L. 29 of 2014).
- 1.57 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Quota System) (Amendment No. 4) Rules 2013
 Presented on 14 January 2014 (S. L. 30 of 2014).
- 1.58 Road Traffic (Composition of Offences) (Amendment) Rules 2013 Presented on 14 January 2014 (S. L. 31 of 2014).
- 1.59 Road Traffic (Carbon Emissions Tax) (Amendment) Rules 2013 Presented on 14 January 2014 (S. L. 32 of 2014).
- 1.60 Road Traffic (Maximum Number of Public Service Vehicle Licences for Taxis) (Revocation) Rules 2013 Presented on 14 January 2014 (S. L. 33 of 2014).
- Workplace Safety and Health (Incident Reporting) (Amendment) Regulations 2014
 Presented on 14 January 2014 (S. L. 34 of 2014).
- 1.62 Second Report of the Estimates Committee Presented on 16 January 2014 (Parl. 1 of 2014).
- 1.63 Environmental Protection and Management (Vehicular Emissions) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 – Presented on 16 January 2014 (S. L. 35 of 2014).

- 1.64 Environmental Protection and Management (Vehicular Emissions) (Amendment No.
 2) Regulations 2013 Presented on 16 January 2014 (S. L. 36 of 2014).
- 1.65 Road Traffic (Driver Improvement Points System) (Amendment) Rules 2013
 Presented on 16 January 2014 (S. L. 37 of 2014).
- 1.66 Public Order (Preservation) (Little India) Proclamation 2013 Presented on 17 January 2014 (S. L. 38 of 2014).
- 1.67 Public Order (Preservation) (Little India) (No. 2) Proclamation 2013 Presented on 17 January 2014 (S. L. 39 of 2014).
- 1.68 Public Order (Preservation) (Little India) (No. 3) Proclamation 2013 Presented on 17 January 2014 (S. L. 40 of 2014).
- 1.69 Public Order (Preservation) (Little India) (No. 4) Proclamation 2013 Presented on 17 January 2014 (S. L. 41 of 2014).
- 1.70 Public Order (Preservation) (Little India) (No. 5) Proclamation 2013 Presented on 17 January 2014 (S. L. 42 of 2014).
- Public Order (Preservation) (Little India) Proclamation 2014 Presented on 17 January 2014 (S. L. 43 of 2014).
- 1.72 Public Order (Preservation) (Little India) (No. 2) Proclamation 2014 Presented on 17 January 2014 (S. L. 44 of 2014).
- 1.73 International Labour Organisation (ILO) Instrument Adopted at the 101st International Labour Conference Presented on 20 January 2014 (Misc. 1 of 2014).
- 1.74 Control of Essential Supplies Act (Chapter 55, Revised Edition 2013) Presented on 20 January 2014 (S. 1 of 2014).
- 1.75 Corrosive and Explosive Substances and Offensive Weapons Act (Chapter 65, Revised Edition 2013) Presented on 20 January 2014 (S. 2 of 2014).
- 1.76 Destitute Persons Act (Chapter 78, Revised Edition 2013) Presented on 20 January 2014 (S. 3 of 2014).
- 1.77 Development Fund Act (Chapter 80, Revised Edition 2013) Presented on 20 January 2014 (S. 4 of 2014).
- 1.78 Evidence (Civil Proceedings in Other Jurisdictions) Act (Chapter 98, Revised Edition 2013) Presented on 20 January 2014 (S. 5 of 2014).
- 1.79 International Finance Corporation Act (Chapter 144, Revised Edition 2013)

 Presented on 20 January 2014 (S. 6 of 2014).
- 1.80 Intestate Succession Act (Chapter 146, Revised Edition 2013) Presented on 20 January 2014 (S. 7 of 2014).

- 1.81 Protected Areas and Protected Places Act (Chapter 256, Revised Edition 2013)
 Presented on 20 January 2014 (S. 8 of 2014).
- 2 56 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 3 Ministerial Statement Little India Riot (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs).
- 4 Ministerial Statement Foreign Worker Management (Acting Minister for Manpower).
- Public Order (Additional Temporary Measures) Bill "to make temporary provisions for the area within Singapore commonly known as Little India so as to continue to maintain public order in that area following the violence on 8th December 2013 in that area" presented by the Deputy Prime Minister and 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. 1/2014].
- 6 Singapore Tourism Board (Amendment) Bill "to amend the Singapore Tourism Board Act (Chapter 305B of the 1997 Revised Edition)" presented by the Second Minister for Trade and Industry; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 2/2014].
- Environmental Public Health (Amendment) Bill "to amend the Environmental Public Health Act (Chapter 95 of the 2002 Revised Edition) and to make a related amendment to the National Environment Agency Act (Chapter 195 of the 2003 Revised Edition)" presented by the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 3/2014].
- 8 Land Titles (Amendment) Bill "to amend the Land Titles Act (Chapter 157 of the 2004 Revised Edition) and to make related amendments to the Building Maintenance and Strata Management Act (Chapter 30C of the 2008 Revised Edition) and the Conveyancing and Law of Property Act (Chapter 61 of the 1994 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. 4/2014].
- 9 Rapid Transit Systems (Amendment) Bill "to amend the Rapid Transit Systems Act (Chapter 263A of the 2004 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. 5/2014].
- Air Navigation (Amendment) Bill "to amend the Air Navigation Act (Chapter 6 of the 1985 Revised Edition) and to make consequential amendments to certain other written laws" presented by the Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Transport; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 6/2014].
- Singapore Institute of Technology Bill "to provide for certain matters relating to the operation of a university known as the Singapore Institute of Technology and to make a consequential amendment to the Private Education Act (Chapter 247A of the 2011 Revised Edition)" presented by the Minister for Education; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 7/2014].

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- Prisons (Amendment) Bill (Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs) Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time"; Debate arising.
- 13 Adjournment of Debate (Leader of the House) Motion made, and Question put Resolved, "That the debate be now adjourned.".

Debate to be resumed Tomorrow.

14 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 6.45 pm

HALIMAH YACOB, Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Mdm Speaker will take the Chair again at 1.30 pm on Tuesday, 21 January 2014.