

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

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## First Session

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MONDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2011

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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 ARTHUR FONG (West Coast).

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.

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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).

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 LEE KUAN YEW (Tanjong Pagar).

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 BIEW 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 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.

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

Mr MUHAMAD FAISAL ABDUL MANAP (Aljunied).

Dr LILY NEO (Tanjong Pagar).

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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 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).

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).

Dr VIVIAN BALAKRISHNAN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.

Mr VIKRAM NAIR (Sembawang).

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 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:

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.

Ms INDRANEE RAJAH (Tanjong Pagar).

Mr LUI TUCK YEW (Moulmein-Kallang), Minister for Transport and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Ms SIM ANN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Senior Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education and Minister for Law.

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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 Building Control (Buildability) Regulations 2011 – Presented on 27 October 2011 (S.L. 116 of 2011).
  - 1.2 Report of the Committee of Selection – Presented on 28 October 2011 (Parl. 3 of 2011).
  - 1.3 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Appointment of Permanent Member of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights (PCMR) – Presented on 1 November 2011 (S. 106 of 2011).
  - 1.4 Amusement Rides Safety Regulations 2011 – Presented on 1 November 2011 (S.L. 117 of 2011).
  - 1.5 Amusement Rides Safety (Saving and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2011 – Presented on 1 November 2011 (S.L. 118 of 2011).
  - 1.6 Amusement Rides Safety (Composition of Offences) Regulations 2011 – Presented on 1 November 2011 (S.L. 119 of 2011).
  - 1.7 Amusement Rides Safety (Fire and Rescue Management System) Regulations 2011 – Presented on 1 November 2011 (S.L. 120 of 2011).
  - 1.8 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Re-Appointment of Members of the Public Service Commission – Presented on 2 November 2011 (S. 107 of 2011).
  - 1.9 Road Traffic (Electronic Road Pricing System) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2011 – Presented on 3 November 2011 (S.L. 121 of 2011).
  - 1.10 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Re-appointment of Director to the Board of Government of Singapore Investment Corporation Private Limited (GIC Board) – Presented on 9 November 2011 (S. 108 of 2011).
  - 1.11 Environmental Public Health (Public Cleansing) (Amendment) Regulations 2011 – Presented on 10 November 2011 (S.L. 122 of 2011).
  - 1.12 Central Provident Fund (Education Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2011 – Presented on 11 November 2011 (S.L. 123 of 2011).
  - 1.13 Annual Report of the President Industrial Arbitration Court 2010 – Presented on 15 November 2011 (S. 109 of 2011).
  - 1.14 Road Traffic (Electronic Road Pricing System) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2011 – Presented on 18 November 2011 (S.L. 124 of 2011).
- 2 Announcement by Speaker on Address of Thanks – Mr Speaker made the following communication to the House:-
- "I have to inform honourable Members that I have on 24 October 2011 communicated to the President the Address of Thanks agreed to by resolution of this Parliament on 21 October 2011."
- 3 16 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.

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- 4 Economic Expansion Incentives (Relief from Income Tax) (Amendment) Bill – "to amend 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 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. 21/2011].
- 5 Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill – "to amend certain statutes of the Republic of Singapore" – presented by the Minister for Law; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 22/2011].
- 6 Telecommunications (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 Information, Communications and the Arts).

*(In the Committee)*

Clauses 1 to 26 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 7 Central Provident Fund (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 of State, Ministry of Manpower).

*(In the Committee)*

Clauses 1 to 25 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 8 Work Injury Compensation (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 of State, Ministry of Manpower).

*(In the Committee)*

Clauses 1 to 11 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

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

Adjourned at 6.10 pm

MICHAEL PALMER  
*Speaker*

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**MEMORANDUM**

Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 1.30 pm on Tuesday, 22 November 2011.

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