

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

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## First Session

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MONDAY, 3 APRIL 2017

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**12 noon**

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PRESENT:

Mdm SPEAKER (Mdm HALIMAH YACOB (Marsiling-Yew Tee)).

Mr AMRIN AMIN (Sembawang), Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs.

Mr ANG HIN KEE (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr ANG WEI NENG (Jurong).

Mr BAEY YAM KENG (Tampines), Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth.

Miss CHERYL CHAN WEI LING (Fengshan).

Mr CHAN CHUN SING (Tanjong Pagar), Minister, Prime Minister's Office and Government Whip.

Mr CHEE HONG TAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information and Ministry of Health.

Mr CHEN SHOW MAO (Aljunied).

Miss CHENG LI HUI (Tampines).

Dr CHIA SHI-LU (Tanjong Pagar).

Ms CHIA YONG YONG (Nominated Member).

Mr CHARLES CHONG (Punggol East), Deputy Speaker.

Mr CHONG KEE HIONG (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr DESMOND CHOO (Tampines).

Mr THOMAS CHUA KEE SENG (Nominated Member).

Mr DARRYL DAVID (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr CHRISTOPHER DE SOUZA (Holland-Bukit Timah).

Mr CEDRIC FOO CHEE KENG (Pioneer).

Ms FOO MEE HAR (West Coast).

Ms GRACE FU HAI YIEN (Yuhua), Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Leader of the House.

Mr GAN KIM YONG (Chua Chu Kang), Minister for Health.

Mr GAN THIAM POH (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr GOH CHOK TONG (Marine Parade).

Assoc Prof DANIEL GOH PEI SIONG (Non-Constituency Member).

Mr HENG CHEE HOW (Jalan Besar), Senior Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office.

Mr HENG SWEE KEAT (Tampines), Minister for Finance.

Ms INDRANEE RAJAH (Tanjong Pagar), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Law.

Dr INTAN AZURA MOKHTAR (Ang Mo Kio).

Dr JANIL PUTHUCHEARY (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information and Ministry of Education.

Mr KHAW BOON WAN (Sembawang), Coordinating Minister for Infrastructure and Minister for Transport.

Dr KOH POH KOON (Ang Mo Kio), Minister of State, Ministry of National Development and Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Mr KOK HENG LEUN (Nominated Member).

Ms KUIK SHIAO-YIN (Nominated Member).

Mr KWEK HIAN CHUAN HENRY (Nee Soon).

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

Er Dr LEE BEE WAH (Nee Soon).

Mr DESMOND LEE (Jurong), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of National Development and Deputy Leader of the House.

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

Mr LEE YI SHYAN (East Coast).

Mr LIANG ENG HWA (Holland-Bukit Timah).

Mr LIM BIOW CHUAN (Mountbatten), Deputy Speaker.

Mr LIM HNG KIANG (West Coast), Minister for Trade and Industry (Trade).

Mr LIM SWEE SAY (East Coast), Minister for Manpower.

Dr LIM WEE KIAK (Sembawang).

Mr LOW THIA KHIANG (Aljunied).

Ms LOW YEN LING (Chua Chu Kang), Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Asst Prof MAHDEV MOHAN (Nominated Member).

Mr MASAGOS ZULKIFLI B M M (Tampines), Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.

Mr MUHAMAD FAISAL ABDUL MANAP (Aljunied).

Assoc Prof Dr MUHAMMAD FAISHAL IBRAHIM (Nee Soon), Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Social and Family Development.

Mr MURALI PILLAI (Bukit Batok).

Mr NG CHEE MENG (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Minister for Education (Schools) and Second Minister for Transport.

Mr LOUIS NG KOK KWANG (Nee Soon).

Mr ONG TENG KOON (Marsiling-Yew Tee).

Mr ONG YE KUNG (Sembawang), Minister for Education (Higher Education and Skills) and Second Minister for Defence.

Ms JOAN PEREIRA (Tanjong Pagar).

Mr LEON PERERA (Non-Constituency Member).

Ms DENISE PHUA LAY PENG (Jalan Besar).

Mr PNG ENG HUAT (Hougang).

Mr PRITAM SINGH (Aljunied).

Ms RAHAYU MAHZAM (Jurong).

Mr SAKTIANDI SUPAAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr SEAH KIAN PENG (Marine Parade).

Mr K SHANMUGAM (Nee Soon), Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law.

Ms SIM ANN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Trade and Industry and Deputy Government Whip.

Mr SITO H YIH PIN (Potong Pasir).

Ms SUN XUELING (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Mr TAN CHUAN-JIN (Marine Parade), Minister for Social and Family Development.

Mr DENNIS TAN LIP FONG (Non-Constituency Member).

Assoc Prof RANDOLPH TAN (Nominated Member).

Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast).

Mr SAM TAN CHIN SIONG (Radin Mas), Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of Manpower and Deputy Government Whip.

Dr TAN WU MENG (Jurong).

Mr PATRICK TAY TECK GUAN (West Coast).

Dr TEO HO PIN (Bukit Panjang).

Mrs JOSEPHINE TEO (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Senior Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Transport.

Mr TEO SER LUCK (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Minister of State, Ministry of Manpower.

Ms K THANALETCHIMI (Nominated Member).

Mr THARMAN SHANMUGARATNAM (Jurong), Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for Economic and Social Policies.

Ms TIN PEI LING (MacPherson).

Mr EDWIN TONG CHUN FAI (Marine Parade).

Mr VIKRAM NAIR (Sembawang).

Mr LAWRENCE WONG (Marsiling-Yew Tee), Minister for National Development and Second Minister for Finance

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

Mr ALEX YAM ZIMING (Marsiling-Yew Tee).

Mr YEE CHIA HSING (Chua Chu Kang).

Mr MELVIN YONG YIK CHYE (Tanjong Pagar).

ABSENT:

Mr AZMOON AHMAD (Nominated Member).

Assoc Prof FATIMAH LATEEF (Marine Parade).

Mr GANESH RAJARAM (Nominated Member).

Mr S ISWARAN (West Coast), Minister for Trade and Industry (Industry).

Dr AMY KHOR LEAN SUAN (Hong Kah North), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources and Ministry of Health.

Ms SYLVIA LIM (Aljunied).

Dr MOHAMAD MALIKI BIN OSMAN (East Coast), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Dr LILY NEO (Jalan Besar).

Dr NG ENG HEN (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister for Defence.

Mr TEO CHEE HEAN (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security.

Dr VIVIAN BALAKRISHNAN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Mr ZAINAL SAPARI (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Mr ZAQY MOHAMAD (Chua Chu Kang).

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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 Advice of the Presidential Advisers on the Supply Bill 2017 and Supplementary Supply (FY 2016) Bill 2017 – Presented on 17 March 2017 (S. 203 of 2017).
  - 1.2 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Patents (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 6/2017] – Presented on 22 March 2017 (Pres. Co. 38 of 2017).
  - 1.3 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Architects (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 8/2017] – Presented on 22 March 2017 (Pres. Co. 39 of 2017).
  - 1.4 Report of the Presidential Council of Minority Rights on the Early Childhood Development Centres Bill [Bill No 7/2017] – Presented on 22 March 2017 (Pres. Co. 40 of 2017).
  - 1.5 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Companies (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 13/2017] – Presented on 22 March 2017 (Pres. Co. 41 of 2017).
  - 1.6 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Limited Liability Partnerships (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 14/2017] – Presented on 22 March 2017 (Pres. Co. 42 of 2017).
  - 1.7 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Trustees (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 12/2017] – Presented on 22 March 2017 (Pres. Co. 43 of 2017).
  - 1.8 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Town Councils (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 9/2017] – Presented on 22 March 2017 (Pres. Co. 44 of 2017).
  - 1.9 Annual Report of the Media Development Authority 2016 (1 April to 30 September 2016) – Presented on 27 March 2017 (S. 204 of 2017).
  - 1.10 Environmental Public Health (Notice to Attend Court) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 27 March 2017 (S. L. 259 of 2017).
  - 1.11 Control of Vectors and Pesticides (Prescribed Form) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 27 March 2017 (S. L. 260 of 2017).
  - 1.12 Council for Private Education Annual Report 1 April 2016 to 2 October 2016 – Presented on 28 March 2017 (S. 205 of 2017).
  - 1.13 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Re-Appointment of Chairman and Re-Appointment/Appointment of Members to the JTC Board – Presented on 29 March 2017 (S. 206 of 2017).

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- 1.14 Environmental Public Health (Public Cleansing) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 31 March 2017 (S. L. 261 of 2017).
  - 1.15 Employment Claims Rules 2017 – Presented on 31 March 2017 (S. L. 262 of 2017).
  - 1.16 Rules of Court (Amendment) Rules 2017 – Presented on 31 March 2017 (S. L. 263 of 2017).
  - 1.17 Employment of Foreign Manpower (Work Passes) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 3 April 2017 (S. L. 264 of 2017).
  - 1.18 Industrial Relations (Amendment) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 3 April 2017 (S. L. 265 of 2017).
  - 1.19 Employment (Prescribed Disputes) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 3 April 2017 (S. L. 266 of 2017).
  - 1.20 Employment (Part-Time Employees) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 3 April 2017 (S. L. 267 of 2017).
  - 1.21 Employment (Composition of Offences) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 3 April 2017 (S. L. 268 of 2017).
- 2 20 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
  - 3 Merchant Shipping (Wreck Removal) Bill – "to give effect to the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007, to make provision generally for matters connected therewith and to make related amendments to the Merchant Shipping Act (Chapter 179 of the 1996 Revised Edition)" – 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. 19/2017].
  - 4 Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea Act (Chapter 243 of the 1999 Revised Edition)" – 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. 20/2017].
  - 5 Terrorism (Suppression of Misuse of Radioactive Material) Bill – "to give effect to the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism and to provide for connected matters" – presented by the Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 21/2017].
  - 6 Public Entertainments and Meetings (Amendment) Bill – "to rename and amend the Public Entertainments and Meetings Act (Chapter 257 of the 2001 Revised Edition) and to make consequential amendments to certain other Acts" – presented by the Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 22/2017].

- 7 Registered Designs (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Registered Designs Act (Chapter 266 of the 2005 Revised Edition) and to make related amendments to the Copyright Act (Chapter 63 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 on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 23/2017].
- 8 Singapore University of Social Sciences Bill – "to provide for certain matters relating to the operation of a university known as the Singapore University of Social Sciences and to make consequential amendments to certain other Acts" – presented by the Minister for Education (Higher Education and Skills); read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 24/2017].
- 9 Computer Misuse and Cybersecurity (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 Home Affairs).

*(In the Committee)*

Clauses 1 to 5 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 10 Public Order (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 Home Affairs).

*(In the Committee)*

Clauses 1 to 13 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 11 Energy Conservation (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 31 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.



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- 12 The Kwong-Wai-Shiu Free Hospital (Transfer of Undertaking and Dissolution) Bill as reported from the Select Committee (Paper Parl. 5 of 2017) – read a third time.
- 13 Aspirations of Singapore Women – (Ms Tin Pei Ling) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That this House affirms the familial, social and economic contributions of Singapore women and its support for them to fulfil their family and career aspirations and to be future-ready."; Debate arising.
- 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 Aspirations of Singapore Women – (Ms Tin Pei Ling) – Debate resumed on Question, "That this House affirms the familial, social and economic contributions of Singapore women and its support for them to fulfil their family and career aspirations and to be future-ready.".
- 16 Adjournment of Debate – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the debate be now adjourned.".
- Debate to be resumed Tomorrow.
- 17 Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn.".

Adjourned at 8.03 pm

HALIMAH YACOB,  
*Speaker*

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**MEMORANDUM**

Mdm Speaker will take the Chair again at 1.30 pm on Tuesday, 4 April 2017.

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