

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

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**First Session**

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MONDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2017

*No. 32*

**1.30 pm**

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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 AZMOON AHMAD (Nominated Member).

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).

Assoc Prof FATIMAH LATEEF (Marine Parade).

Mr CEDRIC FOO CHEE KENG (Pioneer).

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 GANESH RAJARAM (Nominated Member).

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.

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

Dr INTAN AZURA MOKHTAR (Ang Mo Kio).

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

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

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.

Ms SYLVIA LIM (Aljunied).

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.

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

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

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).

Dr LILY NEO (Jalan Besar).

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

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

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 SITOY 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).

Dr TAN WU MENG (Jurong).

Mr PATRICK TAY TECK GUAN (West Coast).

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

Dr TEO HO PIN (Bukit Panjang).

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).

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

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).

Mr ZAINAL SAPARI (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Mr ZAQY MOHAMAD (Chua Chu Kang).

ABSENT:

Ms FOO MEE HAR (West Coast).

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

Asst Prof MAHDEV MOHAN (Nominated Member).

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

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

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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 Fees (Winding up and Dissolution of Companies and Other Bodies) (Amendment) Order 2017 – Presented on 11 January 2017 (S. L. 241 of 2017).
  - 1.2 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Appointment of Judges of the High Court – Presented on 16 January 2017 (S. 198 of 2017).
  - 1.3 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Presidential Council for Minority Rights (PCMR) – Appointment of Member – Presented on 16 January 2017 (S. 199 of 2017).
  - 1.4 First Report of the Public Accounts Committee – Presented on 17 January 2017 (Parl. 3 of 2017).
  - 1.5 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Securities and Futures (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 35/2016 (Amended)] – Presented on 18 January 2017 (Pres. Co. 28 of 2017).
  - 1.6 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Retirement and Re-employment (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 36/2016 (Amended)] – Presented on 18 January 2017 (Pres. Co. 29 of 2017).
  - 1.7 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Mediation Bill [Bill No 37/2016 (Amended)] – Presented on 18 January 2017 (Pres. Co. 30 of 2017).
  - 1.8 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Civil Law (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 38/2016 (Amended)] – Presented on 18 January 2017 (Pres. Co. 31 of 2017).
  - 1.9 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Active Mobility Bill [Bill No 40/2016 (Amended)] – Presented on 18 January 2017 (Pres. Co. 32 of 2017).
  - 1.10 Report of the Estimates Committee – Presented on 25 January 2017 (Parl. 4 of 2017).
  - 1.11 Professional Engineers (Amendment) Rules 2017 – Presented on 27 January 2017 (S. L. 242 of 2017).
  - 1.12 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Appointment of Mr Adrian Chan Pengee as a Member to the Legal Service Commission (LSC) – Presented on 1 February 2017 (S. 200 of 2017).
  - 1.13 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Re-Appointment of Members of the Public Service Commission (PSC) – Presented on 1 February 2017 (S. 201 of 2017).
  - 1.14 Animals and Birds (Dog Licensing and Control) (Amendment) Rules 2017 – Presented on 3 February 2017 (S. L. 243 of 2017).

- 2 17 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 3 Patents (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Patents Act (Chapter 221 of the 2005 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Law; read the first time; to be read a second time after the conclusion of proceedings on the Estimates of Expenditure for FY2017/2018 and to be printed. [Bill No. 6/2017].
- 4 Early Childhood Development Centres Bill – "to regulate the operation of early childhood development centres, to provide for other connected or incidental matters, to repeal the Child Care Centres Act (Chapter 37A of the 2012 Revised Edition) and to make consequential and related amendments to certain other Acts" – presented by the Minister for Social and Family Development; read the first time; to be read a second time after the conclusion of proceedings on the Estimates of Expenditure for FY2017/2018 and to be printed. [Bill No. 7/2017].
- 5 Architects (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Architects Act (Chapter 12 of the 2000 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Minister for National Development; read the first time; to be read a second time after the conclusion of proceedings on the Estimates of Expenditure for FY2017/2018 and to be printed. [Bill No. 8/2017].
- 6 Town Councils (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Town Councils Act (Chapter 329A of the 2000 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Senior Minister of State, Ministry of National Development; read the first time; to be read a second time after the conclusion of proceedings on the Estimates of Expenditure for FY2017/2018 and to be printed. [Bill No. 9/2017].
- 7 Time Limit for Speeches – (Leader of the House) – (with the consent of Mdm Speaker and the general assent of Members present) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the proceedings on the Presidential Elections (Amendment) Bill be exempted from the provisions of Standing Order No. 48(8) to remove the time limit in respect of Minister Chan Chun Sing's speech."
- 8 Presidential Elections (Amendment) Bill – (Minister, Prime Minister's Office) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time."

Question put, and agreed to with the following Members dissenting:-

Mr Chen Show Mao (Aljunied)  
Ms Sylvia Lim (Aljunied)  
Mr Low Thia Khian (Aljunied)  
Mr Muhamad Faisal Abdul Manap (Aljunied)  
Mr Pritam Singh (Aljunied)  
Mr Png Eng Huat (Hougang)  
Assoc Prof Daniel Goh Pei Siong (Non-Constituency Member)  
Mr Leon Perera (Non-Constituency Member)  
Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong (Non-Constituency Member)

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, Prime Minister's Office).

*(In the Committee)*

Clauses 1 to 24 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment.

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a third time." – (Minister, Prime Minister's Office).

Question put, and agreed to with the following Members dissenting: -

Mr Chen Show Mao (Aljunied)  
Ms Sylvia Lim (Aljunied)  
Mr Low Thia Khian (Aljunied)  
Mr Muhamad Faisal Abdul Manap (Aljunied)  
Mr Pritam Singh (Aljunied)  
Mr Png Eng Huat (Hougang)  
Assoc Prof Daniel Goh Pei Siong (Non-Constituency Member)  
Mr Leon Perera (Non-Constituency Member)  
Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong (Non-Constituency Member)  
Mr Kok Heng Leun (Nominated Member)

Bill read a third time.

- 9 Planning (Amendment) Bill – (Minister for National Development) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time."; Debate arising.
- 10 Exempted Business – (Deputy 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.".
- 11 Planning (Amendment) Bill – (Minister for National Development) – Debate resumed on Question, "That the Bill be now read a second time.".

Question put and agreed to. 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 National Development).

*(In the Committee)*

Clauses 1 to 24 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 12 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 7.38 pm

HALIMAH YACOB,  
*Speaker*

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#### MEMORANDUM

Mdm Speaker will take the Chair again at 1.30 pm on Tuesday, 7 February 2017.

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