

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

First Session

MONDAY, 9 APRIL 2012

No. 24

1.30 pm

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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).

Mr 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 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), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts and Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources.

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.

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).

Ms INDRANEE RAJAH (Tanjong Pagar).

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.

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).

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 LAURENCE LIEN (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).

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

Mr MAH BOW TAN (Tampines).

Dr MOHAMAD MALIKI BIN OSMAN (East Coast), Senior Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence and Minister for National Development.

Mr MUHAMAD FAISAL ABDUL MANAP (Aljunied).

Assoc. Prof. Dr MUHAMMAD FAISHAL IBRAHIM (Nee Soon).
Dr LILY NEO (Tanjong Pagar).
Dr NG ENG HEN (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister for Defence and Leader of the House.
Mr DAVID ONG KIM HUAT (Jurong).
Mr ONG TENG KOON (Sembawang).
Ms DENISE PHUA LAY PENG (Moulmein-Kallang).
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), Senior Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education 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).
Ms TAN SU SHAN (Nominated Member).
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 TEO SIONG SENG (Nominated Member).
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).
Mr VIKRAM NAIR (Sembawang).
Dr VIVIAN BALAKRISHNAN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.
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 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 INDERJIT SINGH (Ang Mo Kio).

Dr AMY KHOR LEAN SUAN (Hong Kah North), Minister of State, Ministry of Health and Deputy Government Whip.

Ms MARY LIEW (Nominated Member).

Mr MASAGOS ZULKIFLI B M M (Tampines), Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Ms IRENE NG PHEK HOONG (Tampines).

Asst. Prof. TAN KHENG BOON EUGENE (Nominated Member).

Mr WONG KAN SENG (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

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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 Council of Presidential Advisers on the Supply Bill FY 2012 and Supplementary Supply (FY2011) Bill – Presented on 15 March 2012 (S. 15 of 2012).
 - 1.2 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Re-Appointment of Chief Valuer under the State Lands Act – Presented on 15 March 2012 (S. 16 of 2012).
 - 1.3 Public Order (Unrestricted Area) (Amendment) Order 2012 – Presented on 15 March 2012 (S.L. 51 of 2012).
 - 1.4 Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors, Trishaw Riders and Passengers) (Amendment) Rules 2012 – Presented on 16 March 2012 (S.L. 52 of 2012).
 - 1.5 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Consumer Protection (Fair Trading) (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 3/2012] – Presented on 21 March 2012 (Pres. Co. 4 of 2012).
 - 1.6 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Moneylenders (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 4/2012] – Presented on 21 March 2012 (Pres. Co. 5 of 2012).
 - 1.7 Women’s Charter (Registration of Marriages) (Amendment) Rules 2012 – Presented on 26 March 2012 (S.L. 53 of 2012).
 - 1.8 Appraisers (Licence Fees) Order 2012 – Presented on 5 April 2012 (S.L. 54 of 2012).
 - 1.9 Fees (Income Tax) (Amendment) Order 2012 – Presented on 5 April 2012 (S.L. 55 of 2012).
 - 1.10 Fees (Property Tax) (Amendment) Order 2012 – Presented on 5 April 2012 (S.L. 56 of 2012).
 - 1.11 Goods and Services Tax Act (Amendment of Fifth Schedule) Order 2012 – Presented on 5 April 2012 (S.L. 57 of 2012).
 - 1.12 Income Tax Act (Amendment of Seventh Schedule) Order 2012 – Presented on 5 April 2012 (S.L. 58 of 2012).
 - 1.13 Stamp Duties Act (Amendment of Fourth and Fifth Schedules) Notification 2012 – Presented on 5 April 2012 (S.L. 59 of 2012).
- 2 16 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.

- 3 Public Utilities (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 29 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 4 Sewerage and Drainage (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 36 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 5 Energy Conservation 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 82 inclusive agreed to.

First and Second Schedules agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 6 International Arbitration (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 Law).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 12 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

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- 7 Foreign Limitation Periods 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 Law).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 9 inclusive agreed to.

The Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 8 Government Securities – (Minister of State, Ministry of Finance) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That this Parliament, in accordance with Article 144(1)(a) of the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore and section 11(1) of the Government Securities Act (Chapter 121A of the 2002 Revised Edition), resolves that the Minister of Finance be authorised to borrow, by the issue of Government Securities in Singapore under that Act, a further sum not exceeding One Hundred and Seventy Thousand Million Singapore Dollars (S\$170,000,000,000), thereby in total a sum not exceeding Four Hundred and Ninety Thousand Million Singapore Dollars (S\$490,000,000,000).".
- 9 Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn to a date to be fixed.".

Adjourned at 6.40 pm

MICHAEL PALMER
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Parliament stands adjourned to a date to be fixed.
