

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

First Session

MONDAY, 9 JANUARY 2017

No. 30

1.30 pm

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PRESENT:

Mdm SPEAKER (Mdm HALIMAH YACOB (Marsiling-YewTee)).

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 CHONG KEE HIONG (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr DESMOND CHOO (Tampines).

Mr THOMAS CHUA KEE SENG (Nominated Member).

Mr CHRISTOPHER DE SOUZA (Holland-Bukit Timah).

Assoc Prof FATIMAH LATEEF (Marine Parade).

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 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.

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.

Asst Prof MAHDEV MOHAN (Nominated Member).

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 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).

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

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.

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 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:

Mr CHARLES CHONG (Punggol East), Deputy Speaker.

Mr DARRYL DAVID (Ang Mo Kio).

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

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

Er Dr LEE BEE WAH (Nee Soon).

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

Mr ALEX YAM ZIMING (Marsiling-Yew Tee).

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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 Health Products (Composition of Offences) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 11 November 2016 (S. L. 186 of 2016).
 - 1.2 Health Products (Medical Devices) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 11 November 2016 (S. L. 187 of 2016).
 - 1.3 Health Products (Oral Dental Gums) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 11 November 2016 (S. L. 188 of 2016).
 - 1.4 Poisons (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2016 – Presented on 11 November 2016 (S. L. 189 of 2016).
 - 1.5 Planning (Fees) (Amendment) Rules 2016 – Presented on 15 November 2016 (S. L. 190 of 2016).
 - 1.6 Corrigendum to Civil Service College's Annual Report and Financial Statements 2015/2016 – Presented on 17 November 2016 (S. 193 of 2016).
 - 1.7 Medifund Endowment Scheme Annual Report FY2015 – Presented on 21 November 2016 (S. 194 of 2016).
 - 1.8 Goods and Services Tax (Imports Relief) (Amendment) Order 2016 – Presented on 22 November 2016 (S. L. 191 of 2016).
 - 1.9 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Change of GIC's Chief Executive Officer and Changes to the Board – Presented on 22 November 2016 (S. 195 of 2016).
 - 1.10 Professional Engineers (Prescribed Branches of Professional Engineering) Rules 2016 – Presented on 23 November 2016 (S. L. 192 of 2016).
 - 1.11 Professional Engineers (Qualification for Registration as Professional Engineers) (Exemption) Order 2016 – Presented on 23 November 2016 (S. L. 193 of 2016).
 - 1.12 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 28/2016] – Presented on 25 November 2016 (Pres. Co. 21 of 2016).
 - 1.13 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Credit Bureau Bill [Bill No 27/2016] – Presented on 25 November 2016 (Pres. Co. 22 of 2016).
 - 1.14 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Telecommunications (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 30/2016] – Presented on 25 November 2016 (Pres. Co. 23 of 2016).

- 1.15 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Fire Safety (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 31/2016] – Presented on 25 November 2016 (Pres. Co. 24 of 2016).
- 1.16 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the National Registration (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 32/2016] – Presented on 25 November 2016 (Pres. Co. 25 of 2016).
- 1.17 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Child Development Co-Savings (Amendment No. 2) Bill [Bill No 33/2016] – Presented on 25 November 2016 (Pres. Co. 26 of 2016).
- 1.18 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 29/2016] – Presented on 25 November 2016 (Pres. Co. 27 of 2016).
- 1.19 Environmental Public Health (General Waste Collection) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 28 November 2016 (S. L. 194 of 2016).
- 1.20 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Appointment of Attorney-General – Presented on 28 November 2016 (S. 196 of 2016).
- 1.21 Building Control (Buildability and Productivity) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 30 November 2016 (S. L. 195 of 2016).
- 1.22 Environmental Public Health (Public Cleansing) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 7 December 2016 (S. L. 196 of 2016).
- 1.23 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Revocation and Appointment of Non Ex-officio Members of the Armed Forces Council (AFC) – Presented on 12 December 2016 (S. 197 of 2016).
- 1.24 Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors, Trishaw Riders and Passengers) (Amendment No. 6) Rules 2016 – Presented on 15 December 2016 (S. L. 197 of 2016).
- 1.25 Charities (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 19 December 2016 (S. L. 198 of 2016).
- 1.26 Legal Profession (Regulated Individuals) (Amendment) Rules 2016 – Presented on 22 December 2016 (S. L. 199 of 2016).
- 1.27 Legal Profession (Continuing Professional Development) (Amendment) Rules 2016 – Presented on 22 December 2016 (S. L. 200 of 2016).
- 1.28 Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2016 – Presented on 3 January 2017 (S. L. 201 of 2017).
- 1.29 Immigration (Amendment) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 5 January 2017 (S. L. 202 of 2017).

- 1.30 Passport (Amendment) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 5 January 2017 (S. L. 203 of 2017).
 - 1.31 Goods and Services Tax (General) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 6 January 2017 (S. L. 204 of 2017).
 - 1.32 Road Traffic (Driving Instructors and Driving Schools) (Amendment) Rules 2016 – Presented on 9 January 2017 (S. L. 205 of 2017).
 - 1.33 Road Traffic (Driving Instructors and Driving Schools) (Exemption) (Amendment) Order 2016 – Presented on 9 January 2017 (S. L. 206 of 2017).
 - 1.34 Road Traffic (Exemption from Requirement for Instructor's Licence) (Revocation) Order 2016 – Presented on 9 January 2017 (S. L. 207 of 2017).
 - 1.35 Road Traffic (Exemption from Requirement for Instructor's Licence) Order 2016 – Presented on 9 January 2017 (S. L. 208 of 2017).
- 2 16 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 3 International Enterprise Singapore Board (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the International Enterprise Singapore Board Act (Chapter 143B of the 2002 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Minister for Trade and Industry (Industry); read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 1/2017].
- 4 Presidential Elections (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Presidential Elections Act (Chapter 240A of the 2011 Revised Edition) and to make consequential amendments to the Parliamentary Elections Act (Chapter 218 of the 2011 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Minister, Prime Minister's Office; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 2/2017].
- 5 Planning (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Planning Act (Chapter 232 of the 1998 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Minister for National Development; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 3/2017].
- 6 Parks and Trees (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Parks and Trees Act (Chapter 216 of the 2006 Revised Edition) and to make related amendments to the National Parks Board Act (Chapter 198A of the 2012 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Senior Minister of State, Ministry of National Development.; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 4/2017].
- 7 Securities and Futures (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 Education (Higher Education and Skills) on behalf of the Prime Minister).

(In the Committee)

Clause 1:

Alteration made, in page 2, line 2, by leaving out "2016" and inserting "2017".

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 7 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 8:

Alterations made:

- (i) in page 46, lines 7 and 15, by leaving out "2016" and inserting "2017";
- (ii) in page 48, line 18, by leaving out "2016" and inserting "2017";
- (iii) in page 54, line 16, by leaving out "2016" and inserting "2017";
- (iv) in page 68, line 31, by leaving out "2016" and inserting "2017";
- (v) in page 84, line 4, by leaving out "2016" and inserting "2017"; and
- (vi) in page 85, line 6, by leaving out "2016" and inserting "2017".

Clause 8 agreed to.

Clauses 9 to 47 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 48:

Alterations made:

- (i) in page 127, lines 16 and 24, by leaving out "2016" and inserting "2017";
- (ii) in page 129, line 27, by leaving out "2016" and inserting "2017";
- (iii) in page 151, line 28, by leaving out "2016" and inserting "2017";
- (iv) in page 157, line 10, by leaving out "2016" and inserting "2017";
- (v) in page 162, lines 9 and 17, by leaving out "2016" and inserting "2017";
- (vi) in page 164, line 15, by leaving out "2016" and inserting "2017";
- (vii) in page 182, line 21, by leaving out "2016" and inserting "2017"; and
- (viii) in page 190, line 3, by leaving out "2016" and inserting "2017".

Clause 48 agreed to.

Clauses 49 to 196 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 197:

Alterations made:

- (i) in page 371, lines 18 and 28, by leaving out "2016" and inserting "2017";
- (ii) in page 372, lines 5 and 12, by leaving out "2016" and inserting "2017"; and
- (iii) in page 373, line 27, by leaving out "2016" and inserting "2017".

Clause 197 agreed to.

Clauses 198 to 201 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 202:

Alteration made, in page 385, lines 5, 12 and 18, by leaving out "2016" and inserting "2017".

Clause 202 agreed to.

Clause 203 agreed to.

Clause 204:

Alterations made:

- (i) in page 386, lines 16 and 31, by leaving out "2016" and inserting "2017"; and
- (ii) in page 387, lines 5 and 19, by leaving out "2016" and inserting "2017".

Clause 204 agreed to.

Clauses 205 to 211 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 212:

Alterations made:

- (i) in page 389, line 33, by leaving out "2016" and inserting "2017"; and
- (ii) in page 390, lines 6, 12, 18, 24 and 30, by leaving out "2016" and inserting "2017".

Clause 212 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 8 Retirement and Re-employment (Amendment) Bill – (Minister for Manpower) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time."; Debate arising.
- 9 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."
- 10 Retirement and Re-employment (Amendment) Bill – (Minister for Manpower) – 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 Manpower).

(In the Committee)

Clause 1:

Alteration made, in page 2, line 3, by leaving out "2016" and inserting "2017".

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 11 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

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- 11 Adjournment – (Deputy 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 8.34 pm

HALIMAH YACOB,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Mdm Speaker will take the Chair again at 12 noon on Tuesday, 10 January 2017.
