

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

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## First Session

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MONDAY, 9 JULY 2012

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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.

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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).

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.

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 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).

Ms MARY LIEW (Nominated Member).

Mr LIM BIOW CHUAN (Mountbatten).

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).

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.

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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.  
Ms IRENE NG PHEK HOONG (Tampines).  
Mr DAVID ONG KIM HUAT (Jurong).  
Ms DENISE PHUA LAY PENG (Moulmein-Kallang).  
Mr PNG ENG HUAT (Hougang).  
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.  
Asst. Prof. TAN KHENG BOON EUGENE (Nominated Member).  
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.  
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).  
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 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.

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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.

Ms INDRANEE RAJAH (Tanjong Pagar).

Mr LEE KUAN YEW (Tanjong Pagar).

Mr DESMOND LEE TI-SENG (Jurong).

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

Mr RAYMOND LIM SIANG KEAT (East Coast).

Mr ONG TENG KOON (Sembawang).

Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast).

Dr TEO HO PIN (Bukit Panjang), Deputy Government Whip.

Mr THARMAN SHANMUGARATNAM (Jurong), Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Finance  
and Minister for Manpower.

Mr VIKRAM NAIR (Sembawang).

Mr ALEX YAM ZIMING (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 Health Products (Medical Devices) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 18 May 2012 (S.L. 64 of 2012).
  - 1.2 Road Traffic (Electronic Road Pricing System) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2012 – Presented on 21 May 2012 (S.L. 65 of 2012).
  - 1.3 International Labour Organisation (ILO) Instruments Adopted at Recent International Labour Conference Sessions – Presented on 24 May 2012 (Misc. 3 of 2012).
  - 1.4 Customs (Duties) (Exemption) (Amendment) Order 2012 – Presented on 24 May 2012 (S.L. 66 of 2012).
  - 1.5 Goods and Services Tax (Imports Relief) (Amendment) Order 2012 – Presented on 24 May 2012 (S.L. 67 of 2012).
  - 1.6 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Appointment of a Judge of Appeal and Appointment of Attorney-General – Presented on 31 May 2012 (S. 28 of 2012).
  - 1.7 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Appointment of Judicial Commissioner – Presented on 31 May 2012 (S. 29 of 2012).
  - 1.8 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Re-Appointment and Appointment of Directors to the Board of Temasek Holdings Private Limited – Presented on 1 June 2012 (S. 30 of 2012).
  - 1.9 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Re-Appointment and Appointment to the Board of the Monetary Authority of Singapore – Presented on 1 June 2012 (S. 31 of 2012).
  - 1.10 Customs (Authorised Piers and Places) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 5 June 2012 (S.L. 68 of 2012).
  - 1.11 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Seat Belts) (Amendment) Rules 2012 – Presented on 5 June 2012 (S.L. 69 of 2012).
  - 1.12 Road Traffic (Control of Width and Length of Motor Vehicles) (Amendment) Rules 2012 – Presented on 5 June 2012 (S.L. 70 of 2012).
  - 1.13 Customs (Offices and Stations) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 5 June 2012 (S.L. 71 of 2012).
  - 1.14 Central Provident Fund (Workfare Income Supplement Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 6 June 2012 (S.L. 72 of 2012).
  - 1.15 Road Traffic Act (Chapter 276) Road Traffic (Amendment) Rules 2012 – Presented on 6 June 2012 (S. L. 73 of 2012).
  - 1.16 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Re-Appointment of a Member of Public Service Commission – Presented on 7 June 2012 (S. 32 of 2012).
  - 1.17 Central Provident Fund (Dependants' Protection Insurance Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 7 June 2012 (S.L. 74 of 2012).

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- 1.18 Central Provident Fund (Dependants' Protection Insurance Scheme) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 7 June 2012 (S.L. 75 of 2012).
  - 1.19 Central Provident Fund (Prescribed Amount for Medisave Account) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 7 June 2012 (S.L. 76 of 2012).
  - 1.20 Central Provident Fund (Revised Minimum Sum Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 7 June 2012 (S.L. 77 of 2012).
  - 1.21 Central Provident Fund (Minimum Sum Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 7 June 2012 (S.L. 78 of 2012).
  - 1.22 Central Provident Fund (New Minimum Sum Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 7 June 2012 (S.L. 79 of 2012).
  - 1.23 Central Provident Fund (Minimum Sum Topping-Up Scheme) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 7 June 2012 (S.L. 80 of 2012).
  - 1.24 Central Provident Fund (Minimum Sum Plus Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 7 June 2012 (S.L. 81 of 2012).
  - 1.25 Central Provident Fund (Amendment) Rules 2012 – Presented on 7 June 2012 (S.L. 82 of 2012).
  - 1.26 International Labour Organisation's Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, C187 – Presented on 11 June 2012 (Misc. 4 of 2012).
  - 1.27 Annual Report of Singapore Corporation of Rehabilitative Enterprises for 2011 – Presented on 11 June 2012 (S. 33 of 2012).
  - 1.28 Legal Profession (Limited Liability Law Partnership) (Amendment) Rules 2012 – Presented on 11 June 2012 (S. L. 83 of 2012).
  - 1.29 Legal Profession (Law Corporation) (Amendment) Rules 2012 – Presented on 11 June 2012 (S.L. 84 of 2012).
  - 1.30 Legal Profession (International Services) (Amendment) Rules 2012 – Presented on 11 June 2012 (S.L. 85 of 2012).
  - 1.31 Public Order Act (Chapter 257A, Revised Edition 2012) – Presented on 12 June 2012 (S. 34 of 2012).
  - 1.32 Singapore University of Technology and Design Act (Chapter 305E, Revised Edition 2012) – Presented on 12 June 2012 (S. 35 of 2012).
  - 1.33 Skills Development Levy Act (Chapter 306, Revised Edition 2012) – Presented on 12 June 2012 (S. 36 of 2012).
  - 1.34 United Nations Personnel Act (Chapter 339A, Revised Edition 2012) – Presented on 12 June 2012 (S. 37 of 2012).
  - 1.35 Central Provident Fund (Self-Employed Persons) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 12 June 2012 (S. L. 86 of 2012).
  - 1.36 Income Tax (PIC Automation Equipment) Rules 2012 – Presented on 12 June 2012 (S.L. 87 of 2012).

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- 1.37 Public Order (Unrestricted Area) (Revocation) Order 2012 – Presented on 13 June 2012 (S.L. 88 of 2012).
  - 1.38 Public Order (Unrestricted Area) Order 2012 – Presented on 13 June 2012 (S.L. 89 of 2012).
  - 1.39 Commissioner of Charities Annual Report 2011 – Presented on 19 June 2012 (S. 38 of 2012).
  - 1.40 Report on Registration of Births and Deaths 2011 – Presented on 20 June 2012 (Cmd. 4 of 2012).
  - 1.41 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2012 – Presented on 20 June 2012 (S.L. 90 of 2012).
  - 1.42 Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors, Trishaw Riders and Passengers) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2012 – Presented on 20 June 2012 (S.L. 91 of 2012).
  - 1.43 Road Traffic (Electronic Road Pricing System) (Amendment No. 4) Rules 2012 – Presented on 20 June 2012 (S.L. 92 of 2012).
  - 1.44 The Connect Fund Report and Financial Statements for Year 2012 – Presented on 22 June 2012 (S. 39 of 2012).
  - 1.45 Annual Report of Majlis Ugama Islam Singapura, 2011 – Presented on 25 June 2012 (Cmd. 5 of 2012).
  - 1.46 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Re-Appointment and Appointment of Board Members of Central Provident Fund Board (CPF Board) – Presented on 26 June 2012 (S. 40 of 2012).
  - 1.47 Central Provident Fund Board Annual Report 2011 – Presented on 26 June 2012 (S. 41 of 2012).
  - 1.48 Annual Report of the President Industrial Arbitration Court 2011 – Presented on 27 June 2012 (S. 42 of 2012).
  - 1.49 Central Provident Fund (Prescribed Amount for Special Account) Notification 2012 – Presented on 9 July 2012 (S.L. 93 of 2012).
  - 1.50 Employment (Recommendations for Annual Wage Adjustment) Notification 2012 – Presented on 9 July 2012 (S.L. 94 of 2012).
  - 1.51 Central Provident Fund (New Minimum Sum Scheme) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 9 July 2012 (S.L. 95 of 2012).
- 2 Oath of Allegiance – The following Member took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance:  

Mr Png Eng Huat – Hougang.
  - 3 15 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
  - 4 Ministerial Statement – Enhancing our Drug Control Framework and Review of the Death Penalty – (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs).

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- 5 Ministerial Statement – Changes to the Application of the Mandatory Death Penalty to Homicide Offences – (Minister for Law).
  - 6 Immigration (Amendment) Bill – “to amend the Immigration Act (Chapter 133 of the 2008 Revised Edition) and to make related amendments to the Customs Act (Chapter 70 of the 2004 Revised Edition)” – presented by the Second Minister for Home Affairs; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 16/2012].
  - 7 HUDC Housing Estates (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 National Development).

*(In the Committee)*

Clauses 1 to 3 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 8 Land Transport Authority (Amendment) Bill – (Minister for Transport) – Motion made, and Question proposed, “That the Bill be now read a second time”; Debate arising.
- 9 Extension of Sitting – Pursuant to Standing Order 2(5)(d), Mr Speaker extended the sitting beyond the moment of interruption for a period of up to 30 minutes.
- 10 Land Transport Authority (Amendment) Bill – (Minister for Transport) – Debate resumed on Question, “That the Bill be now read a second time.”.
- 11 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.”.

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- 12 Land Transport Authority (Amendment) Bill – (Minister for Transport) – Debate resumed on Question, “That the Bill be now read a second time.”.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, “That Parliament will immediately resolve itself into a Committee on the Bill.”. – (Minister for Transport).

Objection taken that 25 Members were not present, Parliament counted, and a quorum not being present, Mr Deputy Speaker adjourned Parliament without question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Adjourned at 7.36 pm

MICHAEL PALMER  
*Speaker*

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**MEMORANDUM**

Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 1.30 pm on Tuesday, 10 July 2012.

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