

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

First Session

TUESDAY, 10 JANUARY 2017

No. 31

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 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).

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 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 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).

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

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

Er Dr LEE BEE WAH (Nee Soon).

Mr LIM BIOW CHUAN (Mountbatten), Deputy Speaker.

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

Mr ALEX YAM ZIMING (Marsiling-Yew Tee).

- 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 Bus Services Industry (Bus Service Licence) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 10 January 2017 (S. L. 209 of 2017).
 - 1.2 Third-Party Taxi Booking Service Providers (Registration of Registered Providers) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 10 January 2017 (S. L. 210 of 2017).
 - 1.3 Road Traffic (Taxi Service Operator Licence) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2016 – Presented on 10 January 2017 (S. L. 211 of 2017).
 - 1.4 Central Provident Fund (Prescribed Amount for Medisave Account) (Revocation) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 10 January 2017 (S. L. 212 of 2017).
 - 1.5 Central Provident Fund (Approved HDB-HUDC Housing Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 10 January 2017 (S. L. 213 of 2017).
 - 1.6 Central Provident Fund (Approved Middle-Income Housing Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 10 January 2017 (S. L. 214 of 2017).
 - 1.7 Central Provident Fund (Division of Fund-Related Assets in Matrimonial Proceedings) (Amendment) Regulations – Presented on 10 January 2017 (S. L. 215 of 2017).
 - 1.8 Central Provident Fund (Ministry of Defence Housing Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 10 January 2017 (S. L. 216 of 2017).
 - 1.9 Central Provident Fund (Non-Residential Properties Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 10 January 2017 (S. L. 217 of 2017).
 - 1.10 Central Provident Fund (Public Sector Employees) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 10 January 2017 (S. L. 218 of 2017).
 - 1.11 Central Provident Fund (Residential Properties Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 10 January 2017 (S. L. 219 of 2017).
 - 1.12 Central Provident Fund (Withdrawal of Cash Grants) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 10 January 2017 (S. L. 220 of 2017).
 - 1.13 Central Provident Fund (Minimum Sum Plus Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 10 January 2017 (S. L. 221 of 2017).
 - 1.14 Central Provident Fund (Investment Schemes) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 10 January 2017 (S. L. 222 of 2017).
 - 1.15 Central Provident Fund (Approved Housing Schemes) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 10 January 2017 (S. L. 223 of 2017).

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- 1.16 Central Provident Fund (Nominations) (Amendment) Rules 2016 – Presented on 10 January 2017 (S. L. 224 of 2017).
 - 1.17 Central Provident Fund (Minimum Sum Scheme Nominations) (Amendment) Rules 2016 – Presented on 10 January 2017 (S. L. 225 of 2017).
 - 1.18 Central Provident Fund (Amendment) Rules 2016 – Presented on 10 January 2017 (S. L. 226 of 2017).
 - 1.19 Central Provident Fund (Medisave Account Transfers) Regulations) 2016 – Presented on 10 January 2017 (S. L. 227 of 2017).
 - 1.20 Central Provident Fund (Medisave Account Withdrawals) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 10 January 2017 (S. L. 228 of 2017).
 - 1.21 Central Provident Fund (Withdrawals for ElderShield Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 10 January 2017 (S. L. 229 of 2017).
 - 1.22 Central Provident Fund (Reserved Amount) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 10 January 2017 (S. L. 230 of 2017).
 - 1.23 Central Provident Fund (Minimum Sum Scheme) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 10 January 2017 (S. L. 231 of 2017).
 - 1.24 Central Provident Fund (Revised Minimum Sum Scheme) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 10 January 2017 (S. L. 232 of 2017).
 - 1.25 Central Provident Fund (New Minimum Sum Scheme) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 10 January 2017 (S. L. 233 of 2017).
 - 1.26 Central Provident Fund (Topping-Up of Special Account) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 10 January 2017 (S. L. 234 of 2017).
 - 1.27 Central Provident Fund (Minimum Sum Topping-Up Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 10 January 2017 (S. L. 235 of 2017).
 - 1.28 Central Provident Fund (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 10 January 2017 (S. L. 236 of 2017).
 - 1.29 Central Provident Fund (Workfare Income Supplement Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 10 January 2017 (S. L. 237 of 2017).
 - 1.30 Central Provident Fund (Revised Workfare Income Supplement Scheme) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 10 January 2017 (S. L. 238 of 2017).
 - 1.31 Central Provident Fund (Financial Penalties) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 10 January 2017 (S. L. 239 of 2017).
 - 1.32 Central Provident Fund (Lifelong Income Scheme) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 10 January 2017 (S. L. 240 of 2017).

- 2 17 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 3 Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Road Traffic Act (Chapter 276 of the 2004 Revised Edition), to validate certain sums collected for the purposes of that Act, and to make related amendments to the Motor Vehicles (Third-Party Risks and Compensation) Act (Chapter 189 of the 2000 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Second Minister for Transport; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 5/2017].
- 4 Mediation 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 Law).

(In the Committee)

Clause 1:

Alteration made, in page 4, line 2, by leaving out "2016" and inserting "2017".

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 16 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 17:

Alteration made, in page 15, lines 11 and 25, by leaving out "2016" and inserting "2017".

Clause 17 agreed to.

Clause 18:

Alteration made, in page 16, lines 9 and 20, by leaving out "2016" and inserting "2017".

Clause 18 agreed to.

Clause 19 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 5 Civil Law (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 Law).

(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 and 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 6 The Kwong-Wai-Shiu Free Hospital (Transfer of Undertaking and Dissolution) Bill – read a second time.

Bill committed to a Select Committee consisting of Mdm Speaker as Chairman and the following members:

Dr Chia Shi-Lu
Ms Chia Yong Yong
Miss Cheryl Chan
Mr Christopher de Souza
Mr Gan Kim Yong
Mr Low Thia Kiang
Dr Lam Pin Min. – (Minister of State, Ministry of Health)

- 7 Active Mobility 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 Transport).

(In the Committee)

Clause 1:

Alteration made, in page 6, line 4, by leaving out "2016" and inserting "2017".

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 52 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 53:

Amendments made:

- (i) in page 57, line 31, by leaving out "(2)" and inserting "(3)"; and
- (ii) in page 58, line 6, by leaving out "(2)" and inserting "(3)". – (Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Transport).

Clause 53, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 54 to 60 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 61:

Amendment made, in page 64, line 30, by leaving out "of" where it secondly occurred, and inserting "or". – (Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Transport).

Clause 61, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 62 to 67 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 68:

Alteration made, in page 74, lines 5 and 9, by leaving out "2016" and inserting "2017".

Clause 68 agreed to.

Clause 69:

Alteration made, in page 74, line 20, by leaving out "2016" and inserting "2017".

Clause 69 agreed to.

Clause 70:

Alterations made:

- (i) in page 79, line 12, by leaving out "2016" and inserting "2017"; and
- (ii) in page 81, line 4, by leaving out "2016" and inserting "2017".

Clause 70 agreed to.

Clause 71:

Alterations made:

- (i) in page 82, line 31, by leaving out "2016" and inserting "2017"; and
- (ii) in page 83, line 12, by leaving out "2016" and inserting "2017".

Clause 71 agreed to.

Clause 72 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, with amendments; read a third time.

- 8 Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn to a date to be fixed."

Adjourned at 6.53 pm

HALIMAH YACOB,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Parliament stands adjourned to a date to be fixed.
