

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

First Session

TUESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2016

No. 24

12 noon

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PRESENT:

Mdm SPEAKER (Mdm HALIMAH YACOB (Marsiling-Yew Tee)).

Mr ANG WEI NENG (Jurong).

Mr AZMOON AHMAD (Nominated Member).

Mr BAEY YAM KENG (Tampines), Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth.

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.

Miss CHENG LI HUI (Tampines).

Ms CHIA YONG YONG (Nominated Member).

Mr CHARLES CHONG (Punggol East), Deputy Speaker.

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).

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 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 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).

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).

Mr NG CHEE MENG (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Acting Minister for Education (Schools) and Senior Minister of State, Ministry of 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), Acting Minister for Education (Higher Education and Skills) and Senior Minister of State, Ministry of 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).

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.

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).

ABSENT:

Mr AMRIN AMIN (Sembawang), Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs.

Mr ANG HIN KEE (Ang Mo Kio).

Miss CHERYL CHAN WEI LING (Fengshan).

Mr CHEN SHOW MAO (Aljunied).

Dr CHIA SHI-LU (Tanjong Pagar).

Mr CHONG KEE HIONG (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr CEDRIC FOO CHEE KENG (Pioneer).

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

Mr LEE YI SHYAN (East Coast).

Mr LIANG ENG HWA (Holland-Bukit Timah).

Dr LIM WEE KIAK (Sembawang).

Asst Prof MAHDEV MOHAN (Nominated Member).

Dr LILY NEO (Jalan Besar).

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

Mr ZAQY MOHAMAD (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 National Research Fund Report and Financial Statements Year Ended 31 March 2016 – Presented on 22 August 2016 (S. 106 of 2016).
 - 1.2 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Administration of Justice (Protection) Bill [Bill No 23/2016] – Presented on 24 August 2016 (Pres. Co. 13 of 2016).
 - 1.3 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Singapore Workforce Development Agency (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 19/2016] – Presented on 24 August 2016 (Pres. Co. 14 of 2016).
 - 1.4 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the SkillsFuture Singapore Agency Bill [Bill No 24/2016] – Presented on 24 August 2016 (Pres. Co. 15 of 2016).
 - 1.5 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Employment Claims Bill [Bill No 20/2016] – Presented on 24 August 2016 (Pres. Co. 16 of 2016).
 - 1.6 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Info-communications Media Development Authority Bill [Bill No 21/2016] – Presented on 24 August 2016 (Pres. Co. 17 of 2016).
 - 1.7 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Government Technology Agency Bill [Bill No 22/2016] – Presented on 24 August 2016 (Pres. Co. 18 of 2016).
 - 1.8 Competition Commission of Singapore Annual Report 2015/2016 – Presented on 24 August 2016 (S. 107 of 2016).
 - 1.9 Police (Special Constabulary) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 24 August 2016 (S. L. 166 of 2016).
 - 1.10 Annual Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights for the period 1 August 2015 to 31 July 2016 – Presented on 29 August 2016 (Cmd. 6 of 2016).
 - 1.11 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Appointment to the Board of the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS Board) – Presented on 29 August 2016 (S. 108 of 2016).
 - 1.12 Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore Annual Report 2015/2016 – Presented on 29 August 2016 (S. 109 of 2016).
 - 1.13 Council for Private Education Annual Report 2015/2016 – Presented on 1 September 2016 (S. 110 of 2016).

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- 1.14 ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute Annual Report 2015/2016 – Presented on 1 September 2016 (S. 111 of 2016).
 - 1.15 Science Centre Singapore Annual Report 2015/2016 – Presented on 1 September 2016 (S. 112 of 2016).
 - 1.16 Temasek Polytechnic Annual Report 2015/2016 – Presented on 1 September 2016 (S. 113 of 2016).
 - 1.17 Ngee Ann Polytechnic Annual Report 2015/2016 – Presented on 1 September 2016 (S. 114 of 2016).
 - 1.18 Nanyang Polytechnic Annual Report 2015/2016 – Presented on 1 September 2016 (S. 115 of 2016).
 - 1.19 Building Control (Buildability and Productivity) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 2 September 2016 (S. L. 167 of 2016).
 - 1.20 Goods and Services Tax Act (Amendment of Fourth Schedule) Order 2016 – Presented on 2 September 2016 (S. L. 168 of 2016).
 - 1.21 Republic Polytechnic Annual Report 2015/2016 – Presented on 5 September 2016 (S. 116 of 2016).
 - 1.22 Singapore Polytechnic Annual Report 2015/2016 – Presented on 5 September 2016 (S. 117 of 2016).
 - 1.23 Economic Development Board Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements 2015/2016 – Presented on 6 September 2016 (S. 118 of 2016).
 - 1.24 Energy Market Authority Annual Report 2015/2016 – Presented on 6 September 2016 (S. 119 of 2016).
 - 1.25 The Education Endowment and Savings Schemes Annual Report for Financial Year 2015/2016 – Presented on 7 September 2016 (S. 120 of 2016).
 - 1.26 Standards, Productivity and Innovation Board Annual Report 2015/2016 – Presented on 7 September 2016 (S. 121 of 2016).
 - 1.27 Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority and its Subsidiary: Financial Statements for Year Ended 31 March 2016 – Presented on 8 September 2016 (S. 122 of 2016).
 - 1.28 Building and Construction Authority and its Subsidiaries: Annual Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2016 – Presented on 8 September 2016 (S. 123 of 2016).
 - 1.29 Audited Financial Statements of Council for Estate Agencies for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2016 – Presented on 8 September 2016 (S. 124 of 2016).

- 1.30 National Parks Board and its Subsidiary: Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2016 – Presented on 8 September 2016 (S. 125 of 2016).
 - 1.31 Housing and Development Board and its Subsidiaries: Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2016 – Presented on 9 September 2016 (S. 126 of 2016).
 - 1.32 Legal Service Commission Annual Report 2015 – Presented on 13 September 2016 (S. 127 of 2016).
 - 1.33 Agency for Science, Technology and Research Annual Report and Financial Statement 2015/2016 – Presented on 13 September 2016 (S. 128 of 2016).
- 2 Tribute to Former President of Singapore, the late Mr S R Nathan – Tribute speeches were made by Mdm Speaker and the following Members:-
- Ms Grace Fu Hai Yien (Yuhua), Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Leader of the House;
Mr Christopher De Souza (Holland-Bukit Timah);
Ms Sylvia Lim (Aljunied);
Mr Pritam Singh (Aljunied);
Ms Chia Yong Yong (Nominated Member);
Ms Rahayu Mahzam (Jurong);
Mr Murali Pillai (Bukit Batok); and
Mr Desmond Choo (Tampines).
- The House observed a one-minute silence as a mark of respect to the late Mr S R Nathan.
- 3 Revision of Question Time – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That, notwithstanding Standing Order 22(1), Question Time may continue for up to one and a half hours from its commencement."
 - 4 20 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time. With the leave of Speaker, 10 other Questions for Oral Answer were addressed in the subsequent Ministerial Statements.
 - 5 Ministerial Statements – Working Together to Address the Zika Outbreak in Singapore – (Minister for Health and Minister for the Environment and Water Resources).
 - 6 Central Provident Fund (Amendment No. 2) Bill – "to amend the Central Provident Fund Act (Chapter 36 of the 2013 Revised Edition) and to make consequential amendments to certain other Acts" – presented by the Minister for Manpower; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 26/2016].
 - 7 Consumer Protection (Fair Trading) (Amendment) Bill – (Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time."; Debate arising.
 - 8 Extension of Sitting – Pursuant to Standing Order 2(5)(d), Mr Deputy Speaker extended the sitting beyond the moment of interruption for a period of up to 30 minutes.

- 9 Consumer Protection (Fair Trading) (Amendment) Bill – (Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry) – 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 of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 16 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 10 Adjournment to a Later Date – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That, at its rising today, Parliament do stand adjourned to a date to be fixed."

- 11 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 7.35 pm

HALIMAH YACOB,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Parliament stands adjourned to a date to be fixed.
