

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

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## First Session

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TUESDAY, 21 JANUARY 2014

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1.30 pm

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PRESENT:

Mdm SPEAKER (Mdm HALIMAH YACOB (Jurong)).

Mr ANG HIN KEE (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr ANG WEI NENG (Jurong).

Mr BAEY YAM KENG (Tampines).

Mr CHAN CHUN SING (Tanjong Pagar), Minister for Social and Family Development and Second Minister for Defence.

Mr CHEN SHOW MAO (Aljunied).

Dr CHIA SHI-LU (Tanjong Pagar).

Mrs LINA CHIAM (Non-Constituency Member).

Mr CHARLES CHONG (Joo Chiat), Deputy Speaker.

Mr CHRISTOPHER DE SOUZA (Holland-Bukit Timah).

Ms FAIZAH JAMAL (Nominated Member).

Mr NICHOLAS FANG (Nominated Member).

Mr ARTHUR FONG (West Coast).

Ms FOO MEE HAR (West Coast).

Ms GRACE FU HAI YIEN (Yuhua), Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for the Environment and Water Resources and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs.

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).

Mr HAWAZI DAIPI (Sembawang), Senior Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education and Acting 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).

Ms INDRANEE RAJAH (Tanjong Pagar), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Law and Ministry of Education.

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), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Manpower and Deputy Government Whip.

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).

Ms LEE LI LIAN (Punggol East).

Mr DESMOND LEE TI-SENG (Jurong), Minister of State, Ministry of National Development.

Mr LEE YI SHYAN (East Coast), Senior 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 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), Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social and Family Development.

Mr LUI TUCK YEW (Moulmein-Kallang), Minister for Transport.

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

Dr MOHAMAD MALIKI BIN OSMAN (East Coast), Minister of State, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of National Development.

Mr MUHAMAD FAISAL ABDUL MANAP (Aljunied).

Assoc Prof Dr MUHAMMAD FAISHAL IBRAHIM (Nee Soon), Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Minister for Transport.

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).

Mr ONG TENG KOON (Sembawang).

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), Minister of State, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Communications and Information.

Mr SITO H YIH PIN (Potong Pasir).

Mr TAN CHUAN-JIN (Marine Parade), Acting Minister for Manpower.

Assoc Prof TAN KHENG BOON EUGENE (Nominated Member).

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 and 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), Senior 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 and Minister for Finance.

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 WONG KAN SENG (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr LAWRENCE WONG (West Coast), Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information.

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).

ABSENT:

Assoc Prof FATIMAH LATEEF (Marine Parade).

Mr CEDRIC FOO CHEE KENG (Pioneer).

Ms JANICE KOH (Nominated Member).

Mr MAH BOW TAN (Tampines).

Mr SAM TAN CHIN SIONG (Radin Mas), Senior Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth.

Assoc Prof Dr YAACOB IBRAHIM (Moulmein-Kallang), Minister for Communications and Information and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs.

Mr ZAQY MOHAMAD (Chua Chu Kang).

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- 1 20 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 2 Prisons (Amendment) Bill – (Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs) – Question again proposed on resumption of debate, "That the Bill be now read a second time."

Question put, and agreed to. Bill 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 Home Affairs).

*(In the Committee)*

Clause 1:

Alteration made, in page 2, line 2, by leaving out "2013" and inserting "2014".

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2:

Amendment made in page 2, line 30, by leaving out "of imprisonment". – (Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs).

Clause 2, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 6 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 7:

Amendments made:

- (i) in page 12, lines 17 and 23, by leaving out "2038" and inserting "2037";
- (ii) in page 12, lines 20, 22 and 27 by leaving out "2034" and inserting "2033";
- (iii) in page 12, line 27, by leaving out "1 year and";
- (iv) in page 19, lines 1 and 22, by inserting "(excluding a default sentence)", after "sentence";
- (v) in page 19, lines 5 and 23, by inserting "(excluding a default sentence)", after "imprisonment"; and
- (vi) in page 33, by leaving out lines 20 to 23. – (Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs).

Alterations made:

- (i) in page 26, line 18, by leaving out "2013" and inserting "2014"; and
- (ii) in page 27, line 5, by leaving out "2013" and inserting "2014".

Clause 7, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 8 to 11 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 12:

Amendments made:

- (i) in page 36, line 19, by leaving out "of imprisonment";
- (ii) in page 37, lines 11 and 26, by leaving out "of imprisonment";
- (iii) in page 40, line 17, by leaving out "of imprisonment";
- (iv) in page 40, line 19, by leaving out "Subject to subsection (2), where" and inserting "Where"; and
- (v) in page 41, line 10, by leaving out "of imprisonment". – (Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs).

Clause 12, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 13 to 18 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 19:

Amendment made in page 54, line 2, by inserting "and sentence of imprisonment (excluding a default sentence), corrective training, preventive detention or reformatory training", after "conviction". – (Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs).

Clause 19, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 20 to 22 inclusive agreed to.

The Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, with amendments; read a third time.

- 3 Government Procurement (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 Finance).

*(In the Committee)*

Clause 1:

Alteration made, in page 2, line 3, by leaving out "2013" and inserting "2014".

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 5 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 4 Regulation of Imports and Exports (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 Trade and Industry).

*(In the Committee)*

Clause 1:

Alteration made, in page 2, line 3, by leaving out "2013" and inserting "2014".

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 5 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 5 Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) 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 3, by leaving out "2013" and inserting "2014".

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 15 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.



- 6 Subordinate Courts (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 3, by leaving out "2013" and inserting "2014".

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 11 inclusive agreed to.

The Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 7 Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) 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 5, by leaving out "2013" and inserting "2014".

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 83 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 84:

Alterations made:

- (i) in page 72, lines 4, 28 and 31, by leaving out "2013" and inserting "2014"; and
- (ii) in page 73, lines 22 and 30, by leaving out "2013" and inserting "2014".

Clause 84 agreed to.

Clause 85:

Alterations made:

- (i) in page 77, line 31, by leaving out "2013" and inserting "2014"; and
- (ii) in page 78, lines 6 and 15, by leaving out "2013" and inserting "2014".

Clause 85 agreed to.

Clause 86 agreed to.

First and Second Schedules agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 8 Subscription to the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development – (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That this Parliament, in accordance with section 7(3) of the Bretton Woods Agreement Act (Chapter 27 of the 2012 Revised Edition), resolves that the subscription of Singapore to the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development be increased to a sum not exceeding Six Hundred and Seventy-Two Million United States Dollars (US\$672 million)."
- 9 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."
- 10 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 6.45 pm

HALIMAH YACOB,  
*Speaker*

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**MEMORANDUM**

Parliament stands adjourned to a date to be fixed.

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