

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

First Session

TUESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2012

No. 15

12 noon

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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 CHARLES CHONG (Joo Chiat), Deputy Speaker.

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.

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).

Ms INDRANEE RAJAH (Tanjong Pagar).

Dr INTAN AZURA MOKHTAR (Ang Mo Kio).

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 DESMOND LEE TI-SENG (Jurong).

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 BIEW 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).

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.

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).

Mr ONG TENG KOON (Sembawang).

Ms DENISE PHUA LAY PENG (Moulmein-Kallang).

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 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, 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), 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, Minister for Finance and Minister for Manpower.

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), 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.

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).

Mr ZAQY MOHAMAD (Chua Chu Kang).

ABSENT:

Mr S ISWARAN (West Coast), Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Home Affairs and Second Minister for Trade and Industry.

Mr LEE KUAN YEOW (Tanjong Pagar).

Dr MOHAMAD MALIKI BIN OSMAN (East Coast), Senior Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence and Minister for National Development.

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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 Road Traffic (Electronic Road Pricing System) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2012 – Presented on 20 February 2012 (S.L. 42 of 2012).
 - 1.2 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Legal Profession (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 1/2012] – Presented on 22 February 2012 (Pres. Co. 2 of 2012).
 - 1.3 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Evidence (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 2/2012] – Presented on 22 February 2012 (Pres. Co. 3 of 2012).
 - 1.4 Central Provident Fund (Nominations) (Amendment) Rules 2012 – Presented on 24 February 2012 (S.L. 43 of 2012).
 - 1.5 Central Provident Fund (Self-Employed Persons) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 24 February 2012 (S.L. 44 of 2012).
 - 1.6 Central Provident Fund (Minimum Sum Topping-Up Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 24 February 2012 (S.L. 45 of 2012).
 - 1.7 Central Provident Fund (LifeLong Income Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 24 February 2012 (S.L. 46 of 2012).
 - 1.8 Central Provident Fund (Distribution and Disposal of Shares in Approved Corporation) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 24 February 2012 (S.L. 47 of 2012).
 - 1.9 Central Provident Fund (Nominations and Nominee Accounts) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 24 February 2012 (S.L. 48 of 2012).
- 2 Announcement by Speaker – Mr Speaker made the following communication to the House:-
- "At the sitting of Parliament on 17 February 2012, I informed Honourable Members that the Clerk of Parliament had written to Mr Yaw Shin Leong, Member for Hougang, asking him to inform her in writing by Friday, 24 February 2012 if he intends to appeal against, or challenge, his expulsion from the Workers' Party. I also informed Honourable Members that the decision on the vacancy of Mr Yaw's seat in this House will be taken when his reply is received or after expiry of the deadline given to him to reply.
- On the evening of 20 February 2012, the Clerk of Parliament received a letter from Mr Yaw stating that he will not be appealing against his expulsion from the Workers' Party.
- In accordance with clause 2(b) of Article 46 of the Constitution, I have to therefore inform Honourable Members that the seat of the Member for Hougang became vacant from the evening of 14 February 2012 which was when he was expelled from the political party for which he stood in the 2011 General Election."
- 3 8 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.

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- 4 Supply Bill – "to provide for the issue from the Consolidated Fund and the Development Fund of the sums necessary to meet the estimated expenditure for the financial year 1st April 2012 to 31st March 2013" – President's recommendation signified and Bill presented by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance; read the first time; to be read a second time after the conclusion of proceedings on the Estimates of Expenditure for FY 2012/2013 and to be printed. [Bill No. 5/2012].
- 5 Supplementary Supply (FY 2011) Bill – "to provide for making supplementary provision to meet additional expenditure for the financial year 1st April 2011 to 31st March 2012" – President's recommendation signified and Bill presented by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance; read the first time; to be read a second time after the conclusion of proceedings on the Estimates of Expenditure for FY 2012/2013 and to be printed. [Bill No. 6/2012].
- 6 Budget Statement – Order read for resumed Debate on Question (17 February 2012), "That Parliament approves the financial policy of the Government for the financial year 1st April 2012 to 31st March 2013." – (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance).
- Question again proposed; Debate resumed.
- And it being 7.00 pm, the Debate stood adjourned.
- Debate to be resumed Tomorrow.
- 7 Adjournment – (Government Whip) – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn."

Adjourned at 7.00 pm

MICHAEL PALMER
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 11.00 am on Wednesday, 29 February 2012.
