

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

First Session

WEDNESDAY, 18 JANUARY 2012

No. 12

1.30 pm

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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).

Mdm 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.
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 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).
Mr LUI TUCK YEW (Moulmein-Kallang), Minister for Transport and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs.
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.
Mr MUHAMAD FAISAL ABDUL MANAP (Aljunied).
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 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.

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.

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 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).

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 YAW SHIN LEONG (Hougang).

Mr YEE JENN JONG (Non-Constituency Member).

Mr ALVIN YEO (Chua Chu Kang).

Mr VIKRAM NAIR (Sembawang).

Mr ZAINAL SAPARI (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Mr ZAINUDIN NORDIN (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr ZAQY MOHAMAD (Chua Chu Kang).

ABSENT:

Assoc. Prof. FATIMAH LATEEF (Marine Parade).

Mr ARTHUR FONG (West Coast).

Mr CEDRIC FOO CHEE KENG (Pioneer).

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).

Mr MAH BOW TAN (Tampines).

Assoc. Prof. Dr MUHAMMAD FAISHAL IBRAHIM (Nee Soon).

Ms SIM ANN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Senior Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education and Minister for Law.

Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast).

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

Mr YEO GUAT KWANG (Ang Mo Kio).

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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 Asian Development Bank Act (Chapter 15, Revised Edition 2011) – Presented on 18 January 2012 (S. 2 of 2012).
 - 1.2 Betting Act (Chapter 21, Revised Edition 2011) – Presented on 18 January 2012 (S. 3 of 2012).
 - 1.3 Bills of Sale Act (Chapter 24, Revised Edition 2011) – Presented on 18 January 2012 (S. 4 of 2012).
 - 1.4 Boy Scouts Association Act (Chapter 26, Revised Edition 2011) – Presented on 18 January 2012 (S. 5 of 2012).
 - 1.5 Electronic Transactions Act (Chapter 88, Revised Edition 2011) – Presented on 18 January 2012 (S. 6 of 2012).
 - 1.6 Estate Agents Act (Chapter 95A, Revised Edition 2011) – Presented on 18 January 2012 (S. 7 of 2012).
 - 1.7 Hostage-Taking Act (Chapter 126C, Revised Edition 2011) – Presented on 18 January 2012 (S. 8 of 2012).
 - 1.8 International Child Abduction Act (Chapter 143C, Revised Edition 2011) – Presented on 18 January 2012 (S. 9 of 2012).
 - 1.9 National Productivity Fund Act (Chapter 199A, Revised Edition 2011) – Presented on 18 January 2012 (S. 10 of 2012).
 - 1.10 Preservation of Monuments Act (Chapter 239, Revised Edition 2011) – Presented on 18 January 2012 (S. 11 of 2012).
 - 1.11 Private Education Act (Chapter 247A, Revised Edition 2011) – Presented on 18 January 2012 (S. 12 of 2012).
- 2 8 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 3 Salaries for a Capable and Committed Government – (Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs) – Question again proposed on resumption of Debate, "That this House endorses Paper Cmd. 1 of 2012 on 'Salaries for A Capable and Committed Government' as the basis for setting the salaries of the President, Prime Minister, Speaker and Deputy Speakers of Parliament, political appointment holders, and Members of Parliament."; – Debate arising.
- 4 Time Limit for Speeches – (Leader of the House) – (with the consent of Mr Speaker and the general assent of Members present) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the proceedings on the item under discussion be exempted from the provision of Standing Order No. 48(8) in respect of the Deputy Prime Minister's speech.".
- 5 Salaries for a Capable and Committed Government – (Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs) – Debate resumed on Question, "That this House endorses Paper Cmd. 1 of 2012 on 'Salaries for A Capable and Committed Government' as the basis for setting the salaries of the President, Prime Minister, Speaker and Deputy Speakers of Parliament, political appointment holders, and Members of Parliament.".

Question put and agreed to.

- 6 Economic Expansion Incentives (Relief from Income Tax) (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 "2011" and inserting "2012".

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clauses 2 and 3 agreed to.

Clause 4:

Alterations made:

- (i) in page 2, line 26, by leaving out "2011" and inserting "2012"; and
- (ii) in page 3, line 22, by leaving out "2011" and inserting "2012".

Clause 4 agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 7 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 7 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 – (Minister for Law).

(In the Committee)

Clause 1:

Alteration made, in page 2, line 3, by leaving out "2011" and inserting "2012".

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 12 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 13:

Alteration made, in page 9, line 7, by leaving out "2011" and inserting "2012".

Clause 13 agreed to.

Clauses 14 to 23 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 24:

Amendment made, in page 19, line 28, by inserting ", (b)" after "8(a)" – (Minister for Law).

Clause 24, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 25 to 34 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, with amendment; read a third time.

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

Adjourned at 6.25 pm

MICHAEL PALMER
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Parliament stands adjourned to a date to be fixed.
