

FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
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QUESTION FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. Mr. David Marshall: To ask the Prime Minister whether the statement made by him over Radio Singapore on the 10th October, 1961, to the effect that if an expatriate lawyer, when pursuing his professional responsibilities, says or does something which is considered foolish and is considered to injure the state of the mind of the people and to injure the Government, the Government would have to move and the expatriate lawyer would have no residence in Singapore, represents the policy of the Government, and whether he would clarify his statement.
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Introduction of Government Bill

Minister for Finance:
Appropriation Bill.

Business Motion

Deputy Prime Minister:

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS: That, notwithstanding the Standing Orders, the Fifth Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure of the State of Singapore for 1961 (contained in Paper Cmd. 37 of 1961) and the resumed debate on the motion of the Minister for Finance relating to the financial policy of the year 1962 be taken today.

ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

(Those marked ● are Orders of the Day.)

1. Fifth Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for 1961 (Cmd. 37 of 1961)—Committee of Supply, (*1st Allotted Day.*) (*Yang di-Pertuan Negara's recommendation to be signified.*)

[For Amendment to be moved in the Committee of Supply, see Supplement No. 3.]

- 2. ANNUAL BUDGET STATEMENT:

Resumed Debate on Question (28th November, 1961), "That the Assembly approves the financial policy of the Government for the year 1962."—(Minister for Finance).

3. Prime Minister:

FEDERATION OF MALAYSIA: That, in pursuance of this national objective of a united Malayan nation, enlarged and strengthened by the addition of our brothers in the Borneo territories, this House declares its support in principle for the plan proposed by the Prime Minister of the Federation of Malaya, Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj, and agreed to in principle in the Federation Parliament on 18th October, 1961, for the establishment of the Federation of Malaysia, comprising the eleven States of the present Federation, the States of Singapore and Brunei, and the territories of Sarawak and North Borneo.

● 4. University of Singapore Bill—Second Reading.

The Committee Stage and Third Reading will be moved immediately after the Second Reading.

5. Prime Minister:

YANG DI-PERTUAN NEGARA'S SPEECH (ADDRESS OF THANKS): That the following Address in reply to the speech of the Yang di-Pertuan Negara be agreed to:—

“We, the Legislative Assembly of the State of Singapore, express our thanks to the Yang di-Pertuan Negara for the speech which he delivered on behalf of the Government at the opening of the present session of this Assembly.”

Dr. Lee Siew Choh (Member for Queenstown):

As an amendment, “at end, to add—

‘but regrets that the Government is pursuing a “merger” policy of unequal rights contrary to the interests of the people of the two territories, and urges the Government to re-orientate its policy in conformity with the ardent desires of the people for genuine unification.’”

- 6. Private Lotteries (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.† (*Yang di-Pertuan Negara's recommendation to be signified.*)
- 7. Courts (Admiralty Jurisdiction) Bill—Second Reading.†
- 8. Sand Quarries Bill—Second Reading.†

† The Committee Stage and Third Reading will be moved immediately after the Second Reading.

9. Mr. David Marshall (Member for Anson):
Mr. Chan Sun Wing (Member for Upper Serangoon):

POLITICAL NEPOTISM—COMMISSION OF INQUIRY: That this Assembly calls upon the Government to appoint a Commission of Inquiry consisting of at least one High Court Judge and two retired Civil Servants to investigate political nepotism and improper political interference with the Civil Service and employees of Statutory bodies and to make recommendations.

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10. Dr. Lee Siew Choh (Member for Queenstown):
Mr. Low Por Tuck (Member for Havelock):

MERGER AND CONSTITUTIONAL FUTURE (SINGAPORE): That this Assembly views with grave concern and anxiety the exclusion of the Opposition Parties in the current 'merger' negotiations, and demands that the Government convene forthwith an All-Party Conference to discuss and to agree on all basic questions on the constitutional future of Singapore; and failing agreement, demands that the Government seek without delay a new mandate from the people.

11. Mr. David Marshall (Member for Anson):
Mr. C. H. Koh (Member for Joo Chiat):

EDUCATION POLICY: That this Assembly calls upon the Government to recommend the appointment of a Commission to enquire into the Government's Education Policy, its content and administration in all fields other than vocational and technical education, and to make recommendations.
