



**FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
STATE OF SINGAPORE**

**THIRD SESSION**

**ORDER PAPER**

**THURSDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER, 1961**

**No. 2**

**2.30 p.m.**

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**ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

- \*1. Mr. David Marshall: To ask the Prime Minister whether he has received any representation from the United Kingdom Commissioner with reference to his speech made in the Assembly on 20th July, 1961, in support of his motion, "That this House expresses its confidence in the Government", and whether he will indicate its nature and contents.
- \*2. Mr. David Marshall: To ask the Prime Minister (a) who appointed the Member for Geylang Serai as a delegate of Singapore to the Malaysia Solidarity Consultative Committee which met in Jesselton in August, 1961; and (b) whether the expenses of the Member for Geylang Serai in connection with his visit to Jesselton to attend that meeting were paid out of public funds and by what authority.
- \*3. Mr. David Marshall: To ask the Prime Minister whether he will make a statement on the subject of the negotiations on the question of merger with the Federation of Malaya, and whether the Government will table a Report dealing with the said negotiations.
- \*4. Mr. David Marshall: To ask the Prime Minister (a) whether any Minister has taken leave of absence from his duties since the last sitting of the Second Session of this Assembly, giving the name of the Minister, the period of leave and the provisions under which such leave was granted; and (b) whether any Minister on leave of absence, has received or will be receiving remuneration and allowance as a Minister for the period of leave and under what provision of the law.
- \*5. Mr. David Marshall: To ask the Prime Minister whether he will consider acquiring a site and building a market for Malay stallholders in the Geylang area.
- \*6. Mr. David Marshall: To ask the Prime Minister whether any requests have been made by the Government of the Federation of Malaya to the Singapore Government in regard to the exercise of the powers under the Preservation of Public Security Ordinance, 1955, in respect of any individual or group of individuals and if he will state the terms of any such requests.
- \*7. Mrs. Seow Peck Leng: To ask the Prime Minister whether he will make a statement disclosing the full details, within his knowledge, giving names and identities, etc., of Communists and Communist subversive activities in Singapore, and his dealings with them and their activities.

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- \*8. Mr. Ong Chang Sam: To ask the Prime Minister when will the Public Utilities Board be set up.
  - \*9. Mr. Ong Chang Sam: To ask the Prime Minister when will electricity be supplied to Lam San Village and Kit Hong Village, and when will street lights be installed at these villages.
  - \*10. Mr. Tee Kim Leng: To ask the Prime Minister when is it intended to complete the installation of electricity supplies to Kampong Buona Vista.
  - \*11. Mr. Ong Chang Sam: To ask the Prime Minister when will Temporary Occupation Licences be issued to people living in Resettlement Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 24 and 39.
  - \*12. Mr. David Marshall: To ask the Prime Minister whether he had any prior intimation from his advisers of the impending shortage of the water supply which commenced on 28th August, 1961, and whether he would table any available reports thereon.
  - \*13. Mr. David Marshall: To ask the Prime Minister what is the estimated expenditure on the part of the Singapore Government for the development of the Scudai River scheme.
  - \*14. Mr. David Marshall: To ask the Prime Minister (a) what is the total payment to be made to the Johore Government for water supplied from Tebrau water works from 1955 to 30th September, 1961, at the new rates; (b) what is the estimated payment to be made to the Johore Government for the supply of water to Singapore in 1962 at the new rates; and (c) whether he is aware of any expenditure involved on the part of the Johore Government for providing such supply.
  - \*15. Mr. David Marshall: To ask the Prime Minister (a) what is the estimated payment to be made by the Johore Government to Singapore for water supplied by Singapore for the year 1962 at the new rates, and the estimated cost thereof to Singapore; and (b) the reasons for increasing the rate from 25 cents to 50 cents per thousand gallons of filtered water.
  - \*16. Mr. David Marshall: To ask the Prime Minister whether he will clarify the distinction between "Federal National" and "Federal Citizen", two phrases used in a recent broadcast by him.
  - \*17. Mr. David Marshall: To ask the Prime Minister whether, in view of the reputed action of Portugal in Angola, consideration will be given to the question of severance of trade relations between Singapore and Portugal.
  - \*18. Mrs. Seow Peck Leng: To ask the Prime Minister if consideration will be given to appointing a Commission of Inquiry to investigate into the causes of the strike by employees of the People's Association.
  - \*19. Mr. David Marshall: To ask the Minister for Labour whether he will consider introducing legislation to amend the Central Provident Fund Ordinance to enable a contributor to withdraw the amount standing to his credit in the Fund, or part thereof, if he has been unemployed for a period of 12 months or more.
  - \*20. Mr. David Marshall: To ask the Minister for Labour whether it is his intention to introduce legislation for the unification of the trade union movement, and when.

- \*21. Mr. Low Por Tuck: To ask the Minister for Labour whether Team Leaders, Centre Leaders and Assistant Centre Leaders of the People's Association are permitted to become members of political parties, and whether they are allowed to take an active part in running political party branches.
- \*22. Mr. Low Por Tuck: To ask the Minister for Labour (a) how many people were employed by the Government to man the Community Centres where the employees are on strike; (b) what are the basis and the procedure adopted for the selection of these new employees of the People's Association; (c) whether these new employees are employed on a permanent or temporary basis; and (d) what is the total sum of money spent per day by the Government for the employment of these new employees.
- \*23. Mr. Low Por Tuck: To ask the Minister for Labour (a) what was the number of unemployed persons in Singapore registered with the Labour Department as at 30th September, 1961, and (b) how many unemployed persons were registered for the first time between 31st December, 1960, and 30th September, 1961.
- \*24. Mrs. Seow Peck Leng: To ask the Minister for Labour the reason or reasons for the cancellation of the registration of trade unions or federations of trade unions effected between June and December, 1959, and since January, 1961.
- \*25. Dr. Thio Chan Bee: To ask the Minister for Labour what are the reasons for the decline in employment over the past four years.
- \*26. Dr. Thio Chan Bee: To ask the Minister for Labour what are the reasons for the recent crop of strikes in Singapore, and what measures he proposes to take to promote harmonious relations between labour and management to ensure industrial peace.
- \*27. Mr. David Marshall: To ask the Minister for Finance whether he will make a statement on the subject of the negotiations for a Common Market with the Federation of Malaya and whether the Government will table a Report dealing with the said negotiations.
- \*28. Mr. David Marshall: To ask the Minister for Finance whether Singapore has applied, or intends to apply, for membership in any form of the European Economic Community.
- \*29. Mr. David Marshall: To ask the Minister for Finance what is the total value of Portuguese trade with Singapore during 1960 in respect of (i) imports, and (ii) exports.
- ✓ \*30. Mr. David Marshall: To ask the Minister for Finance whether it is Government's intention to establish Trade Missions in Peking and New Delhi.
- \*31. Mr. Low Por Tuck: To ask the Minister for Finance how many monthly paid temporary officers in the Government service, including the City Council, have been dismissed since 21st July, 1961, and what were the reasons for these dismissals.
- \*32. Mrs. Seow Peck Leng: To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to appointing a Commission of Inquiry to investigate into the causes of the strike by the Public Daily Rated Employees' Unions Federation.
- \*33. Mr. Tee Kim Leng: To ask the Minister for Health and Law whether consideration will be given to the conversion of the former Community Centre in Buona Vista Road into an outdoor dispensary.

- \*34. Mr. Ong Chang Sam: To ask the Minister for Culture how many people are on the staff of the Dewan Bahasa dan Kebudayaan Kebangsaan, and what are the publications issued so far by this body.
- \*35. Mr. Tee Kim Leng: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs how many summonses for overloading with passengers were issued to taxi drivers and to Singapore Traction Company bus conductors respectively between 1st January and 31st August, 1961.
- \*36. Mr. Wong Soon Fong: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) how many detainees under the Criminal Law (Temporary Provisions) Ordinance, 1955, are there at Pulau Senang; (b) how many have been released since the beginning of this year; and (c) how many of the detainees now at Pulau Senang have been detained there for over a year.
- \*37. Mr. Tee Kim Leng: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) how many people have been detained under the Preservation of Public Security Ordinance, 1955, since 3rd June, 1959; and (b) of these, how many have been released.
- \*38. Mr. Teo Hock Guan: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs since 3rd June, 1959, (a) how many applications have been received for Singapore citizenship; (b) how many of these have been rejected; and (c) how many are still under consideration.
- \*39. Mr. Leong Keng Seng: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) how many people have been issued with immigration permits into Singapore since 1952; and (b) of these, how many have been given Singapore citizenship.
- \*40. Mr. Leong Keng Seng: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) how many Commonwealth citizens acquired Singapore citizenship by the two-year residential qualification required under the Singapore Citizenship Ordinance, 1957; and (b) of these, how many were from the Federation.
- \*41. Mr. Ong Chang Sam: To ask the Minister for Education (a) how many schools from each of the four streams of education received grants-in-aid of capital expenditure since 1959; (b) how many applications for such grants have been rejected; (c) how many applications are still under consideration; (d) what is the total sum asked for by all the schools concerned; and (e) what is the total sum approved.
- \*42. Mr. Tee Kim Leng: To ask the Minister for Education (a) how many Chinese and English School teachers have had their registration certificates cancelled since 3rd June, 1959, and the reasons for such cancellations; and (b) how many applications for registration as teachers have been rejected since 3rd June, 1959 and the reasons for such rejections.
- \*43. Mr. Wong Soon Fong: To ask the Minister for Education what consideration was given to Government's proposal to introduce the 4-year system for Chinese secondary education by the Education Advisory Council before June, 1961.
- \*44. Mr. Low Por Tuck: To ask the Minister for Education what is the number of pupils registered in the Primary I classes of each of the four streams of education for 1962.
- \*45. Mr. David Marshall: To ask the Minister for Education what assistance the Government has given the Nanyang University since June, 1959, to a latest convenient date; what financial assistance it proposes to give in future; and what is the present stage of the negotiations with that University.

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- \*46. Mr. Teo Hock Guan: To ask the Minister for Education what financial aid does the Government propose to give to the Nanyang University.
- \*47. Mr. Teo Hock Guan: To ask the Minister for Education when the Government intends to recognise the degrees of Nanyang University.
- \*48. Mr. Teo Hock Guan: To ask the Minister for Education (a) how many graduates of Nanyang University who graduated in the second batch in 1960 are now employed as teachers in Government schools and in Government-aided schools; and (b) of these, how many are still being paid the salary of a teacher with middle-school qualification, and why.
- \*49. Mr. Low Por Tuck: To ask the Minister for Education whether consideration will be given to the setting up of a department in the Singapore Polytechnic using Mandarin as a medium of instruction to cater for students from the Chinese stream of education.
- \*50. Dr. Thio Chan Bee: To ask the Minister for Education if he will appoint an independent Committee of Inquiry to investigate into the effects, both direct and indirect, of the compulsory full six-day week in Singapore's primary schools, especially in regard to the welfare of the school children, and to make recommendations for its continuance or discontinuance with effect from January, 1962.
- \*51. Mr. Ong Chang Sam: To ask the Minister for National Development what steps have been taken to prevent further flooding of the Sungei Pandan area.
- \*52. Mr. Ong Chang Sam: To ask the Minister for National Development when will the construction of the road deviation caused by the extension of the Tengah airfield runway be completed.
- \*53. Mr. Leong Keng Seng: To ask the Minister for National Development (a) when will the link road between Serangoon Garden Estate and Braddell Road be completed; (b) how many squatters will be affected by the construction of this road; and (c) what are the terms of compensation given to such squatters.
- \*54. Mr. Leong Keng Seng: To ask the Minister for National Development when will work be started on the proposed link road between Boundary Road and Jalan Teck Kee, and how long will its construction take.
- \*55. Mr. Tee Kim Leng: To ask the Minister for National Development whether it is intended to set up a fertiliser factory.
- \*56. Mr. Wong Soon Fong: To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Clearance Sub-Committee for the Toa Payoh Housing Scheme is still in existence, and whether it has called any meeting since July, 1961.
- \*57. Mr. Wong Soon Fong: To ask the Minister for National Development what is the policy of the Government towards the memoranda submitted by the Member for Toa Payoh and by the Rural People's Association on the question of resettlement of the 25,000 squatters in the Toa Payoh Area affected by the Housing Scheme, and whether he will meet representatives of these squatters and the Assemblyman concerned to settle the problem.
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**AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS****Introduction of Government Bills****1. Deputy Prime Minister:**

Legislative Assembly (Privileges, Immunities and Powers) Bill.

[The Member in charge proposes, on a Certificate of Urgency under S.O. 81, to proceed with this Bill throughout all its stages until the Bill has been read the third time.]

[For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 1.]

**2. Minister for Finance:**

Control of Imports and Exports (Amendment) Bill.

[The Member in charge proposes, on a Certificate of Urgency under S.O. 81, to proceed with this Bill throughout all its stages until the Bill has been read the third time.]

**3. Minister for Finance:**

Final Appropriation (1959) Bill.

**4. Minister for Finance:**

Private Lotteries (Amendment) Bill.

**5. Minister for Health and Law:**

Courts (Admiralty Jurisdiction) Bill.

**6. Minister for National Development:**

Sand Quarries Bill.

**7. Minister for Education:**

University of Singapore Bill.

**Business Motion****8. Deputy Prime Minister:**

*(Subject to the general assent of Members present, under S.O. 32)*

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:** That, notwithstanding the Standing Orders, on this day the moment of interruption shall be 4.30 p.m. and the time appointed for the termination of the sitting shall be 5.00 p.m.

*Notes:—*

(1) The purpose of the business motion in the name of the Leader of the House is to enable the Assembly to adjourn not later than 5.00 p.m. so that Members will be given the opportunity of attending the Reception at the Singapore Airport to send off the Merger Mission to London led by the Prime Minister of the Federation of Malaya.

(2) The right to raise a matter on the motion for the adjournment obtained by the Member for Anson will be exercisable at 4.30 p.m.

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**NOTICES OF MOTIONS****1. Third Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for 1961 (Cmd. 29 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. 1.]

2. Deputy Prime Minister:

**COMMITTEE OF SELECTION:** That this Assembly, in accordance with paragraph (1) of Standing Order 93, appoints the following as members of the Committee of Selection:—

Dr. Toh Chin Chye  
Mr. Lee Khoon Choy  
Mr. Wee Toon Boon  
Enche Yaacob bin Mohamed  
Tun Lim Yew Hock  
Dr. Sheng Nam Chin  
Mr. Ong Eng Guan.

3. Deputy Prime Minister:

**MAINTENANCE OF ORDER (ASSEMBLY HOUSE):** That this Assembly orders that the Commissioner of Police do take care that during the present session of this House the passages through the streets leading to this House be kept free and open, and that no obstruction be permitted to hinder the passage of Members to and from this House, and that no disorder be allowed in the passages leading to this House, and that there be no annoyance therein and thereabouts; and that the Clerk of this Assembly do communicate this order to the Commissioner aforesaid.

4. Prime Minister:

**SALARY OF SPEAKER:** That this Assembly, pursuant to section 36 of the Singapore (Constitution) Order in Council, 1958, resolves that the salary of the Speaker with effect from 1st September, 1961, shall be \$3,000 a month.

5. Prime Minister:

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (REMUNERATION):** That this Assembly, pursuant to subsection (1) of section 79 of the Singapore (Constitution) Order in Council, 1958, resolves that the remuneration of the Chairman and other Members of the Public Service Commission established under section 76 of the aforesaid Order shall with effect from 1st September, 1961, be as follows:—

- (a) for the Chairman, an inclusive salary of \$2,300 per month;
- (b) for the Deputy Chairman, a retainer of \$750 per month, and, in addition, \$50 per day on which he attends a meeting of the Commission with a maximum of twenty days in any one month; and
- (c) for other Members, a retainer of \$500 per month, and, in addition, \$50 per day on which they attend a meeting of the Commission with a maximum of twenty days in any one month.

6. Minister for Labour:

**MERGER (SINGAPORE/FEDERATION OF MALAYA):** That, whereas it has always been the avowed objective of all nationalists of Malaya to achieve the reunification of Singapore with the Federation of Malaya and to remove the artificial division created by the British by their policy of

"divide and rule", this House affirms and declares that the first objective of all true patriots of Malaya is to achieve the reunification of these two territories in a merger of Singapore with the Federation of Malaya.

7. 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.

8. 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'."

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.

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.

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### MEMORANDUM

*Matter proposed to be raised on the Motion for the Adjournment (Standing Order 1 (8) (b)):*—

Mr. David Marshall (Member for Anson) ... Public Assistance.

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### QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWER

1. Mr. David Marshall: To ask the Prime Minister to state the number of persons appointed since 1st June, 1959, by Ministers to public bodies, the names of such persons, the offices to which they were appointed, and their political affiliations, if known.
2. Mrs. Seow Peck Leng: To ask the Minister for Labour how many strikes were there since 1st September, 1961.
3. Mrs. Seow Peck Leng: To ask the Minister for Labour how many trade unions or federations of trade unions have had their registrations cancelled since January, 1961.
4. Mr. David Marshall: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs whether he will publish a report on the working of the Preservation of Public Security Ordinance, 1955, since its inception.
5. Mr. David Marshall: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs how many orders under the Preservation of Public Security Ordinance, 1955, were in existence on the 1st June, 1959, how many orders have been issued since then, and how many are still effective.
6. Mr. David Marshall: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether he will give a list of the persons who are still subject to orders under the Preservation of Public Security Ordinance, 1955, the history of the orders from the date of commencement of detention of such persons, and the reasons for the continuation of these orders; and (b) how many of these orders will be wholly cancelled within the next two months.
7. Mrs. Seow Peck Leng: To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what rents are being charged for the houses which have been built by the Housing and Development Board; (b) the floor space available for living purposes for the different rents; (c) how many units are there in each category; (d) how many of these were vacant as at 31st October, 1961; and (e) what are the requirements of the Board in order to qualify for the different types of houses.

### MEMORANDUM

The following Papers were presented after the Prorogation of the Second Session on 22nd July, 1961, and before the commencement of the Third Session on 31st October, 1961:—

1961		Date presented
Cmd. 20	The Malayan Rubber Export Registration Board—Report on the operations of the Board for the year ended 31st December, 1960	10th August, 1961.
Cmd. 21	Annual Report of the Legal Aid Bureau, 1960	1st September, 1961.
Cmd. 23	Annual Report of the Department of Civil Aviation, 1960	4th September, 1961.
Cmd. 24	Annual Report of the Labour Department, 1960	6th September, 1961.
Cmd. 25	Annual Report of the Marine Surveys Department for the year 1960	7th September, 1961.

1961	<i>Date presented</i>
Cmd. 26 Annual Report of the Marine Department for the year 1960 ... ..	9th September, 1961.
Cmd. 22 Commission of Inquiry into the Constructional Capacity of Singapore—Interim Report ... ..	12th September, 1961.
Cmd. 27 Report of the Singapore Polytechnic, Session 1959/60 ... ..	20th October, 1961.
Cmd. 28 Report of the Commission of Inquiry into Vocational and Technical Education in Singapore ... ..	25th October, 1961.
Cmd. 29 Third Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for 1961 of the State of Singapore ... ..	27th October, 1961.
Cmd. 30 White Paper on the Report of the Prisons Inquiry Commission, 1960 ... ..	27th October, 1961.
S.L. 14 National Library (Amendment) Rules, 1961	5th August, 1961.
S.L. 17 Fees (Adjustment of Compasses and Calibration of Wireless Direction Finding Equipment) (Amendment) Order, 1961	16th August, 1961.
S.L. 15 Rules of the Supreme Court (Amendment No. 2), 1961 ... ..	18th August, 1961.
S.L. 16 Telegraphs (Amendment No. 2) Rules, 1961	24th August, 1961.
S.L. 13 Road Traffic (Specification of Routes—Serangoon Garden Estate) Order, 1961	6th October, 1961.
S.L. 18 Prohibition of Imports (Amusement Machines) (Amendment) Order, 1961 ... ..	6th October, 1961.
S.L. 19 Women's Charter (Registration of Marriages) Rules, 1961 ... ..	7th October, 1961.
S.L. 20 Women's Charter (Protection of Women and Girls) Rules, 1961 ... ..	11th October, 1961.
S.L. 21 Nurses Registration (Amendment) Regulations, 1961 ... ..	12th October, 1961.
S.L. 22 Poisons (Amendment) Rules, 1961 ... ..	12th October, 1961.
S.L. 23 Dangerous Drugs (Amendment) Regulations, 1961 ... ..	12th October, 1961.
S.L. 24 Road Traffic (Specification of Routes—Dhoby Ghaut) Order, 1961 ... ..	17th October, 1961.
S.L. 25 Control of Manufacture Order, 1961 ... ..	19th October, 1961.
S.L. 26 Prohibition of Imports (Fresh Foodstuffs) Order, 1961 ... ..	28th October, 1961.

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- S.     3   Annual Report of the Lembaga Gerakan  
          Pelajaran Dewasa, 1960 ...     ...   3rd October, 1961.
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**PAPERS PRESENTED**

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| S.L. 27 | Motor Vehicles (Parking Places) (Amendment No. 3) Rules, 1961 ...     ...   | 31st October, 1961.   |
| S.L. 28 | Fees (Estate Duty Affidavits) Order, 1961 ...                               | 2nd November, 1961.   |
| S.L. 29 | Prohibition of Imports (Freshstuffs) (Cancellation) Order, 1961 ...     ... | 8th November, 1961.   |
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