

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

First Session

ORDER PAPER

WEDNESDAY, 30TH DECEMBER, 1970

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ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Prime Minister:

That this Parliament, in accordance with Article 1 of the Constitution, elects Dr. Benjamin Henry SHEARES as President of Singapore.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. **Mr. Tay Boon Too:** To ask the Minister of Defence if he will consider reducing the period of full-time national service from two years to one and a half years for persons who have served three years in schools cadet corps.
- *2. **Enche Abdul Aziz Karim:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Labour if he will take steps to control the importation, sale, possession and use of cartridge-operated fastening tools as they are dangerous tools and may also be used as lethal weapons.
- *3. **Mr. P. Govindaswamy:** To ask the Minister for Communications how many postmen and assistant postmen resigned the service during the period January to November, 1970, and the reasons for such resignations.
- *4. **Mr. P. Govindaswamy:** To ask the Minister for Communications if he will take steps to require that private letter-boxes are provided on the ground floor for each flat in multi-storeyed private and Housing and Development Board flats.
- *5. **Mr. Cheong Yuen Chee:** To ask the Minister for Communications if he will consider putting up more post-boxes in Toa Payoh pending the construction of a post office there.
- *6. **Mr. Tay Boon Too:** To ask the Minister for Education if he is aware that, in order to avoid poor school results in the Primary School Leaving Examination, some principals have asked pupils whose performances have been poor to leave school voluntarily or to seek transfer to another school; and what steps he has taken or proposes to take in the matter.
- *7. **Mr. J. F. Conceicao:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development whether and when a pedestrian overhead bridge will be constructed at Mountbatten Road near its junction with Kampong Arang Road.
- *8. **Mr. Cheong Yuen Chee:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development if he will ascertain from the Housing and Development Board whether it will consider (a) reserving a number of flats on the

ground and first floors for applicants who are, or the members of whose families are, medically certified to be suffering from cardiac diseases or other physical disabilities; (b) giving priority to applicants who are staying in dilapidated accommodation and flood-prone surroundings or who are being evicted by private developers; and (c) setting aside a number of ground floor, one-room flats in Toa Payoh to be used as playrooms for children.

- *9. Mr. Cheong Yuen Chee:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development if he will ascertain from the Public Utilities Board why some owners of Housing and Development Board flats are required to pay water-meter rent and some are not.
- *10. Enche Abdul Aziz Karim:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how many granite quarry workers died from (i) silicosis; (ii) silico-tuberculosis; and (iii) other pulmonary diseases during the last ten years; (b) how many granite quarry workers are now suffering from these occupational diseases, and whether they are receiving treatment at Government hospitals; and (c) what steps his Ministry will take to acquaint medical practitioners that silicosis is an industrial disease notifiable under section 58 of the Factories Ordinance.
- *11. Mr. Hwang Soo Jin:** To ask the Minister for Finance (a) whether the proposed Export Credit Insurance Scheme has been shelved; (b) the reasons for such action; and (c) why a decision was taken only after an official had been sent abroad for training and returned.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Introduction of Government Bills

1. Prime Minister:

(President's recommendation to be signified)

Civil List and Pension (Amendment) Bill.

[The Member in charge proposes, on a Certificate of Urgency under S.O. 82, to proceed with this Bill throughout all its stages until the Bill has been read the third time.]

2. Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Labour:

Diplomatic and Consular Officers (Oaths and Fees)
(Amendment) Bill.

3. Minister for Communications:

Prevention of Pollution of the Sea Bill.

4. Minister for Communications:

Port of Singapore Authority (Amendment) Bill.

5. Minister for Communications:

Bus Services Licensing Authority Bill.

6. Minister for Communications:

Road Traffic (Amendment No. 2) Bill.

7. Minister for Finance:

Jurong Town Corporation (Amendment No. 2) Bill.

8. Minister for Finance:

(President's recommendation to be signified)

Loans (International Bank) (Amendment) Bill.

ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

(Those marked ● are Orders of the Day.)

- 1. Metrication Bill — (Minister for Science and Technology) — Second Reading.†
- 2. Weights and Measures (Amendment) Bill — (Minister for Science and Technology) — Second Reading.†
- 3. Enlistment (Amendment) Bill — (Minister of Defence) — Second Reading.†
- 4. Central Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill — (Minister of State for Labour) — Second Reading.†
- 5. Merchant Shipping (Amendment No. 2) Bill — (Minister for Communications) — Second Reading.†
- 6. Ngee Ann Technical College (Amendment No. 2) Bill — (Minister of State for Education) — Second Reading.
[To be referred to a Select Committee after being read a second time (S.O. 65 (1)).]
- 7. Prohibition on Advertisements Relating to Smoking Bill — (Minister for Culture) — Second Reading.†
[For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 20 dated 30th December, 1970.]
- 8. Mutual Benefit Organisations (Amendment) Bill — (Minister for Social Affairs) — Second Reading.†
- 9. Trees and Plants (Preservation and Improvement of Amenities) Bill — (Minister for Law and National Development) — Second Reading.†
- 10. Parking Places (Amendment) Bill — (Minister for Law and National Development) — Second Reading.†
- 11. Customs (Amendment) Bill — (Minister for Finance) — Second Reading.†
- 12. Securities Industry Bill — (Minister for Finance) — Second Reading.†
[For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 20 dated 30th December, 1970.]
- 13. Companies (Amendment) Bill — (Minister for Finance) — Second Reading.†
[For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 20 dated 30th December, 1970.]
- 14. Passports Bill — (Minister for Home Affairs) — Second Reading.†

† It is intended to move the Committee Stage and Third Reading immediately after the Second Reading.

15. Minister for Science and Technology:

CONVERSION TO METRIC SYSTEM: That this Parliament approves the proposals of the Government on the proposed conversion to the Metric System in Singapore as set out in Paper Command 35 of 1970.

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

- 1. Mr. Tay Boon Too:** To ask the Minister for Education the numbers of pupils who sat for the Primary School Leaving Examination in each of the four language streams in the years 1968 to 1970, and the percentages of passes in each case.

PAPERS PRESENTED

1970		Date Presented.
S	19 Annual Report of the Public Utilities Board, Singapore, 1969 ...	2nd November, 1970.
Pres. Co.	28 Report of the Presidential Council on Subsidiary Legislation (First Report)	4th November, 1970.
Pres. Co.	29 Report of the Presidential Council on Subsidiary Legislation (Second Report)	4th November, 1970.
Cmd.	36 Report on the Registration of Births and Deaths and Marriages, 1969	9th November, 1970.
S.L.	40 Fees (Imports, Exports, Transshipments and Certificates of Origin) Order, 1970	12th November, 1970.
S.L.	41 Customs Duties (Amendment No. 8) Order, 1970	17th November, 1970.
S.L.	42 Heavy Oil Engined Motor Vehicles (Special Tax) (Amendment) Order, 1970	17th November, 1970.
S.L.	43 Anti-Dumping Duty (Revocation) Order, 1970	19th November, 1970.
Pres. Co.	30 Report of the Presidential Council on the National Sports Promotion Board Bill [Bill No. 11/69] ...	24th November, 1970.
Pres. Co.	31 Report of the Presidential Council on the Land Surveyors Bill [Bill No. 27/69]	24th November, 1970.

1970		Date Presented.
Pres. Co. 32	Report of the Presidential Council on the Institute of Education Bill [Bill No. 35/70]	24th November, 1970.
Pres. Co. 33	Report of the Presidential Council on the Statute Law Revision Bill [Bill No. 36/70]	24th November, 1970.
Pres. Co. 34	Report of the Presidential Council on the Sand and Granite Quarries Bill [Bill No. 37/70]	24th November, 1970.
Pres. Co. 35	Report of the Presidential Council on the Preservation of Monuments Bill [Bill No. 38/70]	24th November, 1970.
S.L. 44	Broadcasting and Television (Amendment No. 2) Regulations, 1970 ...	5th December, 1970.
S 20	Annual Report of the Economic Development Board, 1969 ...	8th December, 1970.
S 21	Audited Statement of Accounts of the Tourist Promotion Board, Singapore, for the year ended 31st December, 1968	9th December, 1970.
Cmd. 37	Annual Report of the Inland Revenue Department, 1969	9th December, 1970.
Misc. 4	Census of Population 1970 Singapore [Interim Release]	10th December, 1970.
S 22	Annual Report of the Jurong Town Corporation, 1968 and 1969 ...	10th December, 1970.
Cmd. 38	Annual Report of the Singapore National Library, 1969 ...	14th December, 1970.
Misc. 5	Report on the Conventions and Recommendations adopted by the International Labour Conference in June, 1967	16th December, 1970.
Misc. 6	Report on the Tenants and Sharecroppers Recommendation adopted by the International Labour Conference in June, 1968 ...	16th December, 1970.
Misc. 7	Report on the Conventions and Recommendations adopted by the International Labour Conference in June, 1969	16th December, 1970.
