

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

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## First Session

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MONDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2017

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PRESENT:

Mr SPEAKER (Mr Tan Chuan-Jin (Marine Parade)).

Mr ANG HIN KEE (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr ANG WEI NENG (Jurong).

Mr BAEY YAM KENG (Tampines), Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth.

Miss CHERYL CHAN WEI LING (Fengshan).

Mr CHAN CHUN SING (Tanjong Pagar), Minister, Prime Minister's Office and Government Whip.

Mr CHEE HONG TAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information and Ministry of Health.

Mr CHEN SHOW MAO (Aljunied).

Miss CHENG LI HUI (Tampines).

Dr CHIA SHI-LU (Tanjong Pagar).

Ms CHIA YONG YONG (Nominated Member).

Mr CHARLES CHONG (Punggol East), Deputy Speaker.

Mr CHONG KEE HIONG (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr DESMOND CHOO (Tampines).

Mr THOMAS CHUA KEE SENG (Nominated Member).

Mr DARRYL DAVID (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr CHRISTOPHER DE SOUZA (Holland-Bukit Timah).

Assoc Prof FATIMAH LATEEF (Marine Parade).

Mr CEDRIC FOO CHEE KENG (Pioneer).

Ms FOO MEE HAR (West Coast).

Ms GRACE FU HAI YIEN (Yuhua), Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Leader of the House.

Mr GAN THIAM POH (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr GOH CHOK TONG (Marine Parade).

Assoc Prof DANIEL GOH PEI SIONG (Non-Constituency Member).

Mr HENG CHEE HOW (Jalan Besar), Senior Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office.

Mr HENG SWEE KEAT (Tampines), Minister for Finance.

Ms INDRANEE RAJAH (Tanjong Pagar), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Law and Ministry of Finance.

Dr INTAN AZURA MOKHTAR (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr S ISWARAN (West Coast), Minister for Trade and Industry (Industry).

Dr JANIL PUTHUCHEARY (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information and Ministry of Education.

Mr KHAW BOON WAN (Sembawang), Coordinating Minister for Infrastructure and Minister for Transport.

Ms KUIK SHIAO-YIN (Nominated Member).

Mr KWEK HIAN CHUAN HENRY (Nee Soon).

Dr LAM PIN MIN (Sengkang West), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Transport and Ministry of Health.

Er Dr LEE BEE WAH (Nee Soon).

Mr DESMOND LEE (Jurong), Minister for Social and Family Development and Second Minister for National Development and Deputy Leader of the House.

Mr LEE HSIEN LOONG (Ang Mo Kio), Prime Minister.

Mr LIANG ENG HWA (Holland-Bukit Timah).

Mr LIM BIOW CHUAN (Mountbatten), Deputy Speaker.

Mr LIM HNG KIANG (West Coast), Minister for Trade and Industry (Trade).

Mr LIM SWEE SAY (East Coast), Minister for Manpower.

Ms SYLVIA LIM (Aljunied).

Dr LIM WEE KIAK (Sembawang).

Mr LOW THIA KHIANG (Aljunied).

Ms LOW YEN LING (Chua Chu Kang), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Trade and Industry and Ministry of Education.

Asst Prof MAHDEV MOHAN (Nominated Member).

Mr MUHAMAD FAISAL ABDUL MANAP (Aljunied).

Assoc Prof Dr MUHAMMAD FAISHAL IBRAHIM (Nee Soon), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Social and Family Development and Ministry of Education.

Mr MURALI PILLAI (Bukit Batok).

Dr LILY NEO (Jalan Besar).

Mr NG CHEE MENG (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Minister for Education (Schools) and Second Minister for Transport.

Dr NG ENG HEN (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister for Defence.

Mr LOUIS NG KOK KWANG (Nee Soon).

Mr ONG TENG KOON (Marsiling-Yew Tee).

Mr ONG YE KUNG (Sembawang), Minister for Education (Higher Education and Skills) and Second Minister for Defence.

Ms JOAN PEREIRA (Tanjong Pagar).

Mr LEON PERERA (Non-Constituency Member).

Ms DENISE PHUA LAY PENG (Jalan Besar).

Mr PNG ENG HUAT (Hougang).

Mr PRITAM SINGH (Aljunied).

Ms RAHAYU MAHZAM (Jurong).

Mr SEAH KIAN PENG (Marine Parade).

Mr K SHANMUGAM (Nee Soon), Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law.

Mr SITO H YIH PIN (Potong Pasir).

Mr DENNIS TAN LIP FONG (Non-Constituency Member).

Assoc Prof RANDOLPH TAN (Nominated Member).

Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast).

Mr SAM TAN CHIN SIONG (Radin Mas), Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Manpower and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Deputy Government Whip.

Dr TAN WU MENG (Jurong).

Mr PATRICK TAY TECK GUAN (West Coast).

Mrs JOSEPHINE TEO (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Manpower and Second Minister for Home Affairs.

Mr TEO SER LUCK (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Ms K THANALETCHIMI (Nominated Member).

Mr THARMAN SHANMUGARATNAM (Jurong), Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for Economic and Social Policies.

Ms TIN PEI LING (MacPherson).

Mr EDWIN TONG CHUN FAI (Marine Parade).

Mr VIKRAM NAIR (Sembawang).

Dr VIVIAN BALAKRISHNAN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Mr LAWRENCE WONG (Marsiling-Yew Tee), Minister for National Development and Second Minister for Finance

Assoc Prof Dr YAACOB IBRAHIM (Jalan Besar), Minister for Communications and Information and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs.

Mr ALEX YAM ZIMING (Marsiling-Yew Tee).

Mr YEE CHIA HSING (Chua Chu Kang).

Mr MELVIN YONG YIK CHYE (Tanjong Pagar).

Mr ZAINAL SAPARI (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Mr ZAQY MOHAMAD (Chua Chu Kang).

ABSENT:

Mr AMRIN AMIN (Sembawang), Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Health.

Mr AZMOON AHMAD (Nominated Member).

Mr GAN KIM YONG (Chua Chu Kang), Minister for Health.

Mr GANESH RAJARAM (Nominated Member).

Dr AMY KHOR LEAN SUAN (Hong Kah North), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Health and Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources.

Dr KOH POH KOON (Ang Mo Kio), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry and Ministry of National Development.

Mr KOK HENG LEUN (Nominated Member).

Mr LEE YI SHYAN (East Coast).

Mr MASAGOS ZULKIFLI B M M (Tampines), Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.

Dr MOHAMAD MALIKI BIN OSMAN (East Coast), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Mr SAKTIANDI SUPAAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Ms SIM ANN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry and Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Deputy Government Whip.

Ms SUN XUELING (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Mr TEO CHEE HEAN (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security.

Dr TEO HO PIN (Bukit Panjang).

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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 Singapore Public Service Commission Annual Report 2016 – Presented on 2 August 2017 (S. 225 of 2017).
  - 1.2 Reprint of the Standing Orders of the Parliament of Singapore – Presented on 4 August 2017 (Parl. 7 of 2017).
  - 1.3 Environmental Protection and Management (Vehicular Emissions) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 4 August 2017 (S. L. 333 of 2017).
  - 1.4 Building Control (Buildability and Productivity) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 4 August 2017 (S. L. 334 of 2017).
  - 1.5 Public Entertainments (Public Entertainment Appeal Board) Rules 2017 – Presented on 4 August 2017 (S. L. 335 of 2017).
  - 1.6 Public Entertainments (Demerit Points) Rules 2017 – Presented on 4 August 2017 (S. L. 336 of 2017).
  - 1.7 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Administration of Muslim Law (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 27/2017] – Presented on 11 August 2017 (Pres. Co. 57 of 2017).
  - 1.8 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Quota System) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2017 – Presented on 11 August 2017 (S. L. 337 of 2017).
  - 1.9 Annual Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights for the period from 1 August 2016 to 31 July 2017 – Presented on 14 August 2017 (Cmd. 12 of 2017).
  - 1.10 Competition Commission of Singapore Annual Report 2016/2017 – Presented on 14 August 2017 (S. 226 of 2017).
  - 1.11 Organised Crime Act 2015 (Amendment of Schedule) Order 2017 – Presented on 14 August 2017 (S. L. 338 of 2017).
  - 1.12 Savings and Employee Retirement and Premium Fund (SAVER-Premium Fund) Annual Report for Financial Year 2016 – Presented on 16 August 2017 (S. 227 of 2017).
  - 1.13 Road Traffic (Power-Assisted Bicycles) (Exemption from Part II) Order 2017 – Presented on 17 August 2017 (S. L. 339 of 2017).
  - 1.14 Legal Service Commission Annual Report 2016 – Presented on 18 August 2017 (S. 228 of 2017).
  - 1.15 Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore Annual Report 2016/2017 – Presented on 22 August 2017 (S. 229 of 2017).

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- 1.16 MediShield Life Scheme (Disclosure of Information) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 22 August 2017 (S. L. 340 of 2017).
  - 1.17 Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 22 August 2017 (S. L. 341 of 2017).
  - 1.18 Road Traffic (Registration of Power-Assisted Bicycles) Rules 2017 – Presented on 23 August 2017 (S. L. 342 of 2017).
  - 1.19 Road Traffic (Electronic Service) (Amendment) Rules 2017 – Presented on 23 August 2017 (S. L. 343 of 2017).
  - 1.20 Road Traffic (Power-Assisted Bicycles – Approval) (Amendment) Rules 2017 – Presented on 23 August 2017 (S. L. 344 of 2017).
  - 1.21 Health Promotion Board Annual Report 2016/2017 – Presented on 25 August 2017 (S. 230 of 2017).
  - 1.22 Commissioner of Charities Annual Report 2016 – Presented on 29 August 2017 (S. 231 of 2017).
  - 1.23 Income Tax (Filing of Estimates of Chargeable Income) Rules 2017 – Presented on 6 September 2017 (S. L. 345 of 2017).
  - 1.24 Road Traffic (Regulation of Speed) (Amendment) Rules 2017 – Presented on 6 September 2017 (S. L. 346 of 2017).
  - 1.25 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Construction and Use) (Amendment) Rules 2017 – Presented on 6 September 2017 (S. L. 347 of 2017).
  - 1.26 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Seat Belts) (Amendment) Rules 2017 – Presented on 6 September 2017 (S. L. 348 of 2017).
  - 1.27 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Lighting) (Amendment) Rules 2017 – Presented on 6 September 2017 (S. L. 349 of 2017).
  - 1.28 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Speed Warning Device) (Amendment) Rules 2017 – Presented on 6 September 2017 (S. L. 350 of 2017).
  - 1.29 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Rear and Side Markings) (Amendment) Rules 2017 – Presented on 6 September 2017 (S. L. 351 of 2017).
  - 1.30 Energy Market Authority Annual Report 2016/2017 – Presented on 7 September 2017 (S. 232 of 2017).
  - 1.31 Science Centre Singapore Annual Report 2016/2017 – Presented on 11 September 2017 (S. 233 of 2017).
  - 1.32 International Enterprise Singapore Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements 2016/2017 – Presented on 11 September 2017 (S. 234 of 2017).

- 2 Election of Speaker – The House being met, the Clerk of Parliament informed the House that she had notified Honorable Members of Mdm Halimah Yacob resigning from her office as the Speaker of Parliament and from her seat in Parliament for the electoral division of Marsiling-Yew Tee on 7 August 2017 and in accordance with Articles 46(2) and 40(4) of the Constitution, her seat as Member and the office of the Speaker became vacant on the same day respectively.

Leader of the House, addressing herself to the Clerk of Parliament, proposed that Mr Tan Chuan-Jin do take the Chair of this Parliament as Speaker, which proposal was supported by Mr Seah Kian Peng.

There being only one proposal, the Clerk of Parliament declared Mr Tan Chuan-Jin to have been elected as Speaker of this Parliament.

*The Mace, which before lay below the Table, was placed upon the Table.*

- 3 Addresses and Acknowledgement – Leader of the House, Assoc Prof Dr Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim, Ms Tin Pei Ling, Ms Chia Yong Yong, Mr Vikram Nair and Mr Christopher de Souza made congratulatory addresses to Mr Speaker and Mr Speaker thanked the House for the great honour which the House had bestowed upon him.

- 4 Petition – A petition from Quek Chee Kian, Lee Man Qi, Renemarlina Bte Osman, Jesvinder Kaur, Koh Xin Hui Christabel, Lim Sing Hwee and Saleha Binte Khamis praying that –

(a) Section 47 of the Housing and Development Act be amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph (b) of subsection (1), the following paragraph –

"(c) Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) above shall not apply to any person who has legal custody of a child and who has been given care and control of that child, notwithstanding that:-

- a. any other person may also have care and control of that child; or
- b. such person may have another child or children, in respect of whom he does not have care and control";

(b) Section 65 of the Housing and Development Act be amended by inserting, immediately after subsection (2), the following subsection –

"(3) In exercising their powers under subsection (1) above, the Minister and the Board shall not discriminate against any person with legal custody of a child on the ground of such person's marital status"; and

(c) the issue of access to public housing for single-parent families, and Singapore's conformity with its obligations under the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) as pertains to this issue, be referred to a Select Committee for further consultation and deliberation, was presented; ordered to lie upon the Table.

Petition stood referred to the Public Petitions Committee, pursuant to Standing Order No. 18(6).

- 5 21 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 6 Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore Act (Chapter 170A of the 1997 Revised Edition) and to make related amendments to the Public Utilities Act (Chapter 261 of the 2002 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Senior Minister of State, on behalf of the Minister for Transport; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 31/2017].



- 7 Infrastructure Protection Bill – "to provide for the protection of certain areas, places and other premises in Singapore against security risks, to repeal the Protected Areas and Protected Places Act (Chapter 256 of the 2013 Revised Edition) and to make consequential amendments to certain other Acts" – presented by the Second Minister for Home Affairs; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 32/2017].
- 8 Audit (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Audit Act (Chapter 17 of the 1999 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Senior Minister of State, on behalf of the Minister for Finance; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 33/2017].
- 9 Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Goods and Services Tax Act (Chapter 117A of the 2005 Revised Edition)" – President's recommendation signified and Bill presented by the Senior Minister of State, on behalf of the Second Minister for Finance; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 34/2017].
- 10 Property Tax (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Property Tax Act (Chapter 254 of the 2005 Revised Edition)" – President's recommendation signified and Bill presented by the Senior Minister of State, on behalf of the Second Minister for Finance; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 35/2017].
- 11 Income Tax (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Income Tax Act (Chapter 134 of the 2014 Revised Edition) and to make a consequential amendment to the Economic Expansion Incentives (Relief from Income Tax) Act (Chapter 86 of the 2005 Revised Edition)" – President's recommendation signified and Bill presented by the Senior Minister of State, on behalf of the Second Minister for Finance; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 36/2017].
- 12 Jurong Town Corporation (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 (Trade)).

*(In the Committee)*

Clauses 1 to 7 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 13 Building Maintenance and Strata Management (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 – (Second Minister for National Development).

*(In the Committee)*

Clauses 1 to 64 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 14 Professional Engineers (Amendment) Bill – (Second Minister for National Development) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time."; Debate arising.
- 15 Extension of Sitting – Pursuant to Standing Order 2(5)(d), Mr Speaker extended the sitting beyond the moment of interruption for a period of up to 30 minutes.
- 16 Professional Engineers (Amendment) Bill – (Second Minister for National Development) – Debate resumed on Question, "That the Bill be now read a second time."
- Question put and agreed to. 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 – (Second Minister for National Development).

*(In the Committee)*

- Clauses 1 to 26 inclusive agreed to.
- Bill to be reported.
- Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.
- 17 Adjournment to a Later Date – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That, at its rising today, Parliament do stand adjourned to a date to be fixed."
- 18 Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That Parliament do now adjourn."; Debate arising.
- On Question put – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn."

Adjourned at 7.31 pm

TAN CHUAN-JIN,  
*Speaker*

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**MEMORANDUM**

Parliament stands adjourned to a date to be fixed.

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