

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE**

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**Second Session**

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THURSDAY, 17 MAY 2018

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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 AZMOON AHMAD (Nominated Member).

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

Miss CHERYL CHAN WEI LING (Fengshan).

Mr CHAN CHUN SING (Tanjong Pagar), Minister for Trade and Industry and Government Whip.

Mr CHEE HONG TAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry and Ministry of Education.

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).

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

Mr GAN THIAM POH (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr GANESH RAJARAM (Nominated Member).

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, Ministry of Defence.

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

Ms INDRANEE RAJAH (Tanjong Pagar), Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Finance, Second Minister for Education and Second Minister for Law.

Dr INTAN AZURA MOKHTAR (Ang Mo Kio).

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

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

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

Mr KOK HENG LEUN (Nominated Member).

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 Health and Ministry of Transport.

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).

Mr LIM SWEE SAY (East Coast).

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 Education and Ministry of Manpower.

Asst Prof MAHDEV MOHAN (Nominated Member).

Mr MASAGOS ZULKIFLI B M M (Tampines), Minister for the Environment and Water Resources and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs.

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

Mr MUHAMAD FAISAL ABDUL MANAP (Aljunied).

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

Mr MURALI PILLAI (Bukit Batok).

Dr LILY NEO (Jalan Besar).

Mr NG CHEE MENG (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Minister, Prime Minister's Office.

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.

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 SAKTIANDI SUPAAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr SEAH KIAN PENG (Marine Parade).

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

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

Mr SITO H YIH PIN (Potong Pasir).

Ms SUN XUE LING (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of National Development.

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, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Social and Family Development and Deputy Government Whip.

Dr TAN WU MENG (Jurong), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Mr PATRICK TAY TECK GUAN (West Coast).

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

Dr TEO HO PIN (Bukit Panjang).

Mrs JOSEPHINE TEO (Bishan-Toa Payoh), 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).

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), Minister of State, Ministry of National Development and Ministry of Manpower.

ABSENT:

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

Assoc Prof FATIMAH LATEEF (Marine Parade).

Mr S ISWARAN (West Coast), Minister for Communications and Information and Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations.

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

Mr LEE YI SHYAN (East Coast).

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- 1 Announcement by Speaker – Mr Speaker made the following communication to the House:-
- "I wish to inform honourable Members that under the provisions of Standing Order No 102, I have on 16 May 2018, nominated the following Members to fill vacancies in the respective Standing Select Committees:
- (1) Mr Pritam Singh to be a Member of the Committee of Selection in place of Mr Low Thia Kiang; and
- (2) Associate Professor Daniel Goh Pei Siong to be a Member of the Estimates Committee in place of Mr Pritam Singh."
- 2 Deposit Insurance and Policy Owners' Protection Schemes (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Deposit Insurance and Policy Owners' Protection Schemes Act (Chapter 77B of the 2012 Revised Edition) and to make a related amendment to the Insurance Act (Chapter 142 of the 2002 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Minister for Education, on behalf of the Prime Minister; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 21/2018].
- 3 Tokyo Convention (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Tokyo Convention Act (Chapter 327 of the 1985 Revised Edition) and to make related amendments to certain other Acts." – 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. 22/2018].
- 4 Small Claims Tribunals (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Small Claims Tribunals Act (Chapter 308 of the 1998 Revised Edition) and to make consequential amendments to certain other Acts" – presented by the Second Minister for Law; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 23/2018].
- 5 Intellectual Property (Border Enforcement) Bill – "to amend the Copyright Act (Chapter 63 of the 2006 Revised Edition), the Geographical Indications Act 2014 (Act 19 of 2014), the Registered Designs Act (Chapter 266 of the 2005 Revised Edition) and the Trade Marks Act (Chapter 332 of the 2005 Revised Edition), to enhance border enforcement measures for intellectual property rights, and to make related amendments to certain other Acts" – presented by the Second Minister for Law; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 24/2018].
- 6 Singapore Tourism (Cess Collection) (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Singapore Tourism (Cess Collection) Act (Chapter 305C of the 1997 Revised Edition)" – President's recommendation signified and Bill presented by the Senior Minister of State, on behalf of the Minister for Trade and Industry; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 25/2018].
- 7 Customs (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Customs Act (Chapter 70 of the 2004 Revised Edition) and to make a related amendment to the Road Traffic Act (Chapter 276 of the 2004 Revised Edition)" – President's recommendation signified and Bill presented by 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. 26/2018].

- 8 Suspension of Standing Orders – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That, notwithstanding the Standing Orders, a Ministerial Statement by the Minister for Defence be taken before the resumption of debate on President's Address at today's sitting."
- 9 Ministerial Statement – National Service Training Deaths – (Minister for Defence).
- 10 President's Speech (Address of Thanks) – (Miss Cheryl Chan Wei Ling) (4<sup>th</sup> Allotted Day) – Question again proposed on resumption of Debate (14 May 2018), "That the following Address in reply to the Speech of the President be agreed to:  
  
"We, the Parliament of the Republic of Singapore, express our thanks to the President for the Speech which she delivered on behalf of the Government at the Opening of the Second Session of this Parliament.!" – Debate arising.
- 11 Extension of Sitting – Pursuant to Standing Order No. 2(5)(d), Mr Deputy Speaker extended the sitting beyond the moment of interruption for a period of up to 30 minutes.
- 12 President's Speech (Address of Thanks) – (Miss Cheryl Chan Wei Ling) (4<sup>th</sup> Allotted Day) – Debate resumed on Question, "That the following Address in reply to the Speech of the President be agreed to:  
  
"We, the Parliament of the Republic of Singapore, express our thanks to the President for the Speech which she delivered on behalf of the Government at the Opening of the Second Session of this Parliament.!"
- 13 Adjournment of Debate – (Leader of the House) – (with the consent of Mr Deputy Speaker) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the debate be now adjourned."  
  
Debate to be resumed Tomorrow.
- 14 Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn to 11.00 am tomorrow."

Adjourned at 7.12 pm

TAN CHUAN-JIN,  
*Speaker*

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**MEMORANDUM**

Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 11.00 am on Friday, 18 May 2018.

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