

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

First Session

TUESDAY, 1 AUGUST 2017

No. 49

1.30 pm

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PRESENT:

Mdm SPEAKER (Mdm HALIMAH YACOB (Marsiling-Yew Tee)).

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

Mr ANG HIN KEE (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr ANG WEI NENG (Jurong).

Mr AZMOON AHMAD (Nominated Member).

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).

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 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 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, 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.

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

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, Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister for Home Affairs and Second Minister for National Development and Deputy Leader of the House.

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

Mr LEE YI SHYAN (East Coast).

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 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 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).

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 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 Trade and Industry and Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Deputy Government Whip.

Mr SITO H YIH PIN (Potong Pasir).

Mr TAN CHUAN-JIN (Marine Parade), Minister for Social and Family 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, 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).

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, Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister for Manpower and Second Minister for Foreign 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 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:

Ms CHIA YONG YONG (Nominated Member).

Mr DARRYL DAVID (Ang Mo Kio).

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).

Ms KUIK SHIAO-YIN (Nominated Member).

Mr KWEK HIAN CHUAN HENRY (Nee Soon).

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

Ms SUN XUELING (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Mr EDWIN TONG CHUN FAI (Marine Parade).

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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 Planning (Deferment of Payment of Development Charge by Charities) Rules 2017 – Presented on 5 July 2017 (S. L. 302 of 2017).
 - 1.2 Planning (Qualified Persons) Rules 2017 – Presented on 5 July 2017 (S. L. 303 of 2017).
 - 1.3 Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment) Rules 2017 – Presented on 6 July 2017 (S. L. 304 of 2017).
 - 1.4 Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors, Trishaw Riders and Passengers) (Amendment) Rules 2017 – Presented on 6 July 2017 (S. L. 305 of 2017).
 - 1.5 Road Traffic (Carbon Emissions Tax) (Amendment) Rules 2017 – Presented on 6 July 2017 (S. L. 306 of 2017).
 - 1.6 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2017 – Presented on 6 July 2017 (S. L. 307 of 2017).
 - 1.7 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment No. 4) Rules 2017 – Presented on 6 July 2017 (S. L. 308 of 2017).
 - 1.8 Public Utilities (Water Supply) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 7 July 2017 (S. L. 309 of 2017).
 - 1.9 Public Utilities (Protection of Water Pipes Infrastructure) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 7 July 2017 (S. L. 310 of 2017).
 - 1.10 Sewerage and Drainage (Protection of Public Sewerage System) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 7 July 2017 (S. L. 311 of 2017).
 - 1.11 Public Utilities (Tariffs for Water) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 7 July 2017 (S. L. 312 of 2017).
 - 1.12 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Monetary Authority of Singapore (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 25/2017] – Presented on 11 July 2017 (Pres. Co. 55 of 2017).
 - 1.13 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Home Team Corps Bill [Bill No 26/2017] – Presented on 11 July 2017 (Pres. Co. 56 of 2017).
 - 1.14 Annual Report of Home Affairs Uniformed Services (INVEST Fund) for Financial Year 2016/2017 – Presented on 11 July 2017 (S. 220 of 2017).
 - 1.15 Charities (Accounts and Annual Report) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 11 July 2017 (S. L. 313 of 2017).

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- 1.16 Central Provident Fund (New Retirement Sum Scheme) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 11 July 2017 (S. L. 314 of 2017).
 - 1.17 Central Provident Fund (Revised Retirement Sum Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 11 July 2017 (S. L. 315 of 2017).
 - 1.18 Central Provident Fund (Retirement Sum Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 11 July 2017 (S. L. 316 of 2017).
 - 1.19 Central Provident Fund (Retirement Sum Topping-Up Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 11 July 2017 (S. L. 317 of 2017).
 - 1.20 Central Provident Fund (Medisave Account Withdrawals) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 11 July 2017 (S. L. 318 of 2017).
 - 1.21 Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2017 – Presented on 12 July 2017 (S. L. 319 of 2017).
 - 1.22 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Test) (Amendment) Rules 2017 – Presented on 12 July 2017 (S. L. 320 of 2017).
 - 1.23 Road Traffic (Chauffeured Private Hire Car and Taxi Vocational Licence Demerit Points System) Rules 2017 – Presented on 12 July 2017 (S. L. 321 of 2017).
 - 1.24 Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors, Trishaw Riders and Passengers) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2017 – Presented on 12 July 2017 (S. L. 322 of 2017).
 - 1.25 Housing and Development Board and its Subsidiaries: Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2017 – Presented on 13 July 2017 (S. 221 of 2017).
 - 1.26 Singapore Labour Foundation Annual Report 2016 – Presented on 14 July 2017 (S. 222 of 2017).
 - 1.27 Environmental Public Health (General Waste Disposal Facility) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 14 July 2017 (S. L. 323 of 2017).
 - 1.28 Environmental Public Health (General Waste Disposal Facility – Exemption) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 14 July 2017 (S. L. 324 of 2017).
 - 1.29 Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2016/2017 – Presented on 17 July 2017 (Cmd. 10 of 2017).
 - 1.30 Tobacco (Control of Advertisements and Sale) (Ban on Display of Tobacco Products) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 17 July 2017 (S. L. 325 of 2017).
 - 1.31 Income Tax (Prescribed Ship Management Services) Rules 2017 – Presented on 17 July 2017 (S. L. 326 of 2017).

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- 1.32 The Connect Fund Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2017 – Presented on 20 July 2017 (S. 223 of 2017).
 - 1.33 Goods and Services Tax (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 20 July 2017 (S. L. 327 of 2017).
 - 1.34 National Council of Social Service (NCSS) Annual Report FY2016 – Presented on 21 July 2017 (S. 224 of 2017).
 - 1.35 Financial Statements for the Financial Year 2016/2017 – Presented on 24 July 2017 (Cmd. 11 of 2017).
 - 1.36 Planning Act (Amendment of Fourth Schedule) Order 2017 – Presented on 25 July 2017 (S. L. 328 of 2017).
 - 1.37 Goods and Services Tax Act (Amendment of Fourth Schedule) Order 2017 – Presented on 31 July 2017 (S. L. 329 of 2017).
 - 1.38 Road Traffic (Collection of Toll at Woodlands and Tuas Checkpoints) (Amendment) Rules 2017 – Presented on 1 August 2017 (S. L. 330 of 2017).
 - 1.39 Road Traffic (Electronic Road Pricing System) (Amendment No. 4) Rules 2017 – Presented on 1 August 2017 (S. L. 331 of 2017).
 - 1.40 Road Traffic (International Circulation) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2017 – Presented on 1 August 2017 (S. L. 332 of 2017).
- 2 Announcement by Speaker – Mdm Speaker made the following communication to the House:-
- "I would like to inform Honourable Members that wi-fi has been enabled in the Chamber for Members' use. This is an extension of the wi-fi facility that Members have been using in other parts of the House since 2008. Members have given feedback on the usefulness of extending the convenience of wi-fi into the Chamber to enable speedier access to parliamentary materials in the Chamber. I hope this move will allow Members to work digitally, seamlessly and make greater use of electronic devices for parliamentary work.
- Members will be given technical guidance to access the wi-fi soon.
- I would like to impress upon Members of the need, at all times, to maintain courtesy and respect for other Members and for the parliamentary proceedings at hand. Members are therefore reminded to use their electronic devices discreetly and without impairing the decorum of the Chamber."
- 3 15 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 4 Jurong Town Corporation (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Jurong Town Corporation Act (Chapter 150 of the 1998 Revised Edition), and to make consequential amendments to certain other Acts" – presented by the Minister for Trade and Industry (Trade); read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 28/2017].

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- 5 Building Maintenance and Strata Management (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Building Maintenance and Strata Management Act (Chapter 30C of the 2008 Revised Edition), and to make consequential and related amendments to certain other Acts with regard to building maintenance" – presented by the Second Minister for National Development; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 29/2017].
- 6 Professional Engineers (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Professional Engineers Act (Chapter 253 of the 1992 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Second Minister for National Development; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 30/2017].
- 7 Administration of Muslim Law (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 Communications and Information and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 40 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 8 Adjournment to a Later Date – (Government Whip) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That, at its rising today, Parliament do stand adjourned to a date to be fixed."
- 9 Adjournment – (Government Whip) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That Parliament do now adjourn."; Debate arising.
- On Question put – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn."

Adjourned at 5.31 pm

HALIMAH YACOB,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Parliament stands adjourned to a date to be fixed.
