

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

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**First Session**

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MONDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2021

*No. 41*

**11.00 am**

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PRESENT:

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

Mr ABDUL SAMAD (Nominated Member).

Ms JANET ANG (Nominated Member).

Mr ANG WEI NENG (West Coast).

Mr BAEY YAM KENG (Tampines), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Transport.

Mr CHAN CHUN SING (Tanjong Pagar), Minister for Education.

Miss CHERYL CHAN WEI LING (East Coast).

Mr MARK CHAY (Nominated Member).

Mr CHEE HONG TAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Transport.

Mr CHENG HSING YAO (Nominated Member).

Miss CHENG LI HUI (Tampines).

Mr EDWARD CHIA BING HUI (Holland-Bukit Timah).

Mr CHONG KEE HIONG (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr DESMOND CHOO (Tampines).

Mr ERIC CHUA (Tanjong Pagar) Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Social and Family Development.

Mr CHUA KHENG WEE LOUIS (Sengkang).

Mr DARRYL DAVID (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr CHRISTOPHER DE SOUZA (Holland-Bukit Timah), Deputy Speaker.

Ms FOO MEE HAR (West Coast).

Ms GRACE FU HAI YIEN (Yuhua), Minister for Sustainability and the Environment.

Mr GAN KIM YONG (Chua Chu Kang), Minister for Trade and Industry.

Ms GAN SIOW HUANG (Marymount), Minister of State, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Manpower.

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Mr GAN THIAM POH (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr GERALD GIAM YEAN SONG (Aljunied).

Mr DERRICK GOH (Nee Soon).

Ms HE TING RU (Sengkang).

Mr HENG CHEE HOW (Jalan Besar), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence.

Mr HENG SWEE KEAT (East Coast), Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for Economic Policies.

Prof HOON HIAN TECK (Nominated Member).

Mr SHAWN HUANG WEI ZHONG (Jurong).

Ms INDRANEE RAJAH (Tanjong Pagar), Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Finance, Second Minister for National Development and Leader of the House.

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

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

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

Prof KOH LIAN PIN (Nominated Member).

Dr KOH POH KOON (Tampines), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Manpower.

Mr KWEK HIAN CHUAN HENRY (Kebun Baru).

Mr DESMOND LEE (West Coast), Minister for National Development and Minister-in-charge of Social Services Integration.

Mr LEONG MUN WAI (Non-Constituency Member).

Mr LIANG ENG HWA (Bukit Panjang).

Mr LIM BIOW CHUAN (Mountbatten).

Assoc Prof JAMUS JEROME LIM (Sengkang).

Ms SYLVIA LIM (Aljunied).

Dr LIM WEE KIAK (Sembawang).

Ms LOW YEN LING (Chua Chu Kang), Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Ms MARIAM JAAFAR (Sembawang).

Mr MASAGOS ZULKIFLI B M M (Tampines), Minister for Social and Family Development, Second Minister for Health and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs.

Mr MOHD FAHMI BIN ALIMAN (Marine Parade).

Mr MUHAMAD FAISAL ABDUL MANAP (Aljunied).

Assoc Prof Dr MUHAMMAD FAISHAL IBRAHIM (Nee Soon), Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of National Development.

Mr MURALI PILLAI (Bukit Batok).

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Ms NADIA AHMAD SAMDIN (Ang Mo Kio).

Ms NG LING LING (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr LOUIS NG KOK KWANG (Nee Soon).

Miss RACHEL ONG (West Coast).

Mr ONG YE KUNG (Sembawang), Minister for Health.

Ms JOAN PEREIRA (Tanjong Pagar).

Mr LEON PERERA (Aljunied).

Ms DENISE PHUA LAY PENG (Jalan Besar).

Ms HAZEL POA (Non-Constituency Member).

Ms POH LI SAN (Sembawang).

Mr PRITAM SINGH (Aljunied), Leader of the Opposition.

Ms RAEESAH KHAN (Sengkang).

Ms RAHAYU MAHZAM (Jurong), Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Communications and Information and Ministry of Health.

Mr SAKTIANDI SUPAAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr SEAH KIAN PENG (Marine Parade).

Dr SHAHIRA ABDULLAH (Nominated Member).

Mr SHARAEL TAHA (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Ms SIM ANN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of National Development and Deputy Government Whip.

Mr SITO H YIH PIN (Potong Pasir).

Ms HANY SOH (Marsiling-Yew Tee).

Ms SUN XUELING (Punggol West), Minister of State, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Social and Family Development.

Mr ALVIN TAN (Tanjong Pagar), Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Ms CARRIE TAN (Nee Soon).

Mr DENNIS TAN LIP FONG (Hougang).

Mr DESMOND TAN (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment.

Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast), Deputy Speaker.

Mr TAN KIAT HOW (East Coast), Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information and Ministry of National Development.

Dr TAN SEE LENG (Marine Parade), Minister for Manpower and Second Minister for Trade and Industry.

Dr TAN WU MENG (Jurong).

Dr TAN YIA SWAM (Nominated Member).

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Mr PATRICK TAY TECK GUAN (Pioneer).

Mrs JOSEPHINE TEO (Jalan Besar), Minister for Communications and Information and Second Minister for Home Affairs.

Mr THARMAN SHANMUGARATNAM (Jurong), Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for Social Policies.

Mr RAJ JOSHUA THOMAS (Nominated Member).

Ms TIN PEI LING (MacPherson).

Mr EDWIN TONG CHUN FAI (Marine Parade), Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Second Minister for Law.

Mr VIKRAM NAIR (Sembawang).

Dr WAN RIZAL (Jalan Besar).

Mr DON WEE (Chua Chu Kang).

Mr XIE YAO QUAN (Jurong).

Mr ALEX YAM ZIMING (Marsiling-Yew Tee).

Ms YEO WAN LING (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Mr YIP HON WENG (Yio Chu Kang).

Mr MELVIN YONG YIK CHYE (Radin Mas).

Mr ZAQY MOHAMAD (Marsiling-Yew Tee), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Manpower and Deputy Leader of the House.

Mr ZHULKARNAIN ABDUL RAHIM (Chua Chu Kang).

ABSENT:

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

Dr MOHAMAD MALIKI BIN OSMAN (East Coast), Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Education and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs.

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

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

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

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

Mr LAWRENCE WONG (Marsiling-Yew Tee), Minister for Finance.

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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 Road Traffic (Prescribed Offence Under Section 127A) (Amendment) Rules 2021 – Presented on 6 October 2021 (S. L. 359 of 2021)
  - 1.2 Commissioner of Charities Annual Report 2020 – Presented on 7 October 2021 (S. 203 of 2021)
  - 1.3 Goods and Services Tax (General) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 8 October 2021 (S. L. 360 of 2021)
  - 1.4 Goods and Services Tax Act (Amendment of Fourth Schedule) Order 2021 – Presented on 8 October 2021 (S. L. 361 of 2021)
  - 1.5 Corrigendum to Civil Service College Annual Report and Financial Statements 2020/2021 – Presented on 11 October 2021 (S. 204 of 2021)
  - 1.6 Public Utilities (Water Supply) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 13 October 2021 (S. L. 362 of 2021)
  - 1.7 Public Utilities (Regulated Works and WSI Design Works) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 13 October 2021 (S. L. 363 of 2021)
  - 1.8 Carbon Pricing Act 2018 (Amendment of Fourth Schedule) Order 2021 – Presented on 18 October 2021 (S. L. 364 of 2021)
  - 1.9 Energy Conservation Act (Amendment of Schedule) Order 2021 – Presented on 18 October 2021 (S. L. 365 of 2021)
  - 1.10 Income Tax (Transfer Pricing Documentation) (Amendment) Rules 2021 – Presented on 18 October 2021 (S. L. 366 of 2021)
  - 1.11 Building Control (Periodic Inspection of Buildings and Building Facades) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 20 October 2021 (S. L. 367 of 2021)
  - 1.12 Building Control (Meaning of Exterior Features) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 20 October 2021 (S. L. 368 of 2021)
  - 1.13 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Foreign Interference (Countermeasures) Bill [Bill No 24/2021] – Presented on 20 October 2021 (Pres. Co. 32 of 2021)
  - 1.14 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Sedition (Repeal) Bill [Bill No 23/2021] – Presented on 20 October 2021 (Pres. Co. 33 of 2021)
  - 1.15 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Private Security Industry (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 22/2021] – Presented on 20 October 2021 (Pres. Co. 34 of 2021)
  - 1.16 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Coroners (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 26/2021] – Presented on 20 October 2021 (Pres. Co. 35 of 2021)
  - 1.17 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) (Amendment No. 19) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 22 October 2021 (S. L. 369 of 2021)
  - 1.18 Presidential Council for Minority Rights Annual Report for the period from 1 August 2020 to 31 July 2021 – Presented on 26 October 2021 (Cmd. 11 of 2021)

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- 1.19 Securities and Futures Act (Amendment of Third Schedule) Order 2021 – Presented on 27 October 2021 (S. L. 370 of 2021)
- 1.20 Financial Advisers Act (Amendment of First Schedule) Order 2021 – Presented on 27 October 2021 (S. L. 371 of 2021)
- 2 33 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time. With leave of Mr Speaker, 10 other Questions for Oral Answer were addressed in the subsequent Ministerial Statement.
- 3 Ministerial Statement – Update on ICU and Hospital Capacity – With leave of Mr Speaker, Senior Minister of State for Health (Dr Janil Puthucheary) delivered the Ministerial Statement on behalf of the Minister for Health.
- 4 Privilege – Complaint made by the Leader of the House that the Member for Sengkang GRC (Ms Raeesah Khan) had lied to the House in previous sittings on 3 August 2021 and 4 October 2021 and was unable to substantiate a serious allegation made by her against the Police.
- Matter of the Complaint stood referred, without any question, to the Committee of Privileges, pursuant to Standing Order No. 100(7)(b).
- 5 Monetary Authority of Singapore (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Monetary Authority of Singapore Act and the Government Securities Act in connection with reserves management" – President's recommendation signified and Bill presented by the Senior Minister (Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam), on behalf of the Prime Minister; read the first time; to be read a second time at the first available sitting in January 2022 and to be printed. [Bill No. 37/2021].
- 6 Prisons (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Prisons Act, to validate certain appointments under that Act, and to make a related amendment to the Misuse of Drugs Act" – presented by the Minister of State (Assoc Prof Dr Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim), on behalf of the Minister for Home Affairs; read the first time; to be read a second time at the first available sitting in January 2022 and to be printed. [Bill No. 38/2021].
- 7 Intellectual Property (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Geographical Indications Act 2014, the Patents Act, the Plant Varieties Protection Act, the Registered Designs Act and the Trade Marks Act to facilitate certain changes to the processes for registration of intellectual property rights, standardise certain provisions across these Acts and make certain other amendments to these Acts, as well as to amend the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore Act for fines and composition sums to be paid into the Consolidated Fund" – presented by the Second Minister for Law; read the first time; to be read a second time at the first available sitting in January 2022 and to be printed. [Bill No. 39/2021].
- 8 Legal Profession (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Legal Profession Act" – presented by the Second Minister for Law; read the first time; to be read a second time at the first available sitting in January 2022 and to be printed. [Bill No. 40/2021].
- 9 Corporate Registers (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill – "to amend the Companies Act and the Limited Liability Partnerships Act in relation to registers of controllers of companies, foreign companies and limited liability partnerships, registers of members of foreign companies, registers of nominee directors of companies and registers of nominee shareholders of companies and foreign companies, to give effect to certain recommendations relating to the prevention of money laundering and the financing of terrorism adopted by the intergovernmental body known as the Financial Action Task Force" – presented by the Second Minister for Finance; read the first time; to be read a second time at the first available sitting in January 2022 and to be printed. [Bill No. 42/2021].

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- 10 Women's Charter (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Women's Charter, to make related amendments to certain other Acts and to repeal the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures for Solemnization and Registration of Marriages) Act 2020" – presented by the Minister of State, on behalf of the Minister for Social and Family Development; read the first time; to be read a second time at the first available sitting in January 2022 and to be printed. [Bill No. 43/2021].
- 11 Gambling Duties Bill – "to consolidate the law on levy and collection of duties on lawful betting and lotteries and to make related amendments to the Casino Control Act regarding casino taxes and casino licences, to repeal the Betting and Sweepstake Duties Act, and to make consequential amendments to certain other Acts" – President's recommendation signified and Bill presented by the Second Minister for Finance; read the first time; to be read a second time at the first available sitting in January 2022 and to be printed. [Bill No. 41/2021].
- 12 Time Limit for Speeches – (Deputy Leader of the House) – (with the consent of Mr Speaker and the general assent of Members present) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the proceedings on Retirement and Re-employment (Amendment) Bill be exempted from the provisions of Standing Order No. 48(8) to remove the time limit in respect of Minister Tan See Leng's speech."
- 13 Retirement and Re-employment (Amendment) Bill – (Minister for Manpower) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time."; Debate arising.
- 14 Extension of Sitting – Pursuant to Standing Order 2(5)(d), Mr Deputy Speaker extended the sitting beyond the moment of interruption for a period of up to 30 minutes.
- 15 Retirement and Re-employment (Amendment) Bill – (Minister for Manpower) – Debate resumed on Question, "That the Bill be now read a second time."
- 16 Adjournment of Debate – (Deputy Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the debate be now adjourned."  
Debate to be resumed Tomorrow.
- 17 Adjournment – (Deputy Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That at its rising today, Parliament do stand adjourned to 11.00 am tomorrow."
- 18 Adjournment – (Deputy 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 7.45 pm

TAN CHUAN-JIN,  
*Speaker*

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**MEMORANDUM**

Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 11.00 am on Tuesday, 2 November 2021.

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