

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

First Session

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PRESENT:

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

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 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 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.

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 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 KWEK HIAN CHUAN HENRY (Nee Soon).

Er Dr LEE BEE WAH (Nee Soon).

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).

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.

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).

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 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).

Ms SUN XUELING (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

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, Second Minister for Manpower and Second Minister for Home Affairs.

Mr TEO SER LUCK (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Ms K THANALETCHIMI (Nominated Member).

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 ZAQY MOHAMAD (Chua Chu Kang).

ABSENT:

Mr AZMOON AHMAD (Nominated Member).

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

Ms KUIK SHIAO-YIN (Nominated Member).

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

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

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

Asst Prof MAHDEV MOHAN (Nominated Member).

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).

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

Mr EDWIN TONG CHUN FAI (Marine Parade).

Mr ZAINAL SAPARI (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

- 1 2 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 2 Public Order and Safety (Special Powers) Bill – (Second Minister for Home Affairs) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time."; Debate arising.
- 3 Time Limit for Speeches – (Minister for National Development) – (with the consent of Mr Speaker and the general assent of Members present) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the proceedings on the item under discussion be exempted from the provisions of Standing Order No. 48(8) in respect of the speech made by the Second Minister for Home Affairs."
- 4 Public Order and Safety (Special Powers) Bill – (Second Minister for Home Affairs) – Debate resumed on Question, "That the Bill be now read a second time."

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 Home Affairs).

(In the Committee)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2:

Amendments made:

- (i) in page 9, lines 1 and 2, by leaving out "or serviceman";
- (ii) in page 9, line 4, by leaving out "or";
- (iii) in page 9, line 8, by inserting "or" after "(b)";
- (iv) in page 9, after line 8, by inserting —
“(d) the exercise of any power under section 201C(9) of the Singapore Armed Forces Act (Cap. 295) by a serviceman, or the carrying out by a serviceman of any activity in preparation for or directly in support of the exercise of that power;”;
- (v) in page 11, line 22, by leaving out “deployed for duty in accordance with any order made”, and inserting “authorised”;
- (vi) in page 11, line 23, by leaving out “201C”, and inserting “201E”; and
- (vii) in page 11, line 23, by inserting “to exercise powers under section 201C(9) of that Act in connection with an activation order” after “Act”. – (Second Minister for Home Affairs).

Clause 2, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 10 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 11:

Amendments made:

- (i) in page 18, line 21, by leaving out “or a serviceman, or both,”; and
- (ii) in page 18, line 22, by leaving out “or serviceman (as the case may be).” – (Second Minister for Home Affairs).

Clause 11, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 12:

Amendments made:

- (i) in page 19, line 18, by leaving out “and (6)”; and
- (ii) in page 19, lines 29, 30 and 31, by leaving out “or serviceman”. – (Second Minister for Home Affairs).

Clause 12, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 13:

Amendment made, in page 20, line 7, by leaving out “and serviceman”. – (Second Minister for Home Affairs).

Clause 13, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 14 agreed to.

Clause 15:

Amendments made:

- (i) in page 22, line 1, by leaving out “who”, and inserting “(who”;
- (ii) in page 22, line 1, by leaving out “serviceman”, and inserting “serviceman”);
- (iii) in page 22, by leaving out lines 14 to 32; and
- (iv) in page 23, by leaving out lines 1 to 8. – (Second Minister for Home Affairs).

Clause 15, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 16 to 31 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 32:

Amendment made, in page 43, line 14, after “officer”, by inserting “or serviceman”. – (Second Minister for Home Affairs).

Clause 32, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 33 to 49 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 50:

Amendments made:

- (i) in page 62, line 26, after “Part”, by inserting “XII or”;
- (ii) in page 62, lines 27 and 28, by leaving out “when an activation order is not in effect”; and
- (iii) in page 63, by leaving out line 5. – (Second Minister for Home Affairs).

Clause 50, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 51 to 60 inclusive agreed to.

New Clause (A):

In page 69, after line 26 by inserting —

“Amendment of Singapore Armed Forces Act

60. The Singapore Armed Forces Act (Cap. 295, 2000 Ed.) is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the words “public place” in section 201C(9)(b), the words “, where and to the extent that similar powers are not exercisable under paragraph (f) by a serviceman”;
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the words “such barrier” in section 201C(9)(c), the words “, where and to the extent that similar powers are not exercisable under paragraph (f) by a serviceman”;
- (c) by inserting, immediately after the words “paragraph (c)” in section 201C(9)(d), the words “, where and to the extent that similar powers are not exercisable under paragraph (f) by a serviceman”;
- (d) by inserting, immediately before the words “stop and search” in section 201C(9)(e), the words “where and to the extent that similar powers are not exercisable under paragraph (f) by a serviceman”;
- (e) by deleting the full-stop at the end of paragraph (e) of section 201C(9) and substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraph:

“(f) exercise any of the powers conferred on a police officer under any provision in Part 4 (except sections 17 and 24), or section 31 or 48, of the Public Order and Safety (Special Powers) Act 2018 as if references in that provision to a police officer were references to a serviceman, but only —

- (i) when an activation order is made and in effect under that Act in respect of a relevant event;
 - (ii) to the extent as requested by the Commissioner of Police;
 - (iii) after a police officer gives an order or a direction under section 19(1) or 21(1) of that Act, if the power under that provision is so requested; and
 - (iv) within a target area within the meaning given by that Act unless it is a power in section 28 or 31 of that Act.”;
- (f) by inserting, immediately after subsection (10) of section 201C, the following subsection:

“(11) A reference in subsection (9) to similar powers exercisable under paragraph (f) is a reference to the following powers described in the Public Order and Safety (Special Powers) Act 2018:

- (a) the powers conferred on a police officer under sections 16, 18, 19 and 20 of that Act, where subsection (9)(b), (c) or (d), as the case may be, is concerned;

- (b) the powers conferred on a police officer under sections 16, 22, 23, 25 and 26 of that Act, where subsection (9)(e) is concerned.”;
- (g) by deleting the word “or” at the end of section 201F(1)(a)(ii);
- (h) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (a) of section 201F(1), the following paragraph:
- “(aa) do anything likely to cause the death of, or grievous hurt to, the person in exercising any power under section 201C(9)(f) unless the serviceman would have been authorised by the Public Order and Safety (Special Powers) Act 2018 to do so if he were a police officer acting in accordance with that Act; or”; and
- (i) by deleting the words “\$2,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years” in section 201H and substituting the words “\$20,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years”. — (Second Minister for Home Affairs).

Consequential amendments made:

- (i) in page 23, line 9, by renumbering sub-clause (8) as sub-clause (5);
- (ii) in page 63, line 6, by renumbering sub-paragraph (vii) as sub-paragraph (vi);
- (iii) in page 63, line 7, by renumbering sub-paragraph (viii) as sub-paragraph (vii); and
- (iv) in page 69, line 28, by renumbering clause 60 as clause 61.

New Clause (A) inserted immediately after clause 59, agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, with amendment; read a third time.

- 5 Films (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).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 27 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 6 Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn to a date to be fixed."

Adjourned at 6.18 pm

TAN CHUAN-JIN,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Parliament stands adjourned to a date to be fixed.
