

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

Second Session

MONDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 2019

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12.30 pm

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PRESENT:

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

Mr AMRIN AMIN (Sembawang), Senior 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), 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.

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).

Mr CHARLES CHONG (Punggol East), Deputy Speaker.

Mr CHONG KEE HIONG (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr DESMOND CHOO (Tampines).

Mr DARRYL DAVID (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr CHRISTOPHER DE SOUZA (Holland-Bukit Timah).

Mr ARASU DURAISAMY (Nominated Member).

Prof FATIMAH LATEEF (Marine Parade).

Mr CEDRIC FOO CHEE KENG (Pioneer).

Mr DOUGLAS FOO (Nominated Member).

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 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), Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance.

Mr TERENCE HO WEE SAN (Nominated Member).

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

Dr INTAN AZURA MOKHTAR (Ang Mo Kio).

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

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

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 the Environment and Water Resources and Ministry of Health.

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

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 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).

Prof LIM SUN SUN (Nominated Member).

Mr LIM SWEE SAY (East Coast).

Ms SYLVIA LIM (Aljunied).

Mr LOW THIA KHIANG (Aljunied).

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

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

Mr MOHAMED IRSHAD (Nominated Member).

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).

Ms ANTHEA ONG (Nominated Member).

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 IRENE QUAY SIEW CHING (Nominated Member).

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).

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.

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), Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security.

Dr TEO HO PIN (Bukit Panjang).

Mr TEO SER LUCK (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

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

Assoc Prof WALTER THESEIRA (Nominated Member).

Ms TIN PEI LING (MacPherson).

Mr EDWIN TONG CHUN FAI (Marine Parade), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Law and Ministry of Health.

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.

Prof 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 and Deputy Government Whip.

ABSENT:

Dr LIM WEE KIAK (Sembawang).

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.

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

Ms YIP PIN XIU (Nominated Member).

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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 (Electronic Road Pricing System) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2019 – Presented on 7 August 2019 (S. L. 683 of 2019).
 - 1.2 Air Navigation (99 - Breath Testing for Alcohol) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 7 August 2019 (S. L. 684 of 2019).
 - 1.3 Air Navigation (91 - General Operating Rules) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 7 August 2019 (S. L. 685 of 2019).
 - 1.4 Air Navigation (121 - Commercial Air Transport by Large Aeroplanes) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 7 August 2019 (S. L. 686 of 2019).
 - 1.5 Air Navigation (135 - Commercial Air Transport by Helicopters and Small Aeroplanes) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 7 August 2019 (S. L. 687 of 2019).
 - 1.6 Health Promotion Board Annual Report 2018/2019 – Presented on 13 August 2019 (S. 449 of 2019).
 - 1.7 United Nations (Freezing of Assets of Persons - Democratic Republic of the Congo) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 14 August 2019 (S. L. 688 of 2019).
 - 1.8 United Nations (Sanctions - Yemen) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 14 August 2019 (S. L. 689 of 2019).
 - 1.9 Savings and Employee Retirement and Premium Fund (SAVER-Premium Fund) Annual Report for Financial Year 2018 – Presented on 19 August 2019 (S. 450 of 2019).
 - 1.10 Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore Annual Report 2018/2019 – Presented on 20 August 2019 (S. 451 of 2019).
 - 1.11 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Intellectual Property (Dispute Resolution) Bill [Bill No 17/2019] – Presented on 21 August 2019 (Pres. Co. 134 of 2019).
 - 1.12 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Fire Safety (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 16/2019] – Presented on 21 August 2019 (Pres. Co. 135 of 2019).
 - 1.13 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Home Team Science and Technology Agency Bill [Bill No 15/2019] – Presented on 21 August 2019 (Pres. Co. 136 of 2019).

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- 1.14 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Point-To-Point Passenger Transport Industry Bill [Bill No 14/2019] – Presented on 21 August 2019 (Pres. Co. 137 of 2019).
 - 1.15 Singapore Medical Council Annual Report 2018 – Presented on 23 August 2019 (S. 452 of 2019).
 - 1.16 Singapore Nursing Board Annual Report 2018 – Presented on 23 August 2019 (S. 453 of 2019).
 - 1.17 Singapore Dental Council Annual Report 2018 – Presented on 23 August 2019 (S. 454 of 2019).
 - 1.18 Singapore Pharmacy Council Annual Report 2018 – Presented on 23 August 2019 (S. 455 of 2019).
 - 1.19 Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board Annual Report 2018 – Presented on 23 August 2019 (S. 456 of 2019).
 - 1.20 Fees (Income Tax) (Amendment) Order 2019 – Presented on 23 August 2019 (S. L. 690 of 2019).
 - 1.21 Fees (Private Lotteries) (Amendment) Order 2019 – Presented on 23 August 2019 (S. L. 691 of 2019).
 - 1.22 Fees (Goods and Services Tax) (Amendment) Order 2019 – Presented on 23 August 2019 (S. L. 692 of 2019).
 - 1.23 Presidential Council for Minority Rights Annual Report for the period from 1 August 2018 to 31 July 2019 – Presented on 29 August 2019 (Cmd. 23 of 2019).
 - 1.24 Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority of Singapore Annual Report 2018/2019 – Presented on 29 August 2019 (S. 457 of 2019).
 - 1.25 Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore Annual Report 2018/19 – Presented on 29 August 2019 (S. 458 of 2019).
 - 1.26 Goods and Services Tax (Excluded Transactions) (Amendment) Order 2018 – Presented on 29 August 2019 (S. L. 693 of 2019).
 - 1.27 Goods and Services Tax (Imports Relief) (Amendment) Order 2019 – Presented on 29 August 2019 (S. L. 694 of 2019).
 - 1.28 Goods and Services Tax (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 29 August 2019 (S. L. 695 of 2019).
 - 1.29 Goods and Services Tax (Electronic Service) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 29 August 2019 (S. L. 696 of 2019).
 - 1.30 Goods and Services Tax Act (Amendment of Fifth Schedule) Order 2019 – Presented on 29 August 2019 (S. L. 697 of 2019).

- 2 18 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 3 Maintenance of Religious Harmony (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Maintenance of Religious Harmony Act (Chapter 167A of the 2001 Revised Edition), and to make consequential and related amendments to certain other Acts to deal with religious intolerance" – presented by the Senior Parliamentary Secretary (Ms Sun Xueling), on behalf of the 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. 25/2019].
- 4 Income Tax (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Income Tax Act (Chapter 134 of the 2014 Revised Edition) and to make related amendments to the Stamp Duties Act (Chapter 312 of the 2006 Revised Edition)" – President's recommendation signified and Bill presented by the Second Minister for Finance (Mr Lawrence Wong); read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 26/2019].
- 5 CareShield Life and Long-Term Care Bill – (Minister for Health) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time."; Debate arising.
- 6 Time Limit for Speeches – (Deputy Government Whip (Ms Sim Ann), on behalf of the Leader of the House) – (with the consent of Mr Deputy Speaker (Mr Lim Biow Chuan) 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) to remove the time limit in respect of the Senior Minister of State Edwin Tong's speech."
- 7 CareShield Life and Long-Term Care Bill – (Minister for Health) – 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 – (Minister for Health).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 68 inclusive agreed to.

First to Third Schedules inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 8 Reciprocal Enforcement of Foreign Judgments (Amendment) Bill – (Senior Minister of State, on behalf of the Minister for Law) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time."; Debate arising.
- 9 Extension of Sitting – Pursuant to Standing Order 2(5)(d), Deputy Speaker (Mr Lim Biow Chuan) extended the sitting beyond the moment of interruption for a period of up to 30 minutes.

- 10 Reciprocal Enforcement of Foreign Judgments (Amendment) Bill – (Senior Minister of State, on behalf of the Minister for Law) – 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 – (Senior Minister of State, on behalf of the Minister for Law).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 10 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 11 Reciprocal Enforcement of Commonwealth Judgments (Repeal) 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 – (Senior Minister of State, on behalf of the Minister for Law).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 5 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 12 Adjournment to a Later Date – (Deputy Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put, "Resolved, "That at its rising today, Parliament do stand adjourned to 12 noon tomorrow."

- 13 Adjournment – (Deputy Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That Parliament do now adjourn."; Debate arising.

And the Question having been proposed at 7.15 pm and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr Deputy Speaker (Mr Lim Biow Chuan) adjourned Parliament without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Adjourned at 7.45 pm

TAN CHUAN-JIN,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 12 noon on Tuesday, 3 September 2019.
