

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

Second Session

MONDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2020

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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).

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

Mr GAN THIAM POH (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr GOH CHOK TONG (Marine Parade).

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).

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.

Mr KWEK HIAN CHUAN HENRY (Nee Soon).

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).

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.

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 MOHAMED IRSHAD (Nominated Member).

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).

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 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 XUELING (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of National Development.

Mr DENNIS TAN LIP FONG (Non-Constituency Member).

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).

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

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:

Ms GRACE FU HAI YIEN (Yuhua), Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Leader of the House.

Assoc Prof DANIEL GOH PEI SIONG (Non-Constituency Member).

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

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

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

Mr LIM SWEE SAY (East Coast).

Mr MUHAMAD FAISAL ABDUL MANAP (Aljunied).

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

Mr SAKTIANDI SUPAAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

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.

Ms YIP PIN XIU (Nominated Member).

- 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 Diplomatic and Consular Relations (Asian Development Bank) Order 2020 – Presented on 10 January 2020 (S. L. 743 of 2020).
 - 1.2 Central Provident Fund (Contribute As You Earn Scheme) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 10 January 2020 (S. L. 744 of 2020).
 - 1.3 Central Provident Fund (Refunds) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 10 January 2020 (S. L. 745 of 2020).
 - 1.4 Central Provident Fund (Retirement Sum Topping-Up Scheme) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 10 January 2020 (S. L. 746 of 2020).
 - 1.5 Central Provident Fund (Amendment) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 10 January 2020 (S. L. 747 of 2020).
 - 1.6 Central Provident Fund (Self-Employed Persons) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 10 January 2020 (S. L. 748 of 2020).
 - 1.7 Central Provident Fund (New Retirement Sum Scheme) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 10 January 2020 (S. L. 749 of 2020).
 - 1.8 Central Provident Fund (Topping-Up of Special Account) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 10 January 2020 (S. L. 750 of 2020).
 - 1.9 Central Provident Fund (Voluntary Contributions) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 10 January 2020 (S. L. 751 of 2020).
 - 1.10 Central Provident Fund (Revised Workfare Income Supplement Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 10 January 2020 (S. L. 752 of 2020).
 - 1.11 Central Provident Fund (Nominations) (Amendment) Rules 2020 – Presented on 10 January 2020 (S. L. 753 of 2020).
 - 1.12 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill [Bill No 36/2019 (Amended)] – Presented on 15 January 2020 (Pres. Co. 153 of 2020).
 - 1.13 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Banking (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 35/2019] – Presented on 15 January 2020 (Pres. Co. 154 of 2020).
 - 1.14 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Healthcare Services Bill [Bill No 37/2019] – Presented on 15 January 2020 (Pres. Co. 155 of 2020).
 - 1.15 Fourth Report of the Public Accounts Committee – Presented on 16 January 2020 (Parl. 19 of 2020).
 - 1.16 CareShield Life and Long-Term Care (Long-Term Care Support Fund - Prescribed Public Scheme) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 16 January 2020 (S. L. 754 of 2020).

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- 1.17 Income Tax (Deduction for Expenditure for Services or Secondment to Institutions of a Public Character) Rules 2019 – Presented on 16 January 2020 (S. L. 755 of 2020).
 - 1.18 MediShield Life Scheme (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 16 January 2020 (S. L. 756 of 2020).
 - 1.19 Active Mobility (Dealing in Personal Mobility Devices and Mobility (Vehicles) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 16 January 2020 (S. L. 757 of 2020).
 - 1.20 Road Traffic (Dealing in Power-Assisted Bicycles) (Amendment) Rules 2019 – Presented on 16 January 2020 (S. L. 758 of 2020).
 - 1.21 United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 17 January 2020 (S. L. 759 of 2020).
 - 1.22 United Nations (Freezing of Assets of Persons - Sudan) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 17 January 2020 (S. L. 760 of 2020).
 - 1.23 United Nations (Sanctions - Democratic Republic of the Congo) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 17 January 2020 (S. L. 761 of 2020).
 - 1.24 United Nations (Sanctions - Democratic People's Republic of Korea) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 17 January 2020 (S. L. 762 of 2020).
 - 1.25 United Nations (Sanctions - Yemen) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 17 January 2020 (S. L. 763 of 2020).
 - 1.26 United Nations (Sanctions - South Sudan) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 17 January 2020 (S. L. 764 of 2020).
 - 1.27 United Nations (Sanctions - Iran) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 17 January 2020 (S. L. 765 of 2020).
 - 1.28 Diplomatic and Consular Relations (Bank for International Settlements) Order 2020 – Presented on 21 January 2020 (S. L. 766 of 2020).
 - 1.29 Central Provident Fund (Home Protection Insurance Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 24 January 2020 (S. L. 767 of 2020).
 - 1.30 Corrigendum to Singapore Land Authority Annual Report 2018/2019 – Presented on 29 January 2020 (S. 536 of 2020).
 - 1.31 Securities and Futures Act (Amendment of Third Schedule) Order 2020 – Presented on 30 January 2020 (S. L. 768 of 2020).
 - 1.32 Goods and Services Tax Act (Amendment of Third Schedule) Order 2019 – Presented on 31 January 2020 (S. L. 769 of 2020).
 - 1.33 Goods and Services Tax (General) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 31 January 2020 (S. L. 770 of 2020).

- 1.34 Goods and Services Tax (Composition of Offences) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 31 January 2020 (S. L. 771 of 2020).
- 1.35 Goods and Services Tax (International Services) (Amendment) Order 2019 – Presented on 31 January 2020 (S. L. 772 of 2020).
- 1.36 Goods and Services Tax (Excluded Transactions) (Amendment) Order 2019 – Presented on 31 January 2020 (S. L. 773 of 2020).
- 2 24 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time. With leave of Speaker, 6 other Questions for Oral Answer were addressed in the subsequent Ministerial Statements.
- 3 Ministerial Statements – Whole-of-Government Response to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) – (Minister for Health and Minister for National Development).
- 4 Hindu Endowments (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Hindu Endowments Act (Chapter 364 of the 1994 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Senior Minister of State, on behalf of the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth; read the first time; to be read a second time after the conclusion of proceedings on the Estimates of Expenditure for FY 20/21 and to be printed. [Bill No. 8/2020].
- 5 Economic Expansion Incentives (Relief from Income Tax) (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Economic Expansion Incentives (Relief from Income Tax) Act (Chapter 86 of the 2005 Revised Edition)" – President's recommendation signified and Bill presented by the Senior Minister of State (Mr Chee Hong Tat), on behalf of the Minister for Trade and Industry; read the first time; to be read a second time after the conclusion of proceedings on the Estimates of Expenditure for FY 20/21 and to be printed. [Bill No. 9/2020].
- 6 Geographical Indications (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 – (Senior Minister of State, on behalf of the Minister for Law).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 9 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 7 National Environment Agency (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 – (Senior Minister of State, on behalf of the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 8 Hazardous Waste (Control of Export, Import and Transit) (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 – (Senior Minister of State, on behalf of the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 9 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 9 Singapore Convention on Mediation 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.
- 10 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.
- 11 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 7.14 pm

TAN CHUAN-JIN,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 1.30 pm on Tuesday, 4 February 2020.
