VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

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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).

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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).

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.

Dr MOHAMAD MALIKI BIN OSMAN (East Coast), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Mr MOHAMED IRSHAD (Nominated Member).

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.

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 SITOH 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).

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).

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).

Ms YIP PIN XIU (Nominated Member).

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:

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

- Singapore Labour Foundation Annual Report 2018 Presented on 12 July 2019 (S. 443 of 2019).
- Land Surveyors Board Singapore Annual Report 2018 Presented on 12 July 2019 (S. 444 of 2019).
- Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2018/2019 Presented on 15 July 2019 (Cmd. 21 of 2019).
- 1.4 Government Financial Statements for the Financial Year 2018/2019 Presented on 17 July 2019 (Cmd. 22 of 2019).
- Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 13/2019 (Amended)] – Presented on 17 July 2019 (Pres. Co. 133 of 2019).
- 1.6 Audited Financial Statements of Board of Architects for the Financial Year ended 31 December 2018 Presented on 19 July 2019 (S. 445 of 2019).
- 1.7 Audited Financial Statements of Professional Engineers Board for the Financial Year ended 31 December 2018 Presented on 19 July 2019 (S. 446 of 2019).
- Pioneer Generation Fund (Composition of Offences) (Amendment) Regulations 2019

 Presented on 19 July 2019 (S. L. 678 of 2019).
- 1.9 Pioneer Generation Fund (Pioneer Generation Benefits) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 Presented on 19 July 2019 (S. L. 679 of 2019).
- 1.10 Public Transport Fund Financial Statements for Financial Year ended 31 March 2019 Presented on 22 July 2019 (S. 447 of 2019).
- 1.11 Environmental Protection and Management (Hazardous Substances) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 25 July 2019 (S. L. 680 of 2019).
- 1.12 National Council of Social Service (NCSS) Annual Report FY 2018 Presented on 26 July 2019 (S. 448 of 2019).
- 1.13 Environmental Public Health (General Waste Disposal Facility Exemption) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 31 July 2019 (S. L. 681 of 2019).
- 2 16 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time. With leave of Speaker, 16 other Questions for Oral Answer were addressed in the subsequent Ministerial Statement.
- 3 Ministerial Statement Personal Mobility Devices With leave of Speaker, Senior Minister of State for Transport (Dr Lam Pin Min) delivered the Ministerial Statement on behalf of the Minister for Transport.

- 4 Reciprocal Enforcement of Commonwealth Judgments (Repeal) Bill "to repeal the Reciprocal Enforcement of Commonwealth Judgments Act (Chapter 264 of the 1985 Revised Edition) and to make consequential amendments to certain other Acts" – presented by the Senior Minister of State, on behalf of the Minister for Law; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 18/2019].
- 5 Reciprocal Enforcement of Foreign Judgments (Amendment) Bill "to amend the Reciprocal Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act (Chapter 265 of the 2001 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Senior Minister of State, on behalf of the Minister for Law; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 19/2019].
- 6 Resource Sustainability Bill "to impose obligations relating to the collection and treatment of electrical and electronic waste and food waste, to require reporting of packaging imported into or used in Singapore, to regulate persons operating producer responsibility schemes, and to promote resource sustainability" – presented by the Senior Minister of State, on behalf of the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 20/2019].
- 7 Work Injury Compensation Bill "to repeal and re-enact with amendments to the Work Injury Compensation Act (Chapter 354 of the 2009 Revised Edition) to provide for the payment of compensation to employees for injury suffered arising out of and in the course of their employment and to regulate providers of insurance for liability under the Act, and to make consequential and related amendments to certain other Acts" – presented by the Minister of State, on behalf of the Minister for Manpower; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 21/2019].
- 8 Children and Young Persons (Amendment) Bill "to amend the Children and Young Persons Act (Chapter 38 of the 2001 Revised Edition) and to make consequential and related amendments to certain other Acts" – presented by the Minister for Social and Family Development; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 22/2019].
- 9 Variable Capital Companies (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill "to make amendments to the Goods and Services Tax Act (Chapter 117A of the 2005 Revised Edition), the Income Tax Act (Chapter 134 of the 2014 Revised Edition) and the Stamp Duties Act (Chapter 312 of the 2006 Revised Edition) in connection with variable capital companies and their sub-funds, to make amendments to the Variable Capital Companies Act 2018 (Act 44 of 2018) in connection with the enactment of the Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution Act 2018 (Act 40 of 2018), and for other purposes, and to make related amendments to certain other Acts" – President's recommendation signified and Bill presented by the Second Minister for Finance (Ms Indranee Rajah); read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 23/2019].
- 10 Intellectual Property (Dispute Resolution) 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 45 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 11 Fire Safety (Amendment) Bill (Senior Parliamentary Secretary (Ms Sun Xueling), on behalf of the Minister for Home Affairs) – Motion made, and Question proposed "That the Bill be now read a second time."; Debate arising.
- 12 Extension of Sitting Pursuant to Standing Order 2(5)(d), Mr Deputy Speaker (Mr Lim Biow Chuan) extended the sitting beyond the moment of interruption for a period of up to 30 minutes.
- 13 Fire Safety (Amendment) Bill (Senior Parliamentary Secretary (Ms Sun Xueling), on behalf of the Minister for Home Affairs) – 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 Parliamentary Secretary (Ms Sun Xueling), on behalf of the Minister for Home Affairs).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 36 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 14 Adjournment to a Later Date (Leader of the House) Motion made, and Question put, "Resolved, "That at its rising today, Parliament do stand adjourned to 12 noon tomorrow.".
- 15 Adjournment (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 7.29 pm

TAN CHUAN-JIN, Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 12 noon on Tuesday, 6 August 2019.