

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

First Session

MONDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2020

No. 7

12 noon

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PRESENT:

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

Mr ANG WEI NENG (West Coast).

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

Miss CHERYL CHAN WEI LING (East Coast).

Mr CHAN CHUN SING (Tanjong Pagar), Minister for Trade and Industry.

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

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 Health.

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

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, Coordinating Minister for Economic Policies and Minister for Finance.

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 Communications and Information 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.

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

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

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

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.

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

Ms NADIA AHMAD SAMDIN (Ang Mo Kio).

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

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 Transport.

Ms JOAN PEREIRA (Tanjong Pagar).

Mr LEON PERERA (Aljunied).

Ms DENISE PHUA LAY PENG (Jalan Besar).

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 Health.

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.

Mr SHARAEL TAHA (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Ms SIM ANN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information 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, Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of National Development.

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

Dr TAN WU MENG (Jurong).

Mr PATRICK TAY TECK GUAN (Pioneer).

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

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

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

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

Dr WAN RIZAL (Jalan Besar).

Mr DON WEE (Chua Chu Kang).

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

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 KWEK HIAN CHUAN HENRY (Kebun Baru).

Ms HAZEL POA (Non-Constituency 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 Singapore Armed Forces (Pensions) Amendment Regulations 2020 – Presented on 7 September 2020 (S. L. 27 of 2020).
 - 1.2 Singapore Armed Forces (Saver Plan) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 7 September 2020 (S. L. 28 of 2020).
 - 1.3 Singapore Armed Forces (Premium Plan) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 7 September 2020 (S. L. 29 of 2020).
 - 1.4 Singapore Armed Forces (Military Domain Experts Service) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 7 September 2020 (S. L. 30 of 2020).
 - 1.5 Fees (Ministry of Social and Family Development) (Amendment) Order 2020 – Presented on 8 September 2020 (S. L. 31 of 2020).
 - 1.6 Fees (Winding Up and Dissolution of Companies and Other Bodies) (Amendment) Order 2020 – Presented on 8 September 2020 (S. L. 32 of 2020).
 - 1.7 Fees (Winding Up and Dissolution of Companies and Other Bodies) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2020 – Presented on 8 September 2020 (S. L. 33 of 2020).
 - 1.8 Fees (Winding Up and Dissolution of Companies and Other Bodies) (Amendment No. 3) Order 2020 – Presented on 8 September 2020 (S. L. 34 of 2020).
 - 1.9 United Nations (Sanctions – Democratic Republic of the Congo) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 8 September 2020 (S. L. 35 of 2020).
 - 1.10 United Nations (Sanctions – South Sudan) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 8 September 2020 (S. L. 36 of 2020).
 - 1.11 First Report of the Committee of Selection – Presented on 9 September 2020 (Parl. 1 of 2020).
 - 1.12 Government Financial Statements for the Financial Year 2019/2020 – Presented on 9 September 2020 (Cmd. 2 of 2020).
 - 1.13 Housing and Development Board and its subsidiaries Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2020 – Presented on 9 September 2020 (S. 24 of 2020).
 - 1.14 Road Traffic (Electronic Road Pricing System) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2020 – Presented on 9 September 2020 (S. L. 37 of 2020).

- 1.15 Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board Annual Report and Financial Statements for Financial Year ended 31 March 2020 – Presented on 10 September 2020 (S. 25 of 2020).
- 1.16 Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (Licensing of Airport Operators) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 14 September 2020 (S. L. 38 of 2020).
- 1.17 Road Traffic (Power-Assisted Bicycles and Personal Mobility Devices) (Enforcement) (Amendment) Rules 2020 – Presented on 14 September 2020 (S. L. 39 of 2020).
- 1.18 Active Mobility (Enforcement) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 14 September 2020 (S. L. 40 of 2020).
- 1.19 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Foreign Employee Dormitories – Control Order) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 15 September 2020 (S. L. 41 of 2020).
- 1.20 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) (Amendment No. 14) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 15 September 2020 (S. L. 42 of 2020).
- 1.21 Supreme Court of Judicature (Singapore Convention on Mediation) Rules 2020 – Presented on 15 September 2020 (S. L. 43 of 2020).
- 1.22 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Amendment No. 2) Bill [Bill No 34/2020] – Presented on 16 September 2020 (Pres. Co. 1 of 2020).
- 1.23 Science Centre Board Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2020 – Presented on 16 September 2020 (S. 26 of 2020).
- 1.24 Health Sciences Authority Annual Report 2019/2020 – Presented on 16 September 2020 (S. 27 of 2020).
- 1.25 Commissioner of Charities Annual Report 2019 – Presented on 16 September 2020 (S. 28 of 2020).
- 1.26 Government Technology Agency of Singapore Annual Report 2019/20 – Presented on 17 September 2020 (S. 29 of 2020).
- 1.27 Cross-Border Railways (Fees) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 17 September 2020 (S. L. 44 of 2020).
- 1.28 The Education Endowment & Savings Schemes Annual Report for FY 2019 – Presented on 18 September 2020 (S. 30 of 2020).
- 1.29 Arms and Explosives (Arms) (Amendment) Rules 2020 – Presented on 21 September 2020 (S. L. 45 of 2020).
- 1.30 Arms and Explosives (Explosives) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2020 – Presented on 21 September 2020 (S. L. 46 of 2020).

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- 1.31 Arms and Explosives (Explosive Precursors) (Amendment) Rules 2020 – Presented on 21 September 2020 (S. L. 47 of 2020).
 - 1.32 Arms and Explosives (Movement Control) (Amendment) Rules 2020 – Presented on 21 September 2020 (S. L. 48 of 2020).
 - 1.33 Employment of Foreign Manpower (Work Passes) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 22 September 2020 (S. L. 49 of 2020).
 - 1.34 Employment of Foreign Manpower (Work Passes) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 22 September 2020 (S. L. 50 of 2020).
 - 1.35 Singapore Labour Foundation Annual Report 2019 – Presented on 23 September 2020 (S. 31 of 2020).
 - 1.36 JTC Corporation Annual Report FY 2019 – Presented on 24 September 2020 (S. 32 of 2020).
 - 1.37 Singapore Land Authority Annual Report 2019/2020 – Presented on 25 September 2020 (S. 33 of 2020).
 - 1.38 ComCare Annual Report for Financial Year 2019 – Presented on 28 September 2020 (S. 34 of 2020).
 - 1.39 Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors, Trishaw Riders and Passengers) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2020 – Presented on 28 September 2020 (S. L. 51 of 2020).
 - 1.40 Intellectual Property Office of Singapore Audited Financial Statements FY 2019 – Presented on 29 September 2020 (S. 35 of 2020).
 - 1.41 Intellectual Property Office of Singapore Annual Report 2019/2020 – Presented on 29 September 2020 (S. 36 of 2020).
 - 1.42 Building and Construction Authority Annual Report 2019/2020 – Presented on 29 September 2020 (S. 37 of 2020).
 - 1.43 Council for Estate Agencies Annual Report 2019/2020 – Presented on 29 September 2020 (S. 38 of 2020).
 - 1.44 Housing and Development Board Annual Report 2019/2020 – Presented on 29 September 2020 (S. 39 of 2020).
 - 1.45 National Parks Board Annual Report 2019/2020 – Presented on 29 September 2020 (S. 40 of 2020).
 - 1.46 Urban Redevelopment Authority Annual Report 2019/2020 – Presented on 29 September 2020 (S. 41 of 2020).
 - 1.47 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) (Amendment No. 15) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 29 September 2020 (S. L. 52 of 2020).

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- 1.48 Savings and Employee Retirement and Premium Fund (Saver-Premium Fund) Annual Report for Financial Year 2019 – Presented on 30 September 2020 (S. 42 of 2020).
 - 1.49 Public Utilities Board Annual Report 2019/2020 – Presented on 30 September 2020 (S. 43 of 2020).
 - 1.50 Family Justice (Amendment) Rules 2020 – Presented on 30 September 2020 (S. L. 53 of 2020).
 - 1.51 Family Justice (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2020 – Presented on 30 September 2020 (S. L. 54 of 2020).
 - 1.52 Family Justice (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2020 – Presented on 30 September 2020 (S. L. 55 of 2020).
 - 1.53 Customs (Licensed Warehouses for Petroleum – Exemption) Order 2020 – Presented on 1 October 2020 (S. L. 56 of 2020).
 - 1.54 Customs (Duties) (Exemption) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2020 – Presented on 1 October 2020 (S. L. 57 of 2020).
 - 1.55 Health Promotion Board Annual Report 2019/2020 – Presented on 2 October 2020 (S. 44 of 2020).
 - 1.56 Central Provident Fund (MediSave Account Withdrawals) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 2 October 2020 (S. L. 58 of 2020).
 - 1.57 Central Provident Fund (Withdrawals for ElderShield Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 2 October 2020 (S. L. 59 of 2020).
 - 1.58 Central Provident Fund (MediSave Account Withdrawals – Medical Insurance Premiums) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 2 October 2020 (S. L. 60 of 2020).
 - 1.59 Central Provident Fund (Withdrawal of Cash Grants) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 2 October 2020 (S. L. 61 of 2020).
 - 1.60 Central Provident Fund (Amendment) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 2 October 2020 (S. L. 62 of 2020).
 - 1.61 Third Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure and Revised Estimates of Revenue for the Financial Year 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 – Presented on 5 October 2020 (Cmd. 3 of 2020).
 - 1.62 National Environment Agency Integrated Sustainability Report 2019/2020 – Presented on 5 October 2020 (S. 45 of 2020).
 - 1.63 Agency for Science, Technology and Research Annual Report and Financial Statements FY2019/2020 – Presented on 5 October 2020 (S. 46 of 2020).

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- 1.64 Professional Engineers (Amendment) Rules 2020 – Presented on 5 October 2020 (S. L. 63 of 2020).
- 2 Announcement by Speaker – Mr Speaker made the following communication to the House:-
- "I have to inform Hon Members that I have on 7 September 2020 communicated to the President the Address of Thanks agreed to by resolution of this Parliament on 4 September 2020."
- 3 26 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 4 Ministerial Statement – Overview of Government's Strategy to Emerge Stronger from the COVID-19 Pandemic – (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance).
- 5 Ministerial Statement – (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Ministerial Statement made by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance on the Overview of Government's Strategy to Emerge Stronger from the COVID-19 Pandemic be considered by Parliament."
- 6 Adjournment of Debate – (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the debate be now adjourned."
- Debate to be resumed on Wednesday, 14 October 2020.
- 7 Apostille Bill – "to give effect to the Hague Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legislation for Foreign Public Documents, done at the Hague on 5 October 1961, and for connected purposes, and to make related amendments to certain other Acts" – presented by the Second 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. 35/2020].
- 8 Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution Act 2018 (Act 40 of 2018) to provide for temporary measures in the form of simplified procedures relating to a compromise or an arrangement with creditors and winding up, and related matters, in view of the COVID-19 pandemic, and to provide for the power to exempt persons from certain criteria in relation to insolvency practitioners' licences" – presented by the Second 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. 36/2020].
- 9 Personal Data Protection (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Personal Data Protection Act 2012 (Act 26 of 2012) and to make consequential and related amendments to certain other Acts" – presented by the Minister for Communications and Information; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 37/2020].
- 10 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. 38/2020].

- 11 International Arbitration (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 – (Second Minister for Law).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 7 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 12 Environmental Public Health (Amendment) Bill – (Minister for Sustainability and the Environment) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time."; Debate arising.

- 13 Time Limit for Speeches – (Leader of the House) – (with the consent of Mr Deputy 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) to remove the time limit in respect of the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment's speech.".

- 14 Environmental Public Health (Amendment) Bill – (Minister for Sustainability and the Environment) – 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 – (Minister for Sustainability and the Environment).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 11 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 15 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 11.30 am tomorrow.".

- 16 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 6.59 pm

TAN CHUAN-JIN,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 11.30 am on Tuesday, 6 October 2020.
