

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

First Session

TUESDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2018

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10.00 am

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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 AZMOON AHMAD (Nominated Member).

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.

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.

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

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.

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).

Ms KUIK SHIAO-YIN (Nominated Member).

Mr KWEK HIAN CHUAN HENRY (Nee Soon).

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

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), Minister for Trade and Industry (Trade).

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

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.

Asst Prof MAHDEV MOHAN (Nominated Member).

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).

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).

Dr LILY NEO (Jalan Besar).

Mr NG CHEE MENG (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Minister for Education (Schools) and Second Minister for Transport.

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.

Ms K THANALETCHIMI (Nominated Member).

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

Ms TIN PEI LING (MacPherson).

Mr EDWIN TONG CHUN FAI (Marine Parade).

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 ZAINAL SAPARI (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Mr ZAQY MOHAMAD (Chua Chu Kang).

ABSENT:

Mr CHEN SHOW MAO (Aljunied).

Mr KHAW BOON WAN (Sembawang), Coordinating Minister for Infrastructure and Minister for Transport.

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

Mr TEO SER LUCK (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

- 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 Sewerage and Drainage (Composition of Offences) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 – Presented on 6 February 2018 (S. L. 417 of 2018).
 - 1.2 Sale of Food (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 – Presented on 6 February 2018 (S. L. 418 of 2018).
 - 1.3 Sale of Food (Food Establishments) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 – Presented on 6 February 2018 (S. L. 419 of 2018).
 - 1.4 Sale of Food (Appeal to Minister - Prescribed Period) Regulations 2018 – Presented on 6 February 2018 (S. L. 420 of 2018).
 - 1.5 Sale of Food (Composition of Offences) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 – Presented on 6 February 2018 (S. L. 421 of 2018).
 - 1.6 Food (Amendment) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 6 February 2018 (S. L. 422 of 2018).
 - 1.7 Professional Engineers (Prescribed Branches of Professional Engineering) (Revocation) Rules 2018 – Presented on 6 February 2018 (S. L. 423 of 2018).
 - 1.8 Professional Engineers (Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics) (Amendment) Rules 2018 – Presented on 6 February 2018 (S. L. 424 of 2018).
 - 1.9 Professional Engineers (Amendment) Rules 2018 – Presented on 6 February 2018 (S. L. 425 of 2018).
- 2 21 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 3 Public Utilities (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 21 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.
- 4 Criminal Law (Temporary Provisions) (Amendment) Bill – (Minister for Home Affairs) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time."; Debate arising.

- 5 Time Limit for Speeches – (Leader of the House) – (with the consent of 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 speech by the Minister for Home Affairs."
- 6 Criminal Law (Temporary Provisions) (Amendment) Bill – (Minister for Home Affairs) – Debate resumed on Question, "That the Bill be now read a second time."

On Question put – a division was taken: Ayes 77, Noes 10, Abstentions 2.

<i>Ayes</i>	<i>Noes</i>	<i>Abstentions</i>
Amrin Amin	Azmoon Ahmad	Kuik Shiao-Yin
Ang Hin Kee	Goh Pei Siong, Daniel	Mahdev Mohan
Ang Wei Neng	Kok Heng Leun	
Baey Yam Keng	Lim, Sylvia	
Chan Wei Ling, Cheryl	Low Thia Khiang	
Chan Chun Sing	Muhamad Faisal Abdul Manap	
Chee Hong Tat	Perera, Leon	
Cheng Li Hui	Png Eng Huat	
Chia Shi-Lu	Pritam Singh	
Chia Yong Yong	Tan Lip Fong, Dennis	
Chong, Charles		
Chong Kee Hiong		
Choo, Desmond		
Chua Kee Seng, Thomas		
Darryl David		
De Souza, Christopher		
Fatimah Lateef		
Foo Chee Keng, Cedric		
Foo Mee Har		
Fu Hai Yien, Grace		
Gan Kim Yong		
Gan Thiam Poh		
Goh Chok Tong		
Heng Chee How		
Indranee Rajah		
Intan Azura Mokhtar		
Iswaran, S		
Janil Puthucheary		
Khor Lean Suan, Amy		
Koh Poh Koon		
Kwek Hian Chuan, Henry		
Lam Pin Min		
Lee Bee Wah		
Lee, Desmond		
Lee Yi Shyan		
Liang Eng Hwa		
Lim Biow Chuan		
Lim Swee Say		
Lim Wee Kiak		
Low Yen Ling		
Masagos Zulkifli B M M		

Ayes – continued

Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim
Murali Pillai
Neo, Lily
Ng Chee Meng
Ng Kok Kwang, Louis
Ong Teng Koon
Ong Ye Kung
Pereira, Joan
Phua Lay Peng, Denise
Rahayu Mahzam
Saktiandi Supaat
Seah Kian Peng
Shanmugam, K
Sim Ann
Sitoh Yih Pin
Sun Xueling
Tan Chin Siong, Sam
Tan Chuan-Jin
Tan, Randolph
Tan Soon Neo, Jessica
Tan Wu Meng
Tay Teck Guan, Patrick
Teo Chee Hean
Teo Ho Pin
Teo, Josephine
Thanaletchimi, K
Tharman Shanmugaratnam
Tin Pei Ling
Tong Chun Fai, Edwin
Vivian Balakrishnan
Wong, Lawrence
Yam Ziming, Alex
Yee Chia Hsing
Yong Yik Chye, Melvin
Zainal Sapari
Zaqy Mohamad

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 Home Affairs).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 11 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment.

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a third time." – (Minister for Home Affairs).

On Question put – a division was taken: Ayes 77, Noes 10, Abstentions 2.

<i>Ayes</i>	<i>Noes</i>	<i>Abstentions</i>
Amrin Amin	Azmoon Ahmad	Kuik Shiao-Yin
Ang Hin Kee	Goh Pei Siong, Daniel	Mahdev Mohan
Ang Wei Neng	Kok Heng Leun	
Baey Yam Keng	Lim, Sylvia	
Chan Wei Ling, Cheryl	Low Thia Khiang	
Chan Chun Sing	Muhamad Faisal Abdul Manap	
Chee Hong Tat	Perera, Leon	
Cheng Li Hui	Png Eng Huat	
Chia Shi-Lu	Pritam Singh	
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Choo, Desmond		
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Goh Chok Tong		
Heng Chee How		
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Iswaran, S		
Janil Puthucheary		
Khor Lean Suan, Amy		
Koh Poh Koon		
Kwek Hian Chuan, Henry		
Lam Pin Min		
Lee Bee Wah		
Lee, Desmond		
Lee Yi Shyan		
Liang Eng Hwa		
Lim Biow Chuan		
Lim Swee Say		
Lim Wee Kiak		
Low Yen Ling		
Masagos Zulkifli B M M		
Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim		
Murali Pillai		

Ayes – continued

Neo, Lily
 Ng Chee Meng
 Ng Kok Kwang, Louis
 Ong Teng Koon
 Ong Ye Kung
 Pereira, Joan
 Phua Lay Peng, Denise
 Rahayu Mahzam
 Saktiandi Supaat
 Seah Kian Peng
 Shanmugam, K
 Sim Ann
 Sitoh Yih Pin
 Sun Xueling
 Tan Chin Siong, Sam
 Tan Chuan-Jin
 Tan, Randolph
 Tan Soon Neo, Jessica
 Tan Wu Meng
 Tay Teck Guan, Patrick
 Teo Chee Hean
 Teo Ho Pin
 Teo, Josephine
 Thanaletchimi, K
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Bill read a third time.

- 7 Support for Senior Citizens – (Mr Kwek Hian Chuan Henry) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That this House recognises that seniors are a gift to our society, contributing to a wise and resilient Singapore, and calls on the Government to continue strengthening support for seniors to age with dignity and spearhead community efforts to create a society where they can thrive."; Debate arising.
- 8 Exempted Business – (Minister for Health) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the proceedings on the business set down on the Order Paper for today be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Order No. 2.".
- 9 Support for Senior Citizens – (Mr Kwek Hian Chuan Henry) – Debate resumed on Question, "That this House recognises that seniors are a gift to our society, contributing to a wise and resilient Singapore, and calls on the Government to continue strengthening support for seniors to age with dignity and spearhead community efforts to create a society where they can thrive.".

Question put and agreed to.

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- 10 Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn to Monday, 19 February 2018."

Adjourned at 8.31 pm

TAN CHUAN-JIN,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 1.30 pm on Monday, 19 February 2018.
