

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

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## Second Session

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MONDAY, 6 JANUARY 2020

No. 115

**1.30 pm**

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PRESENT:

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.

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).

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).

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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).

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).

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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).

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).

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).

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Mr ZAQY MOHAMAD (Chua Chu Kang), Minister of State, Ministry of National Development and Ministry of Manpower and Deputy Government Whip.

ABSENT:

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

Mr CHEN SHOW MAO (Aljunied).

Mr DOUGLAS FOO (Nominated Member).

Mr LIM SWEE SAY (East Coast).

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

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

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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 Corrigendum to National Library Board Annual Report FY 2018/2019 – Presented on 7 November 2019 (S. 513 of 2019).
  - 1.2 Supreme Court of Judicature (Geographical Indications) Rules 2019 – Presented on 12 November 2019 (S. L. 724 of 2019).
  - 1.3 Rules of Court (Amendment) Rules 2019 – Presented on 12 November 2019 (S. L. 725 of 2019).
  - 1.4 Fourth Report of the Estimates Committee – Presented on 13 November 2019 (Parl. 18 of 2019).
  - 1.5 Corrigendum to Enterprise Singapore Annual Report 2018-2019 – Presented on 14 November 2019 (S. 514 of 2019).
  - 1.6 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Home Affairs Uniformed Services Superannuation (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 28/2019] – Presented on 20 November 2019 (Pres. Co. 146 of 2019).
  - 1.7 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Air Navigation (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 27/2019] – Presented on 20 November 2019 (Pres. Co. 147 of 2019).
  - 1.8 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Women's Charter (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 29/2019] – Presented on 20 November 2019 (Pres. Co. 148 of 2019).
  - 1.9 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Central Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 34/2019] – Presented on 20 November 2019 (Pres. Co. 149 of 2019).
  - 1.10 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 32/2019 (Amended)] – Presented on 20 November 2019 (Pres. Co. 150 of 2019).
  - 1.11 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Judges' Remuneration (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 31/2019] – Presented on 20 November 2019 (Pres. Co. 151 of 2019).
  - 1.12 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 30/2019] – Presented on 20 November 2019 (Pres. Co. 152 of 2019).
  - 1.13 MediFund Endowment Scheme Annual Report for FY 2018 (1 Apr 2018 to 31 Mar 2019) – Presented on 25 November 2019 (S. 515 of 2019).

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- 1.14 Building Control (Buildability and Productivity) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 28 November 2019 (S. L. 726 of 2019).
  - 1.15 Corrigendum to LifeLong Learning Endowment Fund (LLEF) - Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2019 – Presented on 3 December 2019 (S. 516 of 2019).
  - 1.16 Aljunied-Hougang Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2018/2019 – Presented on 5 December 2019 (S. 517 of 2019).
  - 1.17 Ang Mo Kio Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2018/2019 – Presented on 5 December 2019 (S. 518 of 2019).
  - 1.18 Bishan-Toa Payoh Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2018/2019 – Presented on 5 December 2019 (S. 519 of 2019).
  - 1.19 Chua Chu Kang Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2018/2019 – Presented on 5 December 2019 (S. 520 of 2019).
  - 1.20 East Coast-Fengshan Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2018/2019 – Presented on 5 December 2019 (S. 521 of 2019).
  - 1.21 Holland-Bukit Panjang Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2018/2019 – Presented on 5 December 2019 (S. 522 of 2019).
  - 1.22 Jalan Besar Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2018/2019 – Presented on 5 December 2019 (S. 523 of 2019).
  - 1.23 Jurong-Clementi Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2018/2019 – Presented on 5 December 2019 (S. 524 of 2019).
  - 1.24 Marine Parade Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2018/2019 – Presented on 5 December 2019 (S. 525 of 2019).
  - 1.25 Marsiling-Yew Tee Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2018/2019 – Presented on 5 December 2019 (S. 526 of 2019).
  - 1.26 Nee Soon Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2018/2019 – Presented on 5 December 2019 (S. 527 of 2019).

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- 1.27 Pasir Ris-Punggol Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2018/2019 – Presented on 5 December 2019 (S. 528 of 2019).
  - 1.28 Sembawang Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2018/2019 – Presented on 5 December 2019 (S. 529 of 2019).
  - 1.29 Tampines Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2018/2019 – Presented on 5 December 2019 (S. 530 of 2019).
  - 1.30 Tanjong Pagar Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2018/2019 – Presented on 5 December 2019 (S. 531 of 2019).
  - 1.31 West Coast Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2018/2019 – Presented on 5 December 2019 (S. 532 of 2019).
  - 1.32 Highway (Revision No. 2) Code 2019 – Presented on 10 December 2019 (S. 533 of 2019).
  - 1.33 Building Control (Buildability and Productivity) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 10 December 2019 (S. L. 728 of 2019).
  - 1.34 Pioneer Generation Fund (Appeals Panel) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 10 December 2019 (S. L. 729 of 2019).
  - 1.35 Corrigendum to Government Technology Agency of Singapore Annual Report 2018/2019 – Presented on 17 December 2019 (S. 534 of 2019).
  - 1.36 Corrigendum to Aljunied - Hougang Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2018/2019 – Presented on 27 December 2019 (S. 535 of 2019).
  - 1.37 Goods and Services Tax (Imports Relief) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2019 – Presented on 31 December 2019 (S. L. 730 of 2019).
  - 1.38 Goods and Services Tax (General) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 31 December 2019 (S. L. 731 of 2019).
  - 1.39 Employment of Foreign Manpower (Work Passes) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 3 January 2020 (S. L. 732 of 2020).
  - 1.40 Income Tax (Deduction for Expenditure of Qualifying Individual Under Section 14ZD) Rules 2019 – Presented on 3 January 2020 (S. L. 733 of 2020).
  - 1.41 Women's Charter (Registration of Marriages) (Amendment) Rules 2019 – Presented on 6 January 2020 (S. L. 734 of 2020).



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- 1.42 Massage Establishments Act 2017 (Amendment of Schedule) Order 2019 – Presented on 6 January 2020 (S. L. 735 of 2020).
  - 1.43 Prisons Act (Amendment of First and Second Schedules) Order 2019 – Presented on 6 January 2020 (S. L. 736 of 2020).
  - 1.44 Organised Crime Act 2015 (Amendment of Schedule) (No. 2) Order 2019 – Presented on 6 January 2020 (S. L. 737 of 2020).
  - 1.45 Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment of First Schedule) Order 2019 – Presented on 7 January 2020 (S. L. 738 of 2020).
  - 1.46 Criminal Procedure (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2019 – Presented on 7 January 2020 (S. L. 739 of 2020).
  - 1.47 Financial (Amendment) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 7 January 2020 (S. L. 740 of 2020).
  - 1.48 Singapore Armed Forces (Premium Plan) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 7 January 2020 (S. L. 741 of 2020).
  - 1.49 Monetary Authority of Singapore (Resolution of Financial Institutions) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 8 January 2020 (S. L. 742 of 2020).
- 2 Revision of Question Time – (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, notwithstanding Standing Order 22(1), Questions for Oral Answer set down on the Order Paper for today be taken until the completion of Question No. 12 at this day's sitting."
  - 3 12 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
  - 4 Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) Act 2014 (Act 6 of 2014)" – presented by the Senior Minister of State (Dr Lam Pin Min), on behalf of the Minister for Transport; read the first time; to be read a second time after the conclusion of proceedings on the Estimates of Expenditure for FY 2020/21 and to be printed. [Bill No. 1/2020].
  - 5 Shared Mobility Enterprises (Control and Licensing) Bill – "with respect to shared mobility services and to make consequential and related amendments to the Land Transport Authority of Singapore Act (Chapter 158A of the 1996 Revised Edition), the Parking Places Act (Chapter 214 of the 2014 Revised Edition) and the Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution Act 2018 (Act 40 of 2018)" – presented by the Senior Minister of State (Dr Lam Pin Min), on behalf of the Minister for Transport; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 2/2020].
  - 6 Active Mobility (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Active Mobility Act 2017 (Act 3 of 2017) to deal with personal mobility devices and other vehicles in relation to public paths and to make related amendments to the Road Traffic Act (Chapter 276 of the 2004 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Senior Minister of State (Dr Lam Pin Min), on behalf of the Minister for Transport; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 3/2020].

- 7 Geographical Indications (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Geographical Indications Act 2014 (Act 19 of 2014)" – 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. 4/2020].
- 8 Singapore Convention on Mediation Bill – "to give effect to the United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation, also known as the Singapore Convention on Mediation, opened for signature on 7 August 2019 in Singapore, and to make related 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. 5/2020].
- 9 Hazardous Waste (Control of Export, Import and Transit) (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Hazardous Waste (Control of Export, Import and Transit) Act (Chapter 122A of the 1998 Revised Edition), and to make consequential amendments to the Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution Act 2018 (Act 40 of 2018)" – 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. 6/2020].
- 10 National Environment Agency (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the National Environment Agency Act (Chapter 195 of the 2003 Revised Edition)" – 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. 7/2020].
- 11 Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) 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 4 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 5:

Amendments made:

- (i) in page 4, line 17, after "5.", by inserting "(1)"; and
- (ii) in page 4, after line 18, by inserting —

"(2) The Penal Code as amended by the Criminal Law Reform Act 2019 (Act 15 of 2019) is amended by inserting, immediately after the word "intentionally" in section 26D(3), the words "or with wilful blindness." – (Senior Minister of State, on behalf of the Minister for Law).

Clause 5, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 6 and 7 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, with amendments; read a third time.

- 12 Banking (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 – (Minister for Education, on behalf of the Prime Minister).

*(In the Committee)*

Clauses 1 to 69 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 13 Healthcare Services Bill – (Senior Minister of State (Mr Edwin Tong), on behalf of the Minister for Health) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time."; Debate arising.

- 14 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.

- 15 Time Limit for Speeches – (Deputy 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."

- 16 Healthcare Services Bill – (Senior Minister of State (Mr Edwin Tong), on behalf of the Minister for Health) – 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 (Mr Edwin Tong), on behalf of the Minister for Health).

*(In the Committee)*

Clauses 1 to 60 inclusive agreed to.

First to Third Schedules inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 17 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 a date to be fixed."

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18 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 7.24 pm

TAN CHUAN-JIN,  
*Speaker*

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**MEMORANDUM**

Parliament stands adjourned to a date to be fixed.

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