

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

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## First Session

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MONDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2017

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**11.00 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.

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.

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).

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).

Dr JANIL PUTHUCHEARY (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information and Ministry of Education.

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 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 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).

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).

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 XUE LING (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.

Mr TEO SER LUCK (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

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.

Mr ALEX YAM ZIMING (Marsiling-Yew Tee).

Mr YEE CHIA HSING (Chua Chu Kang).

Mr MELVIN YONG YIK CHYE (Tanjong Pagar).

Mr ZAQY MOHAMAD (Chua Chu Kang).

ABSENT:

Miss CHERYL CHAN WEI LING (Fengshan).

Ms CHIA YONG YONG (Nominated Member).

Mr THOMAS CHUA KEE SENG (Nominated Member).

Mr S ISWARAN (West Coast), Minister for Trade and Industry (Industry).

Mr LIM BIOW CHUAN (Mountbatten), Deputy Speaker.

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

Mr ONG YE KUNG (Sembawang), Minister for Education (Higher Education and Skills) and Second Minister for Defence.

Mr K SHANMUGAM (Nee Soon), Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law.

Assoc Prof Dr YAACOB IBRAHIM (Jalan Besar), Minister for Communications and Information and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs.

Mr ZAINAL SAPARI (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

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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 Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority Annual Report 2016/2017 – Presented on 6 October 2017 (S. 281 of 2017).
  - 1.2 Building and Construction Authority Annual Report 2016/2017 – Presented on 6 October 2017 (S. 282 of 2017).
  - 1.3 Council for Estate Agencies Annual Report 2016/2017 – Presented on 6 October 2017 (S. 283 of 2017).
  - 1.4 Housing and Development Board Annual Report 2016/2017 – Presented on 6 October 2017 (S. 284 of 2017).
  - 1.5 National Parks Board Annual Report 2016/2017 – Presented on 6 October 2017 (S. 285 of 2017).
  - 1.6 Urban Redevelopment Authority Annual Report 2016/2017 – Presented on 6 October 2017 (S. 286 of 2017).
  - 1.7 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment No. 5) Rules 2017 – Presented on 6 October 2017 (S. L. 363 of 2017).
  - 1.8 Road Traffic (Electronic Service) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2017 – Presented on 6 October 2017 (S. L. 364 of 2017).
  - 1.9 Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors, Trishaw Riders and Passengers) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2017 – Presented on 6 October 2017 (S. L. 365 of 2017).
  - 1.10 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Test) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2017 – Presented on 6 October 2017 (S. L. 366 of 2017).
  - 1.11 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 31/2017] – Presented on 13 October 2017 (Pres. Co. 61 of 2017).
  - 1.12 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Infrastructure Protection Bill [Bill No 32/2017] – Presented on 13 October 2017 (Pres. Co. 62 of 2017).
  - 1.13 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Audit (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 33/2017] – Presented on 13 October 2017 (Pres. Co. 63 of 2017).
  - 1.14 Rules of Court (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2017 – Presented on 13 October 2017 (S. L. 367 of 2017).

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- 1.15 Employment Claims (Amendment) Rules 2017 – Presented on 13 October 2017 (S. L. 368 of 2017).
  - 1.16 Town Councils (Exclusion of Property from Definition of Common Property) Rules 2017 – Presented on 13 October 2017 (S. L. 369 of 2017).
  - 1.17 Central Provident Fund (Lifelong Income Scheme) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 23 October 2017 (S. L. 370 of 2017).
  - 1.18 Report of the Public Petitions Committee – Presented on 1 November 2017 (Parl. 8 of 2017).
  - 1.19 United Nations (Sanctions - Democratic People's Republic of Korea) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 1 November 2017 (S. L. 371 of 2017).
  - 1.20 Employment of Foreign Manpower (Work Pass Exemptions - Specified Activities) (Amendment) Notification 2017 – Presented on 1 November 2017 (S. L. 372 of 2017).
  - 1.21 National Environment Agency Financial Statements 2016/2017 – Presented on 3 November 2017 (S. 287 of 2017).
  - 1.22 Architects (Amendment) Rules 2017 – Presented on 3 November 2017 (S. L. 373 of 2017).
  - 1.23 Architects (Professional Conduct and Ethics) (Amendment) Rules 2017 – Presented on 3 November 2017 (S. L. 374 of 2017).
  - 1.24 Architects (Exemption from Practising Certificates) Order 2017 – Presented on 3 November 2017 (S. L. 375 of 2017).
  - 1.25 Public Transport Fund Financial Statements for Financial Year ended 31 March 2017 – Presented on 6 November 2017 (S. 288 of 2017).
  - 1.26 Land Transport Authority of Singapore and its Subsidiaries Financial Statements for Financial Year ended 31 March 2017 – Presented on 6 November 2017 (S. 289 of 2017).
  - 1.27 Road Traffic (Driver Improvement Points System) (Amendment) Rules 2017 – Presented on 6 November 2017 (S. L. 376 of 2017).
  - 1.28 Immigration (Amendment) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 6 November 2017 (S. L. 377 of 2017).
- 2 15 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.

- 3 Payment and Settlement Systems (Finality and Netting) (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Payment and Settlement Systems (Finality and Netting) Act (Chapter 231 of the 2003 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Minister of Trade and Industry (Trade), on behalf of the Prime Minister; read the first time; to be read a second time at a sitting on or after 2 January 2018 and to be printed. [Bill No. 44/2017].
- 4 Public Sector (Governance) Bill – "to provide for a consistent governance framework across public bodies in Singapore and to support a whole-of-government approach to the delivery of services in the Singapore public sector, and to make consequential and related amendments to certain other Acts" – presented by the Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security, on behalf of the Prime Minister; read the first time; to be read a second time at a sitting on or after 2 January 2018 and to be printed. [Bill No. 45/2017].
- 5 Immigration (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Immigration Act (Chapter 133 of the 2008 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Second Minister for Home Affairs; read the first time; to be read a second time at a sitting on or after 2 January 2018 and to be printed. [Bill No. 46/2017].
- 6 Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Supreme Court of Judicature Act (Chapter 322 of the 2007 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 at a sitting on or after 2 January 2018 and to be printed. [Bill No. 47/2017].
- 7 Moneylenders (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Moneylenders Act (Chapter 188 of the 2010 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 at a sitting on or after 2 January 2018 and to be printed. [Bill No. 48/2017].
- 8 Charities (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Charities Act (Chapter 37 of the 2007 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 at a sitting on or after 2 January 2018 and to be printed. [Bill No. 49/2017].
- 9 Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Co-operative Societies Act (Chapter 62 of the 2009 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 at a sitting on or after 2 January 2018 and to be printed. [Bill No. 50/2017].
- 10 Cross-Border Railways Bill – read a second time.

Bill committed to a Select Committee consisting of Mr Speaker as Chairman and the following members:

Miss Cheng Li Hui  
Mr Low Thia Kiang  
Assoc Prof Dr Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim  
Mr Ng Chee Meng  
Mr Sitoh Yih Pin  
Mr Vikram Nair  
Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye. – (Second Minister for Transport)



- 11 Central Provident Fund (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 Manpower).

*(In the Committee)*

Clauses 1 to 10 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 12 Workplace Safety and Health (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 of State, on behalf of the Minister for Manpower).

*(In the Committee)*

Clauses 1 to 8 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 13 Massage Establishments 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 Home Affairs).

*(In the Committee)*

Clauses 1 to 38 inclusive agreed to.

The Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 14 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 6.25 pm

TAN CHUAN-JIN,  
*Speaker*

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**MEMORANDUM**

Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 11.00 am on Tuesday, 7 November 2017.

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