

**FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE  
(SECOND SESSION)**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
MONDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2023**

*No. 115*

**10.30 am**

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**PRESENT:**

Mr SPEAKER (Mr Seah Kian Peng (Marine Parade)).  
Mr ANG WEI NENG (West Coast).  
Mr CHAN CHUN SING (Tanjong Pagar), Minister for Education.  
Ms USHA CHANDRADAS (Nominated Member)  
Mr CHEE HONG TAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Transport.  
Mr EDWARD CHIA BING HUI (Holland-Bukit Timah).  
Mr DESMOND CHOO (Tampines).  
Mr ERIC CHUA (Tanjong Pagar) Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Social and Family Development.  
Mr KEITH CHUA (Nominated Member) 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 Trade and Industry.  
Ms GAN SIOW 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 and Coordinating Minister for Economic Policies.  
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.  
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 Manpower and Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment.  
Mr KWEK HIAN CHUAN HENRY (Kebun Baru).  
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 MARK LEE (Nominated Member)  
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).  
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.  
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).  
Mr LOUIS NG KOK KWANG (Nee Soon).  
Ms NG LING LING (Ang Mo Kio).  
Miss RACHEL ONG (West Coast).  
Mr ONG HUA HAN (Nominated Member)  
Mr ONG YE KUNG (Sembawang), Minister for Health.  
Mr NEIL PAREKH NIMIL RAJNIKANT (Nominated Member)  
Ms JOAN PEREIRA (Tanjong Pagar).  
Ms DENISE PHUA LAY PENG (Jalan Besar).  
Ms HAZEL POA (Non-Constituency Member).  
Ms POH LI SAN (Sembawang).  
Mr PRITAM SINGH (Aljunied), Leader of the Opposition.  
Ms RAHAYU MAHZAM (Jurong), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Law.  
Assoc Prof RAZWANA BEGUM ABDUL RAHIM (Nominated Member)  
Mr SAKTIANDI SUPAAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh).  
Ms SEE JINLI JEAN (Nominated Member)  
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 Foreign Affairs and Ministry of National Development and Deputy Government Whip.  
Mr SITOY YIH PIN (Potong Pasir).  
Ms SUN XUELING (Punggol West), Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Social and Family Development.  
Dr SYED HARUN ALHABSYI (Nominated Member)  
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, Prime Minister's Office.  
Mr TAN KIAT HOW (East Coast), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information and Ministry of National Development.  
Dr TAN SEE LENG (Marine Parade), Minister for Manpower and Second Minister for Trade and Industry.  
Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast), Deputy Speaker.  
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 Communications and Information and Second Minister for Home Affairs.  
Mr RAJ JOSHUA THOMAS (Nominated Member)  
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), Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance.  
Mr XIE YAO QUAN (Jurong).  
Mr ALEX YAM ZIMING (Marsiling-Yew Tee).  
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 BAEY YAM KENG (Tampines), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment and Ministry of Transport.  
Miss CHERYL CHAN WEI LING (East Coast).  
Mr CHONG KEE HIONG (Bishan-Toa Payoh).  
Mr S ISWARAN (West Coast), Minister for Transport and Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations.  
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 MOHD FAHMI BIN ALIMAN (Marine Parade).  
Mr MUHAMAD FAISAL ABDUL MANAP (Aljunied).  
Dr NG ENG HEN (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister for Defence.  
Ms HANY SOH (Marsiling-Yew Tee).  
Dr TAN WU MENG (Jurong).  
Ms YEO WAN LING (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 Central Provident Fund (New Retirement Sum Scheme) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2023 – Presented on 6 October 2023 (S. L. 948 of 2023)
  - 1.2 Central Provident Fund (Revised Retirement Sum Scheme) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2023 – Presented on 6 October 2023 (S. L. 949 of 2023)
  - 1.3 Central Provident Fund (Medisave Account Withdrawals) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2023 – Presented on 6 October 2023 (S. L. 950 of 2023)
  - 1.4 Corrigendum to Council for Estate Agencies Annual Report for FY2022 – Presented on 11 October 2023 (S. 436 of 2023)
  - 1.5 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Immigration (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 26/2023] – Presented on 12 October 2023 (Pres. Co. 104 of 2023)
  - 1.6 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Child Development Co-Savings (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 27/2023] – Presented on 12 October 2023 (Pres. Co. 105 of 2023)
  - 1.7 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Free Trade Zones (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 29/2023] – Presented on 12 October 2023 (Pres. Co. 106 of 2023)
  - 1.8 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Societies (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 31/2023] – Presented on 12 October 2023 (Pres. Co. 107 of 2023)
  - 1.9 Road Traffic (Electronic Road Pricing System) (Amendment No. 4) Rules 2023 – Presented on 13 October 2023 (S. L. 951 of 2023)
  - 1.10 Corrigendum to Sport Singapore Annual Report 22/23 – Presented on 13 October 2023 (S. 437 of 2023)
  - 1.11 Building Control (Buildability and Productivity) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2023 – Presented on 17 October 2023 (S. L. 952 of 2023)
  - 1.12 MediShield Life Scheme (Amendment No. 5) Regulations 2023 – Presented on 27 October 2023 (S. L. 953 of 2023)
  - 1.13 Legal Service Commission Annual Report 2022 – Presented on 30 October 2023 (S. 438 of 2023)
  - 1.14 Judicial Service Commission Annual Report 2022 – Presented on 31 October 2023 (S. 439 of 2023)
  - 1.15 Road Traffic (International Circulation) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2023 – Presented on 3 November 2023 (S. L. 954 of 2023)
  - 1.16 Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution (Personal Insolvency) (Amendment) Rules 2023 – Presented on 3 November 2023 (S. L. 955 of 2023)
  - 1.17 Gambling Duties (Amendment) Regulations 2023 – Presented on 3 November 2023 (S. L. 956 of 2023)

- 2 24 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time. With leave of Mr Speaker, 34 other Questions for Oral Answer were answered in the subsequent debate on the Motion titled "Solidarity, Security and Peace – the Israel-Hamas Conflict".
- 3 Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment No. 3) Bill – "to amend the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore" – presented by the Second Minister for Finance; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 35/2023].
- 4 Moneylenders (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Moneylenders Act 2008" – presented by the Senior Parliamentary Secretary, 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. 37/2023].
- 5 Significant Investments Review Bill – "to protect the national security interests of Singapore by regulating significant investments in, and control of, critical entities" – presented by the Minister of State (Mr Alvin Tan), on behalf of the Minister for Trade and Industry; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 38/2023].
- 6 Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill – "to make miscellaneous amendments to certain Acts" – presented by the Senior Minister of State, on behalf of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed.[Bill No. 36/2023].
- 7 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 – (Senior Minister of State (Dr Koh Poh Koon), on behalf of the Minister for Manpower).

*(In the Committee)*

Clauses 1 to 37 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 8 Solidarity, Security and Peace – the Israel-Hamas Conflict – (Mr Vikram Nair) – Motion made, and Question proposed – "That this House, having regard to the terrorist attacks by Hamas against Israel and the deepening humanitarian crisis arising from Israel's military operations in the Gaza strip:
- (a) Expresses its deepest condolences to all innocent victims and civilian casualties;
  - (b) Advocates the urgent delivery of humanitarian aid to the civilian population in Gaza;
  - (c) Condemns those responsible for the terrorist acts and violations of international law;
  - (d) Calls for all parties to ensure the safety and security of civilians, including the release of all hostages;
  - (e) Reiterates Singapore's long-standing commitment to a negotiated two-state solution consistent with the relevant UN Security Council resolutions; and
  - (f) Urges all Singaporeans to safeguard and uphold our multiracial and multi-religious peace and harmony."

Amendments proposed:

- (1) After line 4, to insert a new part with the words "Supports UN Resolution ES-10/21, which calls for an immediate, durable and sustained humanitarian truce leading to a cessation of hostilities;"
- (2) In line 5, to add the words "and unhindered access to United Nations humanitarian agencies, the International Red Cross and other humanitarian organisations" at the end;
- (3) In line 7, after the word "Calls", to delete "for" and insert "on";
- (4) In line 7, after the words "all parties to", to insert "comply fully with international humanitarian law, including to";
- (5) In line 7, to delete "including the release of all hostages" and insert "release all hostages, and minimise the effects of combat on the civilian population"; and
- (6) Consequential amendment to rename the current parts from (b) – (f) to (c) – (g). – (Mr Alex Yam);

Question proposed, "The Question is the amendments as moved by Mr Alex Yam."; Debate arising.

9 Exempted Business – (Deputy Leader of the House) – 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."

10 Solidarity, Security and Peace – the Israel-Hamas Conflict – (Mr Vikram Nair) – Debate resumed on Question, "The Question is the amendments as moved by Mr Alex Yam."

Question, "That amendment number (1) be made.", put, and agreed to.

Question, "That amendment number (2) be made.", put, and agreed to.

Question, "That amendment number (3) be made.", put, and agreed to.

Question, "That amendment number (4) be made.", put, and agreed to.

Question, "That amendment number (5) be made.", put, and agreed to.

Consequential amendment made to renumber the parts.

Original Motion, as amended, put and agreed to.

Resolved, "That this House, having regard to the terrorist attacks by Hamas against Israel and the deepening humanitarian crisis arising from Israel's military operations in the Gaza strip:

- (a) Expresses its deepest condolences to all innocent victims and civilian casualties;
- (b) Supports UN Resolution ES-10/21, which calls for an immediate, durable and sustained humanitarian truce leading to a cessation of hostilities;
- (c) Advocates the urgent delivery of humanitarian aid to the civilian population in Gaza and unhindered access to United Nations humanitarian agencies, the International Red Cross and other humanitarian organisations;
- (d) Condemns those responsible for the terrorist acts and violations of international law;

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- (e) Calls on all parties to comply fully with international humanitarian law, including to ensure the safety and security of civilians, release all hostages, and minimise the effects of combat on the civilian population;
- (f) Reiterates Singapore's long-standing commitment to a negotiated two-state solution consistent with the relevant UN Security Council resolutions; and
- (g) Urges all Singaporeans to safeguard and uphold our multiracial and multi-religious peace and harmony."
- 11 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 7.32 pm

SEAH KIAN PENG,  
*Speaker*

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**MEMORANDUM**

Pursuant to Standing Order No. 2(3)(a), Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 10.30 am on Tuesday, 7 November 2023.

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