

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

Second Session

MONDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2019

No. 112

10.30 am

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PRESENT:

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

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).

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.

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).

Mr ARASU DURAISAMY (Nominated Member).

Mr CEDRIC FOO CHEE KENG (Pioneer).

Mr DOUGLAS FOO (Nominated Member).

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 KOH POH KOON (Ang Mo Kio), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Mr KWEK HIAN CHUAN HENRY (Nee Soon).

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).

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.

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).

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

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).

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

ABSENT:

Mr BAEY YAM KENG (Tampines), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Transport and Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth.

Prof FATIMAH LATEEF (Marine Parade).

Dr AMY KHOR LEAN SUAN (Hong Kah North), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources and Ministry of Health.

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

Mr LIM SWEE SAY (East Coast).

Mr MASAGOS ZULKIFLI B M M (Tampines), Minister for the Environment and Water Resources and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs.

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

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 Health Sciences Authority Annual Report 2018/2019 – Presented on 6 September 2019 (S. 460 of 2019).
 - 1.2 Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board FY 2018 Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements – Presented on 9 September 2019 (S. 461 of 2019).
 - 1.3 Energy Market Authority Annual Report 2018/2019 – Presented on 10 September 2019 (S. 462 of 2019).
 - 1.4 Casino Regulatory Authority Annual Report 2018/2019 – Presented on 11 September 2019 (S. 463 of 2019).
 - 1.5 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the CareShield Life and Long-Term Care Bill [Bill No 24/2019] – Presented on 12 September 2019 (Pres. Co. 138 of 2019).
 - 1.6 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Reciprocal Enforcement of Foreign Judgments (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 19/2019] – Presented on 12 September 2019 (Pres. Co. 139 of 2019).
 - 1.7 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Reciprocal Enforcement of Commonwealth Judgments (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 18/2019] – Presented on 12 September 2019 (Pres. Co. 140 of 2019).
 - 1.8 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Variable Capital Companies (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill [Bill No 23/2019] – Presented on 12 September 2019 (Pres. Co. 141 of 2019).
 - 1.9 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Work Injury Compensation Bill [Bill No 21/2019] – Presented on 12 September 2019 (Pres. Co. 142 of 2019).
 - 1.10 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Children and Young Persons (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 22/2019] – Presented on 12 September 2019 (Pres. Co. 143 of 2019).
 - 1.11 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Resource Sustainability Bill [Bill No 20/2019] – Presented on 12 September 2019 (Pres. Co. 144 of 2019).
 - 1.12 Public Utilities Board Annual Report 2018/2019 – Presented on 12 September 2019 (S. 464 of 2019).
 - 1.13 The National Research Fund Report and Financial Statements Year Ended 31 March 2019 – Presented on 12 September 2019 (S. 465 of 2019).

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- 1.14 Employment of Foreign Manpower (Work Passes) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 12 September 2019 (S. L. 698 of 2019).
 - 1.15 Edusave Endowment & Savings Schemes Annual Report for FY 2018/2019 – Presented on 16 September 2019 (S. 466 of 2019).
 - 1.16 Economic Development Board Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements 2018/2019 – Presented on 17 September 2019 (S. 467 of 2019).
 - 1.17 Annual Report of the Infocomm Media Development Authority 2018/2019 – Presented on 17 September 2019 (S. 468 of 2019).
 - 1.18 Annual Report of the National Library Board 2018/2019 – Presented on 17 September 2019 (S. 469 of 2019).
 - 1.19 Government Technology Agency of Singapore Annual Report 2018/19 – Presented on 17 September 2019 (S. 470 of 2019).
 - 1.20 Income Tax (Bail and Personal Bond) Rules 2019 – Presented on 18 September 2019 (S. L. 699 of 2019).
 - 1.21 Goods and Services Tax (Bail and Personal Bond) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 18 September 2019 (S. L. 700 of 2019).
 - 1.22 Singapore Totalisator Board's Audited Financial Statements 2018/2019 – Presented on 19 September 2019 (S. 471 of 2019).
 - 1.23 Singapore Totalisator Board's Annual Report 2018/2019 – Presented on 19 September 2019 (S. 472 of 2019).
 - 1.24 Sentosa Development Corporation's Annual Report 2018/2019 and Audited Financial Statements 2018/2019 – Presented on 20 September 2019 (S. 473 of 2019).
 - 1.25 Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority and its Subsidiary Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2019 – Presented on 20 September 2019 (S. 474 of 2019).
 - 1.26 Building and Construction Authority and its Subsidiaries Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2019 – Presented on 20 September 2019 (S. 475 of 2019).
 - 1.27 Council for Estate Agencies Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2019 – Presented on 20 September 2019 (S. 476 of 2019).
 - 1.28 National Parks Board and its subsidiary Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2019 – Presented on 20 September 2019 (S. 477 of 2019).
 - 1.29 Urban Redevelopment Authority Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2019 – Presented on 20 September 2019 (S. 478 of 2019).

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- 1.30 Productivity Fund Administration Board FY2018 Annual Report – Presented on 20 September 2019 (S. 479 of 2019).
 - 1.31 Electricity (Contestable Consumers) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 20 September 2019 (S. L. 701 of 2019).
 - 1.32 Gas (Supply) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 20 September 2019 (S. L. 702 of 2019).
 - 1.33 Gas (Metering) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 20 September 2019 (S. L. 703 of 2019).
 - 1.34 Public Transport Council Annual Report 2018/2019 – Presented on 23 September 2019 (S. 480 of 2019).
 - 1.35 National Heritage Board Annual Report 18/19 – Presented on 23 September 2019 (S. 481 of 2019).
 - 1.36 National Environment Agency Annual & Sustainability Report 2018/2019 – Presented on 24 September 2019 (S. 482 of 2019).
 - 1.37 Agency for Science, Technology and Research Annual Report and Financial Statements FY2018/2019 – Presented on 24 September 2019 (S. 483 of 2019).
 - 1.38 JTC Corporation Annual Report FY2018 – Presented on 24 September 2019 (S. 484 of 2019).
 - 1.39 Nanyang Polytechnic Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2019 – Presented on 25 September 2019 (S. 485 of 2019).
 - 1.40 Institute of Technical Education Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2019 – Presented on 25 September 2019 (S. 486 of 2019).
 - 1.41 Singapore Polytechnic Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2019 – Presented on 25 September 2019 (S. 487 of 2019).
 - 1.42 Ngee Ann Polytechnic Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2019 – Presented on 25 September 2019 (S. 488 of 2019).
 - 1.43 Republic Polytechnic Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2019 – Presented on 25 September 2019 (S. 489 of 2019).
 - 1.44 Temasek Polytechnic Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2019 – Presented on 25 September 2019 (S. 490 of 2019).
 - 1.45 ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2019 – Presented on 25 September 2019 (S. 491 of 2019).
 - 1.46 SkillsFuture Singapore Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2019 – Presented on 25 September 2019 (S. 492 of 2019).

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- 1.47 LifeLong Learning Endowment Fund (LLEF) Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2019 – Presented on 25 September 2019 (S. 493 of 2019).
 - 1.48 Sport Singapore Annual Report 18/19 – Presented on 25 September 2019 (S. 494 of 2019).
 - 1.49 Singapore Tourism Board Annual Report 2018/2019 and Audited Financial Statements 2018/2019 – Presented on 26 September 2019 (S. 495 of 2019).
 - 1.50 Enterprise Singapore Annual Report 2018-19 – Presented on 26 September 2019 (S. 496 of 2019).
 - 1.51 The People's Association Annual Report (Annual Consolidated Financial Statements) 2018/2019 – Presented on 26 September 2019 (S. 497 of 2019).
 - 1.52 Land Transport Authority Annual Report 2018/2019 and Land Transport Authority of Singapore and its Subsidiaries Financial Statements for Financial Year ended 31 March 2019 – Presented on 27 September 2019 (S. 498 of 2019).
 - 1.53 Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements 2018/2019 – Presented on 27 September 2019 (S. 499 of 2019).
 - 1.54 Building and Construction Authority Annual Report 2018/2019 – Presented on 27 September 2019 (S. 500 of 2019).
 - 1.55 Council for Estate Agencies Annual Report 2018/2019 – Presented on 27 September 2019 (S. 501 of 2019).
 - 1.56 Housing and Development Board Annual Report 2018/2019 – Presented on 27 September 2019 (S. 502 of 2019).
 - 1.57 National Parks Board Annual Report 2018/2019 – Presented on 27 September 2019 (S. 503 of 2019).
 - 1.58 Urban Redevelopment Authority Annual Report 2018/2019 – Presented on 27 September 2019 (S. 504 of 2019).
 - 1.59 Goods and Services Tax Act (Amendment of Fourth Schedule) (No. 2) Order 2019 – Presented on 27 September 2019 (S. L. 704 of 2019).
 - 1.60 Goods and Services Tax (Board of Review) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 27 September 2019 (S. L. 705 of 2019).
 - 1.61 ComCare Annual Report for Financial Year 2018 – Presented on 30 September 2019 (S. 505 of 2019).
 - 1.62 Workforce Singapore Agency Annual Report 2018/2019 – Presented on 30 September 2019 (S. 506 of 2019).

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- 1.63 Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore Annual Report 2018/2019 – Presented on 30 September 2019 (S. 507 of 2019).
 - 1.64 Singapore Land Authority Annual Report 2018/2019 – Presented on 30 September 2019 (S. 508 of 2019).
 - 1.65 National Arts Council Annual Report 18/19 – Presented on 30 September 2019 (S. 509 of 2019).
 - 1.66 Science Centre Board Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2019 – Presented on 1 October 2019 (S. 510 of 2019).
 - 1.67 Intellectual Property Office of Singapore Annual Report 2018/2019 – Presented on 1 October 2019 (S. 511 of 2019).
 - 1.68 Food (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 2 October 2019 (S. L. 706 of 2019).
 - 1.69 Central Provident Fund (Approved Housing Schemes) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 4 October 2019 (S. L. 707 of 2019).
- 2 14 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
 - 3 Air Navigation (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Air Navigation Act (Chapter 6 of the 2014 Revised Edition)" – presented by 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. 27/2019].
 - 4 Home Affairs Uniformed Services Superannuation (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Home Affairs Uniformed Services Superannuation Act (Chapter 126B of the 2012 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Senior Parliamentary Secretary (Mr Amrin Amin), on behalf of the Minister for Home Affairs; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 28/2019].
 - 5 Women's Charter (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Women's Charter (Chapter 353 of the 2009 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Senior Parliamentary Secretary (Ms Sun Xueling), on behalf of the Minister for Home Affairs; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 29/2019].
 - 6 Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (1999 Reprint)" – 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. 30/2019].
 - 7 Judges' Remuneration (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Judges' Remuneration Act (Chapter 147 of the 1995 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 on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 31/2019].

- 8 Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Supreme Court of Judicature Act (Chapter 322 of the 2007 Revised Edition) to provide for the renaming of the High Court as the General Division of the High Court, to provide for the jurisdiction and powers of the Appellate Division of the High Court, to make amendments to provisions relating to the Court of Appeal, to make amendments relating to requirements for leave to appeal against decisions of the General Division of the High Court and to make consequential and 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. 32/2019].
- 9 Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Goods and Services Tax Act (Chapter 117A of the 2005 Revised Edition)" – 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. 33/2019].
- 10 Central Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Central Provident Fund Act (Chapter 36 of the 2013 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Minister of State, on behalf of the Minister for Manpower; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 34/2019].
- 11 Income Tax (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 Finance (Mr Lawrence Wong)).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 47 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 12 Maintenance of Religious Harmony (Amendment) Bill – (Minister Home Affairs) – 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 (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 Minister K Shanmugam's speech."
- 14 Maintenance of Religious Harmony (Amendment) Bill – (Minister Home Affairs) – Debate resumed on Question, "That the Bill be now read a second time."; Debate arising.
- 15 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.

- 16 Maintenance of Religious Harmony (Amendment) Bill – (Minister for Home Affairs)
Debate resumed on Question, "That the Bill be now read a second time."

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 19 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 17 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 a date to be fixed."

- 18 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 7.35 pm

TAN CHUAN-JIN,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Parliament stands adjourned to a date to be fixed.
