

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

Second Session

MONDAY, 8 JULY 2019

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1.30 pm

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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).

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 CHRISTOPHER DE SOUZA (Holland-Bukit Timah).

Mr ARASU DURAISAMY (Nominated Member).

Prof FATIMAH LATEEF (Marine Parade).

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).

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.

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).

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).

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).

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 SITOY 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).

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).

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

Mr TEO SER LUCK (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

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 CHEN SHOW MAO (Aljunied).

Mr DARRYL DAVID (Ang Mo Kio).

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

Mr LIM SWEE SAY (East Coast).

Dr LILY NEO (Jalan Besar).

Mr ONG YE KUNG (Sembawang), Minister for Education.

Mr SAM TAN CHIN SIONG (Radin Mas), Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Social and Family Development.

- 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 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Wearing of Seat Belts) (Amendment) Rules 2019 – Presented on 9 May 2019 (S. L. 646 of 2019).
 - 1.2 Electricity (Contestable Consumers) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 14 May 2019 (S. L. 647 of 2019).
 - 1.3 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Criminal Law Reform Bill [Bill No 6/2019 (Amended)] – Presented on 15 May 2019 (Pres. Co. 129 of 2019).
 - 1.4 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Protection from Online Falsehoods and Manipulation Bill [Bill No 10/2019] – Presented on 15 May 2019 (Pres. Co. 130 of 2019).
 - 1.5 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Protection from Harassment (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 11/2019] – Presented on 15 May 2019 (Pres. Co. 131 of 2019).
 - 1.6 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Pioneer Generation Fund (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 12/2019] – Presented on 15 May 2019 (Pres. Co. 132 of 2019).
 - 1.7 Annual Report of the President Industrial Arbitration Court 2018 – Presented on 21 May 2019 (S. 423 of 2019).
 - 1.8 Central Provident Fund (Non-Residential Properties Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 23 May 2019 (S. L. 648 of 2019).
 - 1.9 Central Provident Fund (Approved HDB-HUDC Housing Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 23 May 2019 (S. L. 649 of 2019).
 - 1.10 Central Provident Fund (Approved Middle-Income Housing Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 23 May 2019 (S. L. 650 of 2019).
 - 1.11 Central Provident Fund (Approved Housing Schemes) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 23 May 2019 (S. L. 651 of 2019).
 - 1.12 Central Provident Fund (Residential Properties Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 23 May 2019 (S. L. 652 of 2019).
 - 1.13 Central Provident Fund (New Retirement Sum Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 23 May 2019 (S. L. 653 of 2019).
 - 1.14 Central Provident Fund (Revised Retirement Sum Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 23 May 2019 (S. L. 654 of 2019).

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- 1.15 Central Provident Fund (Retirement Sum Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 23 May 2019 (S. L. 655 of 2019).
 - 1.16 Central Provident Fund (Retirement Sum Topping-Up Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 23 May 2019 (S. L. 656 of 2019).
 - 1.17 Central Provident Fund (Topping-Up of Special Account) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 23 May 2019 (S. L. 657 of 2019).
 - 1.18 Central Provident Fund (MediSave Account Transfers) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 23 May 2019 (S. L. 658 of 2019).
 - 1.19 Central Provident Fund (Public Sector Employees) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 23 May 2019 (S. L. 659 of 2019).
 - 1.20 Environmental Public Health (Section 31(1) Exemption) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 30 May 2019 (S. L. 660 of 2019).
 - 1.21 Environmental Public Health (General Waste Collection) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 30 May 2019 (S. L. 661 of 2019).
 - 1.22 Legal Aid and Advice (Amendment) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 4 June 2019 (S. L. 662 of 2019).
 - 1.23 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2019 – Presented on 4 June 2019 (S. L. 663 of 2019).
 - 1.24 Road Traffic (Registration of Power-Assisted Bicycles) (Amendment) Rules 2019 – Presented on 4 June 2019 (S. L. 664 of 2019).
 - 1.25 Central Provident Fund (MediSave Account Withdrawals) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 6 June 2019 (S. L. 665 of 2019).
 - 1.26 Central Provident Fund (Withdrawals for ElderShield Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 6 June 2019 (S. L. 666 of 2019).
 - 1.27 Building Control (Buildability and Productivity) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 6 June 2019 (S. L. 667 of 2019).
 - 1.28 Commissioner of Charities Annual Report 2018 – Presented on 11 June 2019 (S. 424 of 2019).
 - 1.29 International Labour Organisation's Occupational Safety and Health Convention, C155 – Presented on 12 June 2019 (Misc. 15 of 2019).
 - 1.30 The CONNECT Fund Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2019 – Presented on 13 June 2019 (S. 425 of 2019).
 - 1.31 The CONNECT Fund Periodic Examination Report for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2019 – Presented on 13 June 2019 (S. 426 of 2019).

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- 1.32 Road Traffic (Electronic Service) (Revocation) Rules 2019 – Presented on 13 June 2019 (S. L. 668 of 2019).
 - 1.33 Road Traffic (Electronic Service System) Rules 2019 – Presented on 13 June 2019 (S. L. 669 of 2019).
 - 1.34 Report on Registration of Births and Deaths 2018 – Presented on 14 June 2019 (S. 427 of 2019).
 - 1.35 Environmental Public Health (Modification of Licences) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 17 June 2019 (S. L. 670 of 2019).
 - 1.36 Singapore Public Service Commission Annual Report 2018 – Presented on 18 June 2019 (S. 428 of 2019).
 - 1.37 Elderly Care Endowment Scheme Annual Report for the financial year 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 – Presented on 18 June 2019 (S. 429 of 2019).
 - 1.38 Pioneer Generation Fund Audited Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2019 – Presented on 20 June 2019 (S. 430 of 2019).
 - 1.39 Goods and Services Tax Voucher Fund Audited Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2019 – Presented on 20 June 2019 (S. 431 of 2019).
 - 1.40 Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore Sustainability/Integrated Report 2018 – Presented on 24 June 2019 (S. 432 of 2019).
 - 1.41 Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore Audited Financial Statement 2018 – Presented on 24 June 2019 (S. 433 of 2019).
 - 1.42 Criminal Procedure (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2019 – Presented on 26 June 2019 (S. L. 671 of 2019).
 - 1.43 Annual Report of Singapore Corporation of Rehabilitative Enterprise for 2018 – Presented on 27 June 2019 (S. 434 of 2019).
 - 1.44 Professional Engineers Board Annual Report for FY 2018 – Presented on 27 June 2019 (S. 435 of 2019).
 - 1.45 Board of Architects Annual Report for FY 2018 – Presented on 27 June 2019 (S. 436 of 2019).
 - 1.46 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment No. 4) Rules 2019 – Presented on 27 June 2019 (S. L. 672 of 2019).
 - 1.47 Central Provident Fund Board Annual Report 2018 – Presented on 28 June 2019 (S. 437 of 2019).
 - 1.48 MUIS Annual Report 2018 – Presented on 1 July 2019 (S. 438 of 2019).

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- 1.49 MAS Annual Report 2018/2019 – Presented on 1 July 2019 (S. 439 of 2019).
 - 1.50 Financial Sector Development Fund Annual Report 2018/2019 – Presented on 1 July 2019 (S. 440 of 2019).
 - 1.51 Customs (Motor Vehicles Special Tax) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 2 July 2019 (S. L. 673 of 2019).
 - 1.52 Tobacco (Control of Advertisements and Sale) (Labelling) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 2 July 2019 (S. L. 674 of 2019).
 - 1.53 Tobacco (Control of Advertisements and Sale) (Appearance, Packaging and Labelling) Regulations 2019 – Presented on 2 July 2019 (S. L. 675 of 2019).
 - 1.54 Housing and Development Board and its subsidiaries Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2019 – Presented on 3 July 2019 (S. 441 of 2019).
 - 1.55 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Quota System) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2019 – Presented on 4 July 2019 (S. L. 676 of 2019).
 - 1.56 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Construction and Use) (Amendment) Rules 2019 – Presented on 4 July 2019 (S. L. 677 of 2019).
 - 1.57 Annual Report of Home Affairs Uniformed Services (INVEST Fund) for Financial Year 2018/2019 – Presented on 8 July 2019 (S. 442 of 2019).
- 2 17 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
 - 3 Point-to-Point Passenger Transport Industry Bill – "with respect to point-to-point passenger transport services, to make related amendments to the Public Transport Council Act (Chapter 259B of the 2012 Revised Edition) concerning passenger transport service fares, to repeal the Third-Party Taxi Booking Service Providers Act 2015 (Act 17 of 2015) and to make consequential and related amendments to certain other Acts" – presented by the Senior Minister of State (Dr Janil Puthuchear), 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. 14/2019].
 - 4 Home Team Science and Technology Agency Bill – "to establish the Home Team Science and Technology Agency and to make consequential amendments to certain other Acts" – presented by the Second 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. 15/2019].
 - 5 Fire Safety (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Fire Safety Act (Chapter 109A of the 2000 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. 16/2019].

6 Intellectual Property (Dispute Resolution) Bill – "to amend the Arbitration Act (Chapter 10 of the 2002 Revised Edition) and the International Arbitration Act (Chapter 143A of the 2002 Revised Edition) to clarify that intellectual property disputes may be arbitrated, and to make amendments to the Copyright Act (Chapter 63 of the 2006 Revised Edition), the Geographical Indications Act 2014 (Act 19 of 2014), the Patents Act (Chapter 221 of the 2005 Revised Edition), the Plant Varieties Protection Act (Chapter 232A of the 2006 Revised Edition), the Registered Designs Act (Chapter 266 of the 2005 Revised Edition), the State Courts Act (Chapter 321 of the 2007 Revised Edition) and the Trade Marks Act (Chapter 332 of the 2005 Revised Edition), relating to intellectual property dispute resolution and certain other related matters and the composition of offences" – 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. 17/2019].

7 Road Traffic (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 Home Affairs).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 12 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 13:

Amendment made, in page 16, after line 19, by inserting –

"(7) Where subsections (2) and (2A) prescribe a minimum term of imprisonment on conviction of an offence under subsection (1), the court is to impose a sentence of imprisonment that is equal to or greater than that prescribed minimum term of imprisonment unless the court, for special reasons, thinks fit to order a shorter term of imprisonment." – (Second Minister for Home Affairs).

Clause 13, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 14 to 21 inclusive agreed to.

Consequential amendment made, in page 16, line 20 by renumbering subsection (7) as subsection (8).

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, with amendments; read a third time.

8 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."

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- 9 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 6.45 pm

TAN CHUAN-JIN,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Parliament stands adjourned to a date to be fixed.
