

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

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**First Session**

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MONDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2021

*No. 37*

**11.30 am**

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PRESENT:

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

Mr ABDUL SAMAD (Nominated Member).

Ms JANET ANG (Nominated Member).

Mr ANG WEI NENG (West Coast).

Mr BAEY YAM KENG (Tampines), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Transport.

Mr CHAN CHUN SING (Tanjong Pagar), Minister for Education.

Mr MARK CHAY (Nominated Member).

Mr CHEE HONG TAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Transport.

Mr CHENG HSING YAO (Nominated Member).

Miss CHENG LI HUI (Tampines).

Mr EDWARD CHIA BING HUI (Holland-Bukit Timah).

Mr CHONG KEE HIONG (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr DESMOND CHOO (Tampines).

Mr ERIC CHUA (Tanjong Pagar) Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Social and Family Development.

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 SLOW HUANG (Marymount), Minister of State, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Manpower.

Mr GAN THIAM POH (Ang Mo Kio).

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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.

Prof HOON HIAN TECK (Nominated Member).

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.

Mr S ISWARAN (West Coast), Minister for Transport and Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations.

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 Health and Ministry of Manpower.

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 LEONG MUN WAI (Non-Constituency Member).

Mr LIM BIOW CHUAN (Mountbatten).

Assoc Prof JAMUS JEROME LIM (Sengkang).

Ms SYLVIA LIM (Aljunied).

Dr LIM WEE KIAK (Sembawang).

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 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.

Mr MOHD FAHMI BIN ALIMAN (Marine Parade).

Mr MUHAMAD FAISAL ABDUL MANAP (Aljunied).

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).

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

Ms NG LING LING (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr LOUIS NG KOK KWANG (Nee Soon).

Miss RACHEL ONG (West Coast).

Ms JOAN PEREIRA (Tanjong Pagar).

Mr LEON PERERA (Aljunied).

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), Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Communications and Information and Ministry of Health.

Mr SAKTIANDI SUPAAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr SEAH KIAN PENG (Marine Parade).

Dr SHAHIRA ABDULLAH (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 SITO H YIH PIN (Potong Pasir).

Ms HANY SOH (Marsiling-Yew Tee).

Ms SUN XUELING (Punggol West), Minister of State, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Social and Family Development.

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, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment.

Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast), Deputy Speaker.

Mr TAN KIAT HOW (East Coast), 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.

Dr TAN WU MENG (Jurong).

Dr TAN YIA SWAM (Nominated Member).

Mr PATRICK TAY TECK GUAN (Pioneer).

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Mr TEO CHEE HEAN (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security.

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

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), Minister for Finance.

Mr XIE YAO QUAN (Jurong).

Mr ALEX YAM ZIMING (Marsiling-Yew Tee).

Ms YEO WAN LING (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

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:

Miss CHERYL CHAN WEI LING (East Coast).

Prof KOH LIAN PIN (Nominated Member).

Mr LIANG ENG HWA (Bukit Panjang).

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

Ms RAEESAH KHAN (Sengkang).

Mrs JOSEPHINE TEO (Jalan Besar), Minister for Communications and Information and Second Minister for Home Affairs.

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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 Goods and Services Tax (Bail and Personal Bond) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 4 August 2021 (S. L. 307 of 2021)
  - 1.2 Goods and Services Tax (Imports Relief) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2020 – Presented on 4 August 2021 (S. L. 308 of 2021)
  - 1.3 Goods and Services Tax (International Services) (Amendment) Order 2020 – Presented on 4 August 2021 (S. L. 309 of 2021)
  - 1.4 Goods and Services Tax (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 4 August 2021 (S. L. 310 of 2021)
  - 1.5 Goods and Services Tax (Board of Review) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 4 August 2021 (S. L. 311 of 2021)
  - 1.6 Housing and Development (Financial Penalties) (Amendment) Rules 2021 – Presented on 5 August 2021 (S. L. 312 of 2021)
  - 1.7 Housing and Development (Appeals Against Financial Penalties) Rules 2021 – Presented on 5 August 2021 (S. L. 313 of 2021)
  - 1.8 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Child Development Co-Savings (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 15/2021] – Presented on 13 August 2021 (Pres. Co. 24 of 2021)
  - 1.9 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Dental Registration (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 16/2021] – Presented on 13 August 2021 (Pres. Co. 25 of 2021)
  - 1.10 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Police Force (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 14/2021] – Presented on 13 August 2021 (Pres. Co. 26 of 2021)
  - 1.11 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) (Amendment No. 15) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 16 August 2021 (S. L. 314 of 2021)
  - 1.12 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Religious Gatherings – Control Order) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 16 August 2021 (S. L. 315 of 2021)
  - 1.13 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Performances and Other Activities – Control Order) (Amendment No. 11) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 16 August 2021 (S. L. 316 of 2021)
  - 1.14 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Major Business Events – Control Order) (Amendment No. 5) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 16 August 2021 (S. L. 317 of 2021)
  - 1.15 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Sporting Events and Activities – Control Order) (Amendment No. 8) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 16 August 2021 (S. L. 318 of 2021)
  - 1.16 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Foreign Employee Dormitories – Control Order) (Amendment No. 5) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 16 August 2021 (S. L. 319 of 2021)

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- 1.17 Legal Service Commission Annual Report 2020 – Presented on 17 August 2021 (S. 138 of 2021)
  - 1.18 Science Centre Board Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2021 – Presented on 19 August 2021 (S. 139 of 2021)
  - 1.19 Report of the Estimates Committee – Presented on 23 August 2021 (Parl. 4 of 2021)
  - 1.20 Building Control (Environmental Sustainability) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 24 August 2021 (S. L. 320 of 2021)
  - 1.21 Singapore Medical Council Annual Report 2020 – Presented on 25 August 2021 (S. 140 of 2021)
  - 1.22 Singapore Nursing Board Annual Report 2020 – Presented on 25 August 2021 (S. 141 of 2021)
  - 1.23 Singapore Dental Council Annual Report 2020 – Presented on 25 August 2021 (S. 142 of 2021)
  - 1.24 Singapore Pharmacy Council Annual Report 2020 – Presented on 25 August 2021 (S. 143 of 2021)
  - 1.25 Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board Annual Report 2020 – Presented on 25 August 2021 (S. 144 of 2021)
  - 1.26 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Foreign Employee Dormitories – Control Order) (Amendment No. 6) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 25 August 2021 (S. L. 321 of 2021)
  - 1.27 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Performances and Other Activities – Control Order) (Amendment No. 12) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 25 August 2021 (S. L. 322 of 2021)
  - 1.28 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Sporting Events and Activities – Control Order) (Amendment No. 9) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 25 August 2021 (S. L. 323 of 2021)
  - 1.29 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Religious Gatherings – Control Order) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 25 August 2021 (S. L. 324 of 2021)
  - 1.30 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) (Amendment No. 16) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 25 August 2021 (S. L. 325 of 2021)
  - 1.31 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Major Business Events – Control Order) (Amendment No. 6) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 25 August 2021 (S. L. 326 of 2021)
  - 1.32 Annual Report of the Infocomm Media Development Authority 2020/2021 – Presented on 26 August 2021 (S. 145 of 2021)
  - 1.33 Annual Report of the National Library Board 2020/2021 – Presented on 26 August 2021 (S. 146 of 2021)
  - 1.34 Customs (Duties) (Exemption) (Amendment) Order 2021 – Presented on 30 August 2021 (S. L. 327 of 2021)
  - 1.35 Customs (Offices and Stations) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 30 August 2021 (S. L. 328 of 2021)

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- 1.36 Goods and Services Tax (Imports Relief) (Amendment) Order 2021 – Presented on 30 August 2021 (S. L. 329 of 2021)
  - 1.37 Civil Service College Annual Report and Financial Statements 2020/2021 – Presented on 31 August 2021 (S. 147 of 2021)
  - 1.38 Family Justice (Amendment) Rules 2021 – Presented on 31 August 2021 (S. L. 330 of 2021)
  - 1.39 Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore Annual Report 2020/2021 – Presented on 1 September 2021 (S. 148 of 2021)
  - 1.40 Health Promotion Board Annual Report 2020/2021 – Presented on 6 September 2021 (S. 149 of 2021)
  - 1.41 Road Traffic (Bicycles) (Amendment) Rules 2021 – Presented on 9 September 2021 (S. L. 331 of 2021)
  - 1.42 Environmental Public Health (Licensable Aquatic Facilities) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 9 September 2021 (S. L. 332 of 2021)
  - 1.43 Environmental Public Health (Registrable Aerosol-generating Systems) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 9 September 2021 (S. L. 333 of 2021)
  - 1.44 Employment of Foreign Manpower (Work Passes) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 9 September 2021 (S. L. 334 of 2021)
  - 1.45 Enterprise Singapore's Annual Report 2020/2021 and FY 2020 Audited Financial Statements – Presented on 13 September 2021 (S. 150 of 2021)
  - 1.46 JTC Corporation Annual Report FY 2020 – Presented on 13 September 2021 (S. 151 of 2021)
  - 1.47 Economic Development Board Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements 2020/2021 – Presented on 13 September 2021 (S. 152 of 2021)
- 2 21 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 3 Private Security Industry (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Private Security Industry Act and to make a related amendment to the Protection from Harassment Act" – presented by the Minister of State (Mr Desmond Tan), 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. 22/2021].
- 4 Sedition (Repeal) Bill – "to repeal the Sedition Act and to make consequential amendments to certain other Acts" – presented by the Minister of State (Assoc Prof Dr Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim), 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. 23/2021].
- 5 Foreign Interference (Countermeasures) Bill – "to counteract foreign interference in the public interest, to repeal the Political Donations Act (Chapter 236 of the 2001 Revised Edition) and to make consequential and related amendments to certain other Acts." – presented by the Minister of State (Assoc Prof Dr Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim), 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. 24/2021].
- 6 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Amendment No. 4) Bill – "to amend the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020" – presented by the Second Minister for Law; read the first time; on a Certificate of Urgency under Standing Order No. 86, to be read a second time on 14 September 2021 – (Copies of the Bill handed to Members present). [Bill No. 25/2021].

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- 7 Coroners (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Coroners Act and to make a related amendment to the Infectious Diseases Act" – presented by the Second 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. 26/2021].
- 8 Income Tax (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Income Tax Act and to make related amendments to certain other Acts" – President's recommendation signified and Bill presented by the 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. 27/2021].
- 9 Simultaneous Debate on Motions – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That, notwithstanding the Standing Orders, the motions on Securing Singaporeans' Jobs and Livelihoods and Foreign Talent Policy be taken together, and the debate on these motions and on any amendment proposed thereto be proceeded with simultaneously as though the debate were on a single motion."
- 10 Criminal Law (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 – (Minister for Home Affairs).

*(In the Committee)*

Clauses 1 to 42 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 11 Copyright 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 Law).

*(In the Committee)*

Clauses 1 to 246 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 247:

Amendment made, in page 168, lines 9 and 23, by leaving out "copyright", and inserting "rights". – (Second Minister for Law).

Clause 247, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 248:

Amendment made, in page 169, line 12, by leaving out "copyright", and inserting "rights". – (Second Minister for Law).

Clause 248, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 249 to 541 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, with amendments; read a third time.

- 12 Environmental Protection and Management (Amendment) Bill – (Minister of State, on behalf of the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time."; Debate arising.
- 13 Exempted Business – (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."



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- 14 Environmental Protection and Management (Amendment) Bill – 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 – (Minister of State, on behalf of the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment).

*(In the Committee)*

Clauses 1 to 11 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 15 Courts (Civil and Criminal Justice) Reform Bill – (Second Minister for Law) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time."; Debate arising.

- 16 Adjournment of Debate – (Deputy Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the debate be now adjourned."

Debate to be resumed Tomorrow.

- 17 Adjournment – (Deputy Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That at its rising today, Parliament do stand adjourned to 11.00 am tomorrow."

- 18 Adjournment – (Deputy Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That Parliament do now adjourn."; Debate arising.

And the Question having been proposed at 8.06 pm and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr Speaker adjourned Parliament without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Adjourned at 8.36 pm

TAN CHUAN-JIN,  
*Speaker*

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**MEMORANDUM**

Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 11.00 am on Tuesday, 14 September 2021.

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