

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

First Session

TUESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2020

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12.30 pm

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PRESENT:

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

Mr ANG WEI NENG (West Coast).

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

Miss CHERYL CHAN WEI LING (East Coast).

Mr CHAN CHUN SING (Tanjong Pagar), Minister for Trade and Industry.

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

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 Health.

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, Coordinating Minister for Economic Policies and Minister for Finance.

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 Communications and Information 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.

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 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).

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).

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).

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

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 RAEESAH KHAN (Sengkang).

Ms RAHAYU MAHZAM (Jurong), Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Health.

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.

Mr SHARAEL TAHA (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Ms SIM ANN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information and Ministry of National Development and Deputy Government Whip.

Mr SITOY 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, Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of National Development.

Dr TAN SEE LENG (Marine Parade), Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Manpower and Second Minister for Trade and Industry.

Dr TAN WU MENG (Jurong).

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 Manpower and Second Minister for Home Affairs.

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

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 Education and Second 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).

1 Announcement by Speaker – Mr Speaker made the following communication to the House:-

"Order. I wish to inform Hon Members that I have on 2 November 2020 received a letter from the President on the Third Supplementary Supply and Budget Adjustments (FY 2020) Bill. Pursuant to Standing Order 93(7)(a), I will announce the opinion of the President to Parliament.

"I have accepted the recommendation of the Council of Presidential Advisers, and given my assent to the Third Supplementary Supply and Budget Adjustment (FY 2020) Bill, in accordance with Article 58 of the Constitution. My opinion is based on the Third Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure and Revised Estimates of Revenue for Financial Year 2020/2021 in Paper Cmd 3 of 2020 that accompany the Bill, which states that these lead to a drawing on the reserves not accumulated by the Government during its current term of office. I give this opinion pursuant to Article 148A(1) of the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore.".

2 14 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.

3 Guns, Explosives and Weapons Control Bill – "to control the handling of guns, gun accessories, explosives, explosive precursors, weapons and noxious substances, to repeal the Arms and Explosives Act (Chapter 13 of the 2003 Revised Edition), the Dangerous Fireworks Act (Chapter 72 of the 2014 Revised Edition) and the Explosive Substances Act (Chapter 100 of the 2014 Revised Edition), to make related amendments to the Arms Offences Act (Chapter 14 of the 2008 Revised Edition) and the Corrosive and Explosive Substances and Offensive Weapons Act (Chapter 65 of the 2013 Revised Edition) regarding offences and penalties, and to make consequential amendments to certain other Acts" – 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. 44/2020].

4 Statute Law Reform Bill – "to amend the Revised Edition of the Laws Act (Chapter 275 of the 1995 Revised Edition) in support of a universal revision of Acts and to make related amendments to the Interpretation Act (Chapter 1 of the 2002 Revised Edition), to amend the Interpretation Act in relation to the delegation of Ministerial functions, to amend the Parliament (Privileges, Immunities and Powers) Act (Chapter 217 of the 2000 Revised Edition) in support of sittings of Parliament under continuity arrangements, and to repeal or amend certain other Acts" – 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. 45/2020].

5 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 66 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 6 Goods and Services 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 25 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 7 Time Limit for Speeches – (Deputy Leader of the House) – (with the consent of Mr Speaker 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 the Second Minister for Law's speech."
- 8 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Amendment No. 3) Bill – (Second Minister for Law) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time."; Debate arising.
- 9 Suspension of Standing Orders – (Leader of the House) – (with the consent of Mdm Deputy Speaker and the general assent of Members present) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That, notwithstanding the Standing Orders, the proceedings on the item under discussion be exempted from the provisions of Standing Order No 48(3) so far as it is necessary to enable the Minister for National Development to speak more than once."
- 10 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Amendment No. 3) Bill – Debate resumed on Question, "That the Bill be now read a second time."
- 11 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."
- 12 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Amendment No. 3) 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 – (Second Minister for Law).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 11 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

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- 13 Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution (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 Law).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 5 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 14 Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn to 1.00 pm tomorrow."

Adjourned at 7.05 pm

TAN CHUAN-JIN,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 1.00 pm on Wednesday, 4 November 2020.
