

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

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**First Session**

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MONDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2021

*No. 39*

**11.00 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.

Miss CHERYL CHAN WEI LING (East Coast).

Mr MARK CHAY (Nominated Member).

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

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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.

Prof KOH LIAN PIN (Nominated Member).

Dr KOH POH KOON (Tampines), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Manpower.

Mr KWEK HIAN CHUAN HENRY (Kebun Baru).

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).

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Miss RACHEL ONG (West Coast).

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

Ms JOAN PEREIRA (Tanjong Pagar).

Mr LEON PERERA (Aljunied).

Ms DENISE PHUA LAY PENG (Jalan Besar).

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 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).

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.

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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 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:

Mr CHENG HSING YAO (Nominated Member).

Ms GRACE FU HAI YIEN (Yuhua), Minister for Sustainability and the Environment.

Mr GAN KIM YONG (Chua Chu Kang), Minister for Trade and Industry.

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

Mr DESMOND LEE (West Coast), Minister for National Development and Minister-in-charge of Social Services Integration.

Ms HAZEL POA (Non-Constituency Member).

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

Dr VIVIAN BALAKRISHNAN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Minister for Foreign 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 Food (Amendment) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 15 September 2021 (S. L. 335 of 2021)
  - 1.2 Health Sciences Authority Annual Report 2020/2021 – Presented on 16 September 2021 (S. 153 of 2021)
  - 1.3 Singapore Polytechnic Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2021 – Presented on 16 September 2021 (S. 154 of 2021)
  - 1.4 Ngee Ann Polytechnic Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2021 – Presented on 16 September 2021 (S. 155 of 2021)
  - 1.5 Temasek Polytechnic Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2021 – Presented on 16 September 2021 (S. 156 of 2021)
  - 1.6 Republic Polytechnic Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2021 – Presented on 16 September 2021 (S. 157 of 2021)
  - 1.7 Nanyang Polytechnic Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2021 – Presented on 16 September 2021 (S. 158 of 2021)
  - 1.8 Institute of Technical Education Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2021 – Presented on 16 September 2021 (S. 159 of 2021)
  - 1.9 ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2021 – Presented on 16 September 2021 (S. 160 of 2021)
  - 1.10 Intellectual Property Office of Singapore Annual Report 2020/2021 – Presented on 17 September 2021 (S. 161 of 2021)
  - 1.11 Intellectual Property Office of Singapore Audited Financial Statements FY 2020 – Presented on 17 September 2021 (S. 162 of 2021)
  - 1.12 Singapore Totalisator Board's Annual Report 2020/2021 – Presented on 20 September 2021 (S. 163 of 2021)
  - 1.13 Singapore Totalisator Board's Audited Financial Statements 2020/2021 – Presented on 20 September 2021 (S. 164 of 2021)
  - 1.14 Sentosa Development Corporation's Annual Report 2020/2021 and Audited Financial Statements 2020/2021 – Presented on 20 September 2021 (S. 165 of 2021)
  - 1.15 Casino Regulatory Authority Annual Report 2020/2021 – Presented on 20 September 2021 (S. 166 of 2021)
  - 1.16 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) (Amendment No. 17) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 21 September 2021 (S. L. 336 of 2021)
  - 1.17 Planning (Development Charges) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2021 – Presented on 21 September 2021 (S. L. 337 of 2021)
  - 1.18 Customs (Authorised Piers and Places) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 22 September 2021 (S. L. 338 of 2021)
  - 1.19 Customs (Fuel Tank – Prescribed Places) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 22 September 2021 (S. L. 339 of 2021)

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- 1.20 Customs (Offices and Stations) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 22 September 2021 (S. L. 340 of 2021)
  - 1.21 Customs (Duties - Exemption) Order 2021 – Presented on 22 September 2021 (S. L. 341 of 2021)
  - 1.22 Customs (Manufacturing Licence) (Exemption) (Amendment) Order 2021 – Presented on 22 September 2021 (S. L. 342 of 2021)
  - 1.23 Agency for Science, Technology and Research Annual Report and Financial Statements FY 2020/2021. – Presented on 22 September 2021 (S. 167 of 2021)
  - 1.24 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Criminal Law (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill [Bill No 20/2021] – Presented on 22 September 2021 (Pres. Co. 27 of 2021)
  - 1.25 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Copyright Bill [Bill No 17/2021 (Amended)] – Presented on 22 September 2021 (Pres. Co. 28 of 2021)
  - 1.26 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Environmental Protection and Management (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 21/2021] – Presented on 22 September 2021 (Pres. Co. 29 of 2021)
  - 1.27 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Courts (Civil and Criminal Justice) Reform Bill [Bill No 18/2021 (Amended)] – Presented on 22 September 2021 (Pres. Co. 30 of 2021)
  - 1.28 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Amendment No. 4) Bill [Bill No 25/2021] – Presented on 22 September 2021 (Pres. Co. 31 of 2021)
  - 1.29 The National Research Fund Report and Financial Statements Year ended 31 March 2021 – Presented on 23 September 2021 (S. 168 of 2021)
  - 1.30 Energy Market Authority Annual Report 2020/2021 – Presented on 23 September 2021 (S. 169 of 2021)
  - 1.31 Skillsfuture Singapore Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2021 – Presented on 23 September 2021 (S. 170 of 2021)
  - 1.32 Lifelong Learning Endowment Fund (LLEF) Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2021 – Presented on 23 September 2021 (S. 171 of 2021)
  - 1.33 Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board (SEAB) Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2021 – Presented on 23 September 2021 (S. 172 of 2021)
  - 1.34 The Education Endowment and Savings Schemes Annual Report for FY 2020 – Presented on 24 September 2021 (S. 173 of 2021)
  - 1.35 Public Transport Council Annual Report FY 2020/2021 – Presented on 24 September 2021 (S. 174 of 2021)
  - 1.36 MediShield Life Scheme (Private Medical Insurance Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 24 September 2021 (S. L. 343 of 2021)
  - 1.37 Public Utilities Board Annual Report 2020/2021 – Presented on 24 September 2021 (S. 175 of 2021)

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- 1.38 Government Technology Agency of Singapore Annual Report 2020/2021 – Presented on 27 September 2021 (S. 176 of 2021)
- 1.39 Singapore Land Authority Annual Report 2020/2021 – Presented on 27 September 2021 (S. 177 of 2021)
- 1.40 Income Tax (Prescribed Purpose under Section 6(4B)) Rules 2021 – Presented on 27 September 2021 (S. L. 344 of 2021)
- 1.41 National Environment Agency Integrated Sustainability Report 2020/2021 – Presented on 27 September 2021 (S. 178 of 2021)
- 1.42 Singapore Food Agency Annual Report 2020/2021 – Presented on 27 September 2021 (S. 179 of 2021)
- 1.43 Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements 2020/2021 – Presented on 27 September 2021 (S. 180 of 2021)
- 1.44 Land Transport Authority Annual Report 2020/2021 and Land Transport Authority of Singapore and its Subsidiaries Financial Statements for Financial Year ended 31 March 2021 – Presented on 27 September 2021 (S. 181 of 2021)
- 1.45 National Heritage Board Annual Report 2020/2021 – Presented on 27 September 2021 (S. 182 of 2021)
- 1.46 Building and Construction Authority and its Subsidiaries Financial Statements Year Ended 31 March 2021 – Presented on 27 September 2021 (S. 183 of 2021)
- 1.47 Council for Estate Agencies Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2021 – Presented on 27 September 2021 (S. 184 of 2021)
- 1.48 National Parks Board and its Subsidiary Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2021 – Presented on 27 September 2021 (S. 185 of 2021)
- 1.49 Urban Redevelopment Authority Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2021 – Presented on 27 September 2021 (S. 186 of 2021)
- 1.50 Singapore Tourism Board's Annual Report 2020/2021 and Audited Financial Statements 2020/2021 – Presented on 27 September 2021 (S. 187 of 2021)
- 1.51 Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore Annual Report 2020/2021 – Presented on 27 September 2021 (S. 188 of 2021)
- 1.52 Building Control (Buildability and Productivity) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 28 September 2021 (S. L. 345 of 2021)
- 1.53 Annual Report of Yellow Ribbon Singapore for 2020/2021 – Presented on 28 September 2021 (S. 189 of 2021)
- 1.54 Home Team Science and Technology Agency Annual Report 2020/2021 – Presented on 28 September 2021 (S. 190 of 2021)
- 1.55 Environmental Public Health (Public Cleansing) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 28 September 2021 (S. L. 346 of 2021)
- 1.56 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) (Amendment No. 18) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 29 September 2021 (S. L. 347 of 2021)
- 1.57 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Business Events – Control Order) (Amendment No. 7) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 29 September 2021 (S. L. 348 of 2021)

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- 1.58 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Performances and Other Activities – Control Order) (Amendment No. 13) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 29 September 2021 (S. L. 349 of 2021)
- 1.59 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Religious Gatherings – Control Order) (Amendment No. 5) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 29 September 2021 (S. L. 350 of 2021)
- 1.60 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Sporting Events and Activities – Control Order) (Amendment No. 10) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 29 September 2021 (S. L. 351 of 2021)
- 1.61 Sport Singapore Annual Report 2020/2021 – Presented on 29 September 2021 (S. 191 of 2021)
- 1.62 Building and Construction Authority Annual Report for FY 2020 – Presented on 29 September 2021 (S. 192 of 2021)
- 1.63 Council for Estate Agencies Annual Report for FY 2020 – Presented on 29 September 2021 (S. 193 of 2021)
- 1.64 Housing and Development Board Annual Report for FY 2020 – Presented on 29 September 2021 (S. 194 of 2021)
- 1.65 National Parks Board Annual Report for FY 2020 – Presented on 29 September 2021 (S. 195 of 2021)
- 1.66 Urban Redevelopment Authority Annual Report for FY 2020 – Presented on 29 September 2021 (S. 196 of 2021)
- 1.67 Workforce Singapore Agency Annual Report 2020/2021 – Presented on 29 September 2021 (S. 197 of 2021)
- 1.68 Significant Infrastructure Government Loan Regulations 2021 – Presented on 30 September 2021 (S. L. 352 of 2021)
- 1.69 ComCare Annual Report for Financial Year 2020 – Presented on 30 September 2021 (S. 198 of 2021)
- 1.70 The People's Association Annual Report (Annual Consolidated Financial Statements) 2020/2021 – Presented on 30 September 2021 (S. 199 of 2021)
- 1.71 National Arts Council Annual Report 2020/2021 – Presented on 1 October 2021 (S. 200 of 2021)
- 1.72 Productivity Fund Administration Board FY 2020 Annual Report – Presented on 1 October 2021 (S. 201 of 2021)
- 1.73 Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore Annual Report 2020/2021 – Presented on 1 October 2021 (S. 202 of 2021)
- 1.74 Road Traffic (Competency Tests) (Amendment) Rules 2021 – Presented on 4 October 2021 (S. L. 353 of 2021)
- 1.75 Environmental Public Health (Specified Construction Sites) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 4 October 2021 (S. L. 354 of 2021)

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- 2 Petition – A Petition from Howe Wen Khong Rocky and Xu Yuan Chen praying that (a) the passage of the Foreign Interference (Countermeasures) Bill into law be delayed, pending greater and more extensive public consultation on the implementation, effects and implications of the Bill for the general public; and (b) the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for further consultation and deliberation on the appropriateness and the necessity of the measures contained with the Bill, with adequate representation from a variety of stakeholders, was presented; ordered to lie upon the Table.
- 3 Motion under Standing Order 18(6) proviso – (Deputy Leader of the House) – (with the consent of Mr Speaker) – Motion made, and Question put – "That the Petition on 'Seeking Further Consultation and Scrutiny of the Foreign Interference (Countermeasures) Bill' presented by the Non-Constituency Member be referred to Parliament for consideration at the Second Reading of the Foreign Interference (Countermeasures) Bill."

Question agreed to with the following Members dissenting:-

Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis (Sengkang)  
Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song (Aljunied)  
Ms He Ting Ru (Sengkang)  
Mr Leong Mun Wai (Non-Constituency Member)  
Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim (Sengkang)  
Ms Sylvia Lim (Aljunied)  
Mr Leon Perera (Aljunied)  
Mr Pritam Singh (Aljunied)  
Ms Raeesah Khan (Sengkang)  
Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong (Hougang)

- 4 25 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 5 Ministerial Statement on Allegation of Police Behaviour Towards Victim of Sexual Assault Raised on 3 August 2021 – (Minister for Home Affairs).
- 6 Exchanges (Demutualisation and Merger) (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Exchanges (Demutualisation and Merger) Act" – presented by the Minister for Finance, on behalf of the Prime Minister; read the first time; to be read a second time at a first available sitting in January 2022 and to be printed. [Bill No. 28/2021].
- 7 Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore" – President's recommendation signified and Bill 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. 29/2021].
- 8 Judicial Service (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill – "to amend certain Acts in consequence of the establishment of a Singapore Judicial Service and a Judicial Service Commission" – 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. 30/2021].
- 9 Energy (Resilience Measures and Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill – "to amend the Energy Market Authority of Singapore Act, the Electricity Act and the Gas Act, and to make related amendments to the District Cooling Act" – presented by the Second 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. 34/2021].
- 10 Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Goods and Services Tax Act" – 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. 31/2021].

- 11 Government Borrowing (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill – "to amend certain Acts to consolidate borrowing by the Government for debt market and investment purposes, to repeal the External Loans Act, the Local Treasury Bills Act and the Treasury Deposit Receipts Act, and to make consequential 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. 32/2021].
- 12 Preservation of Monuments (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Preservation of Monuments Act and to make a related amendment to the National Heritage Board Act" – presented by the Minister of State (Ms Low Yen Ling), on behalf of the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 33/2021].
- 13 Retirement and Re-employment (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Retirement and Re-employment Act" – presented by 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. 35/2021].
- 14 Central Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Central Provident Fund Act and to make related amendments to other Acts" – presented by 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. 36/2021].
- 15 Time Limit for Speeches – (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 Foreign Interference (Countermeasures) Bill be exempted from the provisions of Standing Order No. 48(8) to remove the time limit in respect of the speeches by the Minister for Home Affairs."
- 16 Foreign Interference (Countermeasures) Bill – (Minister for Home Affairs) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time."; Debate arising.
- 17 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."
- 18 Foreign Interference (Countermeasures) Bill – Debate resumed on Question, "That the Bill be now read a second time."

On Question put, – a division was taken: Ayes 75, Noes 11, Abstentions 2.

<i>Ayes</i>	<i>Noes</i>	<i>Abstentions</i>
Abdul Samad	Chua Kheng Wee, Louis	Shahira Abdullah
Ang, Janet	Giam Yean Song, Gerald	Tan Yia Swam
Ang Wei Neng	He Ting Ru	
Baey Yam Keng	Leong Mun Wai	
Chan Wei Ling, Cheryl	Lim, Jamus Jerome	
Chan Chun Sing	Lim, Sylvia	
Chay, Mark	Muhamad Faisal Abdul Manap	
Chee Hong Tat	Perera, Leon	
Cheng Li Hui	Pritam Singh	
Chia Bing Hui, Edward	Raeesah Khan	
Chong Kee Hiong	Tan Lip Fong, Dennis	
Choo, Desmond		
Chua, Eric		
Darryl David		
De Souza, Christopher		
Foo Mee Har		
Gan Siow Huang		
Goh, Derrick		
Heng Chee How		

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Heng Swee Keat  
Hoon Hian Teck  
Huang Wei Zhong, Shawn  
Indranee Rajah  
Iswaran, S  
Janil Puthucheary  
Kwek Hian Chuan, Henry  
Lee Hsien Loong  
Liang Eng Hwa  
Lim Biow Chuan  
Lim Wee Kiak  
Low Yen Ling  
Mariam Jaafar  
Masagos Zulkifli B M M  
Mohamad Maliki Bin Osman  
Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim  
Murali Pillai  
Nadia Ahmad Samdin  
Ng Eng Hen  
Ng Ling Ling  
Ng Kok Kwang, Louis  
Ong, Rachel  
Ong Ye Kung  
Pereira, Joan  
Phua Lay Peng, Denise  
Poh Li San  
Rahayu Mahzam  
Saktiandi Supaat  
Seah Kian Peng  
Shanmugam, K  
Sharael Taha  
Sim Ann  
Sitoh Yih Pin  
Soh, Hany  
Sun Xueling  
Tan, Alvin  
Tan, Carrie  
Tan Chuan-Jin  
Tan, Desmond  
Tan Soon Neo, Jessica  
Tan Kiat How  
Tan See Leng  
Tan Wu Meng  
Thomas, Raj Joshua  
Tin Pei Ling  
Vikram Nair  
Wan Rizal  
Wee, Don  
Wong, Lawrence  
Xie Yao Quan  
Yam Ziming, Alex  
Yeo Wan Ling  
Yip Hon Weng  
Yong Yik Chye, Melvin  
Zaqy Mohamad  
Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim

Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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With the consent of Mr Speaker and the general assent of Members present, amendments to Clauses 14, 51, 58, 62, 64, 65, 66, 71 and 116 be moved by Minister for Home Affairs in the Committee stage.

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill – (Minister for Home Affairs).

*(In the Committee)*

Clauses 1 to 7 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 8:

Amendments proposed:

(1) In page 29, by leaving out lines 31 to 33; and

(2) In page 30, by leaving out lines 1 to 4. – (Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song).

Amendments negatived.

Clause 8 agreed to.

Clauses 9 to 13 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 14:

Amendment proposed, in page 42, after line 19, by inserting –

“(f) a member of the central executive council, or its equivalent, of any registered political party in Singapore;

(g) a senior public servant holding the office of deputy secretary or above, or its equivalent;

(h) a board member or chief executive of a statutory board or government company listed on the Fifth Schedule of the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore;” . – (Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song).

Amendment proposed, in page 42, after line 19, by inserting –

“(f) a member of the executive committee or similar governing body of a political party, whether or not he or she is also a responsible officer of that political party (called in this Act a senior political party official);” . – (Minister for Home Affairs).

With the assent of the majority of Members present, debate on the amendments proposed by Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song and by the Minister for Home Affairs proceeded with simultaneously.

Amendment proposed by Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song negatived.

Amendment proposed by Minister for Home Affairs agreed to.

Clause 14, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 15 and 16 agreed to.

Clause 17:

Amendments proposed:

(1) In page 44, lines 25, 27 and 29, by leaving out “or is likely to be”;

(2) In page 45, line 1, by leaving out “or is likely to incite”;

(3) In page 45, line 5, by leaving out “or is likely to diminish”;

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(4) In page 45, line 10, by leaving out “or is likely to be”; and

(5) In page 45, by leaving out lines 18 and 19. – (Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim).

Amendments negatived.

Clause 17 agreed to.

Clause 18:

Amendments proposed:

(1) In page 46, line 17, 19, 21 and 32, by leaving out “or is likely to be”;

(2) In page 46, line 23, by leaving out “or is likely to incite”;

(3) In page 46, line 27, by leaving out “or is likely to diminish”; and

(4) In page 47, by leaving out lines 4 and 5. – (Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim).

Amendments negatived.

Clause 18 agreed to.

Clause 19 agreed to.

Clause 20:

Amendment proposed, in page 49, lines 3 and 4 by leaving out “, or is suspected of being or having been undertaken,”. – (Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim).

Amendment negatived.

Clause 20 agreed to.

Clause 21:

Amendments proposed:

(1) In page 49, line 21, by leaving out “suspects or has reason to believe” and inserting “has evidence or actionable intelligence indicating”;

(2) In page 50, line 1, by leaving out “reason to believe” and inserting “evidence or actionable intelligence indicating”; and

(3) In page 50, lines 4 and 5, by leaving out “is of the opinion that it is in the public interest to authorise the giving of the anticipatory direction” and inserting “has evidence or actionable intelligence indicating that withholding the anticipatory direction presents a real risk to the public interest”. – (Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim).

Amendments negatived.

Clause 21 agreed to.

Clauses 22 to 39 inclusive agreed to.

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Clause 40:

Amendments proposed:

- (1) In page 69, lines 26, 28 and 30, by leaving out “or is likely to be”;
- (2) In page 69, line 32, by leaving out “or is likely to incite”;
- (3) In page 70, line 3, by leaving out “or is likely to diminish”; and
- (4) In page 70, line 8, by leaving out “or is likely to be”. – (Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim).

Amendments negatived.

Clause 40 agreed to.

Clauses 41 to 46 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 47:

Amendment proposed, in page 80, after line 21, by inserting –

“(6) Any entity designated a politically significant entity shall be listed along with reasons for designation on a registry that is provided free-of-charge and easily accessible to the public through electronic means unless the competent authority considers it not practicable or desirable to do so on national security grounds.”. – (Mr Leon Perera).

Amendment negatived.

Clause 47 agreed to.

Clause 48:

Amendments proposed:

- (1) In page 81, line 1, after “authority’s”, by inserting “reasonable”; and
- (2) In page 82, after line 12, by inserting –

“(6) Any person designated a politically significant person shall be listed along with the reasons for designation on a registry that is provided free-of-charge and easily accessible to the public through electronic means unless —

- (a) the person is not a politically significant person under this Act; or
- (b) the competent authority considers it not practicable or desirable to do so on national security grounds.”. – (Mr Leon Perera).

Amendments negatived.

Clause 48 agreed to.

Clauses 49 and 50 agreed to.

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Clause 51:

Amendments made:

- (1) In page 86, line 19, after “in relation to”, by inserting “a senior political party official or”;
- (2) In page 86, line 22, after “lent to”, by inserting “the senior political party official or”;
- (3) In page 86, line 27, after “benefit of”, by inserting “the senior political party official or”; and
- (4) In page 86, line 29, after “used by”, by inserting “the senior political party official or”. – (Minister for Home Affairs).

Clause 51, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 52 to 57 agreed to.

Clause 58:

Amendment made, in page 96, line 28, after “political office holder”, by inserting “, a senior political party official”. – (Minister for Home Affairs).

Clause 58, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 59 to 61 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 62:

Amendment made, in page 105, line 9, after “political office holder”, by inserting “, a senior political party official”. – (Minister for Home Affairs).

Clause 62, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 63 agreed to.

Clause 64:

Amendment made, in page 108, line 2, after “who is”, by inserting “a senior political party official or is”. – (Minister for Home Affairs).

Clause 64, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 65:

Amendment made, in page 108, line 14, after “subsection (2)”, by inserting “or (3)”. – (Minister for Home Affairs).

Clause 65, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 66:

Amendments made:

- (1) In page 110, line 19, by leaving out “or”; and
- (2) In page 110, after line 19, by inserting “(f) a senior political party official of a political party; or”. – (Minister for Home Affairs).

Clause 66, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 67 to 70 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 71:

Amendment made, in page 115, line 18, by leaving out “section 89”, and inserting “sections 89 and 116”. – (Minister for Home Affairs).

Clause 71, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 72 to 74 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 75:

Amendment proposed, in page 119, lines 25 and 26, by leaving out “or is likely to facilitate”. – (Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim).

Amendment negatived.

Clause 75 agreed to.

Clauses 76 and 77 agreed to.

Clause 78:

Amendment proposed, in page 126, after line 9, by inserting –

“(f) a member of the central executive council, or its equivalent, of any registered political party in Singapore;

(g) a senior public servant holding the office of deputy secretary or above, or its equivalent;

(h) a board member or chief executive of a key statutory board or government company listed on the Fifth Schedule of the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore.”. – (Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song).

Amendment proposed, in page 127, after line 26, by inserting “(7) A list of reportable arrangements under this shall be made publicly available by the competent authority in accordance with section 81 of this Act.”. – (Mr Leon Perera).

With the assent of the majority of Members present, debate on the amendments proposed by Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song and by Mr Leon Perera proceeded with simultaneously.

Amendment by Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song negatived.

Amendment by Mr Leon Perera negatived.

Clause 78 agreed to.

Clause 79:

Amendment proposed, in page 129, after line 2, by inserting —

“(5) A registry of the persons with declared involvement in a foreign policy organisation shall be made publicly available by the competent authority, together with the terms of these relationships, in accordance with section 81 of this Act.”. – (Mr Leon Perera).

Amendment negatived.

Clause 79 agreed to.

Clause 80 agreed to.

Clauses 81 to 91 inclusive agreed to.

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Clauses 92 to 103:

Amendment proposed, in page 144, by leaving out line 19 to the end of line 26 in page 151. – (Ms He Ting Ru).

Amendment negated.

Clauses 92 to 103 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 104:

Amendment proposed, in page 151, by leaving out line 27 to the end of line 13 in page 152, and inserting –

“Appeals to High Court

92.— (1) Any person who is subject to a determination, order or any other decision under this Act may appeal to the High Court against such a determination, order or decision.

(2) No appeal may be made to the High Court by any person unless the person has first appealed to, or sought reconsideration from the Minister or the alternate authority mentioned in section 106, made or purportedly made under this Act and the appeal is first refused whether in whole or in part.

(3) An appeal may only be made to the High Court within such a period as may be prescribed by the Rules of Court.

(4) The High Court must hear and determine any such appeal and may either confirm the determination, order or decision or set it aside.

(5) A determination, order or any other decision that is the subject of the appeal in subsection (1) remains in effect despite the appeal, and only ceases to have effect if it is set aside by the High Court, or if it expires or is cancelled under the provisions of this Act.

(6) There is such further right of appeal from a decision of the High Court under this section as exists in the case of a decision made by that Court in the exercise of its original jurisdiction.

(7) The Rules of Court may provide for the manner in which and the time within which an appeal under subsection (1) may be made and the procedure for an application to stay a determination, an order or any other decision appealed against.

(8) The High Court may order that the whole or any part of any appeal heard under this Act shall be dealt with in camera if it is satisfied that it is expedient in the interests of justice or of public safety or security to do so.” – (Ms He Ting Ru).

Amendment negated.

Clause 104 agreed to.

Clauses 105 to 115 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 116:

Amendments made:

(1) In page 165, line 28, by leaving out “section 49”, and inserting “sections 49 and 71(2)”;

(2) In page 165, lines 28, 29 and 30, by leaving out “may prepare a notice informing about any designation made under Part 4, or any”, and inserting “must prepare a notice informing about every Part 3 direction (except a technical assistance direction) given, every designation made under Part 4, or every”; and

(3) In page 166, line 3, after “fact of”, by inserting “the giving of the Part 3 direction,”. – (Minister for Home Affairs).

Clause 116, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 117 to 119 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 120:

Amendment proposed, in page 169, after line 15, by inserting –

“(i) an activity undertaken by Singaporeans to exercise their right to discuss politics by expressing their own views on political matters, unless they are agents of a foreign principal;

(j) an activity undertaken by foreign individuals or foreign publications reporting or commenting on Singapore politics, in an open, transparent and attributable way, even if their comments may be critical of Singapore or the Government.”. – (Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim).

Amendment negatived.

Clause 120 agreed to.

Clauses 121 to 127 inclusive agreed to.

Consequential amendments made:

(1) In page 42, line 20, renumbering paragraph (f) as paragraph (g); and

(2) In page 110, line 20, renumbering paragraph (f) as paragraph (g).

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, with amendments.

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a third time." – (Minister for Home Affairs).

On Question put, – a division was taken: Ayes 75, Noes 11, Abstentions 2.

<i>Ayes</i>	<i>Noes</i>	<i>Abstentions</i>
Abdul Samad	Chua Kheng Wee, Louis	Shahira Abdullah
Ang, Janet	Giam Yean Song, Gerald	Tan Yia Swam
Ang Wei Neng	He Ting Ru	
Baey Yam Keng	Leong Mun Wai	
Chan Wei Ling, Cheryl	Lim, Jamus Jerome	
Chan Chun Sing	Lim, Sylvia	
Chay, Mark	Muhamad Faisal Abdul Manap	
Chee Hong Tat	Perera, Leon	
Cheng Li Hui	Pritam Singh	
Chia Bing Hui, Edward	Raeesah Khan	
Chong Kee Hiong	Tan Lip Fong, Dennis	
Choo, Desmond		
Chua, Eric		
Darryl David		
De Souza, Christopher		
Foo Mee Har		
Gan Siow Huang		
Goh, Derrick		
Heng Chee How		
Heng Swee Keat		
Hoon Hian Teck		

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Huang Wei Zhong, Shawn  
Indranee Rajah  
Iswaran, S  
Janil Puthucheary  
Kwek Hian Chuan, Henry  
Lee Hsien Loong  
Liang Eng Hwa  
Lim Biow Chuan  
Lim Wee Kiak  
Low Yen Ling  
Mariam Jaafar  
Masagos Zulkifli B M M  
Mohamad Maliki Bin Osman  
Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim  
Murali Pillai  
Nadia Ahmad Samdin  
Ng Eng Hen  
Ng Ling Ling  
Ng Kok Kwang, Louis  
Ong, Rachel  
Ong Ye Kung  
Pereira, Joan  
Phua Lay Peng, Denise  
Poh Li San  
Rahayu Mahzam  
Saktiandi Supaat  
Seah Kian Peng  
Shanmugam, K  
Sharael Taha  
Sim Ann  
Sitoh Yih Pin  
Soh, Hany  
Sun Xueling  
Tan, Alvin  
Tan, Carrie  
Tan Chuan-Jin  
Tan, Desmond  
Tan Soon Neo, Jessica  
Tan Kiat How  
Tan See Leng  
Tan Wu Meng  
Thomas, Raj Joshua  
Tin Pei Ling  
Vikram Nair  
Wan Rizal  
Wee, Don  
Wong, Lawrence  
Xie Yao Quan  
Yam Ziming, Alex  
Yeo Wan Ling  
Yip Hon Weng  
Yong Yik Chye, Melvin  
Zaqy Mohamad  
Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim

Bill read a third time.

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- 19      Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That at its rising today, Parliament do stand adjourned to 11.00 am tomorrow."
- 20      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 11.38 pm

TAN CHUAN-JIN,  
*Speaker*

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**MEMORANDUM**

Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 11.00 am on Tuesday, 5 October 2021.

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