

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

First Session

MONDAY, 5 APRIL 2021

No. 28

1.30 pm

1

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.

Miss CHERYL CHAN WEI LING (East Coast).

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

Mr MARK CHAY (Nominated Member).

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

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 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.

Prof KOH LIAN PIN (Nominated Member).

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).

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 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).

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 Manpower and Second Minister for Home Affairs.

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 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).

ABSENT:

Dr VIVIAN BALAKRISHNAN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Minister for Foreign Affairs.

-
- 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 Products (Medical Devices) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 10 March 2021 (S. L. 175 of 2021)
 - 1.2 Health Products (Therapeutic Products) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 10 March 2021 (S. L. 176 of 2021)
 - 1.3 Health Products (Advertisement of Therapeutic Products) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 10 March 2021 (S. L. 177 of 2021)
 - 1.4 Health Products (Cell, Tissue and Gene Therapy Products) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 10 March 2021 (S. L. 178 of 2021)
 - 1.5 Health Products (Clinical Trials) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 10 March 2021 (S. L. 179 of 2021)
 - 1.6 Health Products (Licensing of Retail Pharmacies) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 10 March 2021 (S. L. 180 of 2021)
 - 1.7 Health Products (Medical Devices) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 10 March 2021 (S. L. 181 of 2021)
 - 1.8 Health Products (Therapeutic Products as Clinical Research Materials) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 10 March 2021 (S. L. 182 of 2021)
 - 1.9 Poisons (Amendment) Rules 2021 – Presented on 10 March 2021 (S. L. 183 of 2021)
 - 1.10 Health Products (Composition of Offences) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 10 March 2021 (S. L. 184 of 2021)
 - 1.11 Customs (Authorised Piers and Places) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 11 March 2021 (S. L. 185 of 2021)
 - 1.12 Road Traffic (Renewal of Certificates of Entitlement for Fairway Taxis) Rules 2021 – Presented on 12 March 2021 (S. L. 186 of 2021)
 - 1.13 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Lighting) (Amendment) Rules 2021 – Presented on 12 March 2021 (S. L. 187 of 2021)
 - 1.14 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Construction and Use) (Amendment) Rules 2021 – Presented on 12 March 2021 (S. L. 188 of 2021)
 - 1.15 Aljunied-Hougang Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2019/2020 – Presented on 12 March 2021 (S. 93 of 2021)
 - 1.16 Ang Mo Kio Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2019/2020 – Presented on 12 March 2021 (S. 94 of 2021)
 - 1.17 Bishan-Toa Payoh Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2019/2020 – Presented on 12 March 2021 (S. 95 of 2021)
 - 1.18 Chua Chu Kang Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2019/2020 – Presented on 12 March 2021 (S. 96 of 2021)
 - 1.19 East Coast Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2019/2020 – Presented on 12 March 2021 (S. 97 of 2021)

-
- 1.20 Holland-Bukit Panjang Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2019/2020 – Presented on 12 March 2021 (S. 98 of 2021)
 - 1.21 Jalan Besar Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2019/2020 – Presented on 12 March 2021 (S. 99 of 2021)
 - 1.22 Jurong-Clementi Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2019/2020 – Presented on 12 March 2021 (S. 100 of 2021)
 - 1.23 Marine Parade Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2019/2020 – Presented on 12 March 2021 (S. 101 of 2021)
 - 1.24 Marsiling-Yew Tee Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2019/2020 – Presented on 12 March 2021 (S. 102 of 2021)
 - 1.25 Nee Soon Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2019/2020 – Presented on 12 March 2021 (S. 103 of 2021)
 - 1.26 Pasir Ris-Punggol Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2019/2020 – Presented on 12 March 2021 (S. 104 of 2021)
 - 1.27 Sembawang Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2019/2020 – Presented on 12 March 2021 (S. 105 of 2021)
 - 1.28 Tampines Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2019/2020 – Presented on 12 March 2021 (S. 106 of 2021)
 - 1.29 Tanjong Pagar Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2019/2020 – Presented on 12 March 2021 (S. 107 of 2021)
 - 1.30 West Coast Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2019/2020 – Presented on 12 March 2021 (S. 108 of 2021)
 - 1.31 Central Provident Fund (MediSave Account Withdrawals) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 16 March 2021 (S. L. 189 of 2021)
 - 1.32 Income Tax (Exemption of Government Cash Grant - Section 13ZA(1)(h)) Rules 2021 – Presented on 18 March 2021 (S. L. 190 of 2021)
 - 1.33 Legal Profession (Deposit Interest) (Amendment) Rules 2021 – Presented on 18 March 2021 (S. L. 191 of 2021)
 - 1.34 Planning (Development Charges) (Amendment) Rules 2021 – Presented on 19 March 2021 (S. L. 192 of 2021)
 - 1.35 Carbon Pricing Act 2018 (Amendment of Second Schedule) Order 2021 – Presented on 29 March 2021 (S. L. 193 of 2021)
 - 1.36 Professional Engineers (Amendment) Rules 2021 – Presented on 31 March 2021 (S. L. 194 of 2021)
 - 1.37 Professional Engineers Board (Amendment) Rules 2021 – Presented on 31 March 2021 (S. L. 195 of 2021)
 - 1.38 Central Provident Fund (Dependants' Protection Insurance Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 5 April 2021 (S. L. 196 of 2021)
 - 1.39 Central Provident Fund (Reserved Amount) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 5 April 2021 (S. L. 197 of 2021)

-
- 2 19 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 3 Significant Infrastructure Government Loan Bill – "to authorise loans to be raised by the Government for the purposes of the Development Fund in relation to nationally significant infrastructure and to make related amendments to the Development Fund Act, to make related amendments to the Financial Procedure Act to authorise capitalisation of expenditure on nationally significant infrastructure, and to repeal and make consequential and related amendments to certain other Acts" – President's recommendation signified and Bill presented by the Deputy Prime Minister and 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. 6/2021].
- 4 Land Betterment Charge Bill – "to provide for the imposition and collection of a tax on the increase in the value of land resulting from a chargeable consent given in relation to land, and to make consequential and related amendments to certain other Acts" – 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. 7/2021].
- 5 Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Road Traffic Act regarding road safety, passenger transport security and vehicles taxes, and to make related and consequential amendments to the Active Mobility Act 2017, the Rapid Transit Systems Act and certain other Acts" – President's recommendation signified and Bill 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. 8/2021].
- 6 Land Transport Authority of Singapore (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Land Transport Authority of Singapore Act to promote the use of electric vehicles and to make a related amendment to the Electricity Act" – 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. 9/2021].
- 7 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Amendment No. 2) Bill – "to amend the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020" – presented by the Minister of State (Mr Tan Kiat How), on behalf of the Minister for National Development; read the first time; on a Certificate of Urgency under Standing Order No. 86, to be read a second time immediately – (Copies of the Bill handed to Members present). [Bill No. 10/2021].
- 8 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Amendment No. 2) 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 (Mr Tan Kiat How), on behalf of the Minister for National Development)).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 9 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

-
- 9 Postal Services (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 – (Senior Minister of State (Ms Sim Ann), on behalf of the Minister for Communications and Information).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 28 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 10 Grant to IMF'S Catastrophe Containment and Relief Trust – (Minister for Transport, on behalf of the Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for Social Policies) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That this Parliament, in accordance with section 6A(2)(d) of the Bretton Woods Agreements Act (Chapter 27 of the 2012 Revised Edition), resolves that the maximum amount of grants that the Monetary Authority of Singapore may give under the bilateral agreement (or its subsequent variations) to be made by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Singapore) with the International Monetary Fund to support the Catastrophe Containment and Relief Trust, is 17,600,000 United States Dollars (approximately 12,300,000 Special Drawing Rights)."; Debate arising.

- 11 Extension of sitting – Pursuant to Standing Order 2(5)(d), Mr Deputy Speaker extended the sitting beyond the moment of interruption for a period of up to 30 minutes.

- 12 Grant to IMF'S Catastrophe Containment and Relief Trust – (Minister for Transport, on behalf of the Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for Social Policies) – Debate resumed on Question, "That this Parliament, in accordance with section 6A(2)(d) of the Bretton Woods Agreements Act (Chapter 27 of the 2012 Revised Edition), resolves that the maximum amount of grants that the Monetary Authority of Singapore may give under the bilateral agreement (or its subsequent variations) to be made by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Singapore) with the International Monetary Fund to support the Catastrophe Containment and Relief Trust, is 17,600,000 United States Dollars (approximately 12,300,000 Special Drawing Rights).".

Question put and agreed to.

- 13 Grant to IMF'S Crisis Capacity Development Initiative – (Minister for Transport, on behalf of the Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for Social Policies) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That this Parliament, in accordance with section 6A(2)(d) of the Bretton Woods Agreements Act (Chapter 27 of the 2012 Revised Edition), resolves that the maximum amount of grants that the Monetary Authority of Singapore may give under the bilateral agreement (or its subsequent variations) to be made by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Singapore) with the International Monetary Fund to support the Crisis Capacity Development Initiative, is 2,000,000 United States Dollars (approximately 1,400,000 Special Drawing Rights).".

-
- 14 Grant to IMF's Trust for Special Poverty Reduction and Growth Operations for the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries – (Minister for Transport, on behalf of the Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for Social Policies) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That this Parliament, in accordance with section 6A(2)(d) of the Bretton Woods Agreements Act (Chapter 27 of the 2012 Revised Edition), resolves that the maximum amount of grants that the Monetary Authority of Singapore may give under the bilateral agreement (or its subsequent variations) to be made by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Singapore) with the International Monetary Fund to support Somalia's debt relief efforts via the Trust for Special Poverty Reduction and Growth Operations for the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries, is 680,000 Special Drawing Rights (approximately 970,000 United States Dollars).".
- 15 Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn to a date to be fixed."

Adjourned at 6.53 pm

TAN CHUAN-JIN,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Parliament stands adjourned to a date to be fixed.
