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NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS TO BILL

IN COMMITTEE

SINGAPORE NATIONAL REFERENDUM BILL as reported from Select Committee (Paper L.A. 7 of 1962)—Recommittal in respect of clauses 2, 6, 41, 42, 43, 52 and 54, two new clauses and two new schedules.

Clause 41:

Minister for Home Affairs:

- (i) **In page A20, line 13:** to leave out from “(1)” to the end of line 20 and insert “No person shall wear, use, carry or display or cause to be worn, used, carried or displayed any symbol, set of colours, flag, banner or placard as political propaganda during the period of any referendum:

Provided that the provisions of this subsection shall not apply to the use or display of any symbol, set of colours, flag, banner or placard on the day and at the site of a referendum meeting.”

Note:—**In page A20: marginal note:** to leave out “Badges, symbols” and insert “Symbols”.

Dr. Lee Siew Choh:

- (ii) **In page A20, line 13:** to leave out from “(1)” to the end of line 20 and insert “No badge, symbol, rosette, favour, set of colours, flag, banner, advertisement, handbill, placard or poster or any replica of a ballot paper shall be worn, used, carried or displayed by any person or on any motor-car, truck, or other vehicle as political propaganda on polling day”.

Mr. David Marshall:

- (iii) **In page A20, line 19:** to leave out from “paper” to the end of line 20 and insert “as political propaganda on polling day”.

Minister for Home Affairs:

- (iv) **In page A20, line 20:** at end, to add—

“(2) No person other than the Superintendent shall make, print, publish, distribute, post up, wear, use, carry or display or cause to be made, printed, published, distributed, posted up, worn, used, carried or displayed any poster in connection with any referendum during the period of any referendum.”

Note:—Consequential amendments: to re-number sub-clauses (2) and (3) as (3) and (4) respectively.

Clause 42:

Mr. David Marshall:

In page A20, line 36: to leave out from "Ordinance" to the end of line 39.

Clause 43:

Minister for Home Affairs:

Dr. Lee Siew Choh:

Mr. David Marshall:

(i) **In page A21, line 4:** after "shall", to insert "on polling day".

Mr. David Marshall:

(ii) **In page A21:** to leave out lines 9 and 10.

Notes:—Consequential amendments:

(1) **In page A21, line 4:** to leave out the dash at the end of the line.

(2) **In page A21, line 5:** to leave out "(a)".

(3) **In page A21, line 8:** to leave out "; or" and insert a fullstop.

Minister for Home Affairs:

(iii) **In page A21, line 10:** at end, to add—

"(c) wear, use, carry or display or cause to be worn, used, carried or displayed any badge, rosette or favour in connection with a referendum."

Note:—Consequential amendment:

In page A21, line 10: to leave out the fullstop and insert "**; or**".

Minister for Home Affairs:

(iv) **In page A21, line 13:** at end, to add—

Cap 132. "(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code relating to the powers of search of any police officer, if any police officer has reasonable cause to believe that an offence is being committed under the provisions of this section, the said officer by virtue of his office shall be empowered to enter and search any premises or place for the purpose of ascertaining whether such an offence is being committed."

Note: Consequential amendment: to re-number sub-clause (3) as (4).

(v) **In page A21, line 17:** at end, to add—

"(5) For the purposes of this section any person who enters or is seen at more than two houses or places of work of electors in the same polling district other than his own home or place of work on polling day, shall, unless he proves the contrary, be presumed to have committed an offence under paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) of this section."

Clause 52:

Dr. Lee Siew Choh:
Mr. David Marshall:

In page A24, lines 16 to 24: to leave out the whole of sub-clause (5).

Note:—Consequential amendments: to re-number sub-clauses (6) and (7) as (5) and (6) respectively.

Clause 54:

Dr. Lee Siew Choh:

In page A24, line 40, to page A25, line 4: to leave out the whole of paragraph (a).

Notes:—Consequential amendments—

- (1) **In page A24, lines 38 and 39:** to leave out “any of the following grounds, namely:—” and insert “the ground of”.
- (2) **In page A25, line 5:** to leave out “(b)”.

POSTPONED CLAUSES**Clause 2:**

Minister for Home Affairs:

In page A1, line 16: at end, to add—

“The period of any referendum” means the period from the date of the issue of the order of the Yang di-Pertuan Negara made under the provisions of subsection (1) of section 5 of this Ordinance up to and including the day fixed for the taking of a referendum;”.

Clause 6:

Mr. David Marshall:
Dr. Lee Siew Choh:

In page A2, line 33: to leave out “fourteen” and insert “twenty-eight”.

NEW CLAUSES**New Clause (A):**

Dr. Lee Siew Choh:

“Result of referendum. The result of the referendum shall not be valid unless a proposition is supported in the affirmative by not less than fifty-one *per cent* of the total votes cast.”.

- Notes:**—(1) It is intended that this new clause be inserted after clause 29.
- (2) Amendments to be made to the numbering of clauses consequent on the addition of the new clause.

New Clause (B):

Minister for Home Affairs:

“Part VI.

DURATION.

Duration. This Ordinance shall cease to have effect on the merger of Singapore with the Federation of Malaya.”

Note:—It is intended that this new clause be inserted after clause 61.

NEW SCHEDULES.

First Schedule:

Dr. Lee Siew Choh:

“FIRST SCHEDULE.

FORM.

THE SINGAPORE NATIONAL REFERENDUM ORDINANCE.

(Ord. No.)

(Section 18 (1)).

FORM OF FRONT OF BALLOT PAPER.

Counterfoil
No.

Notes:—(1) The counterfoil is to have a number to correspond with that on the back of the ballot paper.

(2) This ballot paper is to be printed in English, Malay, Chinese and Tamil.

	Yes	No
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* Here print text of question submitted for referendum.”

Second Schedule:

Dr. Lee Siew Choh:

“SECOND SCHEDULE.

FORM.

THE SINGAPORE NATIONAL REFERENDUM ORDINANCE.

(Ord. No.)

(Section 30).

STATEMENT OF THE POLL AFTER COUNTING THE BALLOTS.

Electoral Division of

Number of ballot papers issued	
Number of ballot papers cast in respect of	
do. do. do. do.	
do. do. do. do.	
Number of unmarked ballot papers cast	
Number of uncertain ballot papers cast	
Number of tendered ballot papers	
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Total number of ballot papers found in box	
Number of unused ballot papers undetached from the books	
Number of spoiled ballot papers	
	Total

Number of names on official list of electors used at the poll

I hereby certify that the above statement is correct.

Dated at, this day of, 19.....

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Returning Officer.”.