

**FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE  
(SECOND SESSION)**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
TUESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2024**

*No. 146*

**11.00 am**

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PRESENT:

Mr SPEAKER (Mr Seah Kian Peng (Marine Parade)).  
Mr ANG WEI NENG (West Coast).  
Mr BAEY YAM KENG (Tampines), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment and Ministry of Transport.  
Mr CHAN CHUN SING (Tanjong Pagar), Minister for Education.  
Miss CHERYL CHAN WEI LING (East Coast).  
Ms USHA CHANDRADAS (Nominated Member).  
Mr CHEE HONG TAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister for Transport and Second Minister for Finance.  
Mr EDWARD CHIA BING HUI (Holland-Bukit Timah).  
Mr CHONG KEE HIONG (Bishan-Toa Payoh).  
Mr DESMOND CHOO (Tampines).  
Mr KEITH CHUA (Nominated Member).  
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).  
Mr GAN KIM YONG (Chua Chu Kang), Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry.  
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 SHAWN HUANG WEI ZHONG (Jurong), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Finance.  
Ms INDRANEE RAJAH (Tanjong Pagar), Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Finance, Second Minister for National Development and Leader of the House.  
Dr JANIL PUTHUCHEARY (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Digital Development 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 Manpower and Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment.  
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 MARK LEE (Nominated Member)

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), Senior 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), Minister of State, Ministry of Law and Ministry of Transport.  
Dr NG ENG HEN (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister for Defence.  
Mr LOUIS NG KOK KWANG (Nee Soon).  
Ms NG LING LING (Ang Mo Kio).  
Miss RACHEL ONG (West Coast).  
Mr ONG HUA HAN (Nominated Member).  
Mr ONG YE KUNG (Sembawang), Minister for Health.  
Mr NEIL PAREKH NIMIL RAJNIKANT (Nominated Member).  
Ms JOAN PEREIRA (Tanjong Pagar).  
Ms DENISE PHUA LAY PENG (Jalan Besar).  
Ms HAZEL POA (Non-Constituency Member).  
Mr PRITAM SINGH (Aljunied), Leader of the Opposition.  
Ms RAHAYU MAHZAM (Jurong), Minister of State, Ministry of Digital Development and Information and Ministry of Health.  
Assoc Prof RAZWANA BEGUM ABDUL RAHIM (Nominated Member).  
Mr SAKTIANDI SUPAAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh).  
Ms SEE JINLI JEAN (Nominated Member).  
Mr K SHANMUGAM (Nee Soon), Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law.  
Mr SHARAEEL 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 SITOY YIH PIN (Potong Pasir).  
Ms HANY SOH (Marsiling-Yew Tee).  
Ms SUN XUELING (Punggol West), Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Social and Family Development.  
Dr SYED HARUN ALHABSYI (Nominated Member).  
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), Senior Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office.  
Mr TAN KIAT HOW (East Coast), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Digital Development and Information and Ministry of National Development.  
Dr TAN SEE LENG (Marine Parade), Minister for Manpower and Second Minister for Trade and Industry.  
Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast), Deputy Speaker.  
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 Digital Development and Information and Second Minister for Home Affairs.  
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.  
Dr VIVIAN BALAKRISHNAN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Minister for Foreign Affairs.  
Dr WAN RIZAL (Jalan Besar).  
Mr LAWRENCE WONG (Marsiling-Yew Tee), Prime Minister and Minister for Finance.  
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 ERIC CHUA (Tanjong Pagar) Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Social and Family Development.  
Ms GRACE FU HAI YIEN (Yuhua), Minister for Sustainability and the Environment and Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations.  
Mr HENG CHEE HOW (Jalan Besar), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence.  
Mr HENG SWEE KEAT (East Coast), Deputy Prime Minister.  
Mr LEE HSIEN LOONG (Ang Mo Kio), Senior Minister.  
Ms NADIA AHMAD SAMDIN (Ang Mo Kio).  
Ms POH LI SAN (Sembawang).  
Mr VIKRAM NAIR (Sembawang).  
Mr DON WEE (Chua Chu Kang).  
Mr XIE YAO QUAN (Jurong).

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- 1 15 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 2 Workplace Fairness Bill – “to protect against certain discriminatory behaviour relating to employment and to establish fair employment practices, and to make related amendments to the Employment of Foreign Manpower Act 1990” – 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. 50/2024].
- 3 Singapore International Commercial Court (International Committee) 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 Murali Pillai), on behalf of the Minister for Law).

*(In the Committee)*

Clauses 1 to 14 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 4 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 item 2 of the Order Paper be exempted from the provisions of Standing Order No. 48(8) to remove the time limit in respect of the speeches by Minister Edwin Tong and Senior Minister of State Ms Sim Ann.”.
- 5 Community Disputes Resolution (Amendment) Bill – (Minister for Culture, Community and Youth) – Motion made, and Question proposed, “That the Bill be now read a second time.”; Debate arising.
- 6 Suspension of Standing Orders – (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 under discussion be exempted from the provisions of Standing Order No. 48(3) to enable Senior Minister of State Ms Sim Ann to speak more than once.”.
- 7 Community Disputes Resolution (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 – (Senior Minister of State (Ms Sim Ann), on behalf of the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth).

*(In the Committee)*

Clauses 1 to 40 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 8 Exempted Business – (Deputy 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.”.
- 9 Rearrangement of Business – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, “That pursuant to Standing Order 10(2), the introduction of the Food Safety and Security Bill be taken now.”.
- 10 Food Safety and Security Bill – “to consolidate and amend the law relating to food safety in connection with the production of primary produce, the supply of food and the provision of drinking water, to improve food security in Singapore, to promote the general public’s health through better diet and nutrition, to repeal the Sale of Food Act 1973 and the Wholesome Meat and Fish Act 1999, and to make consequential and related amendments to certain other Acts” – President’s recommendation signified and Bill presented by the Senior Minister of State (Dr Koh Poh Koon), on behalf of the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 49/2024].
- 11 Government Securities and Treasury Bills – (Second Minister for Finance (Mr Chee Hong Tat)) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, “That this Parliament, in accordance with Article 144(1)(a) of the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore, resolves that a higher amount of One Thousand Five Hundred and Fifteen Billion Singapore Dollars (S\$1,515,000,000,000) be specified for the purposes of section 11(2) of the Government Securities (Debt Market and Investment) Act 1992.”.
- 12 Adjournment – (Deputy 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 7.29 pm

SEAH KIAN PENG,  
*Speaker*

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#### MEMORANDUM

Pursuant to Standing Order No. 2(3)(a), Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 11.00 am on Wednesday, 13 November 2024.

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