

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

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
TUESDAY, 7 MAY 2024**

No. 135

12 noon

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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).
Ms GRACE FU HAI YIEN (Yuhua), Minister for Sustainability and the Environment and Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations.
Mr GAN KIM YONG (Chua Chu Kang), 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 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.
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.
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 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 LEE HSIEN LOONG (Ang Mo Kio), Prime Minister.
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), Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Trade and Industry.
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).
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).
Ms POH LI SAN (Sembawang).
Mr PRITAM SINGH (Aljunied), Leader of the Opposition.
Ms RAHAYU MAHZAM (Jurong), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Law.
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 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 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), Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office.
Mr TAN KIAT HOW (East Coast), Senior 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.
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.
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 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), Deputy Prime Minister and 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 ERIC CHUA (Tanjong Pagar) Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Social and Family Development.
Ms MARIAM JAAFAR (Sembawang).
Dr NG ENG HEN (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister for Defence.
Mrs JOSEPHINE TEO (Jalan Besar), Minister for Communications and Information and Second Minister for Home 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 Environmental Public Health (Cemeteries) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 12 April 2024 (S. L. 1082 of 2024)
 - 1.2 Environmental Public Health (Crematoria) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 12 April 2024 (S. L. 1083 of 2024)
 - 1.3 Environmental Public Health (Public Cleansing) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 12 April 2024 (S. L. 1084 of 2024)
 - 1.4 Sewerage and Drainage (Trade Effluent) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 12 April 2024 (S. L. 1085 of 2024)
 - 1.5 Central Provident Fund (Prescribed Applicable Person) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 15 April 2024 (S. L. 1086 of 2024)
 - 1.6 Central Provident Fund (Amendment No.2) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 15 April 2024 (S. L. 1087 of 2024)
 - 1.7 Central Provident Fund (Education Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 15 April 2024 (S. L. 1088 of 2024)
 - 1.8 Central Provident Fund (Lifelong Income Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 15 April 2024 (S. L. 1089 of 2024)
 - 1.9 Central Provident Fund (Investment Schemes) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 15 April 2024 (S. L. 1090 of 2024)
 - 1.10 Central Provident Fund (Designated Shares) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 15 April 2024 (S. L. 1091 of 2024)
 - 1.11 Central Provident Fund (Approved Housing Schemes) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 15 April 2024 (S. L. 1092 of 2024)
 - 1.12 Central Provident Fund (Approved HDB-HUDC Housing Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 15 April 2024 (S. L. 1093 of 2024)
 - 1.13 Central Provident Fund (Approved Middle-Income Housing Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 15 April 2024 (S. L. 1094 of 2024)
 - 1.14 Central Provident Fund (Ministry of Defence Housing Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 15 April 2024 (S. L. 1095 of 2024)
 - 1.15 Central Provident Fund (Non-Residential Properties Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 15 April 2024 (S. L. 1096 of 2024)
 - 1.16 Central Provident Fund (Residential Properties Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 15 April 2024 (S. L. 1097 of 2024)
 - 1.17 Central Provident Fund (Revised Retirement Sum Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 15 April 2024 (S. L. 1098 of 2024)
 - 1.18 Central Provident Fund (Retirement Sum Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 15 April 2024 (S. L. 1099 of 2024)

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- 1.19 Central Provident Fund (Retirement Sum Topping-Up Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 15 April 2024 (S. L. 1100 of 2024)
 - 1.20 Central Provident Fund (Division of Fund-Related Assets in Matrimonial Proceedings) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 15 April 2024 (S. L. 1101 of 2024)
 - 1.21 Central Provident Fund (Prescribed Circumstances Under Section 13C) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 15 April 2024 (S. L. 1102 of 2024)
 - 1.22 Central Provident Fund (New Retirement Sum Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 15 April 2024 (S. L. 1103 of 2024)
 - 1.23 Central Provident Fund (Home Protection Insurance Scheme) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 15 April 2024 (S. L. 1104 of 2024)
 - 1.24 Central Provident Fund (Nominations) (Amendment) Rules 2024 – Presented on 15 April 2024 (S. L. 1105 of 2024)
 - 1.25 Public Utilities (Water Supply) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 16 April 2024 (S. L. 1106 of 2024)
 - 1.26 Public Utilities (Tariffs for Water) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 16 April 2024 (S. L. 1107 of 2024)
 - 1.27 Public Utilities (Waterborne Tax) Order 2024 – Presented on 16 April 2024 (S. L. 1108 of 2024)
 - 1.28 Public Utilities (Water Conservation Tax) Order 2024 – Presented on 16 April 2024 (S. L. 1109 of 2024)
 - 1.29 Legal Aid and Advice (Amendment) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 16 April 2024 (S. L. 1110 of 2024)
 - 1.30 Public Defenders (Amendment) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 16 April 2024 (S. L. 1111 of 2024)
 - 1.31 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Law Enforcement and Other Matters Bill [Bill No. 14/2024] – Presented on 17 April 2024 (Pres. Co. 123 of 2024)
 - 1.32 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Mental Capacity (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 11/2024] – Presented on 17 April 2024 (Pres. Co. 124 of 2024)
 - 1.33 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 10/2024] – Presented on 17 April 2024 (Pres. Co. 125 of 2024)
 - 1.34 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Criminal Law (Temporary Provisions) (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 13/2024] – Presented on 17 April 2024 (Pres. Co. 126 of 2024)
 - 1.35 Free Trade Zones (Amendment) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 17 April 2024 (S. L. 1112 of 2024)
 - 1.36 Free Trade Zones (Manufacture) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 17 April 2024 (S. L. 1113 of 2024)
 - 1.37 Free Trade Zones (Exemption) Order 2024 – Presented on 17 April 2024 (S. L. 1114 of 2024)

- 1.38 Free Trade Zones (Composition of Offences) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 17 April 2024 (S. L. 1115 of 2024)
- 1.39 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2024 – Presented on 17 April 2024 (S. L. 1116 of 2024)
- 1.40 Road Traffic (Renewal of Certificates of Entitlement for Specified Taxis) (No. 2) Rules 2024 – Presented on 17 April 2024 (S. L. 1117 of 2024)
- 1.41 Environmental Public Health (Public Cleansing) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 18 April 2024 (S. L. 1118 of 2024)
- 1.42 Environmental Protection and Management (Vehicular Emissions) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 19 April 2024 (S. L. 1119 of 2024)
- 1.43 Nanyang Polytechnic – Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2023 – Presented on 22 April 2024 (S. 462 of 2024)
- 1.44 Income Tax (Related Party of Approved Container Investment Enterprise under Section 43P) (Amendment) Rules 2024 – Presented on 24 April 2024 (S. L. 1120 of 2024)
- 1.45 Income Tax (Related Party of Approved Shipping Investment Enterprise Under Section 13P) (Amendment) Rules 2024 – Presented on 24 April 2024 (S. L. 1121 of 2024)
- 1.46 Fees (Government Columbaria) Order 2024 – Presented on 25 April 2024 (S. L. 1122 of 2024)
- 1.47 Goods and Services Tax Act 1993 (Amendment of Third Schedule) Order 2024 – Presented on 25 April 2024 (S. L. 1123 of 2024)
- 1.48 Income Tax (Prescribed Interest Rate for Section 93(9)(e)) Rules 2024 – Presented on 25 April 2024 (S. L. 1124 of 2024)
- 1.49 Statutory Boards (Taxable Services) (Revocation) Order 2024 – Presented on 25 April 2024 (S. L. 1125 of 2024)
- 1.50 Housing And Development (Polling for Upgrading Works) (Amendment) Rules 2024 – Presented on 29 April 2024 (S. L. 1126 of 2024)
- 1.51 Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau (CPIB) Annual Report 2023 – Presented on 29 April 2024 (Misc. 10 of 2024)
- 1.52 Planning (Fees) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2024 – Presented on 6 May 2024 (S. L. 1127 of 2024)

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

"On behalf of honourable Members, I would like to extend a warm welcome to His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Ibrahim and his delegation, who are present in our Gallery.

His Majesty is a man of many talents. He was trained across all the branches of the military and is an army, naval, and air force officer. Few may be aware that he is also a certified helicopter pilot and commando. A statesman, His Majesty pursued his studies at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy where he took courses on Southeast Asian Strategic Studies and the International Law of the Sea. These diverse experiences, both at home and abroad, have put His Majesty in good stead to lead Johor and now

Malaysia. His Majesty was formally proclaimed the Sultan of Johor in 2010, and the 17th Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia earlier this year.

His Majesty is no stranger to Singapore and has always been an ardent supporter of bringing our peoples closer together. Under his reign as the Sultan of Johor, our partnership with Johor has strengthened. This was especially evident during the COVID-19 pandemic, when we worked closely together to keep supply lines across the land borders open. In recognition of his achievements, the National University of Singapore conferred an honorary Doctor of Laws on His Majesty during his official visit to Singapore in 2022.

His Majesty's visit today is timely. Our bilateral relations with Malaysia are strong and robust. Exchanges at the political and officials levels are regular. As some of the honourable members of this house will recall, just last May, we hosted a visit by some members of the Johor Climate Change and Disaster Management Committee. We have many exciting projects in the pipeline such as the Rapid Transit System (RTS) Link project, and the Johor-Singapore Special Economic Zone. We are also looking to expand our cooperation with Malaysia to new areas like energy.

This year we will celebrate the centennial of the Causeway, and next year we will commemorate 60 years of diplomatic relations with Malaysia. I am confident that His Majesty's visit is a precursor to even stronger ties between Singapore and Malaysia.

We are honoured to have His Majesty with us. Please join me in welcoming His Majesty to our Parliament."

- 3 21 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 4 ACRA (Registry and Regulatory Enhancements) Bill – "to amend the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority Act 2004 and certain other Acts under the purview of the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority to enhance their business registry and regulatory system" – presented by the Second Minister for Finance (Ms Indranee Rajah); read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 17/2024].
- 5 Corporate Service Providers Bill – "to regulate persons who carry on a business of providing corporate services, and qualified individuals who provide, or supervise the provision of, corporate services, and to impose requirements on those persons so as to detect or prevent money laundering, the financing of the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and terrorism financing, and to make consequential and related amendments to certain other Acts" – presented by the Second Minister for Finance (Ms Indranee Rajah); read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 18/2024].
- 6 Companies and Limited Liability Partnerships (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill – "to amend the Companies Act 1967 and the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2005 to require companies, foreign companies and limited liability partnerships to take certain measures to ensure that the particulars of their controllers are up-to-date and correct, and to make other amendments to those Acts" – presented by the Second Minister for Finance (Ms Indranee Rajah); read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 19/2024].

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- 7 Cybersecurity (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 (Dr Janil Puthucheary), on behalf of the Minister for Communications and Information).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 32 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 8 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 5.18 pm

SEAH KIAN PENG,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Mr Speaker will take the Chair again on Wednesday, 8 May 2024.
