

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

First Session

MONDAY, 13 AUGUST 2012

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PRESENT:

Mr SPEAKER (Mr MICHAEL PALMER (Punggol East)).

Mr ANG HIN KEE (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr ANG WEI NENG (Jurong).

Mr BAEY YAM KENG (Tampines).

Mr CHAN CHUN SING (Tanjong Pagar), Acting Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports and Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence.

Mr CHEN SHOW MAO (Aljunied).

Dr CHIA SHI-LU (Tanjong Pagar).

Mrs LINA CHIAM (Non-Constituency Member).

Ms FAIZAH JAMAL (Nominated Member).

Mr NICHOLAS FANG (Nominated Member).

Assoc. Prof. FATIMAH LATEEF (Marine Parade).

Mr ARTHUR FONG (West Coast).

Mr CEDRIC FOO CHEE KENG (Pioneer).

Ms FOO MEE HAR (West Coast).

Ms GRACE FU HAI YIEN (Yuhua), Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for the Environment and Water Resources and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Mr GAN KIM YONG (Chua Chu Kang), Minister for Health and Government Whip.

Mr GAN THIAM POH (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Mr GERALD GIAM YEAN SONG (Non-Constituency Member).

Mr GOH CHOK TONG (Marine Parade).

Mdm HALIMAH YACOB (Jurong), Minister of State, Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports.

Mr HAWAZI DAIPI (Sembawang), Senior Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education and Minister for Manpower.

Mr HENG CHEE HOW (Whampoa), Senior Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office and Deputy Leader of the House.

Mr HENG SWEE KEAT (Tampines), Minister for Education.

Mr HRI KUMAR NAIR (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr INDERJIT SINGH (Ang Mo Kio).

Ms INDRANEE RAJAH (Tanjong Pagar).

Dr INTAN AZURA MOKHTAR (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr S ISWARAN (West Coast), Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Home Affairs and Second Minister for Trade and Industry.

Dr JANIL PUTHUCHEARY (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Mr KHAW BOON WAN (Sembawang), Minister for National Development.

Dr AMY KHOR LEAN SUAN (Hong Kah North), Minister of State, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Manpower and Deputy Government Whip.

Ms JANICE KOH (Nominated Member).

Dr LAM PIN MIN (Sengkang West).

Er Dr LEE BEE WAH (Nee Soon).

Ms ELLEN LEE (Sembawang).

Mr LEE HSIEN LOONG (Ang Mo Kio), Prime Minister.

Mr LEE KUAN YEW (Tanjong Pagar).

Mr DESMOND LEE TI-SENG (Jurong).

Mr LEE YI SHYAN (East Coast), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry and Ministry of National Development.

Mr LIANG ENG HWA (Holland-Bukit Timah).

Mr LAURENCE LIEN (Nominated Member).

Ms MARY LIEW (Nominated Member).

Mr LIM BIOW CHUAN (Mountbatten).

Mr LIM HNG KIAN (West Coast), Minister for Trade and Industry.

Mr RAYMOND LIM SIANG KEAT (East Coast).

Mr LIM SWEE SAY (East Coast), Minister, Prime Minister's Office.

Ms SYLVIA LIM (Aljunied).

Dr LIM WEE KIAK (Nee Soon).

Ms PENNY LOW (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Mr LOW THIA KHIANG (Aljunied).

Ms LOW YEN LING (Chua Chu Kang).

Mr LUI TUCK YEW (Moulmein-Kallang), Minister for Transport.

Mr MASAGOS ZULKIFLI B M M (Tampines), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Dr MOHAMAD MALIKI BIN OSMAN (East Coast), Senior Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence and Minister for National Development.

Mr MUHAMAD FAISAL ABDUL MANAP (Aljunied).

Assoc. Prof. Dr MUHAMMAD FAISHAL IBRAHIM (Nee Soon), Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Minister for Transport.

Dr LILY NEO (Tanjong Pagar).

Dr NG ENG HEN (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister for Defence and Leader of the House.

Ms IRENE NG PHEK HOONG (Tampines).

Mr DAVID ONG KIM HUAT (Jurong).

Mr ONG TENG KOON (Sembawang).

Ms DENISE PHUA LAY PENG (Moulmein-Kallang).

Mr PNG ENG HUAT (Hougang).

Mr PRITAM SINGH (Aljunied).

Mr R DHINAKARAN (Nominated Member).

Mr SENG HAN THONG (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr K SHANMUGAM (Nee Soon), Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Law.

Ms SIM ANN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Senior Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education and Minister for Law.

Mr SITO H YIH PIN (Potong Pasir).

Mr SAM TAN CHIN SIONG (Radin Mas), Senior Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Acting Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports.

Mr TAN CHUAN-JIN (Marine Parade), Acting Minister for Manpower and Senior Minister of State, Ministry of National Development.

Asst. Prof. TAN KHENG BOON EUGENE (Nominated Member).

Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast).

Ms TAN SU SHAN (Nominated Member).

Mr PATRICK TAY TECK GUAN (Nee Soon).

Mr TEO CHEE HEAN (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Deputy Prime Minister, Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs.

Mrs JOSEPHINE TEO (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister of State, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Transport.

Mr TEO SER LUCK (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Mr TEO SIONG SENG (Nominated Member).

Mr THARMAN SHANMUGARATNAM (Jurong), Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance.

Ms TIN PEI LING (Marine Parade).

Mr EDWIN TONG CHUN FAI (Moulmein-Kallang).

Mr VIKRAM NAIR (Sembawang).

Dr VIVIAN BALAKRISHNAN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.

Mr WONG KAN SENG (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr LAWRENCE WONG (West Coast), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts.

Assoc. Prof. Dr YAACOB IBRAHIM (Moulmein-Kallang), Minister for Information, Communications and the Arts and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs.

Mr ALEX YAM ZIMING (Chua Chu Kang).

Mr YEE JENN JONG (Non-Constituency Member).

Mr ALVIN YEO (Chua Chu Kang).

Mr YEO GUAT KWANG (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr ZAINAL SAPARI (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Mr ZAINUDIN NORDIN (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr ZAQY MOHAMAD (Chua Chu Kang).

ABSENT:

Mr CHARLES CHONG (Joo Chiat), Deputy Speaker.

Mr CHRISTOPHER DE SOUZA (Holland-Bukit Timah).

Mr MAH BOW TAN (Tampines).

Mr SEAH KIAN PENG (Marine Parade), Deputy Speaker.

Dr TEO HO PIN (Bukit Panjang), Deputy Government Whip.

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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 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Re-Appointment of Member of Presidential Council for Religious Harmony – Presented on 11 July 2012 (S. 43 of 2012).
 - 1.2 Environmental Public Health (Public Cleansing) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 11 July 2012 (S. L. 96 of 2012).
 - 1.3 Environmental Protection and Management (Vehicular Emissions) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 11 July 2012 (S. L. 97 of 2012).
 - 1.4 Environmental Protection and Management (Off-Road Diesel Engine Emissions) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 11 July 2012 (S. L. 98 of 2012).
 - 1.5 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment No. 4) Rules 2012 – Presented on 12 July 2012 (S. L. 99 of 2012).
 - 1.6 Environmental Protection and Management (Energy Conservation) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 – Presented on 13 July 2012 (S. L. 100 of 2012).
 - 1.7 Environmental Protection and Management (Exemption from Labelling) (Revocation) Order 2012 – Presented on 13 July 2012 (S. L. 101 of 2012).
 - 1.8 Environmental Protection and Management (Registrable Goods) (Amendment) Order 2012 – Presented on 13 July 2012 (S. L. 102 of 2012).
 - 1.9 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Appointment and Re-Appointment of Members of Presidential Council for Minority Rights (PCMR) – Presented on 16 July 2012 (S. 44 of 2012).
 - 1.10 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the HUDC Housing Estates (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 12/2012] – Presented on 18 July 2012 (Pres. Co. 11 of 2012).
 - 1.11 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Land Transport Authority of Singapore (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 15/2012] – Presented on 18 July 2012 (Pres. Co. 12 of 2012).
 - 1.12 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Patents (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 13/2012] – Presented on 18 July 2012 (Pres. Co. 13 of 2012).
 - 1.13 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Intellectual Property (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill [Bill No 14/2012] – Presented on 18 July 2012 (Pres. Co. 14 of 2012).
 - 1.14 MAS Annual Report 2011/ 2012 – Presented on 19 July 2012 (S. 45 of 2012).
 - 1.15 Housing and Development Board - Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2012 – Presented on 30 July 2012 (S. 46 of 2012).
 - 1.16 Legal Service Commission Annual Report 2011 – Presented on 31 July 2012 (S. 47 of 2012).
 - 1.17 Revised Edition of the Laws (Rectification) Order 2012 – Presented on 3 August 2012 (S. L. 103 of 2012).

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- 1.18 Financial Statements for the Financial Year 2011/2012 – Presented on 10 August 2012 (Cmd. 6 of 2012).
 - 1.19 Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2011/12 – Presented on 10 August 2012 (Cmd. 7 of 2012).
 - 2 12 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
 - 3 Civil List and Pension (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Civil List and Pension Act (Chapter 44 of the 2002 Revised Edition) and to make a consequential amendment to the Pension Fund Act (Chapter 224A of the 1996 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security and 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. 17/2012].
 - 4 Parliamentary Pensions (Abolition) Bill – "to provide that service as Members of Parliament and as holders of ministerial and other offices after 20th May 2011 cease to be reckonable for the grant of pensions and gratuities under the Parliamentary Pensions Act (Chapter 219 of the 1996 Revised Edition) and to make consequential amendments to that Act, to provide for the eventual repeal of that Act and to make related and consequential amendments to other written laws" – presented by the Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security and 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. 18/2012].
 - 5 Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Goods and Services Tax Act (Chapter 117A of the 2005 Revised Edition)" – President's recommendation signified and Bill presented by the Minister of State, Ministry of Finance; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 19/2012].
 - 6 Building Control (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Building Control Act (Chapter 29 of the 1999 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Senior Minister of State, Ministry of National Development; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 20/2012].
 - 7 Central Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Central Provident Fund Act (Chapter 36 of the 2001 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Acting 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. 21/2012].
 - 8 Employment of Foreign Manpower (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Employment of Foreign Manpower Act (Chapter 91A of the 2009 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Acting 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. 22/2012].

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- 9 Immigration (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 – (Second Minister for Home Affairs).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 32 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 10 Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn to a date to be fixed."

Adjourned at 5.09 pm

MICHAEL PALMER
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Parliament stands adjourned to a date to be fixed.
