



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SINGAPORE, 18TH AUGUST, 1955

No. 11

10.00 a.m.

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. Mr. LEE CHOON ENG: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing if he is aware of the recent protest, made by the S.I.T. tenants of Bendemeer Road to the Government through the Chief Minister, against the excessive rentals charged by the Trust; and will he please state what action has been taken in the matter.
 - *2. Mr. LEE CHOON ENG: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing when the proposed Public Housing Authority to replace the existing Singapore Improvement Trust will be established; and whether he will give details of how he intends to operate it.
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notices of Introduction of Bills

- 1. The Chief Minister—
Preservation of Public Security Bill.
 - 2. The Chief Secretary—
Criminal Law (Temporary Provisions) Bill.
 - 3. The Attorney-General—
Penal Code (Amendment) Bill.
 - 4. The Attorney-General—
Arms and Explosives (Amendment) Bill.
 - 5. The Attorney-General—
Corrosive Substances Bill.
 - 6. The Attorney-General—
Protected Places and Areas Bill.
 - 7. The Attorney-General—
Undesirable Publications (Amendment) Bill.
 - 8. The Minister for Health—
Medicines (Advertisement and Sale) Bill.
 - 9. The Minister for Health—
Nurses Registration (Amendment) Bill.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

- †1. Land Titles Bill—Second Reading.
- †2. Land Acquisition (Temporary Provisions) Bill—Second Reading.
- †3. School Crossing Patrols Bill—Second Reading.
- †4. Rubber Shipping and Packing Control (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.

5. The Chief Minister to move—

That Mr. Speaker do convey to Mr. Speaker of the Federal Legislative Council the following message of greetings and good wishes for the inaugural meeting of the Federal Legislative Council:

“On this historic occasion, the Singapore Legislative Assembly on behalf of the people of Singapore sends fraternal greetings and good wishes to the Federal Legislative Council and the people of the Federation.

“In the dawn of this new era in the political history of the separated parts of this Malayan territory we of the Singapore Legislative Assembly look forward to the closest co-operation and co-ordination with the Federal Legislative Councillors in building up a Malayan outlook and loyalty and in the achievement of our common aims for freedom, economic security and social welfare of the peoples of this territory, and extend to our brothers across the Straits our good wishes for their success in the way ahead.”

6. The Chief Minister to move—

That we the members of the Singapore Legislative Assembly, on behalf of the people of Singapore, do place on record in the following terms our recognition of the unique services rendered to Singapore by Malcolm MacDonald as Governor-General, and then as Commissioner-General for the United Kingdom in South-East Asia:—

“Holding the highest office among Her Majesty’s representatives in South-East Asia, you have interpreted your duty to represent Her Majesty not only to Governments and with Governments but to the people, and we the people of Singapore have been impressed by your wide and warm sympathies and sincere friendliness as you moved freely among us. You have appreciated the liberating and creative forces of democratic nationalism in Asia, and have understood that democracy in practice among us means its interpretation in the distinctive way of life of each of the peoples of South-East Asia, and in this way you have forged lasting links between the democratic traditions of East and West. We believe your influence has always been to build our self-confidence and the confidence of others in us which has helped speed our political advance. We are deeply grateful for your understanding and friendliness to the people of this territory, and your constant readiness to give us advice and assistance in matters great and small. Not only are you the first of Her Majesty’s representatives but the first among those who have shown understanding of the people of this territory and our needs, and the first in helpfulness in achieving our legitimate aspirations.”

And that Mr. Speaker do convey to His Excellency this message of our appreciation and gratitude and our best wishes for his success in his high post in India, our great neighbour.

7. The Chief Secretary to move—

That this Assembly, in accordance with subsection (3) of section 3 of the Emergency Regulations Ordinance, 1948 (No. 17 of 1948), as amended by the Emergency Regulations (Amendment) Ordinance, 1948 (No. 39 of 1948), and the Emergency Regulations (Amendment) Ordinance, 1951 (No. 9 of 1951), adopts the Proclamation made by the Governor in Council on the 16th day of July, 1955, and published as Notification No. S 199 in the *Gazette Supplement* No. 58 of 22nd July, 1955, as contained in Sessional Paper No. S.L. 23 of 1955, prolonging for a further

period of three months commencing the 22nd day of July, 1955, the period specified in the Proclamation of Emergency made on the 21st day of April, 1955, and published as Notification No. S 113 in the *Gazette Supplement* No. 30 of 21st April, 1955.

8. The Chief Minister to move—

That Standing Order 62 be suspended to enable the following motions to be made:

(a) That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into, report upon, and make recommendations in respect of the staff at all levels in the employment of the Assembly, the methods of their appointment, their salaries and terms of service, and generally all matters relevant to the Assembly staff; and

(b) That the Select Committee do consist of the Speaker as Chairman and five Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection.

9. The Attorney-General—

That this Assembly, pursuant to subsection (2) of section 3 of the Transfer of Powers and Interpretation Ordinance, 1949 (No. 9 of 1949), resolves that the Singapore Essential (Amendment) Regulations, 1955, published as Notification No. S 216 in the *Gazette Supplement* No. 65 of 13th August, 1955, as contained in Sessional Paper No. S.L. 26 of 1955, be approved.

10. The Financial Secretary to move—

(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified)

That this Assembly resolves that the sum of \$2,017,658 should be supplied to the Government under the Heads of Expenditure and for the services specified in Sessional Paper No. Cmd. 13 of 1955.

11. Mr. LEE KUAN YEW (Member for Tanjong Pagar) to move—

That this House deplores the continued detention without trial of Mr. Fong Swee Suan, Secretary of the Singapore Bus Workers' Union, and Mr. Yong Kok Kim, President of the Singapore Factory and Shop Workers' Union, and considers that the Government should either release them or give them an opportunity to answer the Government's allegations against them in open court.

12. Mr. LIM CHOON MONG (Member for Serangoon) to move—

That this House is of opinion that the appointment of more Assistant Ministers at the present time is undesirable.

†NOTICES RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. *Land Titles Bill*—

Subject to the Bill passing its Second Reading, the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing will move the Committee stage and Third Reading.

The Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing will move the following amendment to the Bill in Committee:—

That the First Schedule (as in the form appended) be inserted in the Bill immediately after clause 141:

FIRST SCHEDULE

<i>Certificate No.</i>	COLONY OF SINGAPORE	<i>Lot No.</i>
<i>Crown Title:</i>	(ROYAL ARMS)	Mukim/T.S.
	CERTIFICATE OF TITLE	
<i>Quit Rent:</i>	The Land Titles Ordinance, 1955 (No. of 1955)	<i>Short Description.</i>
	(Section 15)	
<i>History of Land:</i>	This is to certify that the proprietor shown herein holds a estate in the land herein described subject to such reservations covenants conditions and agreements expressed or implied in the Crown title referred to herein and subject to such encumbrances liens and interests as are notified herein.	<i>Area.</i> More particularly delineated on Plan No. filed in the Survey Office and shown on the Standard Map. No. Litho No.
	Dated the day of	19 .

REGISTRAR OF TITLES
SINGAPORE
(Seal)

1. Easements and other appurtenant Rights.

2. Proprietorship:

3. Charges Encumbrances etc.

2. *Land Acquisition (Temporary Provisions) Bill*—

Subject to the Bill passing its Second Reading, the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing will move the Committee stage and Third Reading.

3. *School Crossing Patrols Bill*—

Subject to the Bill passing its Second Reading, the Minister for Communications and Works will move the Committee stage and Third Reading.

The Minister for Communications and Works will move the following amendment to the Bill in Committee:—

After definition of “road” in clause 2, add—

“school” includes a Children’s Social Centre run by the Department of Social Welfare, Singapore.

4. *Rubber Shipping and Packing Control (Amendment) Bill*—

To be withdrawn.

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWER

1. Mr. LEE CHOON ENG: To ask the Chief Secretary—
 - (a) how many candidates in Government Service have been sent for training under the Colonial Development and Welfare Fund Scholarship scheme since its inception until today;
 - (b) in what grades and divisions were the candidates prior to being selected for the scholarship;
 - (c) in what grades and divisions have they been placed after their return from the scholarship; and
 - (d) whether there has been any case where the Government has not found it possible to place a returned candidate in a post in which his qualifications, acquired as a result of the scholarship, would have rendered him suitable.

 2. Mr. G. A. P. SUTHERLAND: To ask the Chief Secretary whether, in view of the shortage of radiologists in Singapore, any attempt has been made to obtain the services of an experienced radiologist from the Federation of Malaya; and whether the appointment of such a person with the necessary qualifications would be considered regardless of whether or not the applicant is an expatriate.
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SESSIONAL PRINTED PAPERS PRESENTED

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- Cmd. 9. Annual Report of the Survey Department 1954. (6th August, 1955).
 - Cmd. 12. Annual Report of the Social Welfare Department for 1954. (6th August, 1955).
 - Cmd 13. Schedule of Applications for Supplementary Expenditure approved under authority delegated by the Legislative Assembly. (15th August, 1955).
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- L.A. 7. Special Report of the House Committee: Accommodation in Assembly House. (5th August, 1955).
 - L.A. 8. Minutes of Proceedings of the House Committee of 4th August, 1955. (9th August, 1955).
 - L.A. 9. Special Report from the Public Accounts Committee. (6th August, 1955).
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- S.L. 26. Singapore Essential (Amendment) Regulations, 1955. (15th August, 1955).
 - S.L. 27. Cancellation of *Gazette* Notification No. S 206 [Sessional Paper No. S.L. 25 of 1955]. (16th August, 1955).