



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SINGAPORE, 12TH OCTOBER, 1955

No. 16

10.00 a.m.

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. Mr. LIM CHER KHENG: To ask the Minister for Communications and Works, in view of the approach of the rainy season, whether all flood-prevention measures in the low-lying areas have now been completed; and whether he can give an assurance that experience in the past, particularly in the Bedok Resettlement area and in the Kampong Tai Seng area near the Paya Lebar Airport, will not be repeated.
- *2. Mr. LIM CHER KHENG: To ask the Minister for Labour and Welfare whether he will give a detailed report on the present strike of the Singapore Traction Company employees; and state what steps have been taken by the Government to settle this dispute and relieve the public from this inconvenience.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Presentation of Government Bills

1. The Minister for Health—
Hospitals Board (Amendment) Bill.
2. The Minister for Communications and Works—
Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill.
- *3. The Chief Secretary—
Registration of Persons Bill.
4. The Minister for Health—
Dangerous Drugs (Temporary Provisions) (Amendment) Bill.

Motion for the Introduction of Bill

Mr. LIM CHOON MONG (Member for Serangoon)—

To move for leave to introduce a Bill governing the conditions of employment, and the rights and privileges of clerical and shop assistants.

ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

- †1. City Council Elections (Temporary Provisions) Bill—Second Reading.
- †2. Merchandise Marks (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.
- †3. Civil Law (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.
- †4. Police Force (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.
- †5. Preservation of Public Security Bill—Committee.
- †6. Criminal Law (Temporary Provisions) Bill—Committee.
- †7. Penal Code (Amendment) Bill—Committee.
- †8. Arms and Explosives (Amendment) Bill—Committee.
- †9. Corrosive Substances Bill—Committee.
- †10. Protected Places and Areas Bill—Committee.
- †11. Undesirable Publications (Amendment) Bill—Committee.

12. The Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing to move—

That this Assembly approves the improvement rate of 2 per centum on the annual value of all houses, buildings, lands and tenements within the City of Singapore, fixed by the Singapore Improvement Trust under section 22 (1) of the Singapore Improvement Ordinance (Cap. 134) for the year 1956.

†NOTICES RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY

†1. *City Council Elections (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.

†2. *Merchandise Marks (Amendment) Bill—*

Subject to the Bill passing its Second Reading, the Assistant Minister for Commerce and Industry will move the Committee stage and Third Reading.

†3. *Civil Law (Amendment) Bill—*

Subject to the Bill passing its Second Reading, the Assistant Minister for Commerce and Industry will move the Committee stage and Third Reading.

†4. *Police Force (Amendment) Bill—*

Subject to the Bill passing its Second Reading, the Chief Secretary will move the Committee stage and Third Reading.

†5. *Preservation of Public Security Bill—*

After consideration of the Bill in Committee, the Chief Minister will move the Third Reading.

The Chief Minister will move the following amendments to the Bill in Committee:—

(i) *Clause 3, page 2, lines 4 to 12:* leave out sub-clause (1) and insert the following:—

“(1) If the Governor in Council is satisfied with respect to any person that, with a view to preventing that person from acting in any manner prejudicial to the security of Malaya or the maintenance of public order therein or the maintenance therein of essential services, it is necessary so to do, the Chief Secretary shall by order under his hand make an order directing that such person be detained for any period not exceeding two years.”

(ii) *Clause 3, page 2, after line 12:* Insert the following new sub-clause (2):—

“(2) For the purposes of the foregoing subsection “essential services” means any service, business, trade, undertaking, manufacture or calling included in the First Schedule to this Ordinance.”

(iii) *Clause 3, page 2, line 13:* leave out “(2)” and insert “(3)”.

(iv) *Clause 3, page 2, line 18:* leave out “(3)” and insert “(4)”.

(v) *Clause 18, page 8, line 44:* before “Schedule”, insert “Second”.

(vi) *The Schedule, page 13:* leave out “THE SCHEDULE” and insert “SECOND SCHEDULE”.

(vii) *FIRST SCHEDULE (new)*, page 13, after line 35: insert—

“FIRST SCHEDULE.

(Section 3).

ESSENTIAL SERVICES.

1. Water Services.
2. Gas Services.
3. Electricity Services.
4. Public Health Services.
5. Fire Services.
6. Prison Services.
7. Postal Services.
8. Telephone Services and Undertakings.
9. Telegraph Services and Undertakings.
10. Port, Dock and Harbour Services and Undertakings.
11. Bulk Distribution of Fuel and Lubricants.”

Mr. Lim Choon Mong (Member for Serangoon) will move the following amendments to the Bill in Committee:—

- (i) *Clause 16, page 7, line 13*: leave out “Inspector” and insert “Assistant Superintendent”.
- (ii) *Clause 16, page 7, after line 17*: insert—“and any police officer not below the rank of Inspector may without warrant, and with or without assistance —”.

Mr. Lim Koon Teck (Member for Paya Lebar) will move the following amendments to the Bill in Committee:—

- (i) *Clause 1, page 1, line 9*: leave out “three years from the date of commencement” and insert “one year from the date of commencement and for any further period of one year for which it may be continued by resolution of the Legislative Assembly”.
- (ii) *Clause 24, page 11, line 34*: leave out the semicolon.
- (iii) *Clause 24, page 11, lines 35 to 39*: leave out all the words from beginning to end.

†6. *Criminal Law (Temporary Provisions) Bill*—

After consideration of the Bill in Committee, the Chief Secretary will move the Third Reading.

The Chief Secretary will move the following amendments to the Bill in Committee:—

- (i) *Clause 4, page 3, lines 33 to 35*: leave out “death or with imprisonment which may extend to imprisonment for life or with whipping or with both such imprisonment and whipping” and insert “imprisonment for life and shall also be liable to whipping”.
- (ii) *Clause 6, page 4, lines 15 to 17*: leave out “death, or with imprisonment which may extend to imprisonment for life or with whipping or with both such imprisonment and whipping” and insert “imprisonment for life and shall also be liable to whipping”.

- (iii) *Clause 9, page 6, line 6:* after "be" insert "a".
- (iv) *In page 21, the Sixth Schedule, item 8:* leave out "Telegraph" and insert "Telephone".
- (v) *In page 21, the Sixth Schedule, item 11:* leave out "oil".

Mr. John Ede (Member for Tanglin) will move the following amendments to the Bill in Committee:—

- (i) *Clause 1, page 1, line 9:* leave out "three years from the date of commencement" and insert "one year from the date of commencement and for any further period of one year for which it may be continued by resolution of the Legislative Assembly".
- (ii) *Clause 39, page 17, line 29:* leave out the semicolon.
- (iii) *Clause 39, page 17, lines 30 to 35:* leave out all the words from beginning to end.

The Minister for Labour and Welfare will move the following amendments to the Bill in Committee:—

- (i) *Clause 23, page 12, lines 17 and 18:* leave out "No person employed in any essential service shall go on strike in breach of contract" and insert "No workman employed in any essential service shall go on strike".
- (ii) *Clause 23, page 12, line 29:* after the word "Ordinance" insert "or of any proceedings of a Court of Inquiry appointed by the Minister under section 6 of the same Ordinance".
- (iii) *Clause 23, page 12, line 30:* leave out the full stop and insert a colon and the words "Provided that nothing in this paragraph shall prevent a workman going on strike after the expiry of sixty days from the date on which notice of strike is given under paragraph (a) of this subsection".
- (iv) *Clause 23, page 12, line 43:* after the word "Ordinance" insert "or of any proceedings of a Court of Inquiry appointed by the Minister under section 6 of the same Ordinance".
- (v) *Clause 23, page 12, line 44:* leave out the full stop and insert a colon and the words "Provided that nothing in this paragraph shall prevent an employer locking-out any workman after the expiry of sixty days from the date on which notice of lock-out is given under paragraph (a) of this subsection".

Mr. Lim Choon Mong (Member for Serangoon) will move the following amendment to the Bill in Committee:—

Clause 31, page 15, lines 8 and 9: leave out "Inspector" and insert "Assistant Superintendent".

†7. *Penal Code (Amendment) Bill—*

After consideration of the Bill in Committee, the Attorney-General will move the Third Reading.

†8. *Arms and Explosives (Amendment) Bill—*

After consideration of the Bill in Committee, the Attorney-General will move the Third Reading.

†9. *Corrosive Substances Bill—*

After consideration of the Bill in Committee, the Attorney-General will move the Third Reading.

 †10. *Protected Places and Areas Bill*—

After consideration of the Bill in Committee, the Attorney-General will move the Third Reading.

 †11. *Undesirable Publications (Amendment) Bill*—

After consideration of the Bill in Committee, the Attorney-General will move the Third Reading.

***MEMORANDUM**

Registration of Persons Bill—The Chief Secretary proposes to proceed with the Bill throughout all its stages until the Bill is read the third time on a Certificate of Urgency under Standing Order 59.

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWER

1. Mr. LIM CHER KHENG: To ask the Minister for Commerce and Industry whether he is aware of the urgent need for promoting and fostering local industries; and whether he will make a detailed statement of all the steps taken, or to be taken, in granting guidance and assistance, including the grant of loans, for the welfare and development of small operators in (a) the fishing; (b) the farming; and (c) the light (cottage) industries.
 2. Mr. LIM CHER KHENG: To ask the Chief Secretary whether he is aware that there is an urgent need for more Kathis to be stationed in the rural areas; and whether one stationed in the Changi and Bedok Districts, where hardship is being caused, will be appointed as early as possible.
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SESSIONAL PRINTED PAPERS PRESENTED

1955

Cmd. 21. Main Drainage of the Bedok and Ketapang Catchments. (4th October, 1955).

Cmd. 20. Annual Report of the Rural Board, Singapore, 1954. (10th October, 1955).

Cmd. 22. The Economic Development of Malaya: Report of a Mission organized by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development. (10th October, 1955).

L.A. 12. Report from the Select Committee on the Labour Bill. (26th September, 1955).

L.A. 13. First Report of the Standing Orders Committee. (29th September, 1955).

S. 2. Report on the Singapore Post Office Savings Bank for the year 1954. (6th October, 1955).

S.L. 34. Rules of the Supreme Court (Amendment), 1955. (5th October, 1955).

S.L. 35. District Court (Amendment) Rules, 1955. (6th October, 1955).
