

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SINGAPORE, 26TH APRIL, 1955

No. 2

10.00 a.m.

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1. Election of Deputy Speaker.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Presentation of Bills

1. The Attorney-General—
Legislative Assembly (Privileges and Powers) Bill.
2. Minister of Labour and Welfare—
Labour Bill.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

1. The Chief Minister to move—

That this Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order No. 61 of the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly, Singapore, appoints the following as members of the Committee of Selection:—

The Honourable Mr. LIM YEW HOCK (Member for Havelock)

Mr. LEE KUAN YEW (Member for Tanjong Pagar)

Mr. LIM CHOON MONG (Member for Serangoon)

Mr. MAK PAK SHEE (Member for Geylang)

Inche MOHD. SIDEK BIN HAJI ABDUL HAMID (Member for Southern Islands).

2. The Chief Minister to move—

That this House conveys its humble duty and thanks to Her Majesty the Queen for Her Majesty's gracious message.

3. The Chief Minister to move—

That this House conveys to the Secretary of State an expression of warm appreciation for his message.

4. The Chief Minister to move—

That this Assembly expresses its thanks to His Excellency the Governor for his Address delivered on Friday, 22nd April, 1955.

5. The Chief Minister 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 21st day of April, 1955,

and published as Notification No. S 113 in the *Gazette* Supplement No. 30 of 21st April, 1955, as contained in Sessional Paper No. S.L. 2 of 1955, prolonging for a further period of three months commencing the 22nd day of April, 1955, the period specified in the Proclamation of Emergency made on the 6th day of January, 1955, and published as Notification No. S 16 in the *Gazette* Supplement No. 3 of 14th January, 1955.

6. The Chief Minister to move—

That this Assembly, in accordance with subsection (4) of section 4 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), resolves that the Emergency (Amendment) Regulations, 1955 made on the 20th day of April, 1955, and published as Notification No. S 117 in the *Gazette* Supplement No. 32 of 22nd April, 1955, as contained in Sessional Paper No. S.L. 3 of 1955, shall continue in force until the expiration or revocation of any Proclamation extending the period of the Proclamation of Emergency published as Notification No. S 219 in the *Gazette* Supplement No. 50 of 26th July, 1948.

7. The Chief Minister to move—

That this Assembly, in accordance with subsection (4) of section 4 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) resolves that the Emergency (Prohibition of Discharge of Firearms and Explosives) (Revocation) Regulations, 1955, made on the 20th day of April, 1955, and published as Notification No. S 118 in the *Gazette* Supplement No. 32 of 22nd April, 1955, as contained in Sessional Paper No. S.L. 4 of 1955, shall continue in force until the expiration or revocation of any Proclamation extending the period of the Proclamation of Emergency published as Notification No. S 219 in the *Gazette* Supplement No. 50 of 26th July, 1948.

8. The Financial Secretary to move—

That this Assembly resolves that the sum of \$800,344.00 should be supplied to the Government under the Heads of Expenditure and for the services specified in Sessional Paper No. Cmd. 3 of 1955 laid on the table of the Assembly this 26th day of April, 1955.

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWER

1. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Chief Secretary, if he is aware that a very high proportion of the tickets sold in the Social Welfare lotteries organised in the Federation of Malaya by the Government Social Welfare Lotteries Board the proceeds from which are being used to finance Federation of Malaya Social Welfare projects are being bought by persons resident in the Colony of Singapore; and what steps the Minister proposes to take to remedy this situation.
2. Mr. R. JUMABHOY: To ask the Financial Secretary, if he will state the combined or respective hard currency earnings of Singapore and the Federation of Malaya for the years 1952, 1953 and 1954, what amount was allowed to be spent by Singapore importers, whether the Colony derives any direct benefit by handing its hard currency earnings to the United Kingdom, and whether such earnings are credited at the current market rate so that Singapore and the Federation can benefit thereby.

3. Mr. LIM CHOON MONG: To ask the Minister of Labour and Welfare, whether he is aware of the fact that the grant of \$5 per person to the victims of the storm which demolished their houses on 9th April, 1955, is causing severe hardship; and whether he will consider the question of assisting the victims to rebuild their houses.
4. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister of Labour and Welfare, if he will detail the Boys' Clubs situated in the constituency of Tanglin; how many Boys' Clubs are being organised within the constituency in 1955; and where they are to be sited.
5. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister of Labour and Welfare, if he will state the current figures of unemployment in the Colony.
6. Mr. LIM CHOON MONG: To ask the Minister of Education, how many primary and secondary schools have been approved for construction during the year 1955; and how many of these schools are expected to be completed in 1955.
7. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister of Education, if he will detail the schools of all categories (i.e. Government, aided, private, etc., and whether primary or secondary) situated in the constituency of Tanglin; how many and what categories of Government schools are being built within the constituency in 1955; and where they are to be sited.
8. Mr. GOH TONG LIANG: To ask the Minister of Local Government, Lands and Housing, whether he is aware that the Rural areas are very poorly supplied with electricity and water; and what steps does he propose to take to improve the supply of such services to these areas.
9. Mr. GOH TONG LIANG: To ask the Minister of Local Government, Lands and Housing, whether he will give particulars of the total acreage of Crown land in the Colony and how much of it is being occupied at present under temporary occupation licence.
10. Mr. LIM CHOON MONG: To ask the Minister of Local Government, Lands and Housing, how many housing units have been approved for construction during the year 1955; whether he will give particulars of the number of each type of housing unit so planned; and how many of these housing units are expected to be completed in 1955 in each category.
11. Mr. GOH TONG LIANG: To ask the Minister of Communications and Works, what steps does he propose to take to improve the roads and telephone communications in the rural areas.
12. Mr. LIM CHOON MONG: To ask the Minister of Health, whether he will supply a list of the building projects planned for construction during the year 1955; and how many of these projects are expected to be completed in 1955.
13. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister of Health, if he will detail the Government clinics and other medical buildings situated in the constituency of Tanglin; how many are being built within the constituency in 1955; and where they are to be sited.

SESSIONAL PRINTED PAPERS PRESENTED

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- No. 1. Schedule of Applications for Supplementary Expenditure in respect of Special Warrants issued before the Legislative Council was dissolved.
- No. 2. Schedule of Applications for Supplementary Expenditure approved by His Excellency the Governor during the Period between the Dissolution of the Legislative Council and the Election of the Legislative Assembly.

SESSIONAL PRINTED PAPERS PRESENTED—*continued*

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No. 3. Schedule of Applications for Supplementary Expenditure.

S.L. 2. Proclamation extending the period of Emergency.

S.L. 3. Emergency (Amendment) Regulations, 1955.

S.L. 4. Emergency (Prohibition of Discharge of Firearms and Explosives)
(Revocation) Regulations, 1955.