

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

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
WEDNESDAY, 8 JANUARY 2025**

No. 149

11.00 am

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PRESENT:

Mr SPEAKER (Mr Seah Kian Peng (Marine Parade)).
Mr ANG WEI NENG (West Coast).
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 ERIC CHUA (Tanjong Pagar) Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Social and Family Development.
Mr KEITH CHUA (Nominated Member).
Mr CHUA KHENG WEE LOUIS (Sengkang).
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), Deputy Prime Minister and 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.
Mr SHAWN HUANG WEI ZHONG (Jurong), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Finance.
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 Digital Development 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 LEE HSIEN LOONG (Ang Mo Kio), Senior 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), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Trade and Industry.
Ms MARIAM JAAFAR (Sembawang).
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), Minister of State, Ministry of Law and Ministry of Transport.
Dr NG ENG HEN (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister for Defence.
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 NEIL PAREKH NIMIL RAJNIKANT (Nominated Member).
Ms JOAN PEREIRA (Tanjong Pagar).
Ms DENISE PHUA LAY PENG (Jalan Besar).
Ms HAZEL POA (Non-Constituency Member).
Mr PRITAM SINGH (Aljunied), Leader of the Opposition.
Ms RAHAYU MAHZAM (Jurong), Minister of State, Ministry of Digital Development and Information and Ministry of Health.
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 SHARAEEL 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), Senior Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office.

Mr TAN KIAT HOW (East Coast), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Digital Development 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.

Mrs JOSEPHINE TEO (Jalan Besar), Minister for Digital Development and Information and Second Minister for Home Affairs.

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), 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 BAEY YAM KENG (Tampines), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment and Ministry of Transport.

Mr DARRYL DAVID (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr DESMOND LEE (West Coast), Minister for National Development and Minister-in-charge of Social Services Integration.

Mr MASAGOS ZULKIFLI B M M (Tampines), Minister for Social and Family Development, Second Minister for Health and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs.

Ms NADIA AHMAD SAMDIN (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr ONG YE KUNG (Sembawang), Minister for Health.

Ms POH LI SAN (Sembawang).

- 1 Paper 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 Regulation of Imports and Exports (Data Sharing) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 8 January 2025 (S. L. 1299 of 2025)
- 2 21 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 3 Ministerial Statement – Responsible Use of NRIC Numbers – (Minister for Digital Development and Information).
- 4 Ministerial Statement – NRIC Numbers in ACRA’s BizFile Service – (Second Minister for Finance).
- 5 Workplace Fairness Bill – (Minister for Manpower) – Question again proposed on the resumption of debate, "That the Bill be now read a second time."; Debate arising.
- 6 Time Limit for Speeches – (Deputy Leader of the House) – (with the consent of Mr Deputy Speaker and the general assent of Members present) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the proceedings on the item under discussion be exempted from the provisions of Standing Order No. 48(8) to remove the time limit in respect of Minister Tan See Leng’s speech."
- 7 Workplace Fairness Bill – (Minister for Manpower) – Debate resumed on Question, "That the Bill be now read a second time."
- 8 Exempted Business – (Deputy Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the proceedings on the business set down on the Order Paper for today be exempted at this day’s sitting from the provisions of Standing Order No. 2."
- 9 Workplace Fairness Bill – (Minister for Manpower) – Debate resumed on Question, "That the Bill be now read a second time."

Question put and agreed to. 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 – (Minister for Manpower).

(In the Committee)

Clause 1:

Alteration made, in page 6, line 4, by leaving out "2024" and inserting "2025".

Clause 45:

Alteration made, in page 40, line 2, by leaving out "2024" and inserting "2025".

Clauses 1 to 46 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 10 Food Safety and Security Bill – (Minister for Sustainability and the Environment) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time.": Debate arising.
- 11 Suspension of Standing Orders – (Leader of the House) – (with the consent of Mr Speaker and the general assent of Members present) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the proceedings under discussion be exempted from the provisions of Standing Order No. 48(3) to enable the Senior Minister of State Dr Koh Poh Koon to speak more than once."
- 12 Food Safety and Security Bill – Debate resumed on Question, "That the Bill be now read a second time.". Question put and agreed to. 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 – (Minister for Sustainability and the Environment).

(In the Committee)

Clause 1:

Alteration made, in page 8, line 4, by leaving out "2024" and inserting "2025".

Clause 323:

Alterations made, in page 408, lines 5 and 10, by leaving out "2024" and inserting "2025".

Clause 326:

Alteration made, in page 410, line 12, by leaving out "2024" and inserting "2025".

Clause 328:

Alteration made, in page 410, line 27, by leaving out "2024" and inserting "2025".

Clause 329:

Alteration made, in page 411, line 6, by leaving out "2024" and inserting "2025".

Clause 331:

Alteration made, in page 411, line 22, by leaving out "2024" and inserting "2025".

Clause 340:

Alteration made, in page 413, line 18, by leaving out "2024" and inserting "2025".

Clause 341:

Alterations made, in page 414, lines 2 and 5, by leaving out "2024" and inserting "2025".

Clause 347:

Alteration made, in page 416, line 29, by leaving out "2024" and inserting "2025".

Clause 363:

Alterations made, in page 422, lines 23 and 27, by leaving out "2024" and inserting "2025".

Clause 372:

Alteration made, in page 426, line 7, by leaving out "2024" and inserting "2025".

Clause 375:

Alteration made, in page 426, line 28, by leaving out "2024" and inserting "2025".

Alteration made, in page 427, line 4, by leaving out "2024" and inserting "2025".

Clause 390:

Alteration made, in page 429, line 25, by leaving out "2024" and inserting "2025".

Clause 391:

Alteration made, in page 430, line 8, by leaving out "2024" and inserting "2025".

Clause 396:

Alteration made, in page 432, lines 3,6, 9 and 20, by leaving out "2024" and inserting "2025".

Clause 397:

Alteration made, in page 433, lines 13 and 21, by leaving out "2024" and inserting "2025".

Clause 399:

Alteration made, in page 434, line 23, by leaving out "2024" and inserting "2025".

Clause 404:

Alterations made, in page 436, lines 13 and 17, by leaving out "2024" and inserting "2025".

Clauses 1 to 405 inclusive agreed to.

First and Second Schedules agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

13 Customs (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 Finance (Mr Chee Hong Tat)).

(In the Committee)

Clause 1:

Alteration made, in page 2, line 2, by leaving out "2024" and inserting "2025".

Clauses 1 to 16 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

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- 14 Adjournment – (Deputy Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That at its rising today, Parliament do stand adjourned to a date to be fixed."
- 15 Adjournment – (Deputy Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That Parliament do now adjourn."; Debate arising.
- Question put – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn."

Adjourned at 10.15 pm

SEAH KIAN PENG,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Parliament stands adjourned to a date to be fixed.
