

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

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
MONDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2023**

No. 111

11.30 am

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PRESENT:

Mr SPEAKER (Mr Seah Kian Peng (Marine Parade)).
Mr ANG WEI NENG (West Coast).
Mr BAEY YAM KENG (Tampines), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment and Ministry of Transport.
Mr CHAN CHUN SING (Tanjong Pagar), Minister for Education.
Ms USHA CHANDRADAS (Nominated Member)
Mr CHEE HONG TAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Transport.
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 DARRYL DAVID (Ang Mo Kio).
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.
Mr GAN KIM YONG (Chua Chu Kang), 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 and Coordinating Minister for Economic Policies.
Mr SHAWN HUANG WEI ZHONG (Jurong).
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 Communications 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 DESMOND LEE (West Coast), Minister for National Development and Minister-in-charge of Social Services Integration.

Mr LEE HSIEN LOONG (Ang Mo Kio), Prime 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 MARIAM JAAFAR (Sembawang).
Mr MASAGOS ZULKIFLI B M M (Tampines), Minister for Social and Family Development, Second Minister for Health and Minister-in-charge of Muslim 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).
Dr NG ENG HEN (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister for Defence.
Mr LOUIS NG KOK KWANG (Nee Soon).
Ms NG LING LING (Ang Mo Kio).
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).
Ms POH LI SAN (Sembawang).
Mr PRITAM SINGH (Aljunied), Leader of the Opposition.
Ms RAHAYU MAHZAM (Jurong), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Law.
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 SHARAEL 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 SITOY 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), Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office.
Mr TAN KIAT HOW (East Coast), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Communications 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 Communications and Information and Second Minister for Home Affairs.
Mr RAJ JOSHUA THOMAS (Nominated Member)
Mr EDWIN TONG CHUN FAI (Marine Parade), Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Second Minister for Law.
Mr VIKRAM NAIR (Sembawang).
Dr WAN RIZAL (Jalan Besar).
Mr DON WEE (Chua Chu Kang).
Mr LAWRENCE WONG (Marsiling-Yew Tee), Deputy 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:

Miss CHERYL CHAN WEI LING (East Coast).
Mr S ISWARAN (West Coast), Minister for Transport and Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations.
Ms LOW YEN LING (Chua Chu Kang), Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Trade and Industry.
Dr MOHAMAD MALIKI BIN OSMAN (East Coast), Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Education and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs.
Ms NADIA AHMAD SAMDIN (Ang Mo Kio).
Miss RACHEL ONG (West Coast).
Mr ONG YE KUNG (Sembawang), Minister for Health.
Ms TIN PEI LING (MacPherson).
Dr VIVIAN BALAKRISHNAN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Minister for Foreign Affairs.

- 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 Health Promotion Board Annual Report 2022/2023 – Presented on 8 August 2023 (S. 360 of 2023)
 - 1.2 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2023 – Presented on 10 August 2023 (S. L. 914 of 2023)
 - 1.3 The National Research Fund Report and Financial Statements Year Ended 31 March 2023 – Presented on 11 August 2023 (S. 361 of 2023)
 - 1.4 MediShield Life Scheme (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2023 – Presented on 14 August 2023 (S. L. 915 of 2023)
 - 1.5 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment No. 2) Bill [Bill No. 22/2023] – Presented on 15 August 2023 (Pres. Co. 100 of 2023)
 - 1.6 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Oaths, Declarations and Notarisations (Remote Methods) Bill [Bill No. 21/2023] – Presented on 15 August 2023 (Pres. Co. 101 of 2023)
 - 1.7 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Public Utilities (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 23/2023] – Presented on 15 August 2023 (Pres. Co. 102 of 2023)
 - 1.8 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Lease Agreements for Retail Premises Bill [Bill No. 25/2023] – Presented on 15 August 2023 (Pres. Co. 103 of 2023)
 - 1.9 Customs (Retail Food Establishments – Exemption) (Amendment) Order 2023 – Presented on 18 August 2023 (S. L. 916 of 2023)
 - 1.10 Presidential Council for Minority Rights Annual Report for the period from 01 August 2022 to 31 July 2023 – Presented on 21 August 2023 (Cmd. 26 of 2023)
 - 1.11 Savings and Employee Retirement and Premium Fund (SAVER-Premium Fund) Annual Report for Financial Year 2022 – Presented on 21 August 2023 (S. 362 of 2023)
 - 1.12 Savings and Employee Retirement and Premium Fund (SAVER-Premium Fund) Actuarial Examination Report as at 31 March 2022 – Presented on 21 August 2023 (S. 363 of 2023)
 - 1.13 Public Entertainments Act 1958 (Amendment of First Schedule) Order 2023 – Presented on 22 August 2023 (S. L. 917 of 2023)
 - 1.14 Public Entertainments and Meetings (Amendment) Rules 2023 – Presented on 22 August 2023 (S. L. 918 of 2023)
 - 1.15 Public Entertainments (Demerit Points) (Amendment) Rules 2023 – Presented on 22 August 2023 (S. L. 919 of 2023)
 - 1.16 Public Entertainments (Miscellaneous Amendments) Rules 2023 – Presented on 22 August 2023 (S. L. 920 of 2023)
 - 1.17 Public Order (Unrestricted Area — Speakers' Corner) (Revocation) Order 2023 – Presented on 22 August 2023 (S. L. 921 of 2023)

- 1.18 Health Products (Clinical Research Materials) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 – Presented on 23 August 2023 (S. L. 922 of 2023)
- 1.19 Health Products (Clinical Trials) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 – Presented on 23 August 2023 (S. L. 923 of 2023)
- 1.20 Health Products (Oral Dental Gums) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 – Presented on 23 August 2023 (S. L. 924 of 2023)
- 1.21 Health Products (Licensing of Retail Pharmacies) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 – Presented on 23 August 2023 (S. L. 925 of 2023)
- 1.22 Health Products (Medical Devices) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 – Presented on 23 August 2023 (S. L. 926 of 2023)
- 1.23 Health Products (Therapeutic Products) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 – Presented on 23 August 2023 (S. L. 927 of 2023)
- 1.24 Health Products (Cell, Tissue and Gene Therapy Products) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 – Presented on 23 August 2023 (S. L. 928 of 2023)
- 1.25 Regulation of Imports and Exports (Data Sharing – Offences) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 – Presented on 24 August 2023 (S. L. 929 of 2023)
- 1.26 Science Centre Board – Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2023 – Presented on 28 August 2023 (S. 364 of 2023)
- 1.27 Goods and Services Tax (Appeals Procedure for Board of Review) Regulations 2023 – Presented on 29 August 2023 (S. L. 930 of 2023)
- 1.28 Public Transport Council Annual Report FY 2022/2023 – Presented on 4 September 2023 (S. 365 of 2023)
- 1.29 Public Transport Council Financial Statements FY 2022/2023 – Presented on 4 September 2023 (S. 366 of 2023)
- 1.30 Health Sciences Authority Annual Report 2022/2023 – Presented on 4 September 2023 (S. 367 of 2023)
- 1.31 Civil Service College Annual Report and Financial Statements 2022/2023 – Presented on 4 September 2023 (S. 368 of 2023)
- 1.32 Road Traffic (Electronic Road Pricing System) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2023 – Presented on 5 September 2023 (S. L. 931 of 2023)
- 1.33 Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore Annual Report and Financial Statements for FY2022/23 – Presented on 5 September 2023 (S. 369 of 2023)
- 1.34 Public Order (Unrestricted Area — Speakers’ Corner) Order 2023 – Presented on 7 September 2023 (S. L. 932 of 2023)
- 1.35 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment No. 4) Rules 2023 – Presented on 8 September 2023 (S. L. 933 of 2023)
- 1.36 Land Betterment Charge (Table of Rates and Valuation Method) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2023 – Presented on 8 September 2023 (S. L. 934 of 2023)

- 1.37 Intellectual Property Office of Singapore Annual Report 2022/2023 – Presented on 11 September 2023 (S. 370 of 2023)
- 1.38 Intellectual Property Office of Singapore Audited Financial Statements FY2022 – Presented on 11 September 2023 (S. 371 of 2023)
- 1.39 Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board (SEAB) – Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2023 – Presented on 11 September 2023 (S. 372 of 2023)
- 1.40 Control of Vectors and Pesticides (Registration of Pesticides and Vector Repellents) Regulations 2023 – Presented on 11 September 2023 (S. L. 935 of 2023)
- 1.41 Singapore Medical Council Annual Report 2022 – Presented on 12 September 2023 (S. 373 of 2023)
- 1.42 Singapore Nursing Board Annual Report 2022 – Presented on 12 September 2023 (S. 374 of 2023)
- 1.43 Singapore Dental Council Annual Report 2022 – Presented on 12 September 2023 (S. 375 of 2023)
- 1.44 Singapore Pharmacy Council Annual Report 2022 – Presented on 12 September 2023 (S. 376 of 2023)
- 1.45 Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board Annual Report 2022 – Presented on 12 September 2023 (S. 377 of 2023)
- 1.46 JTC Corporation Annual Report FY2022 – Presented on 12 September 2023 (S. 378 of 2023)
- 1.47 Central Provident Fund (Public Sector Employees) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 – Presented on 12 September 2023 (S. L. 936 of 2023)
- 1.48 Central Provident Fund (Self-Employed Persons) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 – Presented on 12 September 2023 (S. L. 937 of 2023)
- 1.49 Central Provident Fund (Contribute As You Earn Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 – Presented on 12 September 2023 (S. L. 938 of 2023)
- 1.50 Central Provident Fund (Refunds) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 – Presented on 12 September 2023 (S. L. 939 of 2023)
- 1.51 Central Provident Fund (Amendment) Regulations 2023 – Presented on 12 September 2023 (S. L. 940 of 2023)
- 1.52 Charities (Fund-raising Appeals for Local and Foreign Charitable Purposes) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2023 – Presented on 13 September 2023 (S. L. 941 of 2023)
- 1.53 Charities (Electronic Transactions Service) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 – Presented on 13 September 2023 (S. L. 942 of 2023)
- 1.54 Food (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2023 – Presented on 13 September 2023 (S. L. 943 of 2023)
- 1.55 Road Traffic (Composition of Offences) (Amendment) Rules 2023 – Presented on 13 September 2023 (S. L. 944 of 2023)

- 1.56 Ngee Ann Polytechnic – Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2023 – Presented on 14 September 2023 (S. 379 of 2023)
- 1.57 Nanyang Polytechnic – Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2023 – Presented on 14 September 2023 (S. 380 of 2023)
- 1.58 Republic Polytechnic – Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2023 – Presented on 14 September 2023 (S. 381 of 2023)
- 1.59 Singapore Polytechnic – Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2023 – Presented on 14 September 2023 (S. 382 of 2023)
- 1.60 Temasek Polytechnic – Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2023 – Presented on 14 September 2023 (S. 383 of 2023)
- 1.61 Institute of Technical Education – Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2023 – Presented on 14 September 2023 (S. 384 of 2023)
- 1.62 ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute – Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2023 – Presented on 14 September 2023 (S. 385 of 2023)
- 1.63 SkillsFuture Singapore – Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2023 – Presented on 14 September 2023 (S. 386 of 2023)
- 1.64 Lifelong Learning Endowment Fund (LLEF) – Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2023 – Presented on 14 September 2023 (S. 387 of 2023)
- 1.65 The Education Endowment & Savings Schemes Annual Report for FY 2022 – Presented on 18 September 2023 (S. 388 of 2023)
- 1.66 The United Nations (Sanctions – Haiti) Regulations 2023 – Presented on 18 September 2023 (S. L. 945 of 2023)

2 Announcement by Speaker – Mr Speaker made the following communication to the House:

"I wish to inform hon Members that on 16 August 2023, I received two written complaints from the Non-Constituency Member of Parliament, Mr Leong Mun Wai, regarding certain statements and remarks made by two Members of Parliament.

The first complaint is in respect of certain statements made by the Member for Bukit Batok, Mr Murali Pillai, during the debate on the Second Reading of the Lease Agreements for Retail Premises Bill on 3 August 2023. I will refer to this as the first complaint.

I directed that a copy of Mr Leong's first complaint be shared with Mr Murali and asked for his written response. Mr Murali submitted his written response to me on 23 August 2023. Both documents will be distributed to Members at the end of my announcement.

I will now deal with the first complaint. During the course of the debate on the Second Reading of the Lease Agreements for Retail Premises Bill, Mr Murali had said, and I quote: "The hon Non-Constituency Member of Parliament Mr Leong Mun Wai had advocated some form of rent control."

I will refer to this as the rent control statement. Mr Leong alleges that Mr Murali's rent control statement had imputed improper motives to him as he had not made any such statement and that Mr Murali had thereby breached Standing Order 50(6).

Standing Order 50(6) provides: "No Member shall impute improper motives to any other Member."

The words "improper motives" imply something illegal, dishonest or morally wrong. I have perused the relevant speeches recorded in Hansard and I find that the rent control statement does not suggest or impute any improper motive on the part of Mr Leong. Rent control is a legitimate policy tool that can be implemented by the Government – for that matter, any government.

There were exchanges between Mr Leong and Mr Murali in the House, where both parties explained and clarified the context of their speeches made in respect of the subject matter of the Bill on rental structures between landlords and tenants. Mr Leong had asked for my ruling on whether the clarifications by Mr Murali were at odds with his speech.

I do not intend to repeat the details of the exchanges that are fully recorded in Hansard but, looking at them in context and totality, I find that in his clarifications, Mr Murali did not impute any improper motives to Mr Leong.

Both Mr Leong and Mr Murali had differing views of what each meant when they referred to rent control, but that is the nature of Parliamentary exchanges and debates. Each Member sets out his or her position and, if a Member feels that he has been misunderstood, he can seek to clarify or differ with the other Member's position. Mr Leong and Mr Murali were given full opportunity in Parliament to clarify and explain what they meant. During the exchanges, Mr Murali did not impugn the honesty, integrity or personal character of Mr Leong.

Such exchanges are part and parcel of normal debate in Parliament. Sometimes, Members' opinions may be irreconcilable and they should agree to disagree. Their speeches, clarifications and explanations are published in Hansard for all to read and discern.

I will now ask the Clerks to distribute copies of Mr Leong's complaint dated 16 August 2023 and Mr Murali's response dated 23 August 2023 to Members. I have directed both documents to be published in Hansard.

I will give some time for the documents to be distributed.

I am of the view that the statements of Mr Murali do not impute any improper motives to Mr Leong under Standing Order 50(6), that there was no misleading impression created in any instance and no breach of privilege has been made.

I consider the matter to be now closed."

3 Announcement by Speaker – Mr Speaker made the following communication to the House:

"I also wish to inform hon Members that on 16 August 2023, I received a second written complaint from the Non-Constituency Member of Parliament, Mr Leong Mun Wai.

This second complaint is in respect of certain off-mike remarks made by Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, about Mr Leong, during the simultaneous debate on the Motions on Securing Singaporeans' Jobs and Livelihoods and Foreign Talent Policy on 14 September 2021. So, that is two years ago.

On 15 September 2021, in a telephone call to Mr Leong, Minister Vivian Balakrishnan had apologised for those remarks and Mr Leong had acknowledged and accepted the apology on the same date. The apology and acceptance of the apology were published on both Members' Facebook pages, and this was reported in the media.

Two years after the event, Mr Leong now wishes to have Minister Vivian Balakrishnan come to the House to formally withdraw his remarks and put his apology on record in the Hansard, either in writing or through a Personal Explanation at this sitting of Parliament.

A copy of Mr Leong's complaint was forwarded to Minister Vivian Balakrishnan, who responded through a letter on 5 September 2023. Both documents will also be distributed to Members after my announcement.

In my opinion, the complaint is out of time by reason of the long passage of time. It was not made at the earliest opportunity as required under Standing Order 100(7)(c) after the Member had notice of the alleged remark.

In my view, there is no formal action for me to take in this complaint. The matter having been taken to its conclusion with the Minister's apology and Mr Leong's acceptance of the apology almost two years ago, is now closed.

I note that in Minister Vivian Balakrishnan's letter of 5 September this year, he accepts, quite rightly, that his private comments were inappropriate and he stands by his previous apology to Mr Leong. His letter to me will be published in Hansard and therefore his position will also be on the Parliamentary record.

I will now ask the Clerks to distribute Mr Leong's complaint and Minister's response to Members. I have directed both documents to be published in Hansard.

Again, I will give Members some time to look through the documents.

Let me repeat – I have directed both documents that Members are receiving now to be published in Hansard.

I wish to remind hon Members that the use of unparliamentary, offensive or insulting language about Members will not be condoned by the Chair. There must be mutual respect among Members and debates must be conducted in a manner that maintains the highest standards of decorum and conduct befitting of Parliament. Any breach will be summarily dealt with by me or referred to the Committee of Privileges.

I will continue to safeguard the dignity and decorum of this Chamber. Besides the use of unparliamentary language, Members should not persistently and wilfully obstruct the business of Parliament and abuse the rules of Parliament, for example, by making frequent interruptions or disregarding the authority of the Chair. This is considered disorderly conduct under Standing Orders 58 and 59, and may result in the suspension of a Member.

I advise Members to refer to the Leader of the House's handout on "Upholding Proper Conduct In and Out of Parliament" which was distributed at the sitting on 18 April this year and also, my recent advisory on the rules of Parliament that was circulated to all Members on 14 August this year."

- 4 29 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time. With leave of Mr Speaker, 32 other Questions for Oral Answer are to be addressed in a Ministerial Statement in October 2023.
- 5 Income Tax (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Income Tax Act 1947 and to make related amendments to certain other Acts" – President's recommendation signified and Bill presented by the Senior Minister of State, on behalf of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 30/2023].
- 6 Free Trade Zones (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Free Trade Zones Act 1966 and to make consequential amendments to the Customs Act 1960" – presented by the Senior Minister of State, on behalf of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 29/2023].
- 7 Societies (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Societies Act 1966" – presented by the Minister of State (Ms Sun Xueling), on behalf of the 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. 31/2023].

- 8 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 83 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 9 Child Development Co-Savings (Amendment) Bill – (Minister of State, on behalf of the Minister for Social and Family Development) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time."; Debate arising.
- 10 Adjournment of Debate – (Minister of State, on behalf of the Minister for Social and Family Development) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the debate be now adjourned."
Debate to be resumed Tomorrow.
- 11 Adjournment – (Deputy Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That Parliament do now adjourn."; Debate arising.
On Question put – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn."

Adjourned at 6.52 pm

SEAH KIAN PENG,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 1.30 pm on Tuesday, 19 September 2023.
