

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

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
TUESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2023**

*No. 112*

**1.30 pm**

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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).  
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).  
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 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 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.  
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).  
Mr ONG YE KUNG (Sembawang), Minister for Health.  
Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast), Deputy Speaker.  
Ms TIN PEI LING (MacPherson).  
Dr VIVIAN BALAKRISHNAN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Minister for Foreign Affairs.

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- 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 National Council of Social Service (NCSS) Annual Report FY2022 – Presented on 19 September 2023 (S. 389 of 2023)
- 2 21 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 3 Rearrangement of Business – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That, pursuant to Standing Order 10(2), the motion for leave to bring in a Bill by Ms Hazel Poa be taken immediately after the proceedings on the Motions on "Consideration of Matters Regarding Member of Parliament" and "Suspension of Member" have been concluded."
- 4 Simultaneous Debate on Motions – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That, notwithstanding the Standing Orders, the Motions on "Consideration of Matters Regarding Member of Parliament" and "Suspension of Member" be taken together, and the debate on these Motions and on any amendment proposed thereto be proceeded with simultaneously as though the debate were on a single Motion."
- 5 Child Development Co-Savings (Amendment) Bill – (Minister of State, on behalf of the Minister for Social and Family Development) – Question again proposed on the resumption of debate, "That the Bill be now read a second time."

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 of State, on behalf of the Minister for Social and Family Development).

*(In the Committee)*

Clauses 1 to 16 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 6 Society of Saint Maur Incorporation (Amendment) Bill – read a second time.

Bill committed to a Select Committee consisting of Mr Speaker as Chairman and the following members:

Ms He Ting Ru  
Ms Joan Pereira  
Mr Murali Pillai  
Ms Rahayu Mahzam  
Mr Alvin Tan  
Ms Jessica Tan  
Mr Raj Joshua Thomas. – (Ms Joan Pereira)

- 7 Consideration of Matters Regarding Member of Parliament – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That this House:
- (a) Affirms the need for Members of Parliament to uphold the highest standards of integrity and conduct themselves in accordance with the law;

- (b) Affirms the need to deal firmly and fairly with any Member of Parliament who is being investigated for possible wrongdoing; and
- (c) Resolves to consider the matter regarding Member of Parliament S Iswaran when the outcome of the ongoing investigations against him is known."

Suspension of Member – (Ms Hazel Poa) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That this House suspends Mr S Iswaran from the service of Parliament for the remainder of the current session of the 14th Parliament."

Pursuant to the earlier resolution for the motions on Consideration of Matters Regarding Member of Parliament and Suspension of Member to be taken together, and the debate on these motions and on any amendment proposed thereto be proceeded with simultaneously as though the debate were on a single motion, the House proceeded to debate the two motions simultaneously upon the Questions being proposed.

- 8 Consideration of Matters Regarding Member of Parliament – (Leader of the House) – Question on motion, put and agreed to with the following Members dissenting:-

Ms Hazel Poa (Non-Constituency Member)  
Mr Leong Mun Wai (Non-Constituency Member)

Resolved, "That this House:

- (a) Affirms the need for Members of Parliament to uphold the highest standards of integrity and conduct themselves in accordance with the law;
- (b) Affirms the need to deal firmly and fairly with any Member of Parliament who is being investigated for possible wrongdoing; and
- (c) Resolves to consider the matter regarding Member of Parliament S Iswaran when the outcome of the ongoing investigations against him is known."

- 9 Suspension of Member – (Ms Hazel Poa) – On Question put and negated.

- 10 Parliament (Privileges, Immunities and Powers) (Amendment) Bill – (Ms Hazel Poa) – Motion made, "That leave be given to introduce a Bill intituled 'An Act to amend the Parliament (Privileges, Immunities and Powers) Act 1962'."

Question put, and negated.

- 11 Adjournment – (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."

12 Adjournment – (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 6.44 pm

SEAH KIAN PENG,  
*Speaker*

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**MEMORANDUM**

Parliament stands adjourned to a date to be fixed.

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