

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE
FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE**

First Session

TUESDAY, 21 MARCH 2023

No. 94

10.30 am

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PRESENT:

Mr SPEAKER (Mr Tan Chuan-Jin (Marine Parade)).

Mr ABDUL SAMAD (Nominated Member).

Ms JANET ANG (Nominated Member).

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.

Mr MARK CHAY (Nominated Member).

Mr CHEE HONG TAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Transport.

Mr CHENG HSING YAO (Nominated Member).

Miss CHENG LI HUI (Tampines).

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 DARRYL DAVID (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr CHRISTOPHER DE SOUZA (Holland-Bukit Timah), Deputy Speaker.

Ms FOO MEE HAR (West Coast).

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.

Prof HOON HIAN TECK (Nominated Member).

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.

Mr S ISWARAN (West Coast), Minister for Transport and Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations.

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 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).

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

Assoc Prof Dr MUHAMMAD FAISHAL IBRAHIM (Nee Soon), Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of National Development.

Ms NADIA AHMAD SAMDIN (Ang Mo Kio).

Ms NG LING LING (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr LOUIS NG KOK KWANG (Nee Soon).

Miss RACHEL ONG (West Coast).

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

Ms JOAN PEREIRA (Tanjong Pagar).

Mr LEON PERERA (Aljunied).

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.

Mr SAKTIANDI SUPAAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr SEAH KIAN PENG (Marine Parade).

Dr SHAHIRA ABDULLAH (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.

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.

Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast), Deputy Speaker.

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 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).

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), Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance.

Mr ALEX YAM ZIMING (Marsiling-Yew Tee).

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 CHUA KHENG WEE LOUIS (Sengkang).

Ms GRACE FU HAI YIEN (Yuhua), Minister for Sustainability and the Environment.

Prof KOH LIAN PIN (Nominated Member).

Mr LEONG MUN WAI (Non-Constituency Member).

Ms LOW YEN LING (Chua Chu Kang), 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).

Mr MURALI PILLAI (Bukit Batok).

Dr NG ENG HEN (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister for Defence.

Dr TAN YIA SWAM (Nominated Member).

Mr PATRICK TAY TECK GUAN (Pioneer).

Mr THARMAN SHANMUGARATNAM (Jurong), Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for Social Policies.

Mr XIE YAO QUAN (Jurong).

Ms YEO WAN LING (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

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- 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 Customs (Duties) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2022 – Presented on 21 March 2023 (S. L. 816 of 2023)
 - 1.2 Customs (Valuation) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 21 March 2023 (S. L. 817 of 2023)
 - 1.3 Customs (Valuation of Locally-Manufactured Goods for Excise Duty) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 21 March 2023 (S. L. 818 of 2023)
 - 1.4 Customs (Retail Food Establishments – Exemption) Order 2022 – Presented on 21 March 2023 (S. L. 819 of 2023)
 - 1.5 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Reopening – Control Order) (Revocation) Regulations 2023 – Presented on 21 March 2023 (S. L. 820 of 2023)
 - 1.6 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) (Revocation) Regulations 2023 – Presented on 21 March 2023 (S. L. 821 of 2023)
 - 1.7 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Foreign Employee Dormitories – Control Order) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 – Presented on 21 March 2023 (S. L. 822 of 2023)
 - 1.8 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Foreign Employee Dormitories – Control Order) (Revocation) Regulations 2023 – Presented on 21 March 2023 (S. L. 823 of 2023)
 - 2 26 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
 - 3 Singapore's COVID-19 Response – (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance) – Question again proposed on the resumption of debate – "That this House expresses gratitude to all in Singapore who contributed to the nation's fight against COVID-19; affirms the Government's effort to learn from the experiences of the last three years; and, to that end, endorses Paper Cmd. 22 of 2023 on 'Singapore's Response to COVID-19: Lessons for the Next Pandemic.'"; Debate arising.
 - 4 Time Limit for Speeches – (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 on the item under discussion be exempted from the provisions of Standing Order No 48(8) in respect of Minister Ong Ye Kung's and Minister Gan Kim Yong's speeches."
 - 5 Singapore's COVID-19 Response – (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance) – Debate resumed on Question – "That this House expresses gratitude to all in Singapore who contributed to the nation's fight against COVID-19; affirms the Government's effort to learn from the experiences of the last three years; and, to that end, endorses Paper Cmd. 22 of 2023 on 'Singapore's Response to COVID-19: Lessons for the Next Pandemic.'".

Question put and agreed to.
 - 6 Time Limit for Speeches – (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 on the Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Bill be exempted from the provisions of Standing Order No 48(8) in respect of Minister of State Assoc Prof Dr Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim's speech."

- 7 Misuse of Drugs (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 – (Minister of State (Assoc Prof Dr Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim), on behalf of the Minister for Home Affairs).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 45 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 8 Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment) Bill – (Minister of State (Assoc Prof Dr Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim), on behalf of the Minister for Home Affairs) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time."

On Question put – a division was taken: Ayes 67, No Nil, Abstention Nil.

<i>Ayes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstention</i>
Ang Wei Neng	Nil	Nil
Baey Yam Keng		
Chan Chun Sing		
Chee Hong Tat		
Cheng Li Hui		
Chua, Eric		
Darryl David		
De Souza, Christopher		
Foo Mee Har		
Gan Siow Huang		
Gan Thiam Poh		
Giam Yean Song, Gerald		
Goh, Derrick		
He Ting Ru		
Heng Chee How		
Heng Swee Keat		
Huang Wei Zhong, Shawn		
Indraneel Rajah		
Iswaran, S		
Janil Puthuchery		
Khor Lean Suan, Amy		
Koh Poh Koon		
Kwek Hian Chuan, Henry		
Desmond Lee		
Lee Hsien Loong		
Liang Eng Hwa		
Lim Biow Chuan		
Lim, Jamus Jerome		
Lim, Sylvia		
Lim Wee Kiak		
Masagos Zulkifli B M M		
Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim		

Ayes – continued

Nadia Ahmad Samdin
Ng Ling Ling
Ng Kok Kwang, Louis
Ong, Rachel
Pereira, Joan
Perera, Leon
Poh Li San
Pritam Singh
Rahayu Mahzam
Saktiandi Supaat
Seah Kian Peng
Sharael Taha
Sim Ann
Sitoh Yih Pin
Soh, Hany
Tan, Alvin
Tan, Carrie
Tan Chuan-Jin
Tan Lip Fong, Dennis
Tan, Desmond
Tan Soon Neo, Jessica
Tan Kiat How
Tan See Leng
Tan Wu Meng
Teo Chee Hean
Teo, Josephine
Tin Pei Ling
Wan Rizal
Wee, Don
Wong, Lawrence
Yam Ziming, Alex
Yip Hon Weng
Yong Yik Chye, Melvin
Zaqy Mohamad
Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim

Bill accordingly read a second time in accordance with Article 5(2) of the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill – (Minister of State (Assoc Prof Dr Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim), on behalf of the Minister for Home Affairs).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 4 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment.

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a third time." – (Minister of State (Assoc Prof Dr Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim), on behalf of the Minister for Home Affairs).

On Question put – a division was taken: Ayes 67, No Nil, Abstention Nil.

<i>Ayes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstention</i>
Ang Wei Neng	Nil	Nil
Baey Yam Keng		
Chan Chun Sing		
Chee Hong Tat		
Cheng Li Hui		
Chua, Eric		
Darryl David		
De Souza, Christopher		
Foo Mee Har		
Gan Siow Huang		
Gan Thiam Poh		
Giam Yean Poh, Gerald		
Goh, Derrick		
He Ting Ru		
Heng Chee How		
Heng Swee Keat		
Huang Wei Zhong, Shawn		
Indrance Rajah		
Iswaran, S		
Janil Puthucheary		
Khor Lean Suan, Amy		
Koh Poh Koon		
Kwek Hian Chuan, Henry		
Desmond Lee		
Lee Hsien Loong		
Liang Eng Hwa		
Lim Biow Chuan		
Lim, Jamus Jerome		
Lim, Sylvia		
Lim Wee Kiak		
Masagos Zulkifli B M M		
Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim		
Nadia Ahmad Samdin		
Ng Ling Ling		
Ng Kok Kwang, Louis		
Ong, Rachel		
Pereira, Joan		
Perera, Leon		
Poh Li San		
Pritam Singh		
Rahayu Mahzam		
Saktiandi Supaat		
Seah Kian Peng		
Sharael Taha		
Sim Ann		
Sitoh Yih Pin		
Soh, Hany		
Tan, Alvin		
Tan, Carrie		
Tan Chuan-Jin		
Tan Lip Fong, Dennis		
Tan, Desmond		
Tan Soon Neo, Jessica		
Tan Kiat How		
Tan See Leng		

Ayes – continued

Tan Wu Meng
Teo Chee Hean
Teo, Josephine
Tin Pei Ling
Wan Rizal
Wee, Don
Wong, Lawrence
Yam Ziming, Alex
Yip Hon Weng
Yong Yik Chye, Melvin
Zaqy Mohamad
Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim

Bill accordingly read a third time in accordance with Article 5(2) of the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore.

- 9 Exempted Business – (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."
- 10 Resource Sustainability (Amendment) Bill – (Senior Minister of State (Dr Amy Khor Lean Suan), on behalf of the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time."; Debate arising.
- 11 Adjournment of Debate – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the debate be now adjourned."

Debate to be resumed Tomorrow.
- 12 Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn."

Adjourned at 7.48 pm

TAN CHUAN-JIN,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Pursuant to Standing Order No. 2(3)(a), Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 1.30 pm on Wednesday, 22 March 2023.
