VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

First Session

MONDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2022

No. 69

12 noon

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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.

Miss CHERYL CHAN WEI LING (East Coast).

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 CHUA KHENG WEE LOUIS (Sengkang).

Mr DARRYL DAVID (Ang Mo Kio).

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

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.

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 LEONG MUN WAI (Non-Constituency Member).

Mr LIANG ENG HWA (Bukit Panjang).

Assoc Prof JAMUS JEROME LIM (Sengkang).

Ms SYLVIA LIM (Aljunied).

Dr LIM WEE KIAK (Sembawang).

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).

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

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).

Ms NADIA AHMAD SAMDIN (Ang Mo Kio).

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

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).

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).

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 SITOH 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).

Dr TAN YIA SWAM (Nominated Member).

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

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 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:

Ms FOO MEE HAR (West Coast).

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

Mr HENG SWEE KEAT (East Coast), Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for Economic Policies.

Prof KOH LIAN PIN (Nominated Member).

Mr LIM BIOW CHUAN (Mountbatten).

Mr LEON PERERA (Aljunied).

Dr SHAHIRA ABDULLAH (Nominated Member).

1		resented to Parliament and received by the Clerk of Parliament pursuant to Standing 0. 31 (Presentation of Papers) and ordered to lie upon the Table:
	1.1	Home Team Science and Technology Agency Annual Report 2021/2022 – Presented on 14 September 2022 (S. 260 of 2022)
	1.2	Land Transport Authority Annual Report FY 2021/2022 – Presented on 14 September 2022 (S. 261 of 2022)
	1.3	SkillsFuture Singapore – Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2022 – Presented on 15 September 2022 (S. 262 of 2022)
	1.4	ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute – Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2022 – Presented on 15 September 2022 (S. 263 of 2022)
	1.5	LifeLong Learning Endowment Fund (LLEF) – Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2022 – Presented on 15 September 2022 (S. 264 of 2022)
	1.6	Singapore Polytechnic – Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2022 – Presented on 15 September 2022 (S. 265 of 2022)
	1.7	Temasek Polytechnic – Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2022 – Presented on 15 September 2022 (S. 266 of 2022)
	1.8	Institute of Technical Education – Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2022 – Presented on 15 September 2022 (S. 267 of 2022)
	1.9	Ngee Ann Polytechnic – Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2022 – Presented on 15 September 2022 (S. 268 of 2022)
	1.10	Nanyang Polytechnic – Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2022 – Presented on 15 September 2022 (S. 269 of 2022)
	1.11	Republic Polytechnic – Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2022 – Presented on 15 September 2022 (S. 270 of 2022)
	1.12	2022 Revised Edition of the Dental Registration Act 1999 – Presented on 15 September 2022 (S. 271 of 2022)
	1.13	Health Sciences Authority Annual Report 2021/2022 – Presented on 16 September 2022 (S. 272 of 2022)
	1.14	Annual Report of the Infocomm Media Development Authority 2021/2022 – Presented on 16 September 2022 (S. 273 of 2022)
	1.15	Annual Report of the National Library Board 2021/2022 – Presented on 16 September 2022 (S. 274 of 2022)
	1.16	Science Centre Board – Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2022 – Presented on 19 September 2022 (S. 275 of 2022)
	1.17	Public Transport Council Annual Report FY 2021/2022 – Presented on 19 September 2022 (S. 276 of 2022)
	1.18	The Education Endowment and Savings Schemes Annual Report for FY 2021 – Presented on 19 September 2022 (S. 277 of 2022)
	1.19	Intellectual Property Office of Singapore Annual Report 2021/2022 – Presented on 20 September 2022 (S. 278 of 2022)

1	1.20	Intellectual Property Office of Singapore Audited Financial Statements FY2021 – Presented on 20 September 2022 (S. 279 of 2022)
1	1.21	Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Registration of Criminals (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 19/2022] – Presented on 20 September 2022 (Pres. Co. 62 of 2022)
1	1.22	Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Singapore Tourism Board (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 20/2022] – Presented on 20 September 2022 (Pres. Co. 63 of 2022)
1	1.23	Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Debt Collection Bill [Bill No 18/2022] – Presented on 20 September 2022 (Pres. Co. 64 of 2022)
1	1.24	Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the National Symbols Bill [Bill No 21/2022] – Presented on 20 September 2022 (Pres. Co. 65 of 2022)
1	1.25	Economic Development Board Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements 2021/2022 – Presented on 21 September 2022 (S. 280 of 2022)
1	1.26	White Paper on Healthier SG – Presented on 21 September 2022 (Cmd. 19 of 2022)
1	1.27	JTC Corporation Annual Report FY2021 – Presented on 21 September 2022 (S. 281 of 2022)
1	1.28	Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements 2021/2022 – Presented on 22 September 2022 (S. 282 of 2022)
1	1.29	Productivity Fund Administration Board FY 2021 Annual Report – Presented on 22 September 2022 (S. 283 of 2022)
1	1.30	Stamp Duties (Section 23) (Amendment) Order 2022 – Presented on 23 September 2022 (S. L. 695 of 2022)
1	1.31	Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2022 – Presented on 26 September 2022 (S. L. 696 of 2022)
1	1.32	Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Quota System) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2022 – Presented on 26 September 2022 (S. L. 697 of 2022)
1	1.33	Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment) Rules 2022 – Presented on 26 September 2022 (S. L. 698 of 2022)
1	1.34	Road Traffic (Electronic Road Pricing System) (Amendment No. 5) Rules 2022 – Presented on 26 September 2022 (S. L. 699 of 2022)
1	1.35	WorkForce Singapore Agency Annual Report 2021/2022 – Presented on 26 September 2022 (S. 284 of 2022)
1	1.36	Public Utilities Board Annual Report 2021/2022 – Presented on 26 September 2022 (S. 285 of 2022)
1	1.37	Singapore Food Agency Annual Report 2021/2022 – Presented on 26 September 2022 (S. 286 of 2022)
1	1.38	Singapore Land Authority Annual Report 2021/2022 – Presented on 26 September 2022 (S. 287 of 2022)
1	1.39	Sentosa Development Corporation's Annual Report 2021/2022 and Audited Financial Statements 2021/2022 – Presented on 27 September 2022 (S. 288 of 2022)

1.40	Long-Term Care Support Fund Audited Financial Statements for financial period from 1 Apr 2021 to 31 Mar 2022 – Presented on 27 September 2022 (S. 289 of 2022)
1.41	National Environment Agency Integrated Sustainability Report 2021/2022 – Presented on 27 September 2022 (S. 290 of 2022)
1.42	Singapore Totalisator Board's Annual Report 2021/2022 – Presented on 27 September 2022 (S. 291 of 2022)
1.43	Singapore Totalisator Board's Audited Financial Statements 2021/2022 – Presented on 27 September 2022 (S. 292 of 2022)
1.44	Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements 2021/2022 – Presented on 27 September 2022 (S. 293 of 2022)
1.45	Legal Profession (Law Practice Entities) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2022 – Presented on 27 September 2022 (S. L. 700 of 2022)
1.46	Legal Profession (Regulated Individuals) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2022 – Presented on 27 September 2022 (S. L. 701 of 2022)
1.47	Legal Profession (Representation in Singapore International Commercial Court) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2022 – Presented on 27 September 2022 (S. L. 702 of 2022)
1.48	Singapore International Commercial Court (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2022 – Presented on 27 September 2022 (S. L. 703 of 2022)
1.49	Land Betterment Charge (Table of Rates and Valuation Method) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 27 September 2022 (S. L. 704 of 2022)
1.50	Building and Construction Authority and its Subsidiaries – Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2022 – Presented on 27 September 2022 (S. 294 of 2022)
1.51	Board of Architects Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2022 – Presented on 27 September 2022 (S. 295 of 2022)
1.52	Council for Estate Agencies Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2022 – Presented on 27 September 2022 (S. 296 of 2022)
1.53	National Parks Board and its Subsidiary – Financial Statements for the Financial year Ended 31 March 2022 – Presented on 27 September 2022 (S. 297 of 2022)
1.54	Professional Engineers Board Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2022 – Presented on 27 September 2022 (S. 298 of 2022)
1.55	Urban Redevelopment Authority Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2022 – Presented on 27 September 2022 (S. 299 of 2022)
1.56	Singapore Tourism Board's Annual Report 2021/2022 and Audited Financial Statements 2021/2022 – Presented on 28 September 2022 (S. 300 of 2022)
1.57	Energy Market Authority Annual Report 2021/2022 – Presented on 28 September 2022 (S. 301 of 2022)
1.58	Enterprise Singapore's Annual Report 2021/2022 and FY2021 Audited Financial Statements – Presented on 28 September 2022 (S. 302 of 2022)
1.59	National Heritage Board Annual Report 2021/2022 – Presented on 29 September 2022 (S. 303 of 2022)

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1.60	Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*Star) Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements 2021/2022 – Presented on 29 September 2022 (S. 304 of 2022)
1.61	Sport Singapore Annual Report 2021/2022 – Presented on 30 September 2022 (S. 305 of 2022)
1.62	Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore Annual Report 2021/2022 – Presented on 30 September 2022 (S. 306 of 2022)
1.63	Council for Estate Agencies Annual Report for FY 2021 – Presented on 30 September 2022 (S. 307 of 2022)
1.64	Housing and Development Board Annual Report for FY 2021 – Presented on 30 September 2022 (S. 308 of 2022)
1.65	ComCare Annual Report for Financial Year 2021 – Presented on 30 September 2022 (S. 309 of 2022)
1.66	Building and Construction Authority Annual Report for FY 2021 – Presented on 30 September 2022 (S. 310 of 2022)
1.67	Board of Architects Annual Report for FY 2021 – Presented on 30 September 2022 (S. 311 of 2022)
1.68	National Parks Board Annual Report for FY 2021 – Presented on 30 September 2022 (S. 312 of 2022)
1.69	Professional Engineers Board Annual Report for FY 2021 – Presented on 30 September 2022 (S. 313 of 2022)
1.70	Urban Redevelopment Authority Annual Report for FY 2021 – Presented on 30 September 2022 (S. 314 of 2022)
1.71	Annual Report and Financial Statements of Yellow Ribbon Singapore for 2021/2022 – Presented on 30 September 2022 (S. 315 of 2022)
1.72	National Arts Council Annual Report 2021/2022 – Presented on 30 September 2022 (S. 316 of 2022)
1.73	The People's Association Annual Report (Annual Consolidated Financial Statements) 2021/2022 – Presented on 30 September 2022 (S. 317 of 2022)
1.74	Government Technology Agency of Singapore Annual Report 2021/2022 – Presented on 3 October 2022 (S. 318 of 2022)
1.75	Legal Service Commission Annual Report 2021 – Presented on 3 October 2022 (S. 319 of 2022)
Announce	ement by Speaker – Mr Speaker made the following communication to the House:-
"Hon Members, with Singapore becoming more COVID-resilient, we have been easing Safe Management Measures in the community. Here in Parliament, we have also been adjusting our measures, even as we continue to prioritise the safeguarding of Members' health and well-being. And thanks to everyone's efforts and strong commitment, we have moved steadfastly towards normalcy.	
	am pleased that, starting today, we have taken yet another step forward. Members will

Hence, I am pleased that, starting today, we have taken yet another step forward. Members will now be seated according to the revised seating arrangement within the Chamber without the need for split team arrangement. This also means that all Members can now take their breaks together, in one room. But even as we further ease the measures in Parliament, we will persist with a certain level of vigilance. And so, Members are still required to do an ART self-test before coming to Parliament House on sitting days. And the seats in the Speaker's Gallery within the Chamber will continue to be set aside for Members who are close contacts of COVID-19 cases but have themselves tested negative for COVID-19.

As always, we will monitor the public health advisories and make adjustments according to the prevailing situation.

Once again, I wish to thank all Members for your forbearance and diligence in adhering to Parliament's COVID-19 measures, which had been in place since early 2020. Your efforts have allowed us to carry on with our duties as parliamentarians during a critical time for Singapore and have also facilitated our quick return to business as usual. And so, let us not tire – but let us remain committed to whatever is necessary for us to chart the way forward for Singapore."

- 3 16 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 4 Online Safety (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill "to amend the Broadcasting Act 1994 and the Electronic Transactions Act 2010 to regulate providers of online communication services" presented by the Minister for Communications and Information; read the first time; to be read a second time at the first available sitting in November 2022 and to be printed. [Bill No. 28/2022].
- 5 Accountancy Functions (Consolidation) Bill "to amend the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority Act 2004, the Accountants Act 2004 and the Accounting Standards Act 2007, to repeal the Singapore Accountancy Commission Act 2013 and to make consequential and related amendments to certain other Acts" presented by the Second Minister for Finance; read the first time; to be read a second time at the first available sitting in November 2022 and to be printed. [Bill No. 29/2022].
- 6 International Development Association (Amendment) Bill "to amend the International Development Association Act 2002" President's recommendation signified; Bill presented by the Second 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. 26/2022].
- 7 Carbon Pricing (Amendment) Bill "to amend the Carbon Pricing Act 2018" President's recommendation signified; Bill presented by the Senior Minister of State (Dr Amy Khor Lean Suan), on behalf of the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment; read the first time; to be read a second time at the first available sitting in November 2022 and to be printed. [Bill No. 27/2022].
- 8 Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill read a second time and committee to a Committee of the whole House.

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill – (Senior Parliamentary Secretary, on behalf of the Minister for Law).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 24 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

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9	Income Tax (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 – (Senior Minister of State, on behalf of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance).
	(In the Committee)
	Clauses 1 to 49 inclusive agreed to.
	Bill to be reported.
	Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.
10	Business Trusts (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 (Mr Alvin Tan), on behalf of the Prime Minister).
	(In the Committee)
	Clauses 1 to 63 inclusive agreed to.
	Bill to be reported.
	Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.
11	Accountants (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).
	(In the Committee)
	Clauses 1 to 23 inclusive agreed to.
	Bill to be reported.
	Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

12 Adjournment – (Deputy Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question proposed "That Parliament do now adjourn."; Debate arising.

And the Question having been proposed at 5.02 pm and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr Deputy Speaker adjourned Parliament without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.".

Adjourned at 5.32 pm

TAN CHUAN-JIN, Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 1.30 pm on Tuesday, 4 October 2022.