

FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
STATE OF SINGAPORE

THIRD SESSION

ORDER PAPER

WEDNESDAY, 4TH JULY, 1962

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2.30 p.m.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

(Those marked ● are Orders of the Day.)

- 1. Singapore National Referendum Bill as reported from Select Committee (Paper L.A. 7 of 1962) (Minister for Home Affairs)—Recommittal.†
(Progress: 3rd July, 1962).

Clause 28:

Amendment proposed: In page A11, to leave out lines 40 to 43 inclusive and insert—

“(b) on which anything is written or marked by which the voter can be identified except the printed number on the back;

(c) which is unmarked;

(d) which is void for uncertainty.”.—(Dr. Lee Siew Choh).

Resumption of Debate on Question (2nd July, 1962), “That the words proposed to be left out, be left out.”.

† For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplements No. 17 dated 27th June and No. 19 dated 2nd July, 1962.

Mr. David Marshall (Member for Anson):

On the Third Reading of the Bill, to move the following amendment to the Question, “That the Bill be now read a third time”:—

To leave out from “That” to the end of the Question and to add instead thereof —

“this Assembly, conscious that this Bill was introduced for the purpose of holding a Referendum to ascertain the wishes of the people in relation to the issue of reunification of Singapore and the Federation of Malaya, declines to give it a third reading on the ground that the provisions therein are inappropriate and inadequate for that purpose”.

2. Mr. David Marshall (Member for Anson):
Dr. Lee Siew Choh (Member for Queenstown):

REFERENDUM ON MERGER (FEDERATION OF MALAYA/SINGAPORE):
That this Assembly calls upon the Government to make arrangements (a) to ascertain the will of the people of Singapore in respect of the proposed constitutional changes by way of a referendum on the following question only: “Do you accept the proposed closer constitutional relations with the Federation of Malaya as incorporated in Command Paper No. 33 of 1961, a copy of which is attached to the Order for this Referendum”; and (b) to name Polling Day as a day four weeks from the date of the Order therefor.

3. Dr. Lee Siew Choh (Member for Queenstown):
Mr. Chan Sun Wing (Member for Upper Serangoon):

MERGER (OPPOSITION'S STAND): That this House condemns the Government for its dishonest and malicious distortion of the Opposition's stand on the Merger issue, whereby it seeks to mislead and confuse the people in the forthcoming referendum.

4. Mr. S. T. Bani (Member for Thomson):
Mr. Low Por Tuck (Member for Havelock):

MEETINGS OF WORKERS, ETC., TO DISCUSS REFERENDUM BILL: That this House deploras the undemocratic action of the Government in preventing representatives of the workers, students, rural dwellers and professional organisations from exercising their civic rights in discussing matters of a national importance affecting all of them and condemns the Government for using its Police Force on 9th and 16th June, 1962, to intimidate and prevent meetings that were to be held at the premises of the Singapore Motor Workshop Employees' Union to discuss the Referendum Bill; and calls upon the Government to immediately stop its repressive actions in denying the people and their organisations their fundamental democratic rights and civil liberties.

PAPER PRESENTED

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L.A. 10 Second Report of the Committee of Privileges (Third Session) 3rd July, 1962.