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The Senate met at Ten o'clock a.m.

PRESENT:

The Honourable the Minister of Justice, Tun Leong Yew Koh, s.m.n. (Appointed).

- , Enche' Ahmad bin Said, a.m.n. (Perak).
- " Tuan Haji Ahmad bin Haji Abdullah, a.m.n. (Penang).
- " ENCHE' ABDUL WAHAB BIN IDUS, P.J.K. (Negri Sembilan).
- " CHE' AISHAH BINTI HAJI ABDUL GHANI (Appointed).
- " Enche' Amaluddin bin Darus (Kelantan).
- " Enche' Chan Kwong Hon, a.m.n., J.P. (Selangor).
- " DATO' DR CHEAH TOON LOK, J.M.N., J.P., Dato' Maha Kurnia (Appointed).
- " ENCHE' CHOO KOK LEONG (Appointed).
- " DATO' J. E. S. CRAWFORD, J.M.N., J.P., Dato' Kurnia Indera (Appointed).
- " Enche' Da Abdul Jalil bin Haji Awang (Trengganu).
- .. ENCHE' HOH CHEE CHEONG, A.M.N., J.P. (Pahang).
- " Enche' Koh Kim Leng (Malacca).
- " DATO' LEE FOONG YEE, J.M.N., P.P.T., J.P. (Negri Sembilan).
- " Enche' Mohamed Adib bin Omar (Trengganu).
- " ENCHE' MOHD. SALLEH BIN MOHAMED ARIFF (Malacca).
- " Enche' Mohd. Zahir bin Haji Ismail (Kedah).
- " ENGKU MUHSEIN BIN ABDUL KADIR, J.M.N., P.J.K. (Appointed).
- " Enche' S. P. S. Nathan (Appointed).
- ... NIK HASSAN BIN HAJI NIK YAHYA, J.M.N. (Appointed).
- " Tuan Haji Nik Mohd. Adeeb bin Haji Nik Mohamed (Kelantan).
- "TOK PANGKU PANDAK HAMID BIN PUTEH JALI, P.J.K. (Appointed).
- " RAJA RASTAM SHAHROME BIN RAJA SAID TAUPHY (Selangor).
- " DATO' SHEIKH ABU BAKAR BIN YAHYA, D.P.M.J., P.I.S., J.P. (Johore).

The Honourable Dato' G. SHELLEY, P.M.N., J.P. (Appointed).

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 TUAN SYED AHMAD BIN SYED MAHMUD SHAHABUDIN, A.M.N. (Kedah).
- " Enche' T. H. Tan, J.M.N. (Appointed).
- " DATO' E. E. C. THURAISINGHAM, D.P.M.J., J.P. (Appointed).
- " ENCHE' S. O. K. UBAIDULLA, J.M.N. (Appointed).
- " WAN AHMAD BIN WAN DAUD, J.M.N., P.J.K., J.P. (Perlis).
- " DATO' WAN IBRAHIM BIN WAN TANJONG, J.M.N., P.J.K., Orang Kaya Indera Maharaja Purba Jelai (Pahang).
- " ENCHE' YEOH KIAN TEIK (Perak).

ABSENT:

The Honourable Mr President, Dato' Haji Abdul Rahman bin Mohamed Yasin, S.P.M.J., P.I.S., J.P. (Johore).

- " Enche' Cheah Seng Khim, J.P. (Penang).
- ENCHE' LIM HEE HONG, A.M.N. (Appointed).
- " Enche' Athi Nahappan (Appointed).

IN ATTENDANCE:

The Honourable the Minister of Finance, Enche' Tan Siew Sin, J.P. (Melaka Tengah).

- " the Minister of Transport, Dato' Haji Sardon bin Haji Jubir, P.M.N. (Pontian Utara).
- ", the Minister of Health, Enche' Abdul Rahman bin Haji Talib (Kuantan).
- " the Minister of Education, Tuan Haji Abdul Hamid Khan bin Haji Sakhawat Ali Khan, J.m.n., J.P. (Batang Padang).
- the Assistant Minister of the Interior, Enche' Chean Theam Swee (Bukit Bintang).
- ", the Assistant Minister of Labour and Social Welfare, Enche' V. Manickavasagam, J.M.N., P.J.K. (Klang).
- " the Assistant Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Enche' Mohamed Ismail Bin Mohamed Yusof (Jerai).

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CLERK OF SENATE

The Clerk of Senate: Honourable Senators, the Honourable President of the Senate has suddenly taken ill and his doctors have advised him to rest.

Therefore, under our Standing Orders, a Minister can move a motion to enable another Senator to preside over a day's sitting. Immediately after I have read the Prayers, the Minister of Justice will move a motion to that effect.

PRAYERS

ELECTION OF PRO TEM CHAIRMAN

(Motion)

The Minister of Justice (Tun Leong Yew Koh): I beg to move, under S.O. 6 (1)—

That the Honourable Dato' Sheikh Abu Bakar bin Yahya, D.P.M.J., P.I.S., J.P., be appointed to preside at today's sitting of the Senate during the absence of the Honourable Dato' Haji Abdul Rahman bin Mohamed

Yasin, S.P.M.J., P.I.S., J.P., President of the Senate.

Enche' T. H. Tan: I beg to second the motion.

Question put, and agreed to.

Resolved,

That the Honourable Dato' Sheikh Abu Bakar bin Yahya, D.P.M.J., P.I.S., J.P., be appointed to preside at today's sitting of the Senate during the absence of the Honourable Dato' Haji Abdul Rahman bin Mohamed Yasin, S.P.M.J., P.I.S., J.P., President of the Senate.

Whereupon Dato' Sheikh Abu Bakar took the Chair.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS

The following new Senators took and subscribed the Oath, or made and subscribed the Affirmation required by Law:

Che' Aishah binti Haji Abdul Ghani. Tuan Haji Ahmad bin Haji Abdullah, A.M.N.

Enche' Hoh Chee Cheong, A.M.N., J.P. Enche' Mohamed Adib bin Omar.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR CHAIRMAN

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr Chairman: Ahli² Yang Berhormat, ada-lah di-ma'alumkan ia-itu saya telah menerima satu perutusan daripada Majlis Dewan Ra'ayat. Sekarang saya jemput Setia Usaha Majlis membachakan perutusan itu.

(The Clerk reads the Message) "Mr President,

The House of Representatives has passed the following Bills—

- (1) to provide for the control and management of the Chinese Tin Mines Rehabilitation Fund, to prohibit the making of further loans from that fund, and to provide for matters incidental thereto:
- (2) to apply sums out of the Consolidated Fund for additional ex-

penditure for the service of the years 1961 and 1962 and to appropriate such sums for certain purposes;

- to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on the thirtyfirst day of December, 1963;
- (4) to make further provision as to the appointment of the Judges of Appeal,

and transmits them to the Senate for its concurrence.

(Sgd.) DATO' HAJI MOHAMED NOAH BIN OMAR, Speaker."

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Tun Leong Yew Koh: Mr Chairman, Sir, I beg to give notice that I shall move the second and third readings of the following Bills today:

The Chinese Tin Mines (Rehabilitation Loans) Bill;

The Judges of Appeal Bill;

The Supplementary Supply (1961 and 1962) (No. 2) Bill; and

The Consolidated Fund (Expenditure on Account) Bill.

Mr Chairman: So be it.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME TO NEW SENATORS

The Minister of Justice (Tun Leong Yew Koh): Mr Chairman, Sir, it is with pleasure that I rise to welcome to this House all new Senators and particularly our lady Senator. (Applause). I am sure all Honourable Members would wish to join me in expressing our warmest welcome to Che' Aishah Ghani. Her appointment to the House is yet another milestone on the progress of Parliamentary Democracy in our country, and it is a further recognition of the right of our sisters to participate actively in the political life of our country. It is also an indication of the willingness of the country to have our women participate in all fields of activity for the promotion of peace and prosperity. There is no doubt we shall look forward to her contribution in all deliberations which will make us more appreciative of women's views on matters that will be debated in this House. I might add that by her presence here, the claim that only men can fight for the cause of women will no longer be true.

We wish to assure our lady member that she will not be lonely in this House and I do not think she should be overawed by the preponderance of men in this House because we all, or at least, some of us still believe that the age of chivalry has not yet passed. She is married and with children and if there is any occasion she has to rebuke, we sincerely hope that this will be done in a motherly spirit. As a personal tribute to the lady Senator, I would like to mention that our lady member is a well informed person. She has distinguished herself as a Malay woman journalist of no mean ability. We know that her experience of the affairs of our country will be of considerable benefit to this House. We have every confidence that the Honourable Member will perform her duties with great credit and will justify the high confidence which the Government has entrusted to her. (Applause).

Mr Chairman: Ahli² Yang Berhormat, saya tempohkan Majlis Meshuarat ini sa-lama 15 minit.

Sitting suspended at 10.15 a.m.

Sitting resumed at 10.30 a.m.

(Mr Chairman in the Chair)

Mr Chairman: Saya suka hendak menarek perhatian Ahli² Yang Berhormat ia-itu menurut Peratoran Meshuarat 53 (2) dua daripada Rang Undang² yang ada di-hadapan Majlis ini ia-itu The Supplementary Supply (1961 and 1962) (No. 2) Bill dan The Consolidated Fund (Expenditure on Account) Bill akan di-bacha Kali Yang Ketiga dan tidak payah mengambil-nyaa section 20 of the Constitutional (Amendpada peringkat² dalam Jawatan-Kuasa sa-lepas Rang Undang² ini di-bachakan Kali Yang Kedua.

BILLS

THE CHINESE TIN MINES (RE-HABILITATION LOANS) BILL

Second Reading

Tun Leong Yew Koh: Mr Chairman, Sir, I beg to move that a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the control and management of the Chinese Tin Mines Rehabilitation Fund, to prohibit the making of further loans from that fund, and to provide for matters incidental thereto" be read a second time.

Engku Muhsein bin Abdul Kadir: Tuan Pengerusi, saya menyokong.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

House immediately resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill.

Bill considered in Committee.

(Mr Chairman in the Chair)

Clauses 1 and 2 ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Schedule ordered to stand part of the

Bill reported without amendment: read the third time and passed.

THE JUDGES OF APPEAL BILL

Second Reading

Tun Leong Yew Koh: Mr Chairman, Sir, I beg to move that a Bill intituled "An Act to make further provision as to the appointment of the Judges of Appeal" be read a second time.

Sir, under section 13 (2) of the Courts Ordinance as amended by section 6 of the Courts (Amendment) Ordinance, 1959, Judges of Appeal should be appointed from among the Judges of the Supreme Court by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong after consulting the Conference of Rulers on the recom-mendation of the Judicial and Legal Service Commission. The Judicial and Legal Service Commission was abolished when Article 138 of the Constitution was on May 31, 1960, repealed by ment) Act, 1960, but no consequential amendment was made to the provision in the Courts Ordinance relating to the Judicial and Legal Service Commission. The recent appointment of the Judges of Appeal has drawn attention to the fact that a consequential amendment to sub-sections (3) and (4) of section 13 of the Courts Ordinance is required in view of the repeal of Article 138. The Bill seeks to rectify the omission.

Sir, I beg to move.

Engku Muhsein: Tuan Pengerusi, saya sokong.

Enche' Amaluddin bin Darus: Tuan Pengerusi, Bill yang di-hadapan kita ini ia-lah mengenaï perlantekan Hakim² Appeal yang di-pinda daripada kedudokan yang asal pada tambahan dengan nasihat daripada Perdana Menteri. Di-dalam perbahathan yang berlaku dalam Dewan Ra'ayat, pada 'am-nya anggota² pembangkang telah ikut membicharakan perkara ini dari satu sudut ia-itu tidak mahu champor tangan dalam urusan Kerajaan dalam ke'adilan Mahkamah, dan Kerajaan telah pun nampaknya memberi jaminan bahawa kejadian yang saperti itu tidak akan terjadi. Saya perchaya dalam Dewan ini juga sa-kira-nya saya berchakap panjang pun Kerajaan akan memberi jawapan yang sama, bahawa apa yang dikatakan: shall act on the advice of the Prime Minister-tidak akan menjadi Kerajaan champor tangan.

Saya minta bahawa pengakuan di-Dewan Ra'ayat itu benar² terlaksana, dan jikalau tidak, kita akan dapati dalam negara kita ini akan timbul beberapa keadaan yang tidak sedap, sa-kira-nya Kerajaan champor tangan dalam perkara perlantekan Hakim² dan sa-bagai-nya, sa-bagaimana yang di-kemukakan dalam Bill ini.

Tuan Pengerusi, itu-lah pandangan saya dan saya meminta supaya benar² terjamin demokrasi dalam negeri kita ini, sebab saya sedar sa-kira-nya perbahathan dalam Jawatan-Kuasa ini saya chuba meminda perkataan² itu, pindaan itu akan gagal, kerana itu telah menjadi pengalaman yang berlaku di-sini, sekian, terima kaseh.

Enche' T. H. Tan: Mr Chairman, Sir, I am surprised to hear the comments made by the Honourable Senator from Kelantan on the opposite side of the House. He is apparently not aware that in all democratic constitutions, the Heads of the Government, that is to say, the constitutional Heads of the Government, make appointments on the advice of the Prime Minister or on the advice of the party in power. I hope he is not trying to cast any aspersions similar to

what we have heard in the Lower House, that is to say, of Government interference with the dispensation of justice. Nothing could be farther from the truth. In this country the judiciary has had a very excellent record and to cast any aspersions on it only reflects the complete lack of knowledge of how the judiciary works. Sir, I think this House should take the strongest exception to the remarks made by the Honourable Senator.

Enche' Yeoh Kian Teik: Mr Chairman, Sir, in rising to support this Bill, I would like to say this. We should not read merely the first part of Clause 2 (2). There is provision for consultation with the Conference of Rulers and for considering the advice of the Chief Justice. Fears have been expressed elsewhere that Judges might be politically tainted if appointments are made on the recommendation of the Prime Minister, who is after all a politician. Sir, I say, there are two types of politicians: the first type is one who cares for the welfare of the country and for the welfare of the people-and to that type our Prime Minster belongs; then there is the other type who does not care what happens to the administration of justice in this country, who does not care what happens to the people of this country and to that type belong the people who express the opinion that Judges appointed on the recommendation of the Prime Minister will be politically tainted.

Sir, I fully endorse the sentiment of the last speaker in praising the excellent record of the Judges in this country.

Sir, it was said elsewhere that Judges should not be vindictive or spiteful. Mr Chairman, Sir, the speaker who said that happened to be in Court and he, in reply to a remark made by the Judge who refused an application by him, said that the Judge was being vindictive. Sir, there are also two types of advocates: one who wants to see that justice is properly administered in this country and the other who could not care less. Now, we must pay proper respect to our Judges, to our Courts and to the administration of justice; and we cannot afford to have members

of the Bar making allegations against the Bench. Therefore, Sir, I have great pleasure in supporting this Bill. (Applause).

The Minister of Finance (Enche' Tan Siew Sin): Mr Chairman, Sir, one of the Honourable Senators has asked the Government to give an assurance that the enactment of this Bill will not interfere with the principle of judicial independence. I can certainly give this assurance on behalf of the Government as I did, in fact, in the Lower House. This principle which this Bill seeks to enshrine is nothing very new, because if Honourable Senators will care to look at the laws in force in the United Kingdom and in countries like India and Ceylon, they will find that in those countries Judges are appointed by the Government of the day, that is, either by the Cabinet or by the Prime Minister. We can certainly assure not only this Honourable Member but also this country that there is no intention on the part of the Government to change the very good rule which we have always adopted, and that is that the Bench should not be liable to any political interference either from the Government or from anybody else.

Apart from that, Sir, I would ask the Honourable Member in question to look at Article 123 of the Constitution which stipulates that no person can be appointed as a Judge until he has had ten years' experience either in the judicial and legal service of the Federation or as a member of the Bar. Further, Article 125 lays it down that a person once appointed a Judge cannot be removed until he reaches the age of 65 or until he commits a serious crime. I suggest that the latter Article ensures that a person once appointed a Judge will not be subject to political interference, because he cannot be removed by the Government of the day, whatever his judgements may be.

Sir, I am sure that I am voicing the feelings of all when I say that we very much appreciate the good work which has been done by our Judges in the past, and I am also sure that this Bill will not in any way cause this good work to be discontinued. (Applause).

Nik Hassan bin Haji Nik Yahya: Tuan Pengerusi, bagi menyokong Rang Undang² ini ia-itu Undang² mengenal Perlantekan Hakim² bagi Mahkamah Ulang Bichara, saya rasa apa yang telah di-susun dalam Rang Undang2 itu ada-lah chukup baik dan chukup kena dengan kehendak dan chara demokrasi yang kita jalankan pada masa ini. Yang Berhormat yang menentang Rang Undang² ini ada menyatakan dua perkara yang besar yang dia telah menarek perhatian Kerajaan ia-itu perkara yang pertama, perkara perlantekan itu mesti mendapat persetujuan daripada Yang Amat Berhormat Perdana Menteri yang mana kata-nya mengikut chara demokrasi harus akan tersentoh hak yang ada pada Mahkamah Ulang Bichara itu. Perkara yang kedua katanya, dia tidak berchadang hendak membawa apa² pindaan daripada Undang² itu kerana jika di-bawa pun tidak akan di-terima oleh Dewan ini. Pada saya, demokrasi ini ada-lah satu perkara yang payah hendak di-istilahkan. Kalau kita bertanya kapada Kerajaan Indonesia-dia berjalan dengan chara demokrasi-nya mengikut chorak Indonesia, dan kalau kita tanya kapada Kerajaan Persekutuan Tanah Melayudia juga berjalan dengan chara dan chorak demokrasi-nya-dan kalau kita bertanya pula Kerajaan Amerika dan England-masing2 itu berjalan dengan chorak demokrasi-nya dan juga saterus-nya-dan kalau kita tanya kapada orang2 di-Russia-bagitu juga dia berjalan dengan chara demokrasi Russia.

Pada pendapat saya, Tuan Pengerusi, bahawa Yang Berhormat itu berkata mesti lebeh dahulu berunding dengan Perdana Menteri, itu ada-lah satu perkara yang tidak benar, saya perchaya bahawa pendapat itu ada-lah kerana sentimen politik, perkara itu di-datangkan kerana Perdana Menteri pada hari ini ia-lah Perdana Menteri daripada Perikatan, sa-kira-nya kalau Perdana Menteri pada hari ini Perdana Menteri daripada PAS maka saya perchaya bahawa Yang Berhormat itu menyokong supaya Rang Undang² ini di-luluskan. Sa-lain daripada itu kita harus sedar bagaimana Menteri Kewangan kita mengatakan tadi bahawa lantekan itu ada-lah mengikut peratoran yang ter-

tentu dan hendak-lah di-lantek orang² yang chukup pengetahuan dan pengalaman yang lebeh daripada 10 tahun. Dia tidak boleh di-buang sa-hingga umor-nya 65 tahun, melainkan ada kesalahan yang besar. Ini menunjokkan perlantekan itu tidak ada kena mengena dengan perkara politik atau perkara siasah, perkara ini tidak ada kena mengena dengan ke'adilan negeri ini. Kalau sa-kira-nya pehak pembangkang hendak membawa perkara ini kapada perkara politik, ini ada-lah satu perkara sentimen politik sahaja, bukan satu kaedah politik yang baik atau satu kaedah politik yang jujor. Bagi saya bahawa saya menyokong supaya Undang² ini di-luluskan dan saya perchaya kira-nya di-luluskan ada-nya perundingan lebeh dahulu daripada Perdana Menteri kita harap-lah dengan chara yang sa-umpama ini banyak-lah lagi anak2 Melayu kita, khas-nya anak2 Melayu yang berkelayakan akan diangkat menjadi Hakim² di-Mahkamah² Ulang Bichara di-mana orang² yang telah lama berpengalaman, yang telah lama bekerja menjadi Hakim telah menunjokkan segala kejujoran dan kebaikan-nya, tetapi semenjak beberapa tahun dahulu mereka itu tidak dapat di-naikkan mendudoki tempat yang sa-benar-nya. Kita harap dengan lulusnya Undang² ini maka anak² Melaya akan mendapat tempat yang sa-wajarnya di-dalam kedudokan-nya sa-bagai Hakim² yang akan di-lantek dengan mengikut Perlembagaan yang ada ini.

Tuan pengerusi, saya tidak hendak memanjangkan uchapan saya dan saya suka-lah memberikan pandangan sadikit bahawa bangkangan yang di-datangkan daripada ahli pembangkang ia-lah kerana churiga di-atas Perdana Menteri sahaja dan perasaan tidak perchaya dengan Ketua Parti yang memerentah. Ini ada-lah satu perkara yang biasa sahaja tiap² parti pembangkang tidak akan menyokong parti yang memerentah dan tentu-lah dia menjadi musoh dengan Perikatan. Perkara ini tidak kena mengena dengan politik dan ke'adilan negeri ini. (Tepok).

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

House immediately resolved itself into Committee on the Bill.

Bill considered in Committee.

(Mr Chairman in the Chair)

Clauses 1 and 2 ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Bill reported without amendment: read the third time and passed.

THE SUPPLEMENTARY SUPPLY (1961 AND 1962) (No. 2) BILL, 1962

Second Reading

Tun Leong Yew Koh: Mr Chairman, Sir, I beg to move that a Bill intituled "An Act to apply sums out of the Consolidated Fund for additional expenditure for the service of the years 1961 and 1962 and to appropriate such sums for certain purposes" be read a second time.

Engku Muhsein: Tuan Pengerusi, saya menyokong.

Enche' Tan Siew Sin: Mr Chairman, Sir, the Bill before the House seeks authority for expenditure in regard to two separate sets of Supplementary Estimates, one for the year 1961 and the other for 1962. The Fourth Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure, 1961 has been laid on the table as Command Paper No. 27 of 1962 and the Second Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure, 1962 has been tabled as Command Paper No. 29 of 1962.

Clause 2 of the Bill seeks authority for additional expenditure of \$3,083,600 for the service of the year 1961 and this is itemised in the First Schedule to the Bill and also in the Supply Expenditure section of the Fourth Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure, 1961 tabled as Command Paper No. 27 of 1962. Of the additional sum required, \$3 million is sought to supplement the Rice Supplies Trading Account.

Clause 3 of the Bill seeks authority for additional expenditure of \$80,097,335 in respect of the year 1962, as itemised in the Second Schedule to the Bill and in the Second Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure, 1962 laid before the House as Command Paper No. 29 of 1962. Of the additional expenditure required, \$2,541,300 is "charged" expenditure which does not require parliamentary

authority as it is charged on the Consolidated Fund by virtue of the relevant provisions in the Constitution or existing law. The additional sum required includes a sum of \$70 million as a further contribution to the Development Fund to meet the needs of our programme under the Second Five-Year Plan.

The reasons and purposes of the additional funds required for 1961 and 1962 are fully set out in the Treasury memoranda tabled as Command Papers No. 28 and 30 of 1962 respectively and I need not, therefore, elaborate on them.

Question put, and agreed to.

· Bill accordingly read a second time.

Third Reading

Tun Leong Yew Koh: Sir, I beg to move that the Bill be now read a third time and passed.

Engku Muhsein: Tuan Pengerusi, saya menyokong.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the third time and passed.

THE CONSOLIDATED FUND (EXPENDITURE ON ACCOUNT) BILL

Second Reading

Tun Leong Yew Koh: Mr Chairman, Sir, I beg to move that a Bill intituled "An Act to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of December, 1963" be read a second time.

Engku Muhsein: Tuan Pengerusi, saya menyokong.

Enche' Tan Siew Sin: Mr Chairman, Sir, as it is not yet certain whether it will be practicable to pass the Supply Bill authorising expenditure for the year ending 31st December, 1963 before the end of 1962, it is necessary to make provision for Government expenditure

from 1st January, 1963, until such date as the Supply Bill for 1963 is passed by Parliament.

The Consolidated Fund (Expenditure on Account) Bill, 1962 therefore provides for the issue from the Consolidated Fund of a sum of \$126,200,000 which is calculated to provide for the service of the Government for about two months, as it is anticipated that the Supply Act will have become law not later than the end of February, 1963. The Schedule to the Bill sets out the appropriations for the various individual services for this period.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a second time.

Third Reading

Tun Leong Yew Koh: Sir, I beg to move that the Bill be now read a third time and passed.

Engku Muhsein: Tuan Pengerusi, saya menyokong.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the third time and passed.

ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE

(Motion)

Tun Leong Yew Koh: Mr Chairman, Sir, I beg to move—

That the Senate do now adjourn sine die.

Engku Muhsein: Tuan Pengerusi, saya menyokong.

Question put, and agreed to.

Resolved,

That the Senate do now adjourn sine die.

Mr Chairman: Ahli² Yang Berhormat, Majlis Meshuarat ini di-tanggohkan sa-hingga pada satu masa yang akan di-tetapkan.

Adjourned at 11.05 a.m.